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2015 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL
DIOCESE OF ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN

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“The Joy of the Gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus.” – Pope Francis, The Joy of the Gospel

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In his Apostolic Exhortation, The Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis reminds us that the Church "must be a place of mercy freely given, where everyone can feel welcomed, loved, forgiven and encouraged to live the good life of the Gospel."

During each season of Lent we always focus on picking up our cross and following Christ. This year, I invite and encourage you to do it ... especially through your prayers and your financial support of our diocesan ministries, programs and services through the Annual Catholic Appeal. Thank you for being a faithful and joyful Catholic. Thank you for your support of our Annual Catholic Appeal.

+Bishop Mark

The 2015 Goal for Our Lady of Fatima is \$ 15,100

Mon. 04/20 **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Cancer**
Feast Easter Weekday
8:00 AM Mass Bebe Milliron, Ray & Ellen Kelly

Tues. 04/21 **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Heart Diseases**
Feast Easter Weekday
8:00 AM Mass Catherine Byrnes, Gisela Thompson

Wed. 04/22 **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Arthritis**
Feast Easter Weekday
8:00 AM Mass Michael F. Zaczek, Lorraine Shuma

Thur. 04/23 **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Nervous Disorders**
Feast Easter Weekday
8:00 AM Mass Stanley & Mary Beim, Ann., Ron & Bernice Beim & Boys

Fri. 04/24 **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Emotional Disorders**
Feast Easter Weedkay
8:00 AM Mass Joan Heverly, Sr. Clementine O'Friel

Sat. 04/25 **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Diabetes**
Feast Fourth Sunday of Easter
4:30 PM Mass Joseph Riley, M/M Charles Hennigan

Sun. 04/26 **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Addictions**
Feast Fourth Sunday of Easter
9:00 AM Mass Lois Riley, Pat Byrne & Family
11:00 AM Mass Frances Kasun, Ann., Husband & Family

*Lord
Jesus
Christ
Son
Of
God
Have
Mercy
On
Me
A
Sinner*

Happy Birthday:

04/22 Alex Cark, Ken Smithmyer
04/25 Denise Stitt
04/26 Christine Manna
04/27 Terri Summers

Wedding Anniversaries :

04/23 Frank & Janice Frucella
04/27 Tim & Linda Burr



*Our Lady of Fatima
Pleaded That we pray the Holy Rosary
Daily
At O.L.F. before each Mass and privately
from 8:30 am to 7:00 pm*

MONEY MATTERS
(Sunday of Divine Mercy, April 12, 2015)
235 people Celebrated Liturgy at O.L.F. contributing \$1,655.75 of which \$ 315.00 accounted for non-envelope contributions.

# Envelopes In Circulation	180	# Used	88	# Unused	92
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Collection One Year Ago = \$ 2019.00

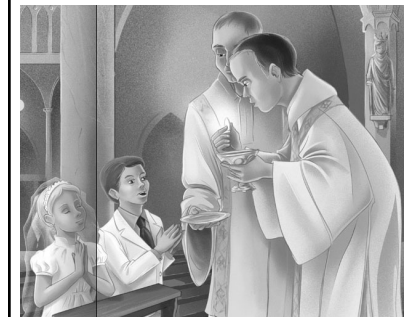
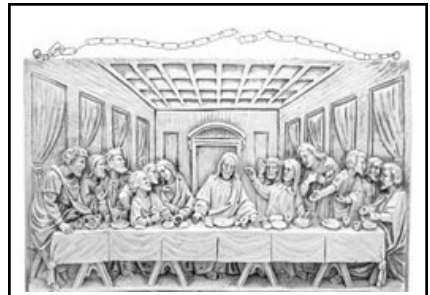
Today's reading, taken from the Gospel of Luke, follows immediately after the report of Jesus' appearance to his disciples on the road to Emmaus. This is the event being recounted by the disciples in the opening verse of today's Gospel.

Consistently in the reports of Jesus' post-Resurrection appearances, Jesus greets his disciples with the words, "Peace be with you." This is a most appropriate greeting. The disciples have witnessed the death of someone they loved, and they now fear for their own lives as well. Peace is what they need more than anything else. Jesus often connects this greeting of peace with another gift—forgiveness. In today's Gospel, this connection is made in the final verses.

Even as they hear Jesus' greeting of peace, the disciples are startled and terrified. They are uncertain about what to make of the figure before them and, quite understandably, they mistake Jesus for a ghost. Yet the figure before them is not a ghost; Jesus invites them to experience his resurrected body with their senses, to look and to touch. The figure before them is flesh and bone, still bearing the marks of crucifixion. Although the disciples cannot forget his suffering and death, peace begins to take root in their hearts, as their fears turn to joy and amazement.

As further proof of his identity and of his resurrected body, Jesus eats with his disciples. The disciples have known Jesus best through the meals that he has shared with them. Descriptions of these meals are a defining element of Luke's Gospel. By eating with his disciples after his Resurrection, Jesus recalls all these meals, and most importantly, he recalls the Last Supper.

Luke's report of **the Last Supper** and the meals that Jesus shared after his Resurrection unveil for us the significance of **the Eucharist**. Having shared a meal with his disciples, Jesus now uncovers for them the significance of what was written about him in the Scriptures. So, too, our celebration of the Mass is an encounter with Jesus, through the Word and the Sacrament of the Eucharist. As Jesus commissions his disciples to be witnesses to what Scriptures foretold, our celebration of the Eucharist commissions us. Like the disciples, we are sent to announce the good news of Jesus' **forgiveness of sins**.





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Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown

**GOAL FOR 2015 = \$15,100.
PLEGGED TO DATE = \$ 2,525.**

**# OF PLEDGES = 36
(37% OF GOAL)**

**Lump Sum Cash Rec'vd including
1st pledge payment = \$5,405**

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Last year at this point in the campaign we were doing significantly better than we are doing today. Very probably the administration has been remiss in "pushing" the Catholic Appeal for 2015. However, in our defense we thought that after so many years of doing the same thing repeatedly each of our parishioners would almost *automatically* make an appropriate pledge to be paid off in a comfortable period of time.

Once again I'll remind you of the most comfortable way I found to participate. It is by use of the monthly electronic withdrawal of funds from a designated checking account. It's so easy on so many levels. Read about it once again on the pledge envelope available on the back tables.

Our Lady of Fatima Bulletin

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The Coat of Arms of Bishop Mark L. Bartchak



The Coat of Arms of the Most Rev. Mark L. Bartchak appear on the right hand side of the shield.

Three symbols appear on a field of gold, each with special significance to the Bishop. At the top, an anchor -- the traditional Christian symbol of hope -- is flanked by two Easter Lilies, symbolizing glory and resurrection. Together, the anchor and the lilies refer to the Bishop's Episcopal Motto: Christ our Hope of Glory (Colossians 1:27).

The bottom of the shield depicts the lion, representing Saint Mark the Evangelist. Saint Mark is the Bishop Bartchak's patron saint; the Bishop also attended Saint Mark Seminary in Erie.

Dividing the gold field is a blue wave, which is drawn from the coat of

arms of the Diocese of Erie. Bishop Bartchak spent most of his life on the shores of Lake Erie. When paired with the symbol of Saint Mark, the wave is also a reminder that Christ is present in both the Word (Saint Mark's Gospel) and the Sacraments (water).

The arms of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown appear on the left side of the shield. The top half symbolizes the two cathedral churches; the hosts and chalice evoking the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona and the Mitre representing Saint John Gualbert, patron of the Johnstown Cathedral. At the bottom appears a cross taken from the coat of arms of the Servant of God Demetrius Gallitzin. The shield is divided by a black band with three silver discs, which comes from the coat of arms of William Penn, founder of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Mounted against a golden cross, the shield is surmounted by a green, wide-brimmed hat with six tassels, symbolic of a bishop. Bishop Bartchak's motto appears on a scroll beneath the shield.

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