

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 24, 2016

Our Lady of Fatima
Pleaded that we pray the Holy Rosary
before Sunday Mass and
privately from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm daily.

Our Lady of Fatima Parish
2010 12th Avenue
www.ourladyoffatimaaltoona.com

Rectory Office Hours:
Monday – Friday 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Parish Office: 814-942-0371

Our Lady of Fatima Mass Schedule
Sunday: 10:30 AM Holy Days: 6:00 PM
Rosary: 10:05 AM Rosary: 5:40 PM

Our Lady of Fatima Parish Administrator
Reverend Monsignor Robert C. Mazur

Parish Secretary
Carol Z. Smith
Secretaries Assistant
Ellen Kelly

Eucharist for the home bound - weekly:
Patty Flanagan 942-0371 to make arrangements.

Our Lady of Fatima Church is open
Monday through Friday: 9AM - 6PM
for visits before the Blessed Sacrament.

Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals will be held at
Our Lady of Fatima.

Preparation for Baptism, and Weddings will be held at
the Cathedral. 944-4603

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick
Parishioners wishing to receive the sacrament of
healing may call the Cathedral Parish Office to
make arrangements. 944-4603



Cathedral Church Office: 814-944-4603

One Cathedral Square

Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak Bishop

Reverend Monsignor Robert C. Mazur, Rector

Reverend Father Dennis M. Kurdziel, Parochial Vicar

Christian Initiation Team: 944-4603

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Altoona Central Catholic School:
Pre-K thru Grade 5 381-7011

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Web: www.bishopguilfoyle.org – 944-4014

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Chris Laraia – Pre-K thru 8 - 946-3475

Jean Koury – 9 thru 12 – 949-2777

Religious Education Office: Sundays – 943-7424

Confessions @ Cathedral: 7:00 PM Wednesday
12:30 PM Saturday

Religious Education @ Cathedral: Pre-K through 11

Sacramental Formation @ Cathedral: First Reconciliation

First Communion

Confirmation

Sacramental Formation @ the Cathedral: Baptismal Prep

Marriage Prep

Christian Initiation

Hospital Visitation: Call the Cathedral: 944-4603

Cathedral Eucharist:

Sunday: 5:00 PM (Vigil) Holy Days: 5:30 PM (Vigil) Weekdays: 6:45 AM

8:00 AM 8:00 AM 8:00 AM

10:00 AM 12:00 Noon 12:00 Noon

12:00 Noon 5:30 PM Saturday: 8:00 AM

5:00 PM 12:00 Noon



**2016 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL
DIOCESE OF ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN**

OLF GOAL FOR 2016 = \$13,948.00

PLEDGED THRU APRIL 19 = \$6,575.00

NEEDED TO REACH GOAL = \$7,373.00

OF PLEDGES = 39 out of 155

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THANK YOU TO THE FOLKS THAT HAVE PLEDGED SO FAR.

We are almost at the half way mark!! Could we make half way or beyond by Mother's Day?

Happy Birthday

04/26 Christine Manna

04/27 Terri Summers

05/01 Shirley Siedlarzyk

Happy Anniversary

04/27 Tim and Linda Burr

05/01 Gary and Kathleen Koeck

MONEY MATTERS

Fourth Sunday of Easter, (April 17, 2016)

99 people Celebrated Liturgy at O.L.F. contributing \$1,233.40 of which \$64.10 accounted for non-envelope contributions.

# Envelopes In Circulation	176	# Used	65	# Unused	111
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Collection One Year Ago = \$ 2,075.25

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 24, 2016

Our Lady of Fatima Mass Intention

Readings: Acts 14: 21-27; Rv. 21:1-5; Jn 13:31-33, 34-35

Today's Intention: Janet Pufka

May 1, Sixth Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts:15: 1-2, 22-29; Rv 21: 10-14, 22-23, Jn 14:23-29

***10:30 AM Frances Kasun, Steve and Robyn Kasun**

Cathedral Mass Intentions

May 25, Monday: St. Mark, Evangelist

Readings: 1 Pt 5:5-14; Mk 16: 15-20

6:45 AM Joseph A, Moffa, *B/day, Estate*

8:00 AM Helen Itle, *Ann. Mildred Mazur*

12:00 PM Joan Mitchell, *Lois Duncan*

April 26, Tuesday: Easter Weekday

Readings: Acts 14: 19-28; Jn 14:27-31

6:45 AM No Mass

8:00 AM No Mass

12:00 PM Jack Leiden, *Wed. Ann. Wife, Sally*

April 27, Wednesday: Easter Weekday

Readings: Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8

***6:45 AM Myron Yeager, Tom and Patricia Forr**

***8:00 AM Jerry Smith, Mary Litzinger**

12:00 PM Diane Johnston, *B/day, Mother*

April 28, Thursday: Saint Peter Chanel, Priest, Martyr

Readings: Acts 15: 7-21; Jn 15:9-11

6:45 AM Bill Crouse, *Butch and Irene Schlecht*

8:00 AM Brian and Barry Elmers, *Skip Cowan*

12:00 PM John Moloney, *Ann., Family*

April 29, Friday: Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Martyr

Readings: Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17

6:45 AM M. Virginia Jones, *John and Stephanie Supps*

8:00 AM Pat Rabine, *Tom and Beth Moore*

12:00 PM Pat Geis, *Kay Wesner*

April 30, Saturday: Saint Pius V, Pope

Readings: Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21

8:00 AM Herb Kutruff, *Kait Lambert*

12:00 PM Andrea Crum, *Gretchen Packard*

Vigil: Sixth Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 15:1-2,22-29; Rv 21:10-14,22-23; Jn 14:23-29

5:00 PM Kravetz Family, *Frances Pagliaro*

April 24, 2016

Scripture Reflection

John's account of the Last Supper includes a lengthy teaching by Christ; we hear a brief but key part of it today. Once Judas has left, Jesus indicates that the time has come for him to fulfill his mission. It will glorify both himself and the Father: all things will be made new. The disciples will share in this glorification when they enact a new commandment: to love one another. This will require the same sacrificial love for others as Christ had for them, and it will become the defining feature in the identity of a disciple, including us.

The quintessential act of discipleship by which outsiders would recognize Jesus' followers is love. "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." It is a simple command: Love one another. It has to be love. Simple as it is, everyone can love, from the baby to the elderly person. It is not an achievement; it is not a talent; it is not a skill; but everyone can offer it. Every act of love is complete and perfect, an example of God with us, God in us and God among us. Love has its own logic. The more it is offered and shared, the greater it becomes. Love heals the wounds of sin by offering a balm of mercy and forgiveness.

But it is not unfair to ask, if love is the mark of Jesus' disciples, why is there often so little love on display among the disciples of Jesus? Why is there not only a lack of charity but hurtful words and angry denunciations? It is God's love that will recreate us and sustain us, allowing us to love our brothers and sisters, so why are we so resistant to God's transforming love? And Jesus' love is not just a commandment for this life; it offers us a foretaste of the sweetness of the life to come. For the "living image of perfect virtue," our model for life, was raised up to life eternal, offering for us a path to follow him home. There will be, John tells us, no more death, suffering, mourning, crying or pain, for "the Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made." Love alone awaits us.

• **This week perform one concrete act in which you love as Jesus loved. For example, listen compassionately to a co-worker, neighbor, or family member you usually find difficult to relate to.**

Look for a new way to understand that person.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA NOTES....

Congratulations to: Britney Bradford, Jillian Brennan, Taylor Britton, Alicia Carper, and Jayden Starr from Our Lady of Fatima Parish for receiving Confirmation by Bishop Mark Bartchak at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursday, April 21 at the 7 PM Mass. May all your future endeavors be Blessed.

Catholic Home Missions Appeal envelopes are in this weeks bulletin. The Appeal primarily supports home mission dioceses, that is, those dioceses in the United States that are unable to offer their people the basic pastoral ministries of word, worship, and service without outside help. It may also give grants to other dioceses in the U.S. for particular projects, and to organizations and religious communities engaged in missionary work.

The Subcommittee funds a wide range of pastoral services. However, it principally focuses on (1) evangelization activities, (2) religious education, (3) ministry training for priests, deacons, religious sisters and brothers, and laypeople; (4) support of poor parishes across the country.

Thinking Ahead...

Our parish software company is giving us the opportunity to send out the **year end contribution reports for 2016 via e-mail**. If you would send your e-mail identification to the office e-mail. We would have the option to get them to you within a few days of balancing the reports. Our office e-mail is: **olfoff10@hotmail.com**. You may also call the rectory via **phone 942-0371**. This would save OLF paper supplies, stamps for mailing, and time for stuffing envelopes and sorting for the Post office.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH has reduced the \$SAVE AROUND COUPON BOOKS to \$10.00 EACH.

Please see Paul Masic or call the Rectory @ 942-0371 to purchase. These books are valid until Dec 31, 2016. **There are hundreds of \$\$\$\$\$ worth of coupons left to use in Altoona, State College, and Johnstown areas.**

FOUNDATION SEEKING SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

The Independent Catholic Foundation for the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown is seeking applicants for the 2016 Welge Scholarship .. This scholarship provides financial assistance to worthy parishioners who are entering their junior or senior year of college and are a member in good standing with a Roman Catholic Parish in Blair County (excluding Tyrone). Questions should be directed to the Foundation office at 201-2080 or via e-mail at Bill@icfdaj.org. Information and applications are available at www.icfdaj.org. We have a few applications at the Rectory.

TRUE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

Can you imagine a world such as the one put before us in today's scripture readings? Communities of believers everywhere would support and encourage one another and be identified as Christians by the way they love each other. It would be a world with no tears, no death and mourning, no crying out in pain. "Behold, I make all things new," we hear the Son of God say in the second reading from the book of Revelation (21:5).

Is this world of John's vision only imaginary? Are these faithful followers for whom Jesus prayed only a savior's dream? Today they are put before us as a worthy goal. How much closer can we come to this vision of a true Christian community in our lives today?

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The French Revolution swept the church in France away in an astonishing way, stripping the nation of every possible vestige of the faith, not merely shuttering churches, but using them as staging areas for pagan raves and romps. While millions of faithful simply went underground and hung on for the ride, even the seven-day week was demolished along with the names of the months. What emerged from the chaos was the Napoleonic Code of 1792 governing church life, and therefore marriage law in France, French Canada, and elsewhere. The code makes civil marriage mandatory for all citizens.

In practice, when the faithful marry, they go first to the City Hall. There, the mayor performs the civil marriage, usually accompanied by a patriotic speech about the duties of the citizen, particularly in the rearing of children. Then, typically after a lunch, everyone goes off to change into more festive attire for the wedding liturgy, featuring consent, the exchange of rings, and the nuptial blessing. Sadly, only a minority of citizens today celebrate even the civil form of the rite, and a fraction of those continue on to the church. For those who do celebrate the liturgy of marriage, however, there is near certainty that the spouses are active worshipers, and that they will later present their children for baptism.

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VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Christians must look to their own sins and failings and not fall into the temptation of hypocrisy that causes them to believe they are better than others, Pope Francis said.

"The relationship of salvation" with God cannot move forward if people justify themselves and look at the mistakes of others instead of fixing their gaze on the Lord, he said at his weekly general audience April 20.

"This is the line of salvation, the relationship between me -- the sinner, and the Lord," he told tens of thousands of people gathered in St. Peter's Square.

The pope reflected on one aspect of mercy exemplified in Jesus' encounter with a woman who was considered sinful. While Jesus dined with one of the Pharisees, she entered the house weeping, bathed his feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair.

"Her many sins have been forgiven; hence, she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little," Jesus said.

Although the Pharisee questions Jesus' reason for allowing himself to be "contaminated" by the woman "as if she were a leper," the pope said Jesus' reaction is a lesson on how to "distinguish between the sin and the sinner."

"With sin there is no need to compromise, while sinners -- meaning all of us -- we are like sick people who are being cured and in order to be cured, we need the doctor to come close, to visit us, to touch us. And naturally the sick person, in order to be healed, must recognize the need for a doctor," he said.

By allowing himself to be free of prejudice "that impedes mercy from expressing itself," he added, Jesus puts an end to the isolation caused by the hypocrisy of "ruthless judgments."

Pope Francis said the encounter between Jesus and the woman teaches "us the link between faith, love and gratitude."

"Let us allow Christ's love to be poured in us. A disciple draws from and is rooted in this love. From this love, everyone can be nourished and fed. In this way, through the grateful love we pour out to our brothers and sisters, in our homes and in society, the Lord's mercy can be communicated," he said.

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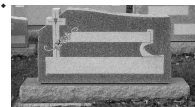
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