

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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April 15, 2018
*You alone, O LORD,
 bring security to my
 dwelling.*
 — Psalm 4:9

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.*

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Parish Office: 814-942-0371

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

Our Lady of Fatima Parish Administrator
 Reverend Monsignor Robert C. Mazur
Parish Secretary
 Carol Z. Smith

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

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

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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

April 15, 2018

Third Sunday of Easter

BELIEVING IN JESUS CHRIST

Throughout the Easter season, all three of the Sunday readings are taken from the New Testament—the Christian scriptures. Together they explore what it means to believe in Jesus as the Christ, the One who fulfilled the prophecies of the Jewish scriptures.

Today's selections refer to our human weakness, yet they emphasize the forgiveness and peace that are available to those who put their faith in "Jesus Christ the righteous one" (1 John 2:2). In the Acts of the Apostles Peter invites everyone to "repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away" (Acts 3:19). The First Letter of John calls Jesus Christ "expiation for our sins" (1 John 2:2). Finally, in the Gospel Jesus greets the disciples with "Peace" and urges them to preach "repentance, for the forgiveness of sins" (Luke 24:47).

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

There are many ways in which religious communities are organized. Some have a central authority in a congregation, and others have a "rule" that is shared by all the members, but are a kind of federation of independent houses. Sometimes, congregations with distinct histories and ministries decide to merge. Several years ago, one of the largest mergers on record took place. Seven independent congregations of Dominican women religious, most in the Midwest, are now one new congregation enfolding more than seven hundred members spanning thirty-six states. The oldest of the founding groups, the so-called "Kentucky Dominicans," began as a frontier community in 1822. Other communities have European roots. To get to this historic moment, the sisters spent many years in conversation, and approved the new structure by a two-thirds majority vote. This was then ratified by the Holy See. The merger allows the sisters to pool their resources in order to be more effective in ministry. They are living the Paschal Mystery, experiencing Christ's dying and rising in an inspiring way.

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WINGS

Faith furnishes prayer with wings, without which it cannot soar to Heaven.

—St. John Climacus

CHURCH

God sends no churches from the skies,
Out of our hearts they must arise.

—Anonymous

St. Anselm - FEAST DAY APRIL 21

Anselm of Canterbury[a] (/ˈænselm/), also called Anselm of Aosta (Italian: Anselmo d'Aosta) after his birthplace and Anselm of Bec (French: Anselme du Bec) after his monastery, was a Benedictine monk, abbot, philosopher and theologian of the Catholic Church, who held the office of archbishop of Canterbury from 1093 to 1109. After his death, he was canonized as a saint; his feast day is 21 April.

Beginning at Bec, Anselm composed dialogues and treatises with a rational and philosophical approach, sometimes causing him to be credited as the founder of Scholasticism. Despite his lack of recognition in this field in his own time, Anselm is now famed as the originator of the ontological argument for the existence of God and of the satisfaction theory of atonement. He was proclaimed a Doctor of the Church by a bull of Pope Clement XI in 1720.

As archbishop, he defended the church's interests in England amid the Investiture Controversy. For his resistance to the English kings William II and Henry I, he was exiled twice: once from 1097 to 1100 and then from 1105 to 1107. While in exile, he helped guide the Greek bishops of southern Italy to adopt Roman rites at the Council of Bari. He worked for the primacy of Canterbury over the bishops of York and Wales but, though at his death he appeared to have been successful, Pope Paschal II later reversed himself and restored York's independence.

APRIL 15, 2018
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
10:30 AM

OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS

Readings: Act 3:13-15,17-19; 1 Jn 2:1-5; Lk 24:35-48

Today's Intention - Joe Milliron, Family

Readings: Act 4:8-12; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

April 22nd, Genevieve Musto, M/M John Adams & Family

Cathedral Mass Intentions

April 16, Monday: Easter Weekday

Readings: Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29

6:45 AM Bill Crouse (Marlene and Paul Sheets)

8:00 AM Joe Wiedemer (John and Shelly Wolf)

12:00 PM Myra Mangiacarne (Colleen Sheehan)

April 17, Tuesday: Easter Weekday

Readings: Acts 7:51-8:1; Jn 6:30-35

6:45 AM Tim Bartek (Dan and Agnes Mazur)

8:00 AM J.J.Riley (McNelis All-Stars)

12:00 PM Tim Nagle (John Conti)

7:00 PM Confirmation

April 18, Wednesday: Easter Weekday

Readings: Acts 8:1-8; Jn 6:35-40

6:45 AM Marian Clemens, Birth. (Daughter, Carole)

***8:00 AM Jerry Smith (Betty Schimminger)**

12:00 PM Jim Davidson (Bob and Joan Lozinak)

April 19, Thursday: Easter Weekday

Readings: Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51

6:45 AM Lavelle Family (Phyllis Sheetz)

***8:00 AM David Conrad (Kate Burr and Family)**

12:00 PM Thomas and Mary Irwin (Irwin Children)

April 20, Friday: Easter Weekday

Readings: Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59

6:45 AM Monsignor Paul Panza (Ron Muldoon)

8:00 AM Derek Behe (M/M Richard Mangiacarne)

12:00 PM Tom Byrne, Anniversary (Wife and Children)

April 21, Saturday: Saint Anselm, Bishop & Doctor

Readings: Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69

8:00 AM Bishop John J. McCort, Ann. (Cathedral Parish)

12:00 PM Janet Tomlinson (Bill and Jen Crawford)

Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Easter

Readings: Act 4:8-12; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

5:00 PM Frances Pagliaro (Kathy Grove)

*Jesus, Son of the Living Father, Have Mercy on
Me a Sinner*

*Please Remember Our Sick and our Shut-ins in
your Daily prayers.*

APRIL 15, 2018

Scripture Reflection

Throughout the centuries, Jesus' teaching on forgiveness has been difficult for Christians to live out. To forgive as God forgives might appear intuitively correct, but the sheer difficulty of doing this causes many to stumble. Hints throughout the New Testament suggest that the first Christians also found this teaching difficult. In this week's second reading, John, who believes that Christians must love others as Jesus loved them, has no trouble dismissing those who do not forgive as utter frauds. Luke writes his Gospel to confirm that the teachings his audience had received were in fact the true teachings of Jesus. Only Luke gives us parables like that of the two debtors (7:41-43) or the prodigal son (15:11-32). Only in Luke's Gospel does Jesus forgive those who crucified him. In Luke's mind, Jesus' command to forgive included no conditions or exceptions.

Forgiveness is a major theme in Luke's account of Jesus' passion. As Luke reflects on Jesus' death, he discerns a call for human acceptance of divine mercy. In this Sunday's first reading, for example, Peter teaches that the suffering and death of Jesus, as foretold in the prophets, opened up a path for the salvation of all. "Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away". Luke's resurrection account, which appears in today's Gospel reading, takes up the theme from a different perspective. Jesus sends the apostles out so that "repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem."

In Luke's mind, asking for forgiveness is essential to the Christian life; calling others to do the same is crucial to evangelization. The light of the resurrection frees us from death's shadow, the rich pool of hate, control, isolation, fear and pride. Our message is credible only when our words and example reveal that we are truly free to give to others the gift that God first gave us.

- When you struggle to forgive, what holds you back?

AMERICA MAGAZINE, "Free to Forgive" Michael R. Simone, S.J., April 2, 2018

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Liturgical Reflection...

In today's gospel, the Risen One appears with the greeting, "Peace be with you!" The Easter Jesus eats with the disciples in the upper room. At the funeral Mass, the community turns for spiritual nourishment to the table of the Eucharist. When a brother or sister dies, we gather to be nourished with the Bread of Life. In partaking of the body of Christ, all are given a foretaste of eternal life in the risen Lord. The priest with the community offers to the Father the sacrifice of the New Covenant and shares in the one bread and the one cup.

Order of Christian Funerals, 1998/1989, Number 143.

2018, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania 16648

April 15

Luke 24:35-48

The apostles were afraid of Jesus until he ate with them and they touched him. In your family the ordinary acts of eating together, touching, embracing not only confirm our love for each other, but also celebrate God's presence in your family. These 'ordinary' moments contain the "Extraordinary."

3rd Sunday of Easter (April 15, 2018)

Throughout the day we have many opportunities to "see the face of Jesus" in others and to "be the face of Jesus" to others. Do we take that opportunity to provide "peace" to those we encounter or are we afraid of what others will think of us and do nothing? Pray for the strength to live a "God-centered" life and not a "self-centered" life.

April 15, 2018

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

"The Church loves all her children like a loving mother, but cares for all and protects with a special affection those who are smallest and defenseless. This is the duty that Christ himself entrusted to the entire Christian community as a whole. Aware of this, the Church is especially vigilant in protecting children and vulnerable adults." -Pope Francis

http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/letters/2016/documents/papa-francesco_20161228_santi-innocenti.html

Did you know: The residual effects of having been abused can last a lifetime? Those who have been abused seldom just "get over it." The sense of violation goes deep into a person's psyche and feelings of anger, shame, hurt and betrayal can build long after the abuse has taken place. Some have even described the feeling as if it has scarred their soul. Those who have been abused can heal, but it often takes time, therapy, and the support of loved ones. As a Church, we can help support those who have been abused by keeping them in prayer and providing opportunities for healing.



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PEACE AND OFFER

SACRIFICES BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE!

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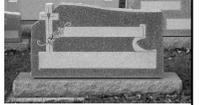
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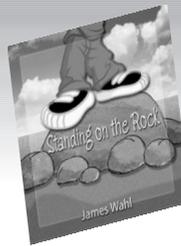
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