

## O.L.F. Year For Catholic Devotions June 2011 - June 2012

*December is dedicated to the devotion of the Immaculate Conception*

# Fully Approved Marian Apparitions

Maria Bambina  
Maria Zell (Austria)  
Mary, Queen of All Hearts  
Mater Admirabilis in Rome  
Our Lady of Banneux  
Our Lady of Beauraing  
Our Lady of the Bowed Head  
Our Lady of Capocroce  
Our Lady of Einsiedeln  
Our Lady of El Pilar  
Our Lady of Fatima  
Our Lady of the Forsaken  
Our Lady of Good Counsel  
Our Lady of Good Success  
Our Lady of Guadalupe  
Our Lady of Heede  
Our Lady of Ingolstadt  
Our Lady of Joreval  
Our Lady of La Salette  
Our Lady of Laus  
Our Lady of Loreto  
Our Lady of Liesse  
**Our Lady of Lourdes**  
Our Lady of Marienfried  
Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal  
Our Lady of Mount Carmel  
Our Lady of Pellevoisin  
Our Lady of Phileremos  
Our Lady of Pompeii  
Our Lady of Pontmain  
Our Lady of Puy

The proclaimed Roman Catholic dogma states "that the most Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instance of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege granted by Almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of original sin.". Being always free from original sin, she was from the start filled with the sanctifying grace that would normally come with baptism after birth. Although widely-held since at least Late Antiquity, the doctrine was not formally proclaimed until Pope Pius IX did so in 1854 in *Ineffabilis Deus*.



<b>Mon. 12/05</b>	<b><u>A Day of Prayer for Victims of Cancer</u></b>
Feast	Advent Weekday
8:00 AM Mass	Bill Winklbauer, Frank Fiore
<b>Tues. 12/06</b>	<b><u>A Day of Prayer for Victims of Heart Diseases</u></b>
Feast	St. Nicholas, bishop
8:00 AM Mass	Sally Colledge, Pete Colledge
<b>Wed. 12/07</b>	<b><u>A Day of Prayer for Victims of Arthritis</u></b>
Feast	St. Ambrose, bishop
8:00 AM Mass	Theresa McCall, Joanne Miller & Family
<b>6:00 PM Mass</b>	<b>Frances Kasun, Irene Kyle</b>
<b>Thur. 12/08</b>	<b><u>A Day of Prayer for Victims of Nervous Disorders</u></b>
Feast	Feast of the Immaculate Conception
8:00 AM Mass	Marguerite Frederick, Mr. & Mrs. John P Galance
6:00 PM Mass	Stanley Wilinski, Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Paul Kowalski
<b>Fri. 12/09</b>	<b><u>A Day of Prayer for Victims of Emotional Disorders</u></b>
Feast	St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin
8:00 AM Mass	Mary Cassarly, Paul & Adaline Cassarly
<b>Sat. 12/10</b>	<b><u>A Day of Prayer for Victims of Diabetes</u></b>
Feast	Third Sunday of Advent
4:30 PM Mass	Bill Conrad, Kevin & Jane Byrne
<b>Sun. 12/11</b>	<b><u>A Day of Prayer for Victims of Addictions</u></b>
Feast	Third Sunday of Advent
9:00 AM Mass	Janet Pufka, The Yetsko Family
11:00 AM	Living & Deceased Members of OLF Parish

Lord  
Jesus  
Christ  
Son  
Of  
God  
Have  
Mercy  
On  
Me  
a  
Sinner

### Happy Birthday:

12/06	Joan Adams
	Tyler Hartman
	Gretta Levine
12/08	Connie Andros
	Ray Kelly
12/09	John Kasun, Sr.
12/10	Diana Hencherick
	Gabby Smith

### Happy Wedding Anniversary:

12/06	Dan and Denise Stitt
12/11	Jerry and Doris (Smythe) Smith

### MONEY MATTERS

#### Our Lord Jesus Christ the King Sunday (November 20,2011)

215 people Celebrated Liturgy at O.L.F. contributing \$2,290.40 of which \$ 220.00 accounted for visitor contributions.

# Envelopes In Circulation	207	# Used	94	# Unused	113
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Pumpkin Bake Sale Profit = \$500.50

#### First Sunday of Advent (November 27, 2011)

219 people Celebrated Liturgy at O.L.F. contributing \$ 2,335.70 of which \$ 241.00 accounted for visitor contributions.

# Envelopes In Circulation	206	# Used	90	# Unused	116
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As parishioners at, friends of, or vendors to Altoona's  
Our Lady of Fatima Faith Community ...

*You are invited to attend our December Open House at the Rectory*

*2010 Twelfth Avenue*

*on*

*Saturday, December 10, 2011*

*From Five Fifteen until Eight O'clock in the Evening*

There is no R.S.V.P. required for attendance at the Open House, however, if one wishes to continue the established tradition of bringing along a dish of gourmet party-type finger foods, please give the Rectory a call 942-0371 and tell us what you would like to bring. We want to avoid serving our guests 4,000 stalks of withered celery slathered with melting peanut butter...and nothing else. Hence the phone call! We have a history of people bringing some really neat things to enhance the Beef and Turkey (or Ham) which we supply. A large majority of guests don't bring anything and no one has seen that as a problem.

Some people still have the idea that this celebration is to honor and thank parishioners who have performed great amounts of outstanding service to the parish during the year. We pretty much figure we really can't honor or thank that type of person adequately or sufficiently. This particular party is for ordinary folks who daily just do the best they can and want to get together under the banner of O.L.F. to celebrate the progress of one more Advent Season. Our inspiration for this event is:

Luke14:13 Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; 14 blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay [or prepay] you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

**Come whenever you can.  
Stay as long as you like.  
Leave when you have to.**

**Get ready for our January Fundraiser !**

**Our Lady of Fatima  
SUPER BOWL  
Super Raffle**

**#1 Prize = 46" RCA Flat Screen T.V. HD LCD**

**#2 Prize = 32" Panasonic Flat Screen T.V. HD LCD**

**#3 Prizes = Ten gift packages each worth + \$75**

**\$10.00 per chance**

(Only 300 tickets printed)

**Drawings, Friday, February 3, 2012**

**6:30 PM OLF Rectory Front Porch**

**(Winners notified by phone)**

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**Please Print Clearly**

Name:

Address:

Phone #:

Second Phone #:

Seller:

*Printed on backside of buyers portion ( below perforation )  
of ticket*

- Winners need not be present at drawing
- Winners notified by phone from the drawing
- Drawing on Feb. 3, 2012 at 6:30PM
- Winners must claim prize by Feb. 29, 2012

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

During each of the Months remaining in 2011 as well as all of the months 'til June in 2012 we will be having special devotions, usually but not always or exclusively, after each weekend Mass, according to the schedule shown to the right of this announcement.

Month	Dedication / Devotion
December*	The Immaculate Conception
January	The Holy Name of Jesus
February	The Holy Family
March	St. Joseph
April	The Holy Eucharist
May	The Blessed Virgin Mary

Next weekend at all Masses we will take up the annual Religious Retirement Collection. Many of the members of Religious Communities, i.e. nuns, sisters, brothers, and priests have dedicated their lives to serving the Church - - - God's People. When they were young they looked forward to dying with their boots on, not expecting to live as long as we are today. We gave them embarrassingly low stipends for their monumental efforts which they in turn gave to their Mother Houses for the education of new members and for the care of the old members. The vicious cycle has caught up to them. Most Communities have some need and many have emergency scale needs. It was for them humility and for us humiliating that they never asked for anything. A few years ago a few *guilt ridden bishops* talked the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops into organizing this annual collection for these living saints. Before you shove a couple of dollars into, and seal the enclosed envelope, reflect on this line from the play "Tea and Sympathy" by Robert Anderson: "and when you think back on all this please, be kind."

Ninety-three percent of every donation to the National Religious Retirement Office aids senior religious.



Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others. Today, many are frail, elderly, and in need of care. Please give generously.

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Thank you for your gift.