

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Our Lady of Fatima Parish
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Rector 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: 6:00PM
Rosary: 10:05 AM Rosary: 5:40 PM

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

Parish Secretary

Carol Z. Smith

Secretaries Assistant
Ellen Kelly

Eucharist for the home bound - weekly:
Matty 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.

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

R 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

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.



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

Catholics returning Home: 944-4603

Altoona Central Catholic School:

Pre-K thru Grade 5 381-7011

Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School:

Web: www.bishopguilfoyle.org – 944-4014

Directors of Religious Education:

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
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10:00 AM	12:00 Noon	12:00 Noon
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12:00 Noon	5:30 PM	Saturday : 8:00 AM
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The Parish Family of Our Lady of Fatima will celebrate Christmas Mass on Christmas Day at 10:30 AM.

We are asking all members of the Parish to please do whatever they can to join Our Lady of Fatima Parish Family on Christmas Day. Remember, “The parish that prays together stays together”.

Decorating for Christmas will take place **TODAY after the 10:30 AM Mass**. Flower Envelopes may be found on the heating units and in the back of the church. OLF Christmas's have always been very special . Please help us to make this Christmas Day one that Our Holy Family would be extremely proud of.

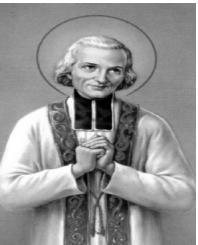
HOLY ROSARY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

During the Advent Season, the Holy Rosary will be prayed on Sunday Mornings at 10:00 AM for the intention of increasing the number of Diocesan Priests for the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese and especially for Our Lady of Fatima. 1) We will invoke the prayer of St. John Marie Vianney.

2) We will then pray the Holy Rosary.

3) We will continue the Rosary for priests at each Mass said at OLF.

Prayer to St John Marie Vianney



St. John Marie Vianney, your life was a complete offering to God for the service of all; we pray that through the power of the Holy Spirit we may all respond today, with courage to the challenges of our personal vocation.

You were an assiduous adorer of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. Help us to approach the Holy Eucharist with faith and reverence, so that we may enjoy his abiding presence in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

You were a friend of sinners. You always reminded them: “Your sins are just like grains of sand in front of the great mountain of the mercy of God.” Loosen the bonds of fear that prevents us to approach the mercy of God: help us to be truly sorrow for our sins. Help us to discover the true face of God who always waits for the return of the prodigal son.

You were always a help to the poor: “My secret is simple; it is to give all and to keep nothing for myself.” Teach us to share with those who are in need, help us to be free from our attachments to money and to all false riches.

You were a loving child of the Blessed Mother, “your most lasting affection.” Teach us to turn to her with simplicity and the confidence of a child. You are now the example of pastors of the world. Let your pastoral charity lead the pastors of our times to discover the bond that unites all without discrimination of persons; give them the love for the Church, the passion for the apostolate, and the strength in the face of many difficulties.

Inspire our young people to understand the grandeur of the priestly ministry and the joy to embrace the call of the Good Shepherd.

Holy Cure of Ars, intercede for us. Obtain for us what we ask for in faith, especially the fruitfulness for the Priests (**we ask for a holy priest to be assigned to Our Lady of Fatima parish**), you are the humble and faithful pastor, ever faithful in the service of God and all. Amen.

2) Pray the Holy Rosary.

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 20, 2015**

Readings: Mi 5:1-4; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

Cathedral Mass Intentions

December 21, Monday: Saint Peter Canisius, Doctor

Readings: Sg 2:8-14; Lk 1:39-45

6:45 AM John Luddy (Wife, Pat)

8:00 AM BeBe Milliron (Bridget McCloskey)

12:00 PM Danyll Rougeux (Joe & Anne Jaronieski)

December 22, Tuesday: Late Advent Weekday

Readings: 1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56

6:45 AM Deceased of McGreal Family

8:00 AM Ben Delozier (Family)

12:00 PM Melvin L. McConnell (Family)

December 23, Wednesday: Saint John of Kanty, Priest

Readings: Mal 3:1-4,23-24; Lk 1:57-66

6:45 AM Dick Huber, Birthday (Son, Tom)

8:00 AM M. Margaret Mullan (Nancy and Skip)

12:00 PM Bill Geis, Wed. Anniv. (Patty and Family)

December 24, Thursday: Late Advent Weekday

Readings: 2 Sm 7:1-5,8-12,14,16; Lk 1:67-79

6:45 AM No Mass

8:00 AM Deceased of Moloney and Vogel Families

12:00 PM No Mass

Vigil of Christmas

Readings: Is 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25

5:00 PM Francis Goss, Anniversary (Wife & Family)

December 25, Friday: The Nativity of the Lord

Readings: Is 9: 1-6; Ti 2: 11-14; Lk 2: 1-14

Midnight People of God

Readings: Is 52: 7-10; Heb 1: 1-6; Jn 1: 1-18

8:00 AM Ruby Doyle (Joe Wiedemer)

10:00 AM Moose Plutko (M/M Pete Rodgers)

12:00 PM Mildred Burchfield (Elaine Toomey)

No evening Mass

December 26, Saturday: Saint Stephen, First Martyr

Readings: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22

8:00 AM Health of Frank Dombrowski (Family)

12:00 PM Dennis Irwin (Mother)

Vigil: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Readings: Sir 3:2-6,12-14; Col 3:12-21; Lk 2:41-52

5:00 PM M. Virginia Jones (Carol & Vincent Bobetich)

Our Lady of Fatima Mass Intentions

December 25, Friday: The Nativity of the Lord

Readings: Is 52: 7-10; Heb 1: 1-6; Jn 1: 1-18

10:30 AM Pope Francis/Living and Deceased Priests of SS Peter and Paul and Saint Leo the Great Parishes

December 27, Sunday: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Readings: Sir 3:2-6,12-14; Col 3:12-21; Lk 2:41-52

10:30 AM Lois Riley (Margaret Moschella)

DECEMBER 20, 2015

Scripture Reflection

Long before the birth of Jesus, the prophet Micah foretold that the very tiny town of Bethlehem would witness the birth of the long awaited savior. Micah is the fourth Hebrew prophet we hear from this Advent. He announces the Word of God to the people of Bethlehem- Ephrathah, telling of a new ruler in Israel, who hails not from royalty but from this humble village. The new ruler will act as a shepherd and will rule by the “strength of the Lord.”

Luke describes the encounter of Mary and Elizabeth and their greeting of joy and hospitality. The tenderness of this scene engages our own joy and desire to make ready for the coming of the Savior-Messiah into our everyday lives. This meeting of Elizabeth, the mother of John the Baptist, and the mother of the one whom John announced represents the meeting of a peoples’ hope with the fulfillment of that hope.

God came into the world as an infant; and the Incarnation was entrusted to women, who would not only bring the child to us but care for him among us. They were willing to see and embrace the smallness of us all in light of God’s mighty work. They were open to the love necessary and due to any child and open to God’s saving power in their midst. The Messiah was entrusted to the natural processes of human life, in the most vulnerable of hands, in the most vulnerable of ways, so that God’s glory and salvation would not overwhelm us, but accompany us in solidarity with the suffering of all of us small and little people, in order to teach us the value of human life and the greatness of each of life. By each of her actions, Mary is telling us: Prepare to adore him.

- Christmas draws very near.**
- Mary and Elizabeth show us how to care and love the Infant.**
- Are you ready to greet the Word Made Flesh?**

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Christmas 2015 Memorial List

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Frank & Phyllis Mosney By Jack & Carol Corle	Mary Zingrone By Jack & Carol Corle	Wally Jorkasky By Janice Jorkasky	Vernon Campbell By John & Kathy Kasun	Arlene Campbell By John & Kathy Kasun
Bill Conrad By Frieda & Family	Eckenrode Family By John Eckenrode	Charles & Anna Sienkiewicz By M/M Charles Hennigan	Richard & Bessie Hennigan By M/M Charles Hennigan	Frances Kasun By John & Kathy Kasun
Jack Douglass By Colleen Douglass	Nancy & James McKnight By Connie McKnight	Adrian & Bernadine Snellbaugh By Connie McKnight	Jerry & K.C. Smith By Doris Smith	Marry & Bessie Smith By Doris Smith
John & Victoria Koeck By Mary Ann Hofer	<p><i>2015</i></p> <p><i>Our Lady of Fatima</i></p> <p><i>Christmas</i></p> <p><i>Decorations and Flowers</i></p> <p><i>made possible by donations</i></p> <p><i>given in memory of these loved</i></p> <p><i>ones.</i></p>			Ralph & Edna Martin By Doris Smith
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Nathan Boslet By B. Starr				Starr Family By B. Starr
Mike & Bernard Quinaln By Sara J. Quinlan	Lumadue, Quinlan & McNulty Families By Sara J. Quinlan	Paul & Mary Cassarly Zerbee & Cora Ivory By M/M Paul Cassarly	Herbert Summers, Sr. By Herbert Summers, Jr.	Living & Deceased of John Crusc Family By Eleanor Noye
Brannan Family By M/M Greg Brannan	Zajac/ Hrzic Family By M/M Greg Brannan	George Glashouser By Helen Glashouser	Frank & Freda Potopa By Karen Conrad & Kids	Dave Conrad By Karen Conrad & Kids
Jack Douglass By Kathleen Douglass & Family	Shuma, Nagle Families By Lorraine Shuma	Ronald Geis, Jr. By Hosgood Family	Zerelda Geis By Hosgood Family	Walter & Rapsky By Diana Hencherick
George Dean Barry By Ruth Barry	Frances Kasun By Steve & Robyn Kasun	Joseph & Theresa Angeski By Sisters	M/M John Angeski By Children	Paul Watterd By Helen Waters & Fam.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10:30 AM

INTENTION: Karen del Biondo



ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown

Assessed = \$15,100 Amount Paid Pledges to date = \$14,425

Shortfall (at present) = \$675. December 31st is the deadline for this years goal.
There area nine (9) more business days to make our goal happen. Thank You all
for your participation.

A Christmas Tree Blessing

After the fall of our first parents, the earth was bare and desolate; the world stood in the darkness of sin. But, when the Savior was born, our earth shone with new brightness; the glory of the Almighty had renewed the world, making it more beautiful than before. This tree once stood dark and empty in a cold world outside, but now it is resplendent with lights and bright decorations and has a new glory. This Christmas Tree reflects the new beauty that God brought to earth when, "The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us." By the tree of the cross, the whole world has been redeemed and, therefore, with great joy we celebrate the glory of this, our own Christmas Tree.

Lord, we ask your blessing upon this tree. May its ever-greeness be a sign in our lives of the hope of the Christmas season, its glittering ornaments a sign of the joy of the Christmas season, and the gifts beneath it a sign of the love of the Christmas season. We ask this through the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Reprinted from the booklet published by the Family Life Office entitled: "*HOLIDAY SPIRITUALITY IN THE HOME - Thanks-giving to Epiphany*".

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

Happy Birthday:

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| 12/22 | Tim O'Connor |
| 12/24 | Shannon Jones, Darlene Panek |
| 12/25 | Ed Robuck |
| 12/27 | Michael Long |

December 20 Lk 1:39-45

Mary was excited with her first pregnancy and rushed to tell her cousin. Some consider children as a liability, a "mouth to feed" or an obstacle to a career. While Christmas is "for children" it is also "for adults to appreciate the gift children are to us."

**JUBILEE
YEAR
OF
MERCY**

Liturgical Reflection ...

On this final Sunday of Advent, we are invited to joyfully celebrate with Mary and Elizabeth. By God's mercy, the Eternal Word continues to grow in the womb of the Mother of Mercy. Elizabeth proclaims the faith of endless generations, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." God's promise is fulfilled. Mercy is about to take flesh on the earth. There is joyful expectation as we come to the conclusion of Advent time.

2015, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 South Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania 16648

MONEY MATTERS

Third Sunday in Advent, (December 13, 2015)

150 people Celebrated Liturgy at O.L.F. contributing \$ 1,959.00 of which \$ 94.00 accounted for non-envelope contributions.

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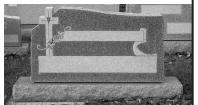
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