

# Fatima Mirror

A weekly publication for the education and edification of parishioners and friends of Our Lady of Fatima Parish of the Catholic Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown in Altoona, Pennsylvania. Most Reverend Joseph V. Adamec, D.D. is the diocesan bishop. Father J.D. Zatalava, M.Div. is the pastor. Parishioners worship in the church building named after Saint Leo the Great, 2000 12th Ave. 16601. 814-942-0371.



Pope Benedict XVI

## Today's Scripture Themes Explained In the words of: The Catechism of the Catholic Church

Then Peter said to Jesus, "I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." From the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; **listen to him.**" And when the disciples raised their eyes, **they saw no one else but Jesus alone.**

### A foretaste of the Kingdom: the Transfiguration

**554** From the day Peter confessed that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, the Master "began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things. . . and be killed, and on the third day be raised." Peter scorns this prediction, nor do the others understand it any better than he. In this context the mysterious episode of Jesus' Transfiguration takes place on a high mountain, before three witnesses chosen by himself: Peter, James and John. Jesus' face and clothes become dazzling with light, and Moses and Elijah appear, speaking "of his departure, which he was to accomplish at Jerusalem". A cloud covers him and a voice from heaven says: "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!"

**555** For a moment Jesus discloses his divine glory, confirming Peter's confession. He also reveals that he will have to go by the way of the cross at Jerusalem in order to "enter into his glory". Moses and Elijah had seen God's glory on the Mountain; the Law and the Prophets had announced the Messiah's sufferings. Christ's Passion is the will of the Father; the Son acts as God's servant; the cloud indicates the presence of the Holy Spirit. "The whole Trinity appeared: the Father in the voice; the Son in the man; the Spirit in the shining cloud." You were transfigured on the mountain, and your disciples, as much as they were capable of it, beheld your glory, O Christ our God, so that when they should see you crucified they would understand that your Passion was voluntary, and proclaim to the world that you truly are the splendor of the Father. *(continued on inside back page)*

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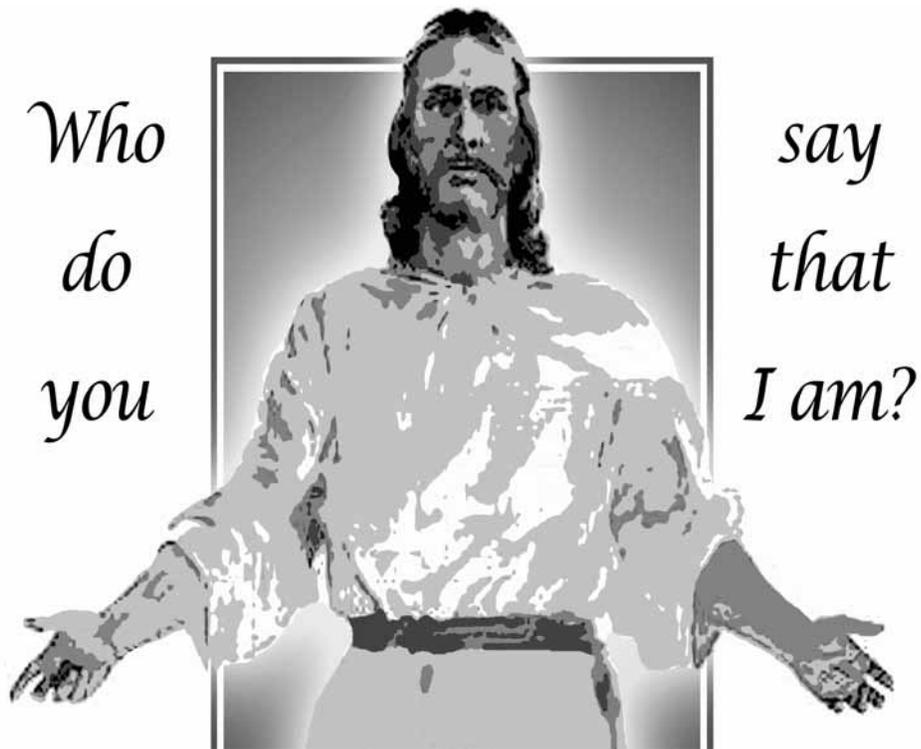
Keep the 5<sup>th</sup> Ward Clean  
Push out the Pusher

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- Eliminating drug dealing and use.
- Prevent substance abuse among youth

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Menu and Schedule Changes

In order to better serve our supporters in the eating public, members of the Fund Raising Committee decided to make the following adjustments in our Menu and the days on which we will be serving.

Wed	Feb 13	Hoagies	Phone order by Tues.
Wed	Feb 20	Spaghetti	Phone order by Tues.
Fri	Feb 29	Perogie	Phone order by Thurs.
Wed	Mar 5	Haluski	Phone order by Tues.
Wed	Mar 19	Spaghetti	Phone order by Tues.
Fri	Apr 4	Hoagies	Phone order by Thurs.
Wed	Apr 16	Spaghetti	Phone order by Tues.
Wed	Apr 30	to be determined	Phone order by Tues.

A thought or two!

True, Charity does begin at home. But it doesn't stop there! While supporting your own parish do not neglect to be generous with your helping hand (and wallet) for other parishes in the area. During Lent get to as many of our neighbors Friday Fish Fries as you can. This action on your part will help you keep your Lenten obligations and help them keep their doors open.

The Parish Council has asked the Pastor to continue being realistic when commenting on our parish's future, but to temper that realism with more expressions of optimism. He will.

**STEWARDSHIP PAGE**

**Time, Talent, and TREASURE**

**MONEY MATTERS**

**First Sunday of Lent (February 10)**

278 people Celebrated Liturgy at O.L.F.

Contributing \$ 2,432.50 of which

\$233.50 accounted for "loose" cash \ checks (no envelope)



<b>Envelopes in Circulation</b>	<b>234</b>
<b>Number of Envelopes used</b>	<b>126</b>
<b>Envelopes unused</b>	<b>108</b>

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556 On the threshold of the public life: the baptism; on the threshold of the Passover: the Transfiguration. Jesus' baptism proclaimed "the mystery of the first regeneration", namely, our Baptism; the Transfiguration "is the sacrament of the second regeneration": our own Resurrection. From now on we share in the Lord's Resurrection through the Spirit who acts in the sacraments of the Body of Christ. The Transfiguration gives us a foretaste of Christ's glorious coming, when he "will change our lowly body to be like his glorious body." But it also recalls that "it is through many persecutions that we must enter the kingdom of God": Peter did not yet understand this when he wanted to remain with Christ on the mountain. It has been reserved for you, Peter, but for after death. For now, Jesus says: "Go down to toil on earth, to serve on earth, to be scorned and crucified on earth. Life goes down to be killed; Bread goes down to suffer hunger; the Way goes down to be exhausted on his journey; the Spring goes down to suffer thirst; and you refuse to suffer?"

When it comes to parish support more and more people are stepping up to the plate in many different ways. Speaking for myself as pastor as well as designated spokesman for your fellow parishioners I want to assure you that all your efforts have been noted by all of us. Please don't mistake my heated campaign rhetoric, i.e. "Save Our Parish," for unbridled pessimism. In my heart I know we're going to pull this off ... thanks to you. Indeed, thanks to you!

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR February 18-24, 2008**

Monday	2/18	08:00 AM	Paul E. Cassarly, M/M Paul E. Cassarly	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>
Tuesday	2/19	08:00 AM	Ruperta Wooden, PJ, Lou, David Mollica	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>
Wednesday	2/20	08:00 AM	Laurie Schellenberg, Shannon Jones	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>
Thursday	2/21	08:00 AM	Anthony J. Conrad, Bill Conrad	<i>Peter Damian, bishop, doctor</i>
Friday	2/22	08:00 AM	Delores and Tom Butler, Shannon Jones	<i>Chair of St. Peter, apostle</i>
Saturday	2/23	04:30 PM	Special Intention, Hennigan Family	<i>3rd Sunday of Lent</i>
Sunday	2/24	09:00 AM	Health of John Fischer, Carol Smith	<i>3rd Sunday of Lent</i>
Sunday	2/24	11:00 AM	Liv/Dec of Our Lady of Fatima Parishioners	<i>3rd Sunday of Lent</i>