

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 14, 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

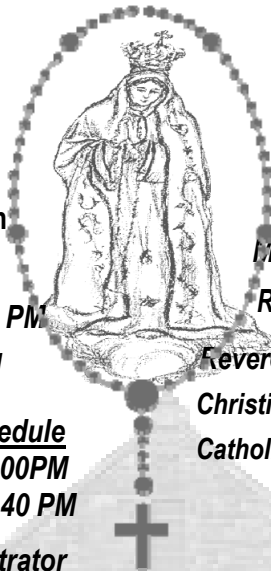
Eucharist for the home bound - weekly:
Natty Flanagan 942-0371 to make arrangements.

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

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

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

FEBRUARY 14, 2016

Scripture Reflection

Lent is the time when the church once again looks to the model of Jesus Christ as we turn with renewed vigor from the subtle snares of sin. If we are to align ourselves spiritually in solidarity with Jesus, conversion is vital, for conversion is the lifeblood of repentance and the heartbeat of holiness. This requires our own personal spiritual acts of penance, but also actions with and on behalf of others, in the church and outside of the church, such as prayer for all those in need of conversion from sin. Jesus' own battle with evil was not just a personal battle but a battle for the salvation of all humankind.

Jesus thwarts temptation by relying on the word of God. When the evil one says to Jesus, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread," Jesus answers by citing Dt. 8:3: "One does not live by bread alone." When the devil offers Jesus all the kingdoms of the world if only he would worship him, Jesus rebuffs him with Dt. 6:13: "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him." Finally, when the devil challenges Jesus to show his dependence upon God by testing his faith that God would save him, Jesus cites Dt. 6:16: "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."

Scripture is a bulwark against evil and essential for spiritual growth and conversion during Lent, but the devil also cites God's word to Jesus in Luke's temptation narrative. This is why the corporate element of Lent is so essential, that we come together as a church to support one another in our spiritual practices, like Bible study and fasting, by worshiping together, by praying for one another and by turning our hearts to the perfect model, Jesus Christ. Even the best of spiritual practices can become temptations to support our own desires or needs, or to turn us away from God. For true conversion, we must allow holiness to be a support for us as we turn toward God together.

Reflect on Jesus' time in the desert and temptation. Which temptations are troubling you at this time?

Which sins do you need to turn away from?

How can you help others in their times of temptation?

What help do you need as you turn from sin and temptation to true conversion?

AMERICA MAGAZINE: February 8, 2016 Issue, John W. Martens.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 14, 2016

Readings: Dt 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

CATHEDRAL MASS INTENTIONS

February 15, Monday: Lenten Weekday

Readings: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46

6:45 AM Pauline Barry (Grandson, Tom Huber)

***8:00 AM Lois Riley (Mary Litzinger)**

12:00 PM Erla Strombaugh, Anniv. (Geraldine Rose)

February 16, Tuesday: Lenten Weekday

Readings: Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15

6:45 AM Sandy Calabrese, Birthday (Family)

8:00 AM Erik C. Strobert (McNelis All-Stars)

12:00 PM Health of Joe Tomlinson (Mom & Family)

February 17, Wednesday: Founders of the Servite Order

Readings: Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32

6:45 AM Eleanor Toth (Debbie Katowski)

8:00 AM Julia Febbo, Wed. Anniv. (Joan Conroy)

***12:00 PM Kenneth Riggleman, Bir. (Ray & Ellen Kelly)**

February 18, Thursday: Lenten Weekday

Readings: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12

6:45 AM Margaret McConnell (Charlene Frank)

8:00 AM Ruby Doyle (C. & P. Hauser/S. Conlon)

12:00 PM Danyll Rougeux (Annie Musser)

February 19, Friday: Lenten Weekday

Readings: Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26

6:45 AM Merle and Joan Hirt (Children & Families)

8:00 AM Peggy Joyce (Family)

12:00 PM Fr. Louis Mulvehill (Tom, Pat, Marita Forr)

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

February 20, Saturday: Lenten Weekday

Readings: Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48

8:00 AM George Porta, Birth. (Jeannine McCloskey)

12:00 PM Mildred Burchfield (Doris Daniels Family)

Vigil: Second Sunday of Lent

Readings: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Phil 3:17-4:1; Lk 9:28-36

5:00 PM Chuck Roberts (Wife, Marion)

Our Lady of Fatima Mass Intention

February 21, Second Sunday of Lent

Readings: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Phil 3:17-4:1; Lk 9:28-36

***10:30 AM Vincent Farabaugh, Anniv.(Wife & Family)**

PRAYING THE STATIONS

Stations of the Cross will be prayed this Friday evening at 7:00 PM and every Friday of Lent. Bring the family and walk the Stations as we make the way of the cross our own journey to Calvary

Notes from Our Lady of Fatima Rectory...

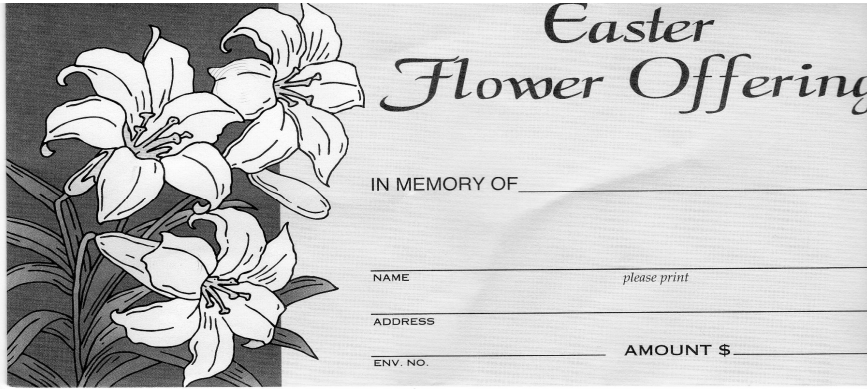
PRAYING THE STATIONS

Stations of the Cross will be prayed Friday's in Lent at **7:00 PM at the Cathedral**. Bring the family and walk the Stations as we make the way of the cross our own journey to Calvary and resurrection.

Collections—

The Black and Indian Mission Collection Envelopes are in your bulletin. Additional envelopes are on the tables in the back of the church. Please be generous. Return envelopes in next weeks collection.

Easter Flower Memorials...



Easter Flower Offering

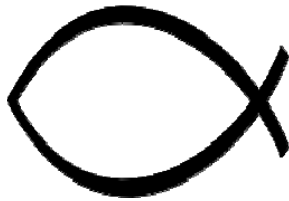
IN MEMORY OF _____

NAME _____ please print

ADDRESS _____

ENV. NO. _____ AMOUNT \$ _____

Easter Flower offering is \$10.00 per individual or Family name. Please fill in your contribution envelope # XXXX, Name of "In Memory of". Your name below and the Amount of your offering on envelope. You will find additional envelopes on the heating units and back tables throughout the Lenten Season.



Ichthus: The Gospels took place around the Sea of Galilee, so fishing images resonated deeply with early Christians. According to St. Augustine, by the fourth century the Greek letters for this word were used as an acrostic for "Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior." Tradition says that first-century Christians undergoing persecution used the ichthus as a way to communicate where meetings would be held.

OUT AND ABOUT.....

CATHEDRAL OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT—LENTEN LUNCHES

Ash Wednesday and Fridays of Lent—11:00 am until 1:30 pm. Menu includes: Fish Sandwich with Macaroni & Cheese or French Fries for \$6.50. Luncheons will be served on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 10; Fridays, Feb. 19, 26; March 4, 11, and 18. (no lunch served on Good Friday) Eat in or Take-out. No pre-paid orders. Please call in orders of ten or more: 944-4603.

FISH FRY—SAINT MARKS— 416 6th Avenue, Altoona—Mark your calendars for the following dates for our Lenten Fish Fries—Fridays from 4—6:30 pm (while supplies last) - Feb. 26, and March 11. Menu is as follows: Baked or Fried Fish, French Fries or Mac & Cheese, Stewed Tomatoes or Coleslaw, Roll & Butter, Drink, and Dessert. Cost will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. Take-outs will be available.

CONVERSION, FOLLOWING THE CALL OF CHRIST

Bishop Robert Baron's DVD: will be presented by Sister Theresa CCW, at St. Mary's Church basement at 1405 5th Avenue, Altoona. There will be three evenings of DVD and discussion of the following date and times. Tuesdays, Feb. 16th, 23rd, and March 1st from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. This is a wonderful preparation for the Easter Season. If you can make it please call Sister Theresa at 942-5747. God Bless you. SISTER THERESA

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
10:30 AM
INTENTION: Theresa and Raymond McCall



Liturgical Reflection...

Ash Wednesday is when the Church began the forty day journey toward the Triduum (The Three Days) with the annual discipline of fasting, praying and giving alms. Ash Wednesday (February 10) and Good Friday (March 25) are days of fast and abstinence. All Fridays in Lent (February 12, 19, 26; March 4, 11, 18) are days of abstinence. **FASTING** refers to only one full meal, with two small meals and no eating otherwise for the day. **ABSTINANCE** refers to not eating meat at all during the day. The Church directs the holy FAST to all those in their 18th year until their 60th year (Canon 1252). The ancient practice of fasting and abstaining can occur throughout other days in Lent. This not obligatory and can take a variety of forms distinct from food.

2016, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania 16648

Liturgical Reflection...

Throughout the weeks of Lent in this Jubilee of Mercy, the Diocese will reflect on the Corporal Works of Mercy. These are seven ways to do almsgiving the forty days of Lent. This first week the works, to feed the hungry and give drink to the thirsty are highlighted. We share our own resources with others. Have you ever made lunch or dinner for the family – or picked dinner up for someone at the drive-through? Ever made a peanut-butter-and-jelly sandwich for a younger sister or brother? Ever poured a glass of milk or water for someone? Is there a place in your community that collects food for the hungry? Maybe a monetary donation can be given to aid the starving and thirsty beyond our borders. To do this we may have to go without something we like to have, but don't actually need. God's mercy shines through our acts.

**JUBILEE
YEAR
OF
MERCY**

**Lord
Jesus
Christ
Son
Of
God
Have
Mercy
On
Me
A
Sinner**

2016, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania 16648

Happy Birthday:

02/14 Linda Sisto
02/17 Marci Bradford, Gene Summers
02/20 Charles Andros
02/21 Jared Pufka
02/22 Connie Angeski, Erica Keagy

Wedding Anniversaries:

02/19 Chuck & Ceil Hennigan
02/20 Jean & John Noonan

MONEY MATTERS

Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time, (January 31, 2016)

130 people Celebrated Liturgy at O.L.F. contributing \$ 1,106.00 of which \$54.00 accounted for non-envelope contributions.

# Envelopes In Circulation	176	# Used	70	# Unused	106
----------------------------	-----	--------	----	----------	-----

Collection One Year Ago = 2,502.00

Celebrating the Jubilee Year of Mercy at Easter

Often the word “mercy” is associated with forgiveness or the removal of a well-deserved punishment. But in this year of mercy, it is good for us to reflect upon the broader vision laid out by Jesus:

“For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.” (Matthew 25:35–36)

The Church teaches that there are seven corporal (of the body) and seven spiritual works of mercy. This Easter season, put one work of mercy into practice each week.

Here are some ideas to get started:

Week One: Feed the hungry. Buy gift cards or meals for people standing at street corners. Make a meal and deliver it to your local Catholic Worker house. Volunteer at a food pantry, food bank, or soup kitchen. Send a donation to Catholic Charities, Food for the Poor, Heifer International, or other worthy organizations you may know.

Week Two: Shelter the homeless. The world is filled with refugees fleeing war, persecution, and brutalization. Is there a refugee resettlement office in your community or diocese? Call and ask what help is needed.

Week Three: Clothe the naked. Go through your closets and storage, and collect clothing, furniture, and bedding to donate to shelters for abused women and children, to the Salvation Army, or to Goodwill.

Week Four: Comfort the afflicted. Think of someone in your parish, neighborhood, or work community who is going through difficult times. Invite a widower to dinner; send a note of encouragement to someone in a tough family situation; or better yet, offer them a sympathetic ear.

Week Five: Bear wrongs patiently. No one likes being unjustly accused or unfairly treated, but it's easy to let petty slights and insults ruin our entire day. This week, pray for the grace to let go of the little things—from social media jabs to rude drivers and poor customer service.

Week Six: Instruct the ignorant. Too often we approach conflicting points of view by assuming our own rightness and everyone else's wrongness. This week, approach such conflicts by seeking to understand why your opponent holds a differing opinion. Beginning with mutual respect makes it more likely that you will be an effective witness.

Week Seven: Forgive offenses willingly. Pride hampers both sides of the forgiveness equation. This week, practice humility both by apologizing without delay, and by graciously accepting apologies from others when they are offered.

Gaeto Construction Co.

Builders & Remodelers

Call us for all Your Remodeling Needs

Kitchens • Bathrooms • Garages • Windows • Doors

"Area's Leading Addition Specialist"

"Adding to your family" * Call us to add to your house"

(814) 944-9233

Fully Insured HIC #PA002981 In Our 30th Year

Owner: Joseph E. Gaeto

J. Kirk Kling

ATTORNEY AT LAW

Criminal Law • DUI

Social Security • Wills • Estates

941-6699

630 PLEASANT VALLEY BLVD., STE. B



CatholicMatch®
Pennsylvania

CatholicMatch.com/myPA

Altoona
MEMORIAL STUDIO

When Only The Best Will Do

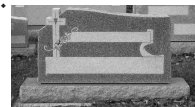
814-942-0101



1006 Pleasant Valley Blvd.

Altoona, PA 16602

Corner of 10th & Pleasant Valley Blvd.



**Jesus
A to Z**

Michael O'Neill McGrath, OSFS

A colorful Catholic ABC

book for kids and families! Includes a glossary of questions to help adults pass on their Catholic faith.

007199 9 x 12 Hardcover

\$16.99 each • Special Offer — 2 for \$25.00!

800-566-6150 www.wlpmusic.com

RILEY INC.

Since 1933

**PLUMBING & HEATING
CONTRACTOR**

814-942-6772

An App for Catholics.
An App for your Parish.
ALL IN ONE!

Download the
FREE APP TODAY



OneParish.com



Daily Faith • Donations • Calendar • Parish Directory

ISB IT'S
SIMPLY
BETTER



Member **Investment Savings Bank**

1201 8th Ave.
Altoona, PA 16602

200 Patchway Road
Duncansville, PA 16635

• New Location •



What if you are Alone and have an Emergency?

Just One Push of a Button can Protect You
from **Emergencies at Home and Away!**

- ✓ Medical ✓ Falls
- ✓ Fire ✓ Burglary

AS LOW AS
\$1 A DAY!

LIFEWATCH USA
PERSONAL CARING SERVICE SINCE 1980

888.290.8871

www.lifewatch-usa.com



"I'm never alone
with LIFEWatch."
—Dick Van Patten

You're never
alone with
LifeWatch!



PROTECTING SENIORS NATIONWIDE

PUSH

TALK

24/7 HELP



\$19.95*/Mo. + 1 FREE MONTH

- > No Long-Term Contracts
- > Price Guarantee
- > American Made

TOLL FREE: 1-877-801-8608

*First Three Months

HOLIDAY
SPECIAL



Please Cut Out This "Thank You Ad"
and Present It The Next Time You
Patronize One of Our Advertisers

Thank You

Thank you for advertising in
our church bulletin.
I am patronizing your business
because of it!



Consider
Remembering
Your Parish in
Your Will.

For further information,
please call the Parish Office.



ARC
Federal Credit Union

ARC is Your Catholic Credit Union

all Our Lady of Fatima parishioners are eligible to join

www.arccfu.org • 814-946-0857