

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 28, 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

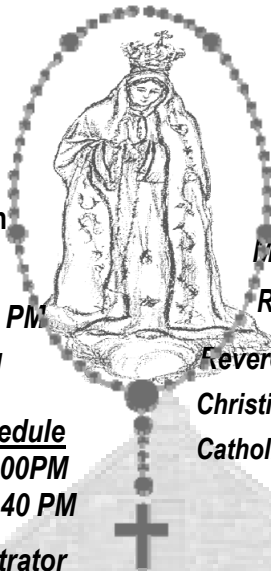
Eucharist for the home bound - weekly:
Patty Flanagan 942-0371 to make arrangements.

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

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Readings: Ex 17:3-7; Rom 5:1-2,5-8; Jn 4:5-42

Cathedral Mass Intentions

February 29, Monday: Lenten Weekday

Readings: 2 Kgs 5:1-15; Lk 4:24-30

***6:45 AM Eric Hockenberry, Jr., Birthday Int. (Family)**
8:00 AM Betsy Keating Meehan, Anniv. (Kilcoynes)
12:00 PM Kim (Friend)

March 1, Tuesday: Lenten Weekday

Readings: Dn 3:25, 24-43; Mt 18:21-35

6:45 AM Eleanor Toth (Janet and Michele Belsey)
***8:00 AM Mary McCall, Anniversary (Family)**
12:00 PM Joe Tomlinson (Greg and Kathy Clemens)

March 2, Wednesday: Lenten Weekday

Readings: Dt 4: 2, 5-9; Mt 17:1-19

***6:45 AM Trudy Kane (Carol Smith)**
***8:00 AM Coy R. Smith, Sr., B/day, Wife**
***12:00 PM BeBe Milliron, Ann., M/M James Kilcoyne**

March 3, Thursday: Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin

Readings: Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23

***6:45 AM Joan Hirt (Children, Grandchildren & Families)**
8:00 AM Sam Coen (Kevin Roesch Family)
12:00 PM Danyll Rougeux (Rose and Hank Martin)

March 4, Friday: Saint Casimir

Readings: Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34

6:45 AM Deceased of McGreal Family (Irene)
8:00 AM Deacon John Rys (Bauer Family)
12:00 PM Ruby Doyle (Kevin and Jane Byrne)

Lenten Lunch: 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

March 5, Saturday: Lenten Weekday

Readings: Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14

8:00 AM Argenia Sposeto (Kathleen Grove)
12:00 PM Herb Kutruff (Tom and Marlene Liszka)

Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Lent

Readings: 1 Sm 16:1,6-7,10-13; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41

5:00 PM Rose Ann Himmelein (Carol Makdad)

Our Lady of Fatima Mass Intention

March 6, Fourth Sunday of Lent

Readings: 1 Sm 16:1,6-7,10-13; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41

***10:30 AM Robert Moses (Wife and Family)**

*** PLEASE NOTE: Asterisk in front of Mass times are from OLF**

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Scripture Reflection

The story of Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman is the first in a trilogy of readings from John on the Third, Fourth and Fifth Sundays of Lent. Jesus' revelation "I am he, the one speaking with you" is one of several "I am" statements found in John's Gospel account. The entire story is rich with images of Baptism, Eucharist, and Reconciliation. In this intimate dialogue, Jesus reveals himself as the Messiah who comes from the Father to give water to all who thirst for eternal life.

Perhaps the metaphor of thirst, even more than the metaphor of hunger, conveys the desperation of the soul's need for God. We might pass a day or two or even more without food and experience only mild discomfort. But cut off from water, we are quickly afflicted with thirst; we experience it as an immediate threat to our life and health. The Samaritan woman must already feel the pangs of spiritual thirst. Though initially disconcerted by being addressed by a Jewish man, she engages him in conversation, yearning for the living water that he offers, bringing relief to her life of spiritual longing. Lent is an opportunity to let ourselves feel our spiritual thirst and to welcome the living water that Jesus offers.

The key image in today's readings is living water. Christians first experience this living water through Baptism. During Lent the elect are preparing for Baptism, and the rest of us accompany them as we prepare to renew our baptismal vows at Easter. Rediscover the powerful reality of your Baptism. Focus your prayer this week on our baptismal promises so that you will be ready to renew them at Easter. Baptism is central to Lenten spirituality.

**• What am I spiritually thirsting for?
Acceptance? Wisdom? Forgiveness?
Mercy? Something else?**

**Nocturnal Adoration will held at St. Mark's
Parish Altoona from 8pm -11 pm on March 4.**

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Notes from Our Lady of Fatima Parish...

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.

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OUT AND ABOUT.....

ST. LEONARD'S HOME CELEBRATES ST. JOSEPH TABLE EVENT..

St. Leonard's Home is inviting you to help us help those in our facility who are struggling financially by participating in our first St. Joseph Table event.

The festivities will occur at the Brookmere Winery's Altoona location near the Outback Steakhouse on **Sat. March 19, from 6-9pm**. St. Joseph's Table includes wine tasting, hors d'oeuvres, desserts, a silent auction, entertainment, and an opportunity to learn about the history of this late winter feast of thanksgiving. Tickets (\$30) can be purchased at St. Leonard's Home, 601 N. Montgomery St. in Hollidaysburg, or by calling Sister Cynthia at 695-9581. St. Leonard's Home provides personal care for persons over age 55 who are unable to safely live alone.

CATHEDRAL OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT—LENTEN LUNCHES

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 **Fridays, 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.

BISHOP GUILFOYLE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE..

Family, friends are invited to attend our Open House on **Saturday, March 12th, 2016** from 2pm to 4pm. A great opportunity for our local families to learn first-hand more about Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School and its excellence in academics, student participation, athletics and community and tradition. For further information regarding our Open House, please feel free to contact us at admissions@bguilfoyle.org or 814.944.3636.

SAINT ROSE OF LIMA LENTEN MISSION..

St. Rose of Lima Parish, Altoona, invites you to our Parish Mission, **March 13th—15th**. Fr. Christopher Panagoplos, TOR, will lead us each evening around the theme **"How we journey is how we arrive."** Sunday evening will begin at 5:00 pm within our Communal Penance Service. **Monday evening** Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction will be offered beginning at 7:00pm. All are welcome.

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) - **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.

SPRING CRAFT FAIR..

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Saint Rita of Tyrone, will hold a Spring Craft Fair on **Saturday, March 5th — 10am to 3pm at St. Matthew Catholic Church, Harion Hall**. Consignment sale of "gently used" - "Designer" handbags, purses, totes, wallets, backpacks, etc. For directions call parish office 684-1480.

February 28, 2016

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Liturgical Reflection...

YEAR

OF

MERCY

On the third week of Lent the Diocese cites the Corporal Work of Mercy to clothe the naked. Few people are literally naked, but millions of people own no more clothing than what they wear each day. Search your closet and your heart, you may discover that you have more than you need. Rather than having a yard sale, are there some items of clothing that can be given to the local St. Vincent DePaul Society? Perhaps these Lenten days you can refrain from unnecessary purchases and give the money to Catholic Charities to help those in need of necessary clothing such as diapers, blankets, scarves, hats, and gloves. God's mercy shines forth when we forget ourselves and care for the needs of others.

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



The Altoona Quadrant Regional School Board is pleased to announce that the new regional school scheduled to open in the Altoona and Hollidaysburg areas will be called "Holy Trinity Catholic School." Families from the Catholic schools that will be regionalized chose the name among three options. A parent subcommittee was tasked with choosing possible names for the school, and then presenting the options to all families through an electronic survey. The respondents of the survey overwhelmingly were in favor of "Holy Trinity Catholic School," and Bishop Mark L. Bartchak approved the name. Families also were in favor of "The Guardians" as the school mascot, and purple and gold as the school colors.

Holy Trinity Catholic School, scheduled to open at the start of the 2016-2017 academic year, will include three campus locations. The Holy Trinity Altoona Campus will be located at the current Altoona Central Catholic School building; the Holy Trinity Hollidaysburg Campus will be located at the current Hollidaysburg Catholic School building. Both campuses will serve students in grades pre-k through four. The Holy Trinity Middle School Campus, open to students in grades five through eight, will be at the site of the current Saint Rose of Lima School building in Altoona.

Pre-registration for Holy Trinity Catholic School continues to yield positive numbers, with formal registration scheduled for Catholic Schools Week, January 31-February 6. The Altoona Quadrant Regional School Board and its subcommittees continue to meet on a regular basis. Parent subcommittees, including School Spirit, Athletics, and Development/Fundraising, are also meeting regularly.

Third Sunday of Lent
10:30 AM
INTENTION: George Dean Barry



2016 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL
Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown
GOAL = \$13,948.00

Our first pledge received for 2016 is from Mike and Mary Wall
A Huge Thank You from your Parish!

Parishioners would have received a letter and pledge card from Bishop Mark this past week.
Please sign your pledge and place the card in the collection on Sunday, February 28th or mail to the
Diocese in the self addressed envelope.

Communal Penance Services - Lent 2016

The season of Lent is a time for Catholics to seek God's healing and forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The following is a schedule of Communal Penance Services at various Blair County parishes in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown.

Saint Mark, 416 6th Avenue, Altoona– March 6 at 3:00 p.m.
Holy Rosary, 900 N. 4th Street, Altoona– March 10 at 6:00 p.m.
Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, 2301 5th Street, Altoona– March 12 at 10:00 a.m.
Saint John the Evangelist, 309 Lotz Avenue, Altoona– March 13 at 4:00 p.m.
Saint Rose of Lima, 5514 Roselawn Avenue, Altoona – March 13 at 5:00 p.m.
Our Lady of Mount Carmel, 806 11th Street, Altoona– March 14 at 7:00 p.m.
Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, One Cathedral Square, Altoona– March 16 at 6:30 p.m.
(Diocesan Service with Bishop Mark Bartchak presiding)
Saint Matthew, 1105 Cameron Avenue, Tyrone – March 16 at 7:00 p.m.
Our Lady of Lourdes, 2716 Broad Avenue, Altoona – March 17 at 7:00 p.m.
Saint Mary, 312 Clark Street, Hollidaysburg – March 20 at 4:00 p.m.

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

Happy Birthday:

03/01 Alicia Carper
03/02 Ethan Jones, Shawn Kelly, Cassidy McKnight
03/04 Jack Corle, Rebecca Marshman
03/05 Mary Malligan



Nocturnal Adoration, Friday March 4th
@ St. Marks, Altoona—8 to 11 pm.

MONEY MATTERS

Second Sunday of Lent, (February 21, 2016)

125 people Celebrated Liturgy at O.L.F. contributing \$1,379.30 of which \$ 94.00 accounted for non-envelope contributions.

# Envelopes In Circulation	177	# Used	72	# Unused	105
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