

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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*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.*

February 19, 2017



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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
Secretary's 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
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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

ST. PETER'S CHAIR, FEBRUARY 22, 2017...

This feast brings to mind the mission of teacher and pastor conferred by Christ on Peter, and continued in an unbroken line down to the present Pope. We celebrate the unity of the Church, founded upon the Apostle, and renew our assent to the Magisterium of the Roman Pontiff, extended both to truths which are solemnly defined ex cathedra, and to all the acts of the ordinary Magisterium. The feast of the Chair of Saint Peter at Rome has been celebrated from the early days of the Christian era on 18 January, in commemoration of the day when Saint Peter held his first service in Rome. The feast of the Chair of Saint Peter at Antioch, commemorating his foundation of the See of Antioch, has also been long celebrated at Rome, on 22 February. At each place a chair (cathedra) was venerated which the Apostle had used while presiding at Mass. One of the chairs is referred to about 600 by an Abbot Johannes who had been commissioned by Pope Gregory the Great to collect in oil from the lamps which burned at the graves of the Roman martyrs. — New Catholic Dictionary

Chair of St. Peter

Since early times, the Roman Church has had a special commemoration of the primatial authority of St. Peter. As witness one of the most renowned of the Apostolic Fathers, the Roman See has always held a peculiar place in the affection and obedience of orthodox believers because of its "presiding in love" and service over all the Churches of God.

"We shall find in the Gospel that Jesus Christ, willing to begin the mystery of unity in His Church, among all His disciples chose twelve; but that, willing to consummate the mystery of unity in the same Church, among the twelve He chose one. He called His disciples, said the Gospel; here are all; and among them He chose twelve. Here is the first separation, and the Apostles chosen. And these are the names of the twelve Apostles: the first, Simon, who is called Peter. [Mt. 10, 1-2] Here, in a second separation, St. Peter is set at the head, and called for that reason by the name of Peter, 'which Jesus Christ,' says St. Mark, 'had given him,' in order to prepare, as you will see, the work which He was proposing to raise all His building on that stone.

"All this is yet but a beginning of the mystery of unity. Jesus Christ, in beginning it, still spoke to many: Go, preach; I send you [see Mt. 28, 19]. Now, when He would put the last hand to the mystery of unity, He speaks no longer to many: He marks out Peter personally, and by the new name which He has given him. It is One who speaks to one: Jesus Christ the Son of God to Simon son of Jonas; Jesus Christ, who is the true Stone, strong of Himself, to Simon, who is only the stone by the strength which Jesus Christ imparts to him. It is to him that Christ speaks, and in speaking acts on him, and stamps upon him His own immovableness. And I, He says, say to you, you are Peter; and, He adds, upon this rock I will build my Church, and, He concludes, the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. [Mt. 16, 18] To prepare him for that honor Jesus Christ, who knows that faith in Himself is the foundation of His Church, inspires Peter with a faith worthy to be the foundation of that admirable building. You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. [Mt. 16, 16] By that bold preaching of the faith he draws to himself the inviolable promise which makes him the foundation of the Church.



"It was, then, clearly the design of Jesus Christ to put first in one alone, what afterwards He meant to put in several; but the sequence does not reverse the beginning, nor the first lose his place. That first word, Whatsoever you shall bind, said to one alone, has already ranged under his power each one of those to whom shall be said, Whatsoever you shall remit; for the promises of Jesus Christ, as well as His gift, are without repentance; and what is once given indefinitely and universally is irrevocable. Besides, that power given to several carries its restriction in its division, while power given to one alone, and over all, and without exception, carries with it plenitude, and, not having to be divided with any other, it has no bounds save those which its terms convey."



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FEBRUARY 19, 2017
10:30 AM

OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS

Readings: Lv 19:1-2,17-18;1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

Today's Intention - F. Joseph Boslet

February 26, Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Is 49:14-15;1 Cor 4:1-5; Mt 6:24-34

*10:30 AM Carol Riley, Carol Smith

Cathedral Mass Intentions

February 20, Monday: Weekday

Readings: Sir 1:1-10; Mk 9:14-29

6:45 AM **No Mass**

*8:00 AM David Conrad (Gloria Dunio)

12:00 PM Gail Willie (Jack and Barb Shoemaker)

February 21, Tuesday: Saint Peter Damian, Bishop

Readings: Sir 2:1-11; Mk 9:30-37

6:45 AM Leroy Burkholder, Birth. (Kathy Oakes)

8:00 AM Health/Bev Woodring (McNelis All-Stars)

12:00 PM Pat Geis (Victor and Carol Ruggery)

February 22, Wednesday: The Chair of Saint Peter

Readings: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19

6:45 AM Monsignor Paul D. Panza (Ron Skupien)

8:00 AM William V. Bettwy, Ann. (Tim and JoAnn)

*12:00 PM Paul Rose (Janet Tomlinson)

February 23, Thursday: Saint Polycarp, Bishop, Martyr

Readings: Sir 5:1-8; Mk 9:41-50

6:45 AM Nozzie, Jennie, Sandy Calabrese (Family)

*8:00 AM Esther Dorazio (Family)

12:00 PM Pat Rabine (Gaye Boyer)

February 24 Friday: Weekday

Readings: Sir 6:5-17; Mk 10:1-12

6:45 AM Robert L. Cowan (Dick Cowan Family)

8:00 AM Jerry Smith (Mr. and Mrs. Ken Louder)

12:00 PM Danyll Rougeux (Henry Family)

February 25, Saturday: Weekday

Readings: Sir 17:1-15; Mk 10:13-16

8:00 AM Stella Baril (Betsy Cote)

12:00 PM Terry J. Joyce (Family)

Vigil: Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Is 49:14-15;1 Cor 4:1-5; Mt 6:24-34

5:00 PM Anna Marie Mullen, Birth (Aunt Louise)

*Jesus, Son of the Living Father Have
Mercy on Me, A Sinner*

FEBRUARY 19, 2017

Scripture Reflection

"Be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect." Our heavenly Father is omniscient, omnipotent and omnipresent. God is goodness itself; divine perfection is effortless. Humans, by contrast, are blind, weak and limited. We struggle to judge what is right in any given situation; perfection seems less like an ideal for which to strive and more like an indulgent fantasy that will never be realized.

Jesus does not share these anxieties, because he is drawing on a very specific example of the Father's perfection. "He makes his sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust." This is how Jesus understands the perfection to which he calls his followers. The Father pours out his gifts on his creatures regardless of whether or not they deserve it. We must pour out our forgiveness, compassion, honesty, understanding, generosity, effort and love on both the just and the unjust. Doing so makes us so much like the Father that Jesus calls us God's very children.

In Matthew, we hear a very specific list of behaviors expected of a disciple, behaviors that exceed the Old Testament commandments. They are to offer no resistance when threatened, even to the extent of offering the other cheek when struck. If someone sues over a trivial matter--one's shirt--avoid the conflict and give the coat as well. Roman soldiers traveling through an unfamiliar region could impress a civilian to guide them for one mile. Jesus recognizes this unpopular practice and proposes that the disciple should go an additional mile. Each of these situations builds in difficulty: offer no resistance, turn the other cheek, give up one's covering, provide service to the imperial occupier. The final action is the most shocking: "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.'" Jesus doesn't deny that loving one's neighbor is desirable. But he upsets biblical, cultural, and societal expectations. "But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." By our extravagant behavior that goes beyond the limits of the law, we demonstrate that we are true children of the Father.

- **What has retaliation really gained for you?**
- **Are you able to love as God loves?**

Out and About...

Liturgical Reflection...

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We are considering selling Apple Dumplings for Palm Sunday breakfast! Facts will appear in next weeks bulletin.

BGHS drama Club to Perform Guys & Dolls...

The BGHS will perform *Guys & Dolls* on Friday and Saturday evenings, March 3 & 4, 2017 at the historic Mishler Theatre. Tickets to the musical are on sale now at [Mishler theatre.org](http://Mishlertheatre.org) or by calling the box office @ 814 944-9434. For more info, contact Mr. Brett Keith, bkeith@guilfoyle.org

Christian Prayer and Spirituality Course will be offered at two locations this March. Sr. Marilyn Welch, CCW will be teaching Wednesdays from 6:30-8:30 PM at St. Catherine of Siena, Duncansville, beginning March 7th and Deacon Michael Russo will be teaching Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30 PM at St. Patrick School, Johnstown beginning March 6th. During this 8 week course, participants will explore both traditional and contemporary expressions of Christian prayer and spirituality that will help deepen their relationship with God. The cost of this course which includes registration and materials is \$55. For further information and registration please contact the Office of Adult Enrichment and Lay Ecclesial Ministry at (814) 361-2000 or email rnheinze@dioceseaj.org. All our welcome!

February 2017 Contributions

Feb 12, 2017	Env Used	63 /149
Weekly		1282.75
Cmas Club		18.00
Votives		73.00
Children's		7.50
Shrine		5.00
Fuel		80.00
Catholic Reg.		64.00
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St. Leonard's Home...

St. Leonard's Home will host its 2nd annual celebration of St. Joseph's Table on Saturday, March 18 from 5PM-8PM at the American Legion Post 516 Social Hall at Legion Park in Hollidaysburg. The event includes a meal, Cheese bar, desserts, wine tasting, auction, prizes for bidding and entertainment. Tickets are \$30, and are available at St. Leonard's Home or by calling 695-9581 during business hours.

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An ecumenical worship service celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, which is to be held at 2 pm on Sunday, February 26, 2017 at First Lutheran Church in Altoona, PA (1401 12th Ave, Altoona PA). A highlight of this service is that we will have Bishop Donald McCoid (formerly Bishop of Pittsburgh and surrounding area) as our preacher and speaker. Bishop McCoid has recently retired as the Ecumenical Executive for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, who was instrumental in the creation of the ecumenical document "Declaration On the Way." This document collects the 32 points of agreement on ministry, mission, and Eucharist where Lutherans and Catholics agree. During the service, Bishop Michael Rhyne of the Allegheny Lutheran Synod, and Bishop Mark Bartchak will proclaim together these points of agreement. All are encouraged to participate in this historic celebration. All are invited.

Saint Francis University is pleased to announce His Eminence Cardinal Timothy Dolan, Archbishop of New York, will be our guest on Thursday, March 30, 2017. While in Loretto, the Cardinal will celebrate an on-campus, public Mass at 4:00 p.m. in the Maurice Stokes Athletics Center. The University is pleased to offer a limited number of Mass tickets on a first-come, first served basis. Following Mass, a black-tie optional Dinner with the Cardinal will begin at 6:00 p.m. on campus in the John F. Kennedy Student Center. Tickets are \$250 each (\$1,750 for table of eight). Proceeds will benefit The Rev. Gabriel J. Zeis, T.O.R. Endowment in Franciscan Studies and Roman Catholic Theology. You can reserve Mass and dinner tickets by visiting: www.francis.edu/Cardinal-Dolan-Mass. The Mass will also be live-streamed for those who cannot attend by visiting the same website. Please call (814) 472-3021 for more information

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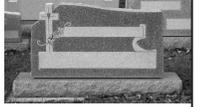
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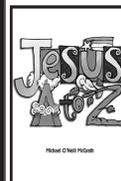
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