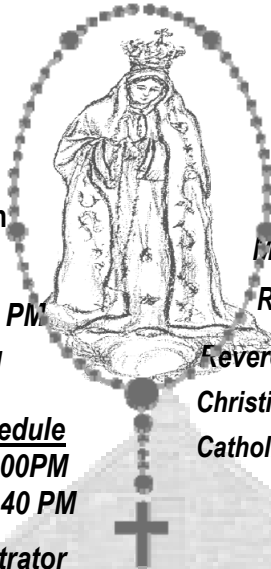


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Our Lady of Fatima
Pleaded that we pray the Holy Rosary
before Sunday Mass and
privately from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm daily.



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Rectory Office Hours:
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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
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healing may call the Cathedral Parish Office to
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Cathedral Church Office: 814-944-4603
One Cathedral Square

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Jean Koury – 9 thru 12 – 949-2777

Religious Education Office: Sundays – 943-7424

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12:30 PM Saturday

Religious Education @ Cathedral: Pre-K through 11

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First Communion

Confirmation

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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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MERCY**

Liturgical Reflection ...

The appearance of the Light of the world leads all to acclaim Jesus as the Lord of the nations. As the Collect for today's Mass prays, "O God who revealed your Only Begotten Son to the nations by the guidance of a star, grant in your mercy, that we...may be brought to behold the beauty of your sublime glory." Through the mercy of God, believers are brought into the realm of mystery and faith. The Eternal Word is present among us. Wise men and women seek to follow the light of God's Word.

2016, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 South Logan Boulevard, Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania 16648.

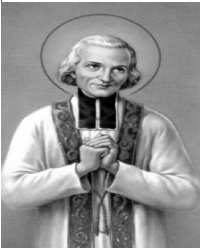
HOLY ROSARY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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.

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

10:30 AM

INTENTION: David Riley



ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL
Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown

Assessed = \$15,100

2 parishioners gave an additional \$250.00 each towards our goal this past week. Final ACA 2015 will be documented as soon as the Diocesan offices are re-opened from the holidays.

Our Lady of Fatima is again sponsoring a fund raiser for Christopher Carper. The K of C is allowing us to use their facility to make and sell the hoagies. Sign up on the pew sheets, and try to sell additional Hoagies to your friends and neighbors.

We have a short window to buy and sell. Orders must be in by Jan. 11 @ noon, and pickup is at the K of C alley on Thurs Jan. 14.

We will need folks to make the hoagies beforehand. Call Ray Kelly for more information. 946-1305.

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



Nocturnal Adoration will be held January 8th at St. Rose of Lima Parish 8-11 PM. Our Lady of Fatima hour is 9-10 PM.

Happy Birthday:

01/03	Louise Marshman, Josephine Smith	01/09*	Tom Smith
01/05	Jim Byrne, Ellen Kelly	01/11	Kayla Conrad
01/06	Paul Kowalski		
01/08	Jenn Adams		

MONEY MATTERS

All money matters not documented because of publication schedules will be presented in next weeks bulletin.

We are in need of 3 additional parishioners to be on the financial committee.

If you can balance your checkbook, you will do well on the finance council.

Meetings are scheduled for at least once a qtr. Please rearrange your schedule to give your **Time and Talent** to the parish.

Steve Kasun and Jason Adams met with the bookkeepers' on Dec 30th in order to acclimate themselves with the Diocesan Bookkeeping system. They are very anxious to help our parish increase our membership and thus our working funds.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
JANUARY 3, 2016
Readings: Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Cathedral Mass Intentions

January 4, Monday: Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Relig.

Readings: 1 Jn 3:22--4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
6:45 AM Alberta Weaver, Ann. (Jim, Elaine & Family)
8:00 AM No Mass
12:00 PM Pete Rhoa, Birthday (Wife, Pat)

January 5, Tuesday: Saint John Neumann, Bishop

Readings: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44
6:45 AM No Mass
8:00 AM Kimberly Kokolis Moran (Tom & Pat Forr)
***12:00 PM Mildred Mauceri (Gary & Janet Roesch)**

January 6, Wednesday: Saint Andre Bessette, Relig.

Readings: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52
***6:45 AM Joan Hirt (Mike and Sherry Byrne)**
8:00 AM No Mass
12:00 PM Barbara Barrett (Diana Fanale)

January 7, Thursday: Saint Raymond of Penafort, Priest

Readings: 1 Jn 4:19--5:4; Lk 4:14-22
6:45 AM No Mass
8:00 AM Bernard J. Joyce (Family)
12:00 PM Pat Rabine (Audrey Breslin & Ruth Conley)

January 8, Friday: Christmas Weekday

Readings: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16
6:45 AM Timothy Charles Murphy, Ann.(J. & L. Biss)
8:00 AM Rita Kantoski, Birthday (Family)
12:00 PM Margaret L.Dodson (Joe Dzurenko)

January 9, Saturday: Christmas Weekday

Readings: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30
8:00 AM Argenia 'Arg' Sposeto (Kilcoyne Family)
12:00 PM Health of Bob Schmitt (Family)

Vigil: The Baptism of the Lord

Readings: Is 42:1-4,6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Lk 3:15-16,21-22
5:00 PM Larry Eastbourn (Madeline Vogel Family)

Our Lady of Fatima Mass Intentions

January 10, Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord

Readings: Is 42:1-4,6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Lk 3:15-16,21-22
***10:30 AM Paul Rose (Vince and Yolanda Bumann)**

JANUARY 3, 2016

Scripture Reflection

The Solemnity of the Epiphany was once called "Little Christmas," and the story of the Magi was one of the four "epiphanies" or manifestations that surrounded God's intervention in human history. The birth of Christ, his baptism, and the miracle of the wedding feast of Cana are the other three. Each of these signs gives a different insight on Christ's coming. How does Matthew tell his Epiphany story?

The first Gentiles encountered in Matthew's Gospel are magi from the East who seek the new king of the Jews. The word *magos* originally referred to a member of the Persian priestly class, and later was used of those who engaged in Eastern philosophy and science--hence magicians and astrologers. The magi report seeing a star rising, which, in popular understanding, signaled the birth of a significant person. This star directs the magi to Bethlehem, where they found the "king" in very humble circumstances. The magi pay homage to baby Jesus, presenting him with gifts befitting a king: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Today we celebrate the appearance of Christ to the Gentiles, told in the story of the Magi following the bright star that led to the newborn King. Their story invites us to reflect on their willingness to journey so far to meet Jesus and their reverence for mystery. Matthew tells us the magi receive a warning not to return to Herod--a warning in a dream. In the Bible, dreams alert humans that certain occurrences are not what they seem. The Magi "departed for their country by another way." Once one encounters an "epiphany" of divine origins, life is changed.

- **Christmas Season continues.**
- **What star will you follow this new year?**
- **Dare to show forgiveness, and follow the Star of Mercy.**

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Living the Word, Laurie Brink and Paul Colloton, 2015, pages 36-37

Blessing of the Home on Epiphany

This ceremony of the blessing of the home and inscription of the initials of the three Magi above each door can be performed either by a priest or the father of the family. This is from the book *The Twelve Days of Christmas* by Elsa Chaney. The feast of manifestation, or Epiphany, is traditionally celebrated the 12th day after Christmas, January 6th. In the dioceses of the United States this feast has been moved to the Sunday between January 2 and January 8.

Prayer:

On entering the home,

Leader (Priest, if present, or father of the family) : Peace be to this house.

All: And to all who dwell herein.

All: From the east came the Magi to Bethlehem to adore the Lord; and opening their treasures they offered precious gifts: gold for the great King, incense for the true God, and myrrh in symbol of His burial.

All Pray: The Magnificat. During the Magnificat, the room is sprinkled with holy water and incensed. After this is completed,

All: From the east came the Magi to Bethlehem to adore the Lord; and opening their treasures they offered precious gifts: gold for the great King, incense for the true God, and myrrh in symbol of His burial.

Leader: Our Father. . .

And lead us not into temptation

All: But deliver us from evil.

Leader: All they from Saba shall come

All: Bringing gold and frankincense.

Leader: O Lord, hear my prayer.

All: And let my cry come to You.

Leader: Let us pray. O God, who by the guidance of a star didst on this day manifest Thine only-begotten Son to the Gentiles, mercifully grant that we who know Thee by faith may also attain the vision of Thy glorious majesty. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Leader: Be enlightened, be enlightened, O Jerusalem, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee—Jesus Christ born of the Virgin Mary.

All: And the Gentiles shall walk in thy light and kings in the splendor of thy rising, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon thee.

Leader: Let us pray.

Bless, + O Lord God almighty, this home, that in it there may be health, purity, the strength of victory, humility, goodness and mercy, the fulfillment of Thy law, the thanksgiving to God the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. And may this blessing remain upon this home and upon all who dwell herein. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

After the prayers of the blessing are recited, each room of the home is sprinkled with Epiphany water and incensed. The initials of the Magi are inscribed upon the doors with the blessed chalk. (The initials, C, M, B, can also be interpreted as the Latin phrase "Christus mansionem benedicat" which means "Christ bless this house".)

Example: **20 + C + M + B + 16**

The magnificat

My soul magnifies the Lord

And my spirit rejoices in God my Savior;

Because He has regarded the lowliness of His handmaid;

For behold, henceforth all generations shall call me blessed;

Because He who is mighty has done great things for me,
and holy is His name;

And His mercy is from generation to generation
on those who fear Him.

He has shown might with His arm,

He has scattered the proud in the conceit of their heart.

He has put down the mighty from their thrones,
and has exalted the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich He has sent away empty.

He has given help to Israel, his servant, mindful of His mercy

Even as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his posterity for-

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