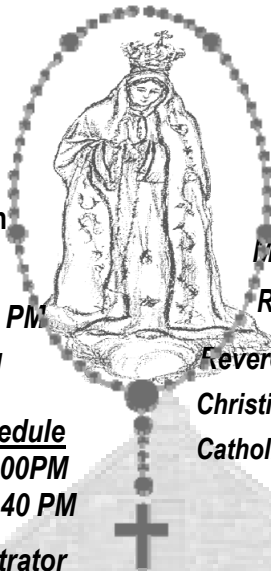


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Our Lady of Fatima
Pleaded that we pray the Holy Rosary
before Sunday Mass and
privately from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm daily.



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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:
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Our Lady of Fatima Church is open
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Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals will be held at
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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 ...

Today concludes the Christmas Season. The Church prays at Mass, "... we humbly entreat your mercy, O Lord, that, faithfully listening to your Only Begotten Son, we may be your children in name and in truth." On this celebration of the baptism of the Lord, we recall our baptismal identity in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. By God's mercy and love we have been claimed for Jesus Christ. We are children of light and seek to live this new life of faith through God's mercy.

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

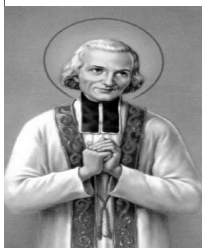
HOLY ROSARY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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.

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

10:30 AM

INTENTION: Paul Rose



ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown

Assessed = \$15,100

The final figures for the 2015 ACA will be available for next week's bulletin.

I am told that the Development Office was overwhelmed with donations at the last minute and are still pushing to get done. Figures on-line are from Dec. 24th posting.

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. 11-1 PM and 3-6 PM.

We will need folks to make the hoagies beforehand. Sign up with Ray Kelly @ 946-1305. The more folks that help the sooner the preparing and cleanup will be accomplished!

Please Note:

There will be a collection on January 17th for the Bus Trip to Washington for Citizens Concerned For Human Life on Friday, January 22nd. See page 5 for details.

*Lord
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Happy Birthday:

01/12 Tom Hofer, Avery Wallace
01/13 Orvita Knott, Bryan Starr
01/15 Deb O'Connor
01/17 Joe Summers

Wedding Anniversaries:

01/13 Connie and Tom Andros

Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Prince Gallitzin Court #2625 will meet on Monday January 11, 2016, at St. Rose of Lima social Hall for a 6:30 PM social followed by a 7 PM meeting. New members welcome.

MONEY MATTERS For December 2015.

Parish Receipts:

Deposit Dates:

December 7th = 3055.96 Second Sun. of Advent

December 9th = 207.00 Immaculate Conc.

December 14th = 1959.00 Third Sun of Advent

December 21st = 1512.30 Fourth Sun of Advent

December 22nd = 1500.00 Christmas off

December 28th = 2627.00 Christmas Day

December 31st = 20.00 Christmas off

Other Unusual Receipts for December:

Christmas Flowers = 685.00

Catholic Charities = 10.00

Retirement for Religious = 60.00

ACCS Collection = 50.00

Bequest (B. Weakland) = 1500.00

Memorials:

Dean Barry: = 605.00

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 10, 2016

Readings: Is 42:1-4,6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Lk 3:15-16,21-22

Cathedral Mass Intentions

January 11, Monday: Weekday (Week 1 in Ordinary Time)

Readings: 1 Sm 1:1-8; Mk 1:14-20

6:45 AM Patty Seidel Howard/David Weaver, Anniv.

8:00 AM Patty Guildea & Family (J. & B. Shoemaker)

12:00 PM Sam Coen (Joe and Patty Pufka)

January 12, Tuesday: Weekday

Readings: 1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28

6:45 AM Alice Martynuska (Family)

*8:00 AM Bernadette Weakland (Monica Gimo)

12:00 PM Danyll Rougeux (Roberta & Brian Burns)

January 13, Wednesday: Saint Hilary, Bishop, Doctor

Readings: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39

6:45 AM John Batkiewicz (Batkiewicz Family)

8:00 AM Donna Lytle Civils (Skip Cowan & Family)

*12:00 PM Paul Rose (Rabine Family)

January 14, Thursday: Weekday

Readings: 1 Sm 4: 1-11; Mk 1:40-45

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

8:00 AM Ruby Doyle (Dave Donnelly)

12:00 PM Betty McCabe (Michael and Suzan Kuny)

January 15, Friday: Weekday

Readings: 1 Sm 8:4-7,10-22; Mk 2:1-12

6:45 AM Eleanor Toth (Dave and Karen Rhoa)

8:00 AM Herb Kutruff (Kilcoyne Family)

12:00 PM Dennis Irwin (Mother)

January 16, Saturday: Weekday

Readings: 1 Sm 9:1-4,17-19; 10:1; Mk 2:13-17

*8:00 AM Frank Auerbeck (Tony and Sue Conrad)

12:00 PM Mildred Burchfield (Jane and Jim Davidson)

Vigil: Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

Readings: Is 62:1-5; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

*5:00 PM Dr. Fred Petrunak, Birthday (Family)

Our Lady of Fatima Mass Intention

January 17, Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

Readings: Is 62:1-5; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

*10:30 AM Mildred Mauceri (Angela, Brian & Jacob Law)

JANUARY 10, 2016

Scripture Reflection

The first thing Jesus did in his public ministry was to align himself with John the Baptist's call to repentance and reconciliation among God's people. Jesus entered into solidarity with Israel, responding to John's call for the baptism of all Israel to prepare for God's coming kingdom. Jesus saw the baptism for the forgiveness of sins as the means by which his own ministry would begin, both at personal and community levels. For Jesus, the baptism was the mysterious start of his mission, and act in unity with fallen humanity but also the point at which the heavens opened, the Holy Spirit descended on him and a voice from heaven spoke, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." Jesus' own mission was now to start.

At the ecclesial level, Jesus was baptized "when all the people were baptized," not only as a sign of solidarity with Israel but also to prepare them for the baptism of the Holy Spirit, which John had told the people the coming Messiah would bring to them. The people were ready, wondering whether John himself might be the Messiah. John's baptism was, therefore, the necessary sign that another baptism of water and spirit was coming with the Messiah. A new people of God was being constituted. Jesus, the servant of God, was not after all alone as a light to the nations. A new Israel would walk with him, baptized with water and the Holy Spirit.

Today ends the Christmas season. We put away the singing of Christmas carols, like "Joy to the World," but not living their words. Because we put on Christ in baptism, we too are beloved daughters and sons of God. The Holy Spirit has been poured out on us. We do more than point the way to Christ like John the Baptizer; we are called to live Jesus. Baptism makes us heralds of glad tidings who announce that God is with us, offering comfort and speaking tenderly. Our lives proclaim "here is your God" in small ways that speak loudly. Be a living carol that sings joy to the world, the Lord is come for all.

- **At baptism you were claimed for Christ.**
- **What particular gifts do you have to share with others in the name of the Lord?**

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TO: ADMINSTRATOR OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH

Dear *Msgr. Meyer,*

We would remind you and your parishioners to join us on the 43rd Annual March for Life to be held on Friday, January 22, 2016 in Washington, D.C. In connection with this tragic anniversary, we respectfully request permission to conduct our annual fundraiser at your church on the weekend of January 16-17, 2016.

Once again, we will be requesting donations to support the March for Life and other pro-life activities. We will be offering pro-life buttons, roses for life stickers, ribbons, and precious feet in exchange for any donation.

The buses will be leaving the Altoona area at 7:00 A.M. on January 22, 2016 and should return to this area about 9:30 P.M. The cost will once again be kept at \$15.00 per person, \$10 for students, and each of the participants will be requested to bring their lunch with them and enough money to cover the cost of their supper. I am enclosing a bulletin insert that we request you place in your bulletin as soon as possible.

A prayer service will be celebrated at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursday, January 21, 2016 at 7P.M. with Bishop Bartchak presiding. At this prayer service, a blessing will be given for all those going on the March for Life, and it is our hope that those who will not be able to go on the March for Life will attend the prayer service in support of the least of our brethren.

We need to have a good turnout to insure that no ground is lost in the battle for the life of the innocent. For more information, please call my wife, Patricia, at 946-0681. Thank you for all of your efforts on behalf of the unborn.

Very sincerely yours,

Tom

R. Thomas Forr, Jr.

RTF/p



March for Life Bus Trip

When: Friday, January 22, 2016

Where: Washington, D. C.

Cost: Adults - \$15.00; Students -\$10.00

For Reservations, call:

Patricia or Marita Forr-946-0681

Roxann Blazewicz – 695-8008

Anne Zelnosky – 942-2723



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.

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-

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".)

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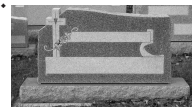
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