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Catholic Schools Week
January 29th to February 4th

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.

JANUARY 29, 2017

Our Lady of Fatima Parish
2010 12th Avenue
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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
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
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Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak, Bishop
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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

Liturgical Reflection...

ORDER OF CELEBRATING MATRIMONY

In the revised Order of Celebrating Matrimony (2016), the Church states that children are the supreme gift of Marriage and contribute greatly to the good of the parents themselves. The ultimate crown of Marriage is procreation and the formation of children in the faith. The love of husband and wife is a creative love and, with God's presence, new life is born of the love of the married couple. The intimate community of life and love between the spouses is holy and divine. Married love is communal and results in the creation of the human family.

2017, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 South Logan Boulevard, Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania 16648

Sunday, January 29, 2017 at 2:00 PM... Time change from 3 to 2:00 PM

Mount Calvary Lutheran Church in Richland (Johnstown), Bishop Michael Rhyne, Lutheran bishop of the Allegheny Lutheran Synod, will preside at a Lutheran-Catholic Common Commemoration of the Reformation. Presiding with Bishop Rhyne will be Bishop Mark Bartchak, who will preach.

January 29 Mt 5:1-12a

It is in our family where we learn to be merciful and comforting to others. The Beatitudes of the Kingdom of God begin at home and depend on you. Parents lead the way.

Catholic Schools Week...

The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown will celebrate Catholic Schools Week January 29-February 4, 2017. This year's theme is Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge, and Service. There are 14 Catholic elementary schools and four independent Catholic high schools in the Diocese, with a total enrollment of more than 4,100 students. All of the school communities will observe Catholic Schools Week with their own Masses and unique celebrations.

All-School Mass-Friday, February 3rd...

Holy Trinity Catholic School will celebrate their Catholic Schools Week Mass in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament at 9:30 AM. All HTCS families and friends are invited to participate.

February 3rd... Mass of St. Blaise

There are 4 Masses on the Feast of St. Blaise. (refer to Mass Schedule Page 3.) Throats will be blessed at each of the Masses at The Cathedral.



02	01	Ron Biem
02	02	Jean Noonan
02	02	Pete Starr
02	03	Joe Robuck
02	03	David Smith
02	05	Adam Kasun

NOCTURNAL ADORATION

***FRIDAY, February 3rd
St. Mary's Church
Altoona, PA
8-11 PM***

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 29, 2017

10:30 AM

OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS

Readings: Zep 2:3; 3:12-12; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12

Today's intention - Denise Keagy

February 5, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Is 58:7-10; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

***10:30 AM Catherine Burr (Sandy & Joe Hebler)**

Cathedral Mass Intentions

January 30, Monday: Weekday

Readings: Heb 11:32-40; Mk 5:1-20

6:45 AM George Weamer (Eileen Rohm)

8:00 AM Walter Mazur, Anniversary (Family)

12:00 PM Betty McCabe (Pat Rhoads)

January 31, Tuesday: Saint John Bosco, Priest

Readings: Heb 12:1-4; Mk 5:21-43

6:45 AM Deceased Sisters of IHM

8:00 AM Herb Kuttruff (Randy and Jean Koury)

***12:00 PM Paul Rose (Burr Family)**

February 1, Wednesday: Weekday

Readings: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Mk 7:1-6

6:45 AM Carl Drexler (Cathedral Parish)

8:00 AM Kay A. Seidel Lint (Rita & Kathy C. Sonka)

12:00 PM Robert Smithmyer, Birth. (Wife & Family)

February 2, Thursday: The Presentation of the Lord

Readings: Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40

6:45 AM Bernard Weaver, Ann. (Jim, Elaine & Fam.)

***8:00 AM Theresa Bruno (Husband and Family)**

12:00 PM Sally Conrad (Mary Alexander)

February 3, Friday: Saint Blaise, Bishop & Martyr

Readings: Heb 13:1-8; Mk 6:14-29

(Throats will be Blessed at all 4 Masses.)

6:45 AM Lavelle Family (Phyllis Sheetz)

8:00 AM Bill Mangiacarne-Special Inten. (Family)

9:30 AM Holy Trinity Catholic School

12:00 PM Samuel & Carole Mento (Adelman Family)

February 4, Saturday: Weekday

Readings: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Mk 6:30-34

8:00 AM M. Virginia Jones (Rosemary Barcaro)

***12:00 PM Janet Pufka (Kirk, Donna, Maggie Kling)**

Vigil: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Is 58:7-10; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

5:00 PM Mary Patricia Grove

JANUARY 29, 2017

Scripture Reflection

The beatitudes are promises that God has made to humanity. Some of these promises are fulfilled in every age; mourners are comforted each day. Others will only find fulfillment in the fullness of God's kingdom: "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land." The beatitudes describe life in God's kingdom. There will be no mourning, no want, no lack of mercy; grace will abound; and God's own peace will bring injustice to an end.

This was a message of hope for Jesus' first disciples. They lived in uncertain times, haunted by economic insecurity and threats of violence. This was also a message of hope for Matthew's audience. They were probably wealthier than Jesus' first disciples, but they likely suffered greater social and political persecution as a result. The beatitudes promise that present suffering in God's service will lead to future joy for oneself and for Christians yet to come.

Naming the poor, the weak, the mourning and the hungry "blessed" was deliberately shocking. Such language requires a firm belief that God's kingdom is on its way. Without this, the beatitudes are airy platitudes, or worse, condescending justifications of human misery. Belief in the coming kingdom makes each of these statements a promise of salvation.

Jesus believed he lived in the time of fulfillment. His words are urgent: "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land---soon! Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy---soon!" Matthew the Evangelist understood that, in spite of Jesus' delay, God's kingdom has already begun. When Christ's disciples reveal it through word and example, they start to realize the promise of the beatitudes: they obtain mercy, they find God among the poor, they live under God's reign.

- Which beatitude best describes your life and which is least descriptive of your life?
- Which beatitudes do you find comforting and which do you find to be a challenge?

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

Out and About...

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Part-time Housekeeper for Dmitri Manor Hollidaysburg

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Resumes must be submitted to 927 South Logan Boulevard, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648; Attn: Human Resources

Cathedral Religious Education...

Sunday, Jan. 29-Reg. Classes for Pre-K-Grade 8, 8:30 am-9:45 AM.

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THE BOOKS ARE \$25.00 NATIONAL COUPONS ALSO!
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PIEROGI SALE...

Pierogie are being sold for pickup on Ash Wednesday, March 1st from 1:00-6:30PM. Timing is coordinated with Mass times at the Cathedral and the distribution of Ashes that day. Bring a cooler to keep them in as they are uncooked and frozen. That gives us 6 weeks of selling time! Pew sheets are available now. The cost of the regular potato, potato and cheese etc. will be \$7.00 per dozen. The cottage cheese pierogi alone will cost \$9.00 per dozen. **Deadline for ordering is February 22nd at NOON.**

NOTE FROM BISHOP MARK..

Beginning immediately no Precious Blood will be given out until the Flu Season ends!

Our Lady of Fatima Co-op Winners Jan 17-21, 2017

01/17	414	Michael Riggelman	\$50.00
01/18	713	Jean Hagan	\$50.00
01/19	709	Stan Sral	\$50.00
01/20	339	Gwen Ramos	\$50.00
01/21	593	Joe Maddox	\$50.00
01/22	451	Chris Keagy	\$50.00

Sacramental Prep...

Tenth Grade Confirmation Prep retreat on Saturday, January 21, is postponed and has been rescheduled for Sat. Feb. 18. The day will end with the "Rite of Commitment" AT THE 5:00 pm Mass.

THE FEAST OF ST. BRIDGID DANCE...

The Knight's of Columbus, Saturday, February 4th, 1508 12th Avenue, Altoona; 7-11 PM; Irish Food & Drink provided. Doors open @ 6:30 PM. Public is Welcome—\$20 Donation/Person. Call 814 280-7661. Tickets in Advance only!! Proceeds to benefit K OF C BUILDING FUND!

The 2016 Annual Catholic Appeal ended on Dec. 31st. Our Lady of Fatima parish is now obligated to pay \$2,715 deficit.

The 2017 Appeal will begin after Easter.

January 2017 Contributions

1/2217	Env Used	66 /149
Weekly		\$1330.65
Cmas Club		0
Votives		51.00
Children's		4.00
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Cmas Flowers		0
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Believers.

Stewardship is servanthood to God through the church not to the church institution.

Dan R. Dick in *Revolutionizing Stewardship in the 21st Century: Lessons from Copernicus*

Never measure your generosity by what you give, but rather by what you have left.

Bishop Fulton J. Sheen (1895-1979),
Roman Catholic Bishop

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.

Our Lady of Fatima Fiscal year is July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017

December	2016
Beg. Bal.	\$ 6096.45
Income	12,380.40
Expense	10,828.49
End. Balance	7548.36

Stewardship Quotes...

Say What?...

Christian Stewardship begins with God at the Center. When Stewardship revolves around any other center, it is misconceived. The institution of the church is an inadequate substitute for the incarnate body of Christ. The church as institution is a means to the end of the churches the fellowship of all ... cont'd next column

St. Blaisé, Feast day February 3rd...

Many Catholics might remember Saint Blaise's feast day, February 3, because of the Blessing of the Throats that take place on this day. Two candles are blessed, held slightly open, and pressed against the throat as the blessing is said.

Very few facts are known about Saint Blaise. It is believed he was a bishop of Sebastea in Armenia who was martyred under the reign of Licinius in the early fourth century.

The legend of St. Blaise tells us that he was born into a rich and noble family who raised him as a Christian. He became a bishop. Later, a new persecution of Christians began. He received a message from God to go into the hills to escape persecution. Hunters discovered a cave surrounded by wild animals who were sick. Blaise walked among them unafraid, curing them of their illnesses. The hunters recognized Blaise as a Bishop, so they captured him to take him back for trial. On the way back, he talked a wolf into releasing a pig that belonged to a poor woman. When Blaise was sentenced to be starved to death, the woman, in gratitude, sneaked into the prison with food and candles. Finally, the governor had Blaise killed.

Saint Blaise is the patron of physicians, sick cattle, wax- chandlers, woolcombers, and of wild animals because of his care for them and of those with throat maladies. He is invoked against afflictions of the throat (Bentley, Roeder).

As one of the Fourteen Holy Helpers, Saint Blaise was much venerated throughout Central Europe. In art he is a bishop with a metal comb and a tall candle. He may be shown in many different ways: (1) with crozier (pastoral staff) and two candles (no comb); (2) martyred by being torn with iron combs; (3) in a cave with wild animals; (4) discovered by hunters, a fawn near him (not to be confused with the monk, Saint Giles); (5) blessing the birds in front of a cave; (6) rescuing a poor woman's pig from a wolf; (6) saving the life of a boy who swallowed a fishbone; or (7) with the city of Dubrovnik in his hand or being carried over the city by angels (Roeder).

Novena in Honor of St. Blaise

PREPARATORY PRAYER

Almighty and Eternal God! With lively faith and reverently worshiping Thy Divine Majesty, I prostrate myself before Thee and invoke with filial trust Thy supreme bounty and mercy. Illumine the darkness of my intellect with a ray of Thy heavenly light and inflame my heart with the fire of Thy divine love, that I may contemplate the great virtues and merits of the saint in whose honor I make this novena, and following his example imitate, like him, the life of Thy divine Son.

Moreover, I beseech Thee to grant graciously, through the merits and intercession of this powerful Helper, the petition which through him I humbly place before Thee, devoutly saying, "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." Vouchsafe graciously to hear it, if it redounds to Thy greater glory and to the salvation of my soul. Amen.

Prayer in honor of St. Blaise

O GOD, deliver us through the intercession of Thy holy bishop and martyr Blaise, from all evil of soul and body, especially from all ills of the throat; and grant us the grace to make a good confession in the confident hope of obtaining Thy pardon, and ever to praise with worthy lips Thy most holy name. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Invocation of St. Blaise

St. BLAISE, gracious benefactor of mankind and faithful servant of God, who for the love of our Savior did suffer so many tortures with patience and resignation; I invoke thy powerful intercession. Preserve me from all evils of soul and body. Because of thy great merits God endowed thee with the special grace to help those that suffer from ills of the throat; relieve and preserve me from them, so that I may always be able to fulfill my duties, and with the aid of God's grace perform good works. I invoke thy help as special physician of souls, that I may confess my sins sincerely in the holy sacrament of Penance and obtain their forgiveness. I recommend to thy merciful intercession also those who unfortunately concealed a sin in confession. Obtain for them the grace to accuse themselves sincerely and contritely of the sin they concealed, of the sacrilegious confessions and communions they made, and of all the sins they committed since then, so that they may receive pardon, the grace of God, and the remission of the eternal punishment. Amen.

Prayer

My LORD and my God! I offer up to Thee my petition in union with the bitter passion and death of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, together with the merits of His immaculate and blessed Mother, Mary ever virgin, and of all the saints, particularly with those of the holy Helper in whose honor I make this novena.

Look down upon me, merciful Lord! Grant me Thy grace and Thy love, and graciously hear my prayer. Amen.

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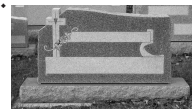
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