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January 28, 2018
Come, let us bow down in
worship;
let us kneel before the
LORD who made us.
— Psalm 95:6

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.

St. Ansgar, Feast Day, February 3



Our Lady of Fatima Parish
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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
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Parish Secretary
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Secretary's Assistant
Ellen Kelly

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Our Lady of Fatima Church is open
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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

JANUARY 28, 2018

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TRUE PROPHETS

In Deuteronomy today we hear that God's very words will fill the mouth of a true prophet, but a false prophet will, in a manner of speaking, put mere mortal words into God's mouth. In Mark's Gospel, we see Jesus teaching and healing as a true prophet, one filled with the authority of God's own voice. The whole history of our church is filled with both true and false prophets. Some false prophets were extremely popular and quite well-versed in scripture, and even held positions of authority. But in today's Gospel we learn that Jesus' fame spread because he taught with authority; he wasn't an authority because he was popular or famous. Elsewhere, we also learn from him, in his desert temptation confrontations with Satan, that anyone can quote scripture, even against God's purposes. Today we hear that his authority was not like that of the scribes, who held the official positions of religious authority in his day. Our work is to do our best to discern the true prophets in our midst, and to be true prophets as well. The psalmist tells us how to do this: by not hardening our hearts when God speaks. If we truly listen to God, it will be God's very words filling our mouths.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

This is the year of St. Paul, and so one of the most visited churches of Rome is also one of the most beautiful: the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls. Like so many other churches, it was founded by the master-builder (or financier) Emperor Constantine about the year 315. Paul was martyred outside the walls of the City of Rome at a place called Tre Fontaine, probably on June 29, in the year 65, perhaps the first anniversary of St. Peter's crucifixion. Christians buried him in a quiet place about two miles away, and visited to pray. Constantine was running low on bricks, apparently, because the first church was tiny. In 386 it was demolished and today's basilica begun. This vast and towering space looks much the same today as it did in the fourth century.

The centuries have not been kind to ancient Rome, but until the early 1800s St. Paul Outside the Walls survived beautifully, perhaps because it has been assigned for nearly a thousand years to Benedictine monks. It was therefore a vibrant place of daily prayer even through the centuries when Rome was a poor and nearly abandoned city. In 1823 a great fire resulted from a botched repair job to lead on the roof, and St. Paul's was destroyed. It is said that the whole world contributed to its restoration. Even the Russian czar and the viceroy of Egypt gave alabaster, malachite, and lapis lazuli for the pillars and the tabernacle. Several of the precious mosaics were able to be restored, bringing the ancient basilica back to life. One of the great treasures of the basilica is a set of prison chains, said to have been worn by the Apostle in the last days before his martyrdom. Unlike other Roman churches, St. Paul's stands in a garden-like suburban neighborhood, surrounded by stately palm trees, gardens, and parks.

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LEADERS

Leaders are like eagles. They don't flock. You find them . . . one at a time.

—Anonymous

JANUARY 28, 2018
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
10:30 AM

OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS

Readings: Dt 18:15-20; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

Today's Intention - Denise Keagy, Ann.

Readings: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

*** February 4th, Genevieve Musto, Connie Angski**

CATHEDRAL MASS INTENTIONS

January 29, Monday: Weekday

Readings: 2 Sm 15:13-14,30,16:5-13; Mk 5:1-20

6:45 AM Rev. Ildephonse J. Denny, Ann. (Cathedral Parish)

8:00 AM Vocations for Religious Life (Rita & Jerry Kibler)

12:00 PM Bea Mannion (Jim & Steph Kilcoyne)

January 30, Tuesday: Weekday

Readings: 2 Sm 18:9-10,14,24-25,30-19:3; Mk 5:21-43

6:45 AM Loretta Batkiewicz (Cathedral Parish)

8:00 AM Bernard Frederick (Robert Frederick Family)

12:00 PM Walter Mazur, Anniv. (Family)

January 31, Wednesday: Saint John Bosco, Priest

Readings: 2 Sm 24:2,9-17; Mk 6:1-6

6:45 AM Poor Souls

8:00 AM Rose Ciavarella (Alex & Barb Franco)

12:00 PM Fred Hunter, Jr. (Cooney Family)

February 1, Thursday: Weekday

Readings: 1 Kgs 2:1-4,10-12; Mk 6:7-13

6:45 AM Joseph A. Keirn (Mom & Dad)

***8:00 AM Joe Milliron (Dr. & Mrs. Peter Starr)**

12:00 PM Robert Smithmyer, Birthday (Wife)

February 2, Friday: The Presentation of the Lord

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

6:45 AM Poor Souls

8:00 AM Anna Mercer (Paul & Family)

9:30 AM Holy Trinity Catholic School

***12:00 PM Tom Byrne (Patty & Joe Pufka)**

February 3, Saturday: Saint Blaise, Bishop & Martyr

Readings: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34

8:00 AM Herbert Kutruff (Tony & Sue Conrad)

12:00 PM Anthony Kibelbek (John & Alice Joyce)

Vigil: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Jb 7:1-4,6-7; 1 Cor 9:16-19,22-23; Mk 1:29-39

5:00 PM Patrick & Nancy Jones, 51st Anniv. (Family)

JANUARY 28 2018
Scripture Reflection

In today's Gospel, we hear of Jesus' first miracle as told in Mark's Gospel---the story of Jesus driving an unclean spirit out of a man. Ancients believed that certain diseases were caused by unclean spirits inhabiting the person. Mark shapes the meaning of this story by giving it a rather lengthy introduction and conclusion. "What is this? A new teaching with authority?"

Someone who speaks with authority combines clarity of vision and compelling experience. This is what Mark describes in this week's Gospel passage. Jesus did not have scribal training; he did not have the full knowledge of the traditions and interpretations that surrounded the Scriptures. Scribes had carefully compiled these for centuries, and they took a lifetime to learn.

Jesus saw a problem. He also knew the Scriptures, and he applied them at home, in his work shop and among his family, friends, neighbors and employers. He recognized that although scribal traditions could open one to grace, they could also be a source of vanity, manipulation and snobbery. Jesus' teaching, based on the same Scriptures, electrified his hearers. As Jesus spoke with authority, many came to believe that he was the fulfillment of these prophecies.

Jesus' authority extended to power over illness. In this is guidance for our own discipleship. We all know leaders who speak of values but fail to embody them, who promise clear guidance but use their power instead to serve their ego. It is easy to wonder what to believe and to let a sense of anxious confusion affect all aspects of life. Those disciples who can live in Christ with authenticity will, through word and example, deliver others from this anxiety and all the trouble it brings. Then we, like Christ, can teach and heal with God's own authority.

- **What authority does Jesus have in your life?**
- **Can you be specific, and name those areas where Christ's authority is strong?**

***Please Remember Our Sick and our Shut-ins in
your Daily prayers.***

AT HOME with the WORD 2018, Archdiocese of Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, pg. 41. AMERICA MAGAZINE, "He Speaks With Authority" Michael R. Simone, S.J., January 16, 2018.

HIGH SCHOOL RELIGIOUS ED...

FIRE CLASS is Today, January 28th.

REMINDER; CONFIRMATION PREP:

11th grade Retreat, Saturday, February 3, 2018, @
St. Francis University, 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, January 28, 2018

Bishop Gregory of Nyssa of the Orthodox tradition will host an ecumenical service at Christ the Saviour Cathedral, 300 Garfield Street, Johnstown, Pennsylvania. The service begins at 2:00 P.M. Bishop Mark Bartchak will be in attendance. All are invited to participate in this prayer.

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See Paul after Mass!



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The items are **POTATO WITH:** Cheddar, Pepper Jack, White American, or Sauerkraut, Cottage Cheese w/ Chives. Ricotta based Gnocchi, and 6-Cheese Ravioli. The sweet pierogie are Apple, Blueberry, and Lemon. You can buy Prune also but did not have room on the pew sheet. We are a little late getting started. The orders must be in by Wed. February 28 @ noon. Pickup is Wed. March 7 at the Rectory from 1 PM to 6PM. Call 942-0371 or e-mail: oloff10@hotmail.com.

See Cathedrals flyer on the bulletin board and doors for their Lenten Lunch Fish Fry.

St. Therese of the Child Jesus' Fish Fry or steamed Shrimp @ Fr. Kelly Hall, Fridays during Lent, Feb 16 & 23; March 2, 9, 16 & 23rd, 4 - 7PM. \$10.00 adults, \$7.00 for Children under 12. Take-outs available.

2017 Contribution Statements will be in the Mail on Monday

JANUARY COLLECTIONS 2018			PRO-LIFE COLLECTION		HAPPY BIRTHDAY		NOCTURNAL ADORATION	
January 21, 2018	Env used	58/147	JANUARY 14TH		01/28	Dana Smith		
Weekly		1485.00	\$230.10		01/30	Joe Gaeto, Jr.		
Christmas Club		30.00	THANK YOU TO		01/31	Ron Smith		
Christmas		150.00	THE 93 FOLKS IN		02/01	Ron Biem, Sr.		
Solemnity		7.00	ATTENDANCE AT		02/02	Jean Noonan		
Votives		84.00	THE 10:30 AM		02/02	Pete Starr	FEBRUARY 2, 2018	
Children's		4.00	MASS LAST		02/03	Joe Robuck	ST. MARY'S, ALTOONA	
Shrine		13.00	SUNDAY.		02/03	David Smith	8-11 PM	
Music		10.00						
Init Offering		15.00						
Dep. For Week		1798.00						

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time (January 28)

Are you not filled with a sense of wonder whenever Jesus speaks to you? May your astonishment cause Jesus' fame to spread wherever you go. May you serve with deep conviction as a disciple of Jesus Christ with your actions.

January 28 Mark 1:21-28

Today's gospel reminds us 'unclean spirits' still haunt our families. These 'spirits' thrive inside our grudges, punishing silence, impatience, addictions and abruptness. Today Jesus offers you the "authority" to cast out these spirits from your life and your family.

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Liturgical Reflection...

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN FUNERALS

The Catholic believer is usually assisted with three distinct prayers at the time of death. The Church initially gathers with the family at the Vigil for the deceased. This prayer is grounded in Holy Scripture. The central prayer at the time of death is the Funeral Mass. At the funeral liturgy the deceased is given over to the mercy of God. We gather celebrating the Sacred Mysteries of the Lord's death and resurrection, asking that our beloved dead rest in the peace of Christ. Finally the family gathers graveside for the prayers of Committal. We pray that our dead rest in their graves until the Lord calls them forth at his coming again in glory.

Order of Christian Funerals, 1998- 1989.

2018, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 South Logan Boulevard, Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania 16648

To Walk in Jesus' Footsteps

Msgr. Michael Becker and Father Dennis Kurdziel will be leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, May 16 to May 26, 2018. The trip includes all round-trip travel costs from Altoona to Tel Aviv, with spend three nights in Nazareth, five nights in Jerusalem, accompanied by an English speaking guide. Most meals are included. We will be celebrating Mass daily. Total cost for double occupancy is \$3,850. Informational meetings will be held in Johnstown at St. Benedict's John Paul II Center on Tuesday, February 6 at 7:00 PM and in Altoona at St. John the Evangelist Church Hall in Lakemont on Wednesday, February 7th at 7:00PM. For further details, call Msgr. Becker at 814.942.5503 or Jim Roccio of Festival Travel at 814.467.8024.

CHRISM MASS Two Volunteers are needed to attend the Chrism Mass and bring back the Holy Oils.!

Bishop will gather with his college of presbyters on Monday of Holy Week, March 26, at 11:00 AM in the Altoona Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament for the annual celebration of the Chrism Mass. All priests are asked to concelebrate. Each parish is asked to send two representatives who will receive the blessed oils to take back to your faith community. The Deans will again entrust the sacred oils to your parish representatives at the end of the Liturgy. The three oils are to be presented to the faith community during the celebration of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday evening.

Because of concern for the holy oils, tickets will again be issued for each parish. This helps identify parish representatives. Your ticket will be mailed separately on March 8. Please have your two parish representatives give their ticket to the Dean distributing the holy oils.

The Chrism Liturgy is a celebration of unity. The Bishop gathers with his college of priests and the people of God to celebrate our unity in Jesus Christ. The new oils will be presented for the Sacraments of Initiation celebrated at the Easter Vigil, throughout the Sundays of the Easter Season, and throughout the liturgical year.

Note: The oils are placed within a locked ambry.

CITIZENS CONCERNED FOR HUMAN LIFE, INC.

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January 23, 2018

Dear *Msgr. Magar,*

On behalf of Citizens Concerned for Human Life, I would like to thank you and your parishioners for assisting us with the March for Life fundraiser.

Our records reflect that your parish contributed \$ 205.¹⁰ to aid and assist us in paying for the buses and the materials procured in the preparation for the March.

We took two buses from the Altoona area this year to join the thousands of marchers from across the country.

We were encouraged by the numbers participating in the March this year and pray for an end to this tragic chapter in our country's history.

Once again, thank you for all of your efforts and the efforts of your parishioners.

Very sincerely yours,

Tom

R. Thomas Forr, Jr.

RTF/p

*P.S. Another \$25- arrived today 1/24/18 - total \$230.¹⁰;
Thank you !*



**OUR LADY URGES US TO PRAY THE HOLY ROSARY FOR
PEACE AND OFFER
SACRIFICES BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE!**

Feast Day February 3

Saint Ansgar's Story

The “apostle of the north” (Scandinavia) had enough frustrations to become a saint—and he did. He became a Benedictine at Corbie, France, where he had been educated. Three years later, when the king of Denmark became a convert, Ansgar went to that country for three years of missionary work, without noticeable success. Sweden asked for Christian missionaries, and he went there, suffering capture by pirates and other hardships on the way. Fewer than two years later, he was recalled, to become abbot of New Corbie (Corvey) and bishop of Hamburg. The pope made him legate for the Scandinavian missions. Funds for the northern apostolate stopped with Emperor Louis’s death. After 13 years’ work in Hamburg, Ansgar saw it burned to the ground by invading Northmen; Sweden and Denmark returned to paganism.

He directed new apostolic activities in the North, traveling to Denmark and being instrumental in the conversion of another king. By the strange device of casting lots, the king of Sweden allowed the Christian missionaries to return.

Ansgar’s biographers remark that he was an extraordinary preacher, a humble and ascetical priest. He was devoted to the poor and the sick, imitating the Lord in washing their feet and waiting on them at table. He died peacefully at Bremen, Germany, without achieving his wish to be a martyr.

Sweden became pagan again after his death, and remained so until the coming of missionaries two centuries later.

Reflection

History records what people do, rather than what they are. Yet the courage and perseverance of men and women like Ansgar can only come from a solid base of union with the original courageous and persevering Missionary. Ansgar’s life is another reminder that God writes straight with crooked lines. Christ takes care of the effects of the apostolate in his own way; he is first concerned about the purity of the apostles themselves.

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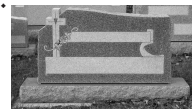
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