

**Bulletin # 102656**

**Our Lady of Fatima  
2010 12th Avenue  
Altoona, PA 16601**

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**Attn: Carol Smith**

**MESSAGES:**

**Second Sunday of Lent**

**March 7-8, 2009**

# **Fatima Mirror**

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This Week, 24,300 More American Citizens were tortured to death in U.S. Abortuaries

Post-abortion healing: 814-884-8000 Confidential, compassionate. For women, men, relatives, friends hurt by abortion. Helpful websites: [nparh.org](http://nparh.org); [abortionchangesyou.com](http://abortionchangesyou.com); [menandabortion.info](http://menandabortion.info) (not .org); [rachelsvineyard.org](http://rachelsvineyard.org).

**John 1:35** The next day John was there again with two of his disciples, 36 and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." 37 The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus.

**38** Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (meaning Teacher), "where are you staying?"

*Parish Adoration  
Of the  
Blessed Sacrament  
Every Wednesday 6:00 to 7:00 PM*



## **Prayer intention this week:**

All parishioners, relatives, friends, residents of the 5th Ward, and the caregivers of those suffering

### **ARTHRITIS**

**Saint Alphonus Liguori**, patron of those suffering from ARTHRITIS. Pray for us.

St. Alphonsus was born in the village of Marianella near Naples, Italy, September 27, 1696. At a tender age his pious mother inspired him with the deepest sentiments of piety. The education he received under the auspices of his father, aided by his own intellect, produced in him such results that at the early age of sixteen, he graduated in law. Shortly after, he was admitted to the Neopolitan bar. In 1723, he lost a case, and God made use of his disappointment to wean his heart from the world. In spite of all opposition, he now entered the ecclesiastical state. In 1726, he was ordained a priest. He exercised the ministry at various places with great fruit, zealously laboring for his own sanctification. In 1732, God called him to found the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, with the object of laboring for the salvation of the most abandoned souls. *(more on page two)*

Amid untold difficulties and innumerable trials, St. Alphonsus succeeded in establishing his Congregation, which became his glory and crown, but also his cross. The holy founder labored incessantly at the work of the missions until, about 1756, he was appointed Bishop of St. Agatha, a diocese he governed until 1775, when broken by age and infirmity, he resigned this office to retire to his convent where he died. Few saints have labored as much, either by word or by writing, as St. Alphonsus. He was a prolific and popular author, the utility of whose works will never cease. His last years were characterized by intense suffering, which he bore with resignation, adding voluntary mortifications to his other pains. His happy death occurred at Nocera de Pagani, August 1, 1787.



St. Alphonsus, preacher, confessor, founder, bishop, doctor of prayer and friend of the poor, you are also the special patron of all who suffer from arthritis and the pains of many years. When our fingers twist with pain, keep us focused on the hands of Christ pierced with ugly nails. When our knees knob with endless aches, allow us to see the knees of Jesus smashing to the street under the heavy cross. When our backs stiffen with soreness, let us remember the back of Christ thrown across the cold, rough wood of the cross. When our joints, hips, arms, legs and knuckles hurt so much that tears well up in our eyes, help us to recall the tears, the sweat and the blood that flowed from our crucified Jesus who suffered so much more for each of us.

St. Alphonsus, afflicted with curvature of the spine and nailed to a wheelchair cross in your final years, teach us to unite all our pains with the dreadful sufferings of Jesus on the cross. We ask you to ease our pains but more so to enable us to be one with Jesus in his great act of dying and rising. Amen.

### LENTEN ALMS GIVING ???

Each day, the Arthritis Foundation is at work in communities across the United States, researching the causes of and cures for arthritis, supporting community outreach and education programs, which directly help families cope with this devastating disease, and initiating grass-roots advocacy efforts which give it a face.

When you give to the Arthritis Foundation, you're making a wise investment. Not only does your gift go to work immediately, helping us serve Americans with arthritis, their families and health professionals who help them, but it's also an investment in the future, helping find a cure for arthritis. Central Pennsylvania Chapter, 3544 North Progress Avenue, Suite 204 Harrisburg, PA 17110

**MONEY MATTERS**

**First Sunday in Ordinary Time (March 1)**

271 people Celebrated Liturgy at O.L.F. contributing \$ 2,581.15 of which \$ 214.40 accounted for "loose".

<b># Envelopes In Circulation</b>	<b>229</b>	<b># Used</b>	<b>116</b>	<b># Unused</b>	<b>113</b>
1. Ash Wednesday Mandeville Collection			\$ 557.00		
2. Black-Indian Collection			\$ 25.00		

**Our Lady of Fatima Parish**

**SPAGHETTI DINNER SALE**

**\$5.00 Per Dinner**

**Wednesday, March 11th**  
**From 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM**

Pick up at the Rectory 2010 12th Avenue



Orders received no later than this Monday, March 9th by **12:00 Noon**  
 Phone **942-0371** or E-mail [oloff10@hotmail.com](mailto:oloff10@hotmail.com)

**St. Demetrius Parish in Gallitzin** will hold its annual Roast Beef Dinner / Spring Festival on Sunday, March 29. It will feature games, baskets, a bake sale, and of course our delicious roast beef dinner. Location: Church social hall (former St. Patrick building) at the top of Church Street. Time: 11 a.m. to ? Tickets: Adults, \$7:50; Children,\$4.00; Under 4, FREE; Takeouts, \$8.00

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES, FISH DINNERS** SAME GOOD FOOD AT 2008 PRICES! BEST DEAL IN TOWN - BEST MEAL IN TOWN, FISH DINNERS EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT, HAND-BREADED HADDOCK FILLET, HOMEMADE - BAKED MACARONI & HOMEMADE STEWED TOMATOES, Dessert and Beverage included  
 Adults \$7.50 Children \$5.00 EAT-IN DINNERS BEGIN AT 4:30 PM AND ARE SERVED UNTIL SOLD OUT

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR March 9-15, 2009**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>03/09</b>	<b>08:00 AM</b>	<b>Wally Jorkasky, Lois, Joe Jr. and Family</b>	<i>Frances of Rome, religious</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>03/10</b>	<b>08:00 AM</b>	<b>Mary Wozniak, 3rd Anv., daughter Barbara</b>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>03/11</b>	<b>08:00 AM</b>	<b>Walter Bieniek, Rougeux-Robine-Kelly Families</b>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>03/11</b>	<b>06:00 PM</b>	<b>ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT</b>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>03/12</b>	<b>08:00 AM</b>	<b>Pat Dennis, Jeanne &amp; Melissa Summers</b>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>03/13</b>	<b>08:00 AM</b>	<b>Theresa Bruno, Tom &amp; Carol Rice &amp; Family</b>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>03/13</b>	<b>06:00 PM</b>	<b>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</b>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>03/14</b>	<b>04:30 PM</b>	<b>Sally Colledge, husband Pete</b>	<i>Third Sunday of Lent</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>03/15</b>	<b>09:00 AM</b>	<b>Liv/Dec members of Our Lady of Fatima parish</b>	<i>Third Sunday of Lent</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>03/15</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>Janet Beck, Jack &amp; Colleen Douglass</b>	<i>Third Sunday of Lent</i>