

O.L.F. Year For Catholic Devotions June 2011 - June 2012

March is dedicated to the devotion of St. Joseph



2012 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown

begins

March 3-4, 2012

Our Lady of Fatima Goal

\$15,470.00

Next week is Pledge Sunday. Use this week to prayerfully determine how much you can realistically and sacrificially donate to the cause each of the coming eight months. As you discern (i.e. decide while in a prayerful state) keep these facts in mind:

- This year's goal is \$166.00 less than last year's goal, which we exceeded,
- Very few significant givers have died or otherwise separated themselves from OLF.
- Your pledging at the same level as last year should put us over the top.
- Anything over the 15,470 will go to OLF church improvements.
- To be a practicing Catholic means to be an active member of the diocesan family.
- No parish can exist without the diocese, but the diocese can exist without any particular parish.
- Although it's not the only consideration, an important element that goes into the determination of parish closures is how well each pulls its own weight.

Mon. 03/05 **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Cancer**
Feast Lenten Weekday
8:00 AM Mass Health of Jack Douglass, Colleen & Family

Tues. 03/06 **A Day Prayer for Victims of Heart Diseases**
Feast Lenten Weekday
8:00 AM Mass **NO MASS SCHEDULED**

Wed. 03/07 **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Arthritis**
Feast Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs
8:00 AM Mass Fr. Anthony J. Pollack, M/M Stan Sral and Family
6:00 PM “ Denise Keagy, M/M John Schimminger

Thur. 03/08 **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Nervous Disorders**
Feast Saint John of God, religious
8:00 AM Mass Rita Raichle, 3rd Ann 3/6, Rita and Barbara

Fri. 03/09 **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Emotional Disorders**
Feast Saint Frances of Rome, Religious
8:00 AM Mass Poor Souls in Purgatory, Carol Smith

Sat. 03/10 **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Diabetes**
Feast Third Sunday of Lent
4:30 PM Mass Donald Shuma, M/M Chuck Hennigan

Sun. 03/11 **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Addictions**
Feast Third Sunday of Lent
10:00 AM Mass Rose Marie Simanski, Paul & Adaline Cassarly

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

Happy Birthday:

3/10 Bert Bravin
3/11 Theresa Frishcorn
Irene Ptak
3/12 Darlene Mills
Jordan Pufka

Online Giving Option

Parishioners can now make a gift using our secure, online giving portal. We accept Visa, Mastercard, American Express and Discover cards. We are also able to process e-checks directly from a donor's checking account. From the Diocesan home page at www.dioceseaj.org, click the "Donate Today" tab to access the secure portal. While we incur a processing fee that has been averaging 2.5%, we offer this fulfillment method as a convenience to those who prefer to make online gifts.

Electronic Funds Transfer (E I) Option

We continue to offer automatic electronic withdrawals of pledge payments through our EFT option. Our bank continues to offer this service at no charge to us or the donor. An authorization form can be downloaded at www.dioceseaj.org/annual-catholic-appeal.

MONEY MATTERS

First Sunday in Lent (Sunday February 26, 2012)

177 people Celebrated Liturgy at O.L.F. contributing \$2,208.80 of which \$ 131.80 accounted for visitor contributions.
Envelopes In Circulation 205 # Used 87 # Unused 118

Pierogi Sale Profit = \$478.81
Mandeville Collection = \$281.00
Black/Indian Collection = \$30.00

“OUR LADY OF FATIMA KITCHENS”
Presents



**12” Hoagie with 2 slices each of Baked Ham, Bologna, Salami,
American Cheese, a slice of Provolone Cheese
Lettuce, onions and tomatoes**

On

**Wednesday,
March 21, 2012**

\$6.00

per sandwich

***Just call the rectory at 942-0371. Pickup at Knights of Columbus
(Drive-through), at the alley of 1508 12th Avenue.***

11:00 AM to 1:00 PM and 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM

***All orders must be received no later than
Monday, March 19 by 12 noon***



Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown

2011 Annual Catholic Appeal

925 S. Logan Boulevard

Hollidaysburg, PA 16648

www.dioceseaj.org

February 1, 2012

Rev. James D. Zatalava
Our Lady of Fatima Parish
2010 12th Avenue
Altoona, PA 16601

RE: 2012 Parish ACA Goal

Dear Fr. Zatalava and the faith community of Our Lady of Fatima,

Through many visits to parishes, schools, nursing homes, prisons, and other institutions and communities in our diocese, I have seen firsthand the ways in which the Catholic faith is lived and passed on from one generation to the next, including the education of children and youth in the Catholic faith; the training of teachers, catechists, and future priests and deacons; the works of mercy extended to shut-ins, those in prison, and those who struggle to find adequate shelter, food and clothing for themselves and their families. Our diocesan staff provides support and direction for these and other activities and ministries throughout the diocese.

There are so many needs to be met and at the same time there are so many talents in our diocese to be given that will help address these needs. Last November, in a brief reflection on the well-known parable of the talents (Mt 25:14-30), Pope Benedict XVI observed that through this parable Jesus wanted to teach his disciples to make good use of the gifts or talents that are given to each one of us by God. The Holy Father also noted that failing to use these talents would mean failing to achieve our purpose in life.

As a larger community of faith, the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown continues to work toward achieving our purpose in life by gathering gifts and talents in support of this year's Annual Catholic Appeal goal of \$2.6 million. The funds collected in this appeal will be applied to various activities and ministries that impact people throughout the diocese.

I am asking the people of Our Lady of Fatima Parish to share their financial gifts and talents in support of the Annual Catholic Appeal with a parish goal of \$15,470. Once the parish's contributions exceed this amount, all additional receipts will be returned to the parish for its own needs.

I wish to thank you in advance for your generosity and for whatever level of support you are able to share in this season of Lent. Please know that you are in my prayers as together we seek to use the talents God has given us. May God bless you for your generosity!

Sincerely in Christ,

+ *Mark L. Bartchak*

Most Rev. Mark L. Bartchak
Bishop of Altoona-Johnstown

*Our Lady of Fatima Pleaded That we pray the Holy Rosary Daily
At O.L.F. before each Mass and privately from 8:30am to 7:00pm*

During each of several months in 2012 we will be having special devotions, usually but not always or exclusively, after each weekend Mass, according to the schedule shown to the right.

Month	Dedication / Devotion
March*	St. Joseph
April	The Holy Eucharist
May	The Blessed Virgin Mary

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Our Weekend Devotional Prayer to Saint Joseph

Great Saint Joseph, you guided our Lord, Jesus Christ, in his boyhood and young manhood, and he called you his father.

Be a father to me, since Jesus has made me His brother. You worked for him; you taught him to work. Teach me, too.

You kept him safe in the flight into Egypt; keep me safe in my journey through life. Let me never turn aside from the right road of the love of our Lord, and of faith and hope in Him.

May I, as you did, have Jesus and Mary at my death-bed; and, as you are, may I be united with them forever in heaven. Amen.

St. Joseph parish in Williamsburg will be sponsoring a trip to Pittsburgh on Sunday, April 22nd to visit a number of historical and architecturally significant churches. Fr. Aron Maghsoudi will serve as the tour guide. The motor coach will depart from Williamsburg at 7:50 AM and stop in Duncansville and Ebensburg before arriving in Pittsburgh for Latin High Mass at St. Boniface church on the North Side. Following lunch the tour will continue by visiting Old St. Patrick's (the oldest parish in the city), Immaculate Heart of Mary (Pittsburgh's Polish Cathedral), St. Nicholas (Pittsburgh's Croatian Cathedral), St. Anthony Chapel (home to the largest collection of relics outside of Rome), and St. Paul Cathedral. The cost for the trip is \$30.00 per person. If you are interested please call St. Joseph Rectory at 832-2137. *(Father neglected to mention that the Latin Mass fulfills the Sunday Obligation.)*