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Father John McCloskey

He is perhaps best known for guiding into the Catholic Church such luminaries as:

Dr. Bernard Nathanson, (big time abortionist)
Economist Lawrence Kudlow,
Commentator Robert Novak,
Judge Robert Bork
Senator Sam Brownback
Publisher Alfred Regnery
General Josiah Bunting.
Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich

Do you wonder what he might have to say to YOU. Read the short pamphlet attached to the last page.

Mon. 03/31 **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Cancer**
 Feast Lenten Weekday
 8:00 AM Mass Charles E. Lumadue, Ann., Ray and Ellen Kelly

Tues. 04/01 **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Heart Diseases**
 Feast Lenten Weekday
 8:00 AM Mass Michael J. Zaczek, 36th Ann., Children

Wed. 04/02 **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Arthritis**
 Feast Lenten Weekday
 8:00 AM Mass Shirley Hencherick, M/M Phillip Hencherick
6:00 PM Mass Denise Keagy, Patricia Wall

Thur. 04/03 **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Nervous Disorders**
 Feast Lenten Weekday
 8:00 AM Mass Janet Pufka, B/day, Patty and Joe Pufka

Fri. 04/04 **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Emotional Disorders**
 Feast Lenten Weekday
 8:00 AM Mass Neil Cassarly, Carol Smith
6:00 PM Stations of the Cross followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Sat. 04/05 **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Diabetes**
 Feast Fifth Sunday of Lent
 4:30 PM Mass Sis Hollern, Paul and Adaline Cassarly

Sun. 04/06 **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Addictions**
 Feast Fifth Sunday of Lent
 9:00 AM Mass David C. Riley, Maureen and Michael Schoch
 11:00 AM Mass Our Lady of Fatima Parish Family

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

Happy Birthday:

03/31 Megan Sral
 04/03 Britton Taylor



**Nocturnal Adoration
 Friday April 4, 2014
 Sacred Heart Church
 511 20th Street, Altoona
 8-11 P.M.**

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

MONEY MATTERS
(Third Sunday of Lent March 23, 2014)
 183 people Celebrated Liturgy at O.L.F. contributing \$ 2,029.00 of which \$ 141.00 accounted for non-envelope contributions.

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Fourth Sunday of Lent

TRANSFORM US,

O LORD!

Reflections for the
Season of Lent

Catechism

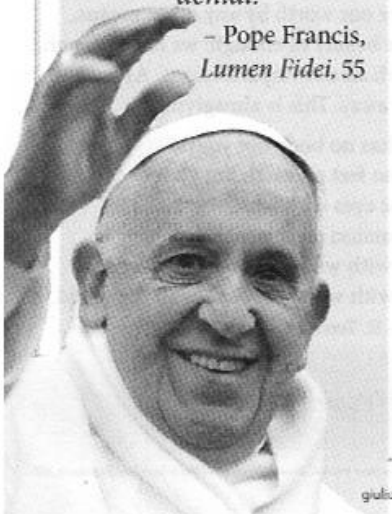
CONNECTION

"It is called the sacrament of Reconciliation, because it imparts to the sinner the life of God who reconciles: 'Be reconciled to God'

(2 Cor 5:20)" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1424).

"Forgiveness is possible once we discover that goodness is always prior to and more powerful than evil, and the word with which God affirms our life is deeper than our every denial."

— Pope Francis,
Lumen Fidei, 55



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A Man Born Blind

John 9:1-41

A tapestry of sensations and responses form the threads of today's Gospel: touch, sight, hearing, trust, distrust, fear, doubt, belief, and disbelief. This Scripture passage about the healing of a man who was born blind addresses the questions around which all the Gospel passages during Lent are built: Who is Jesus? What is his mission? How do people respond to him?



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WHO IS JESUS? The answer depends on whom you ask. For the disciples accompanying him, Jesus is "Rabbi." The cured man first refers to him as "the man called Jesus" (Jn 9:11). When the Pharisees seek the cured man's opinion, he answers saying Jesus "is a prophet" (Jn 9:17). In response to further questioning and in rebutting the Pharisees' description of "sinner," he asserts, "If this man were not from God, he would not be able to do anything" (Jn 9:16). In the final encounter, Jesus is "Lord."

1 Who is Jesus? Which title expresses my relationship with him?

WHAT IS JESUS' MISSION? As in other Gospel passages, Jesus himself talks about his mission: to do the work of the one who sent him, to be the light of the word, and to be an instrument of judgment according to people's response to him. Jesus' teaching, preaching, and healing ministry all flow from his mission: "I came ... so that those who do not see might see" (Jn 9:39).

2 Who among my family and friends can help me reveal my blind spots?



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LIVING THE LITURGICAL YEAR

The season of Lent is all about conversion: changing our hearts and turning away from sin toward God. Our sacramental practices, such as reconciliation, help us change old habits and lead life differently than before. We undertake this journey not just as individuals but also as a community.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation celebrates God's action in our lives, the reality of God's forgiveness.

It also celebrates what God hopes for us: to be a forgiving and reconciling people. In light of God's unconditional love for us, we realize that we fall short, get lost, miss the mark — that is, we sin in our living and our loving. We repent, ask for forgiveness, and take actions to put things right. Perhaps our biggest challenge with this sacrament is to truly believe that we can be, and are, forgiven.

Lenten Reflection: In what areas of my life do I need to work toward reconciliation?

Laetare Sunday

The fourth Sunday of Lent is traditionally *Laetare* (meaning "rejoice") Sunday. The priest is given the option to wear rose-colored vestments at Mass on this day as a reminder of Christ's joyful resurrection and the gift of eternal life.

LENTEN PRACTICES

Almsgiving



Cultivating a spirituality of abundance might seem contrary to Lent. Yet, it is helpful to remember that everything is a gift from God — our lives, relationships, talents, possessions — and our deepest identity is that we are beloved by God. When we believe this, we are freed from trying to measure our worth by any other means. We come to realize the beauty of enough: we have enough, and we are enough with all our imperfections. As a result, we can let go and give away. This is almsgiving.

“Christ has no body but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
Compassion on this world,
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,
Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.”

— St. Teresa of Avila

PRAYER: “The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want” (Psalm 23:1).

“Don’t ever let the sun set without reconciling. Peace is made each day in the family: ‘Please forgive me,’ and then you start over. Please, thank you, sorry! ... Let us say these words in our families! To forgive one another each day!”

Pope Francis, Address to Families, October 26, 2013



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FamilyTime

Pay special attention to the ways you work out disagreements in the family. At mealtimes talk about the importance of forgiving one another.

How do we reconcile with each other in our family? How do we get past holding grudges and truly forgive?

About Father McCloskey

Father C. John McCloskey, III, STD is a priest of the Prelature of Opus Dei. He currently is Research Fellow of the Faith and Reason Institute in Washington DC. From 1985-1990, he was a chaplain at Princeton University. From 1998-2002, he was the Director of the Catholic Information Center for the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C. .



His articles, reviews, and doctoral thesis, all of which are archived at Catholicity.com, have been published in major Catholic and secular periodicals, including Catholic World Report, First Things, L'Osservatore Romano, the Wall Street Journal, National Catholic Register, the Washington Times, the Washington Post, the New York Times, and ACEPRENSA.

Father John has done extensive work in radio and television, most notably at EWTN, where he has hosted series on topics such as Cardinal Newman, Catholic authors, Ecclesial Movements, the Role of the Laity in the Church, Thomas More, and the history of the Church, and has worked as a commentator on Papal trips. Father McCloskey has also appeared as a commentator on network television, satellite and cable channels.

He is co-author (with Russell Shaw) of Good News, Bad News: Evangelization, Conversion, and the Crisis of Faith, published in March, 2007 that is now available from Ignatius Press. He is also the co-editor of "The Essential Belloc" now available from St. Benedict's Press, and contributed a principal essay to the Cardinal Newman Society's "How to Choose a Catholic College" available from TheNewmanGuide.com.

A native of Washington, D.C., he received a degree in Economics from Columbia University in 1975. After working professionally on Wall Street for six years, he studied in Rome and Spain, where he received his doctorate in Theology with a specialty in Church History. Ordained in Spain in 1981, he has spent much of his pastoral work counseling university students and fellow priests, offering spiritual direction and preaching retreats. He serves as an advisor to Christendom College, the Mary Foundation, and Ave Maria Single Catholics Online. He was the U.S. representative for the ecclesiastical faculties of the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross in Rome and the University of Navarre in Pamplona Spain from 1984-2003. Father McCloskey is an avid squash player and a member of the U.S. Squash Racquets Association.

Today we begin our weekly announcement of parishioners who have made their yearly pledge to the Diocese of Altoona Johnstown Annual Catholic Appeal.

Parish Goal = \$15,100

Pledges to date = \$720

Anthony Bruno
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