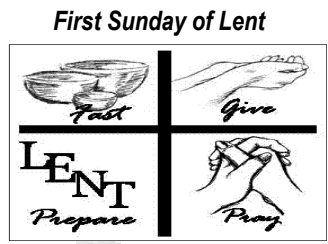


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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
 March 10, 2019
 The word is near you,
 in your mouth and in your
 heart.
 — Romans 10:8

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.



Our Lady of Fatima Parish
 2010 12th Avenue
www.ourladyoffatimaaltoona.org
Rectory Office Hours:
 Monday – Friday 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
 Parish Office: 814-942-0371



Cathedral Church Office: 814-944-4603
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Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak, Bishop
Reverend Monsignor Robert C. Mazur, Rector
Rev. Father Dennis M. Kurdziel, Parochial Vicar
 Christian Initiation Team: 944-4603
 Catholics returning Home: 944-4603
 Mail Ministry to Elderly, Homebound, Seriously Sick
 and Grieving - 944-4603

Our Lady of Fatima Mass Schedule
 Sunday: 10:30 AM - Holy Days: 6:00 PM
 Rosary: 10:05 AM - Rosary: 5:40 PM

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Our Lady of Fatima Parish Administrator
 Reverend Monsignor Robert C. Mazur
 Parish Secretary
 Carol Z. Smith

Directors of Religious Education:
 Chris Laraia – Pre-K thru 8 - 312-7317
 Jean Koury – 9 thru 12 – 949-2777
Religious Education Office: Sundays – 943-7424
Director of Music Ministry
 Leslie C. Thayer, MM, CAGO
 Music Ministry Office - 944-2044
 E-Mail: lthayer@dioceseaj.org
 Reconciliation @ Cathedral: 7:00 PM Wednesday
 12:30 PM Saturday

Eucharist for the home bound - weekly:
 Patty Flanagan 942-0371 for arrangements.

Our Lady of Fatima Church is open
 Monday through Friday: 9AM - 5PM Winter
 9AM - 6PM Summer

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

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

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 Parishioners wishing to receive the sacrament of
 healing may call the Cathedral Parish Office to
 make arrangements. 944-4603

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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

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March 10. 2019

ALMSGIVING, PRAYER, FASTING, AND TEMPTATION

As we begin our season of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving, the reading from Deuteronomy reminds us of our duty of almsgiving, that we “set [our offerings] before the Lord, [our] God, [and] shall bow down in [God’s] presence” (Deuteronomy 26:10). The reading from Romans refers us to our prayer, reminding us that “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart . . . For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved” (Romans 10:8, 13). These are comforting words, and encourage us to ask God for what we need and to aid us in our prayer. Finally, the Gospel of Luke shows us a fasting Jesus, who was tempted as we are, and who knows what it means to be human. Someone once said that temptation arises when you’re tired and weary, and the devil comes along and makes a perfectly reasonable suggestion. Jesus shows us that, with his help, we too can overcome our temptations, reasonable as they may sound.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Often, when a family keeps vigil around a person who is preparing for death, they may notice three interwoven activities. First, the dying person may become more prayerful and reflective than ever before, reviewing life’s journey in gratitude to God, or seeking forgiveness and making amends for wrongs. Second, as death approaches, the need to eat and drink is lessened until even an ice cube brushed against the lips is satisfying. Third, persons who are dying often make plans to give their possessions away, making bequests, handing treasures down, providing for favorite charities.

Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving: with these three “pillars” of Lent, we rehearse our death every year in this season, and anticipate the final work we will do in this life. And every year, at the end of our journey, is the joy of Easter and the experience of the victory of Christ over death’s darkness and power. Annually, we remind ourselves that the Christian experiences the same power and presence at the end of life’s journey: Christ to the rescue and the lasting joy of heaven.

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EXPEDIENCY IS NO JUSTIFICATION

No one is justified in doing evil on the ground of expediency.

—Theodore Roosevelt

PAST AND FUTURE

There is no saint without a past—and no sinner without a future.

—Anonymous

ILL HABITS

*Ill habits gather by unseen degrees—
As brooks make rivers, rivers run to seas.*

—Ovid

****CLASS - NEW LOCATION****

Sr. Marilyn Welch, CCW will be teaching Christian Prayer and Spirituality at the CCW Incarnation Center, Gallitzin beginning Wednesday, March 13th. This course is an introduction to the concepts of spirituality and the importance that prayer and spirituality play in daily life. Prayer traditions such as the Liturgy of the Hours, Lectio Divina, and various spiritual programs in the Church will be explored. This 8 week course will also be offered by Deacon Michael Russo at the St. Patrick School, Johnstown beginning Tuesday March 5th. The classes in both locations are held from 6:30-8:30 PM. Registration fee for this class is \$35 and \$20 for material costs. For more information and registration please contact Marybeth, Office of Adult Enrichment at (814) 361-2000. ALL ARE WELCOME

March 10, 2019
EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
10:30 AM

March 10, 2019 Scripture Reflection

OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS

Readings: Dt 26:4-10; 10:10-15; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

Today's Intention-Ron Geis

Readings: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Phil 3:17 - 4:1 [3:20 -4:1]; Lk 9:28b-36

Sun., March 17, Second Sunday of Lent
Mary Wozniak, Daughter, Barbara

Cathedral Mass Intention

March 11, Monday: Lenten Weekday

Readings: Lev. 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46:

6:45 AM Joseph A. Moffa (Estate)

8:00 AM Anna Mercer (Agnes Yatta)

12:00 PM Theresa Kennedy (M/M J. Mark Bover)

March 12, Tuesday: Lenten Weekday

Readings: Is 55:10-11; Mt 16:7-15

6:45 AM Prayer and Thanksgiving (Grove Family)

8:00 AM Anna Matthew (Sandra Martin)

12:00 PM Janet Tomlinson (Patty and Bob Hopfl)

March 13, Wednesday: Lenten Weekday

Readings: Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32

6:45 AM Rosemarie Fedeli (Family)

8:00 AM Joe Wiedemer, Anniversary (Family)

*12:00 PM Mim Pufka Billman (C.J. Kowalski / Casey Smith)

March 14, Thursday: Lenten Weekday

Readings: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12

6:45 AM Florence Moffa Brook (Estate)

8:00 AM Mary Joyce Wustrow (Bear and Patty McCloskey)

12:00 PM Mildred Brandt Dill (John and Ann Wolf)

March 15, Friday: Lenten Weekday

Readings: Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26

6:45 AM Barbara Byers (Jim and Patti lubelt)

8:00 AM Tom Welteroth (Family)

12:00 PM Alma Reismeier (Husband, Fred)

March 16, Saturday: Lenten Weekday

Readings: Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48

8:00 AM Norm 'Red' Drenning (Mike and Sherry Byrne)

12:00 PM Henry Shields (Query Family)

Vigil: Second Sunday of Lent

Readings: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Phil 3:17-4:1; Lk 9:28-36

5:00 PM Alice Winkler (Cindy Nicholson)

The account of Jesus' temptation appears with slight variations in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. The first temptation was not only for Jesus to make bread from stone, but also to use his divine authority over creation to satisfy his hunger. The second temptation was not just the enticement of royal power, but rather a temptation to give in to the world's fantasies of kingship (which the devil had corrupted) rather than to proclaim the true kingdom that God has established. The third temptation was not just a testing of trust in divine grace, but rather an abuse of God's favor for Jesus' own glorification. Jesus bore divine gifts, but they were for mission. As he repelled each temptation, Jesus resisted using these gifts to satisfy his own needs.

The account in this Sunday's Gospel reading has some details specific to Luke, who presents the three tests in a different order than Matthew does. Both Evangelists agree that in the first temptation Jesus resisted using his divine authority to feed himself, but Luke places the kingship temptation second and the Jerusalem temptation last. Doing so highlights the role of Jerusalem as the place of Jesus' glorification. The devil suggests that since Jesus has God's attention at all times, he ought to use that divine grace to reveal his status. Jesus instead waits for the moment the Father has chosen to reveal the Son, which is the resurrection. Luke's narrative here foreshadows the moment when the Father lifts Jesus up not for spectacle but for salvation.

As Jesus was tempted, so are his disciples. The Father who endowed the Son with every gift has also given the Son's disciples everything they have, and they face temptations similar to those Jesus overcame. God's presence and action always accompany a call to serve. As Jesus overcame temptations to use divine grace for himself, so Christians must continue to seek God's purpose in every gift they receive. Only then will they fulfill God's saving mission.

- How does it feel to overcome temptation?
- What are you feeling -- relief, joy, apprehension, peace?

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

Please pray for all of our parishioners, especially for those who have illnesses great and small and our seniors who are lonely and need comfort and care.

AMERICA MAGAZINE, "Jesus' temptation reminds us to use our gifts to serve." Michael R. Simone, S.J., February 22, 2019.

FIRE CLASS for March 2019 Sunday March 24th 2:00-4:00

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION...

ALL Tenth Grade Candidates: Sunday March 17th Spring Session; We will meet in the Church for Evening Prayer at 6:15 PM. Our Spring Session will follow, in the Cathedral Hall until 8:15 PM.

ALL NINTH Grade Candidates: Sunday March 31st 2019 Spring Session; We will meet in the Church at 6:30 PM for the Evening Prayer, the Spring Session will follow in the Cathedral Hall until 8:15 PM.

Stations of the Cross: There will be Stations of the Cross starting Friday, March 8, at 7:00 PM.

Saint Mary Hollidaysburg—Basket Bonanza Tickets 25 for \$5.00 Tickets will be sold in our Social Hall: March 23rd—10:00 AM to 6:00 PM; March 23rd—7:30 AM to 6:00 PM ; March 30th—10:00 AM to 6:00 PM; March 30th—7:30 AM to 6:00 PM: Drawing March 31st, in our Social Hall. Winner need not be present, winner will be notified. Light refreshments will be served.

March 10

Luke 4:1-13

Jesus “was led by the Spirit in the wilderness.” What is the wilderness in your life to which the Holy Spirit is leading you this Lent? Perhaps there are uncharted areas in your marriage or family relationships. Spend this Lent in your “wilderness” with God. Where is the Spirit leading you.

Lenten Evening Prayer

This evening and every Sunday in Lent, there will be Evening Prayer at 6:30 PM within Exposition and .Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at the Cathedral. Everyone is invited to participate in this special Lenten Liturgy.

Liturgical Reflection ...

EUCCHARISTIC

ADORATION

Lent is a rich season to take time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. One may pray before the tabernacle or participate in Eucharistic Adoration with the Blessed Sacrament in Exposition within the monstrance. The celebration of the Eucharist in the Sacrifice of the Mass is truly the origin and end of the worship given to the Eucharist outside of Mass. The reservation of the Eucharist permits the practice of adoring and praising this great Sacrament, offering the Reserved Sacrament the worship due to God. Accordingly, forms of adoration that are not only private but also public and communitarian in nature, as approved by the Church, are strongly promoted. Instruction on the Eucharist, Chapter VI, Number 129.

2019, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania 16648

2018 Contributions for Income Tax Purposes.

I hope to have them completed as soon as possible.

We are half way there.

I apologize for holding up your Tax returns.

Collection for MARCH 3, 2019 \$ 2197.40

BIRTHDAYS: 3/14 - Eddie Ptak; 3/15 - Rachael Hosgood, Olivia Ronan; 3/17 - Helen Glashauser; 3/18 - Jillian Brannan, Zach Ronan 3/19 - Lisa Levine



OUR LADY URGES US TO PRAY THE HOLY ROSARY

FOR

PEACE AND OFFER

SACRIFICES BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE!



Out & About for March 2019



The Ancient Order of Hibernians - Blair County Division will be having their annual Saint Patrick's Dinner Dance on March 16th. Joe DeFrancesco, Curator of the Railroaders Memorial Museum, will be giving a short talk following the dinner on the Irish laborers who helped build the Horseshoe Curve. Social begins at 5:00 pm and dinner begins at 6:00 pm. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for students. The event will be held in the upstairs ballroom at the Bavarian Hall in Altoona. For tickets, please call Timothy Hallinan at 814-944-6143 or Bernard Joyce at 814-931-0606.

LENTEN FISH DINNERS- BEST IN TOWN!

Our Lady of Lourdes will be having their famous Lenten Fish Dinners every Friday during Lent beginning March 8 and including Good Friday, April 19. Baked or hand dipped fried haddock, fresh cut FF or homemade mac & cheese, homemade stewed tomatoes, coleslaw or applesauce, homemade dessert and drink/coffee. Adults \$10.50 and children twelve and under \$7.50. Take out begin at 3:30 and eat in 4:30-7:00PM. We are known for having the BEST FISH DINNER IN TOWN!

The Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel invites you to our Annual Men's Turkey Dinner on Sunday, March 17th from 11AM to 3PM. This is the 57th year that the parish men will prepare and serve a roasted turkey dinner with all of the trimmings and dessert! The dinner will be held at Our ady of Loretto Hall. Eat in -Adults \$10, Takeout \$11 and Children 10 and under \$6. Come and enjoy a delicious turkey dinner and Basket Raffle!

ADULT ENRICHMENT CLASSES The 8 week class Christian Prayer and Spirituality is being offered at two locations. Deacon Michael Russo will be teaching Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30 PM beginning March 5th at St. Patrick School, Johnstown. Sr. Marilyn Welch, CCW will be teaching Wednesdays from 6:30-8:30 PM beginning March 13th at St. Catherine of Siena, Duncansville. The 10 week class Church History is being offered at Most Holy Trinity, Huntingdon begin ning Tuesday, March 5th from 6:30-8:30 PM. This class is being taught by Deacon Donald Gibboney. Classes may be taken for ongoing formation credit. Registration and book fees, registration forms, and class information are available online at www.dioceseaj.org/lay-ecclesial-ministry/ or by contacting

Marybeth at (814) 361-2000. All are welcome to attend. Saint Mary Hollidaysburg—Basket Bonanza Tickets 25 for \$5.00 Tickets will be sold in our Social Hall: March 23rd—10:00 AM to 6:00 PM; March 23rd—7:30 AM to 6:00 PM ; March 30th—10:00 AM to 6:00 PM; March 30th—7:30 AM to 6:00 PM: Drawing March 31st, in our Social Hall. Winner need not be present, winner will be notified. Light refreshments will be served.

SAINT MARK'S 2019 FISH FRIES - 6th Ave. & 4th Street, Altoona - Mark your calendar for the following three Fridays: March 8, March 22, and April 5 from 4-6:30 PM (while supplies last). The menu is as follows: Baked or Fried Haddock, French Fries or Macaroni & Cheese, Stewed Tomatoes or Cole Slaw, Roll, Butter, Drink, and Free Dessert. The cost will be \$11 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. Take Outs will be available.

Garvey Manor



BASKET BINGO
Sunday March 31, 2019
2:00 - 5:00 PM

Proceeds benefit Residents of Garvey Manor & Our Lady of the Alleghenies

Space limited pre-registration recommended required.
Call 695-5571 for information

Parish Mission Presents Inspirational Speaker Dr. John Bergsma

St. Benedict Parish, 2310 Bedford St. Johnstown, will be hosting Dr. John Bergsma March 31, April 1-2 from 7:00-8:30 PM each evening. This event is open to all in the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese. A Full Professor of Theology at the Franciscan University of Steubenville, Dr. Bergsma served as a Protestant pastor for four years before entering the Catholic Church in 2001. Dr. Bergsma has a PH.D. in Theology from the University of Notre Dame, specializing in the Old Testament and the Dead Sea Scrolls. In his presentations, Dr. Bergsma will be exploring how Sacred Scripture supports Catholic teaching, how the Bible leads us to the Eucharist and how as Catholics we can better understand t he New Testament. Tickets are not required. A love offering will be taken. For more Information please contact Deacon Michael Russo at 814-288-3036 or by email at michael.russo@atlanticbb.net.

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