

Bulletin # 102656

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

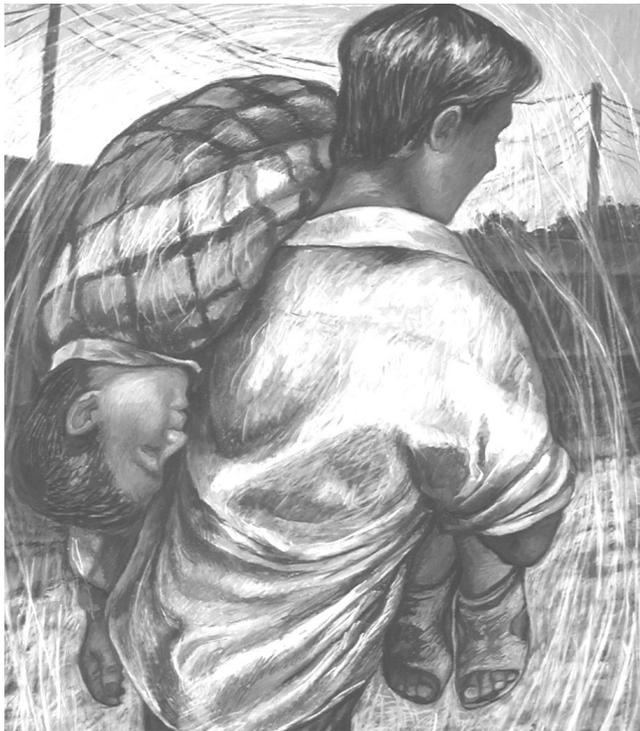
814-942-0371

Attn: Carol Smith

MESSAGES:

Fatima Mirror

A weekly publication for the education and edification of parishioners and friends of Our Lady of Fatima Parish of the Catholic Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown in Altoona, Pennsylvania. Most Reverend Joseph V. Adamec, D.D. is the diocesan bishop. Father J.D. Zatalava, M.Div. is the pastor. Parishioners worship in the church building named after Saint Leo the Great, 2000 12th Ave. 16601. 814-942-0371.



"He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother"

The road is long, with many a winding turn
That leads us to who knows where, who knows where
But I'm strong, strong enough to carry him
He ain't heavy - he's my brother
So on we go, his welfare is my concern
No burden is he to bare, we'll get there
For I know he would not encumber me
He ain't heavy - he's my brother

If I'm laden at all, I'm laden with sadness
That everyone's heart isn't filled with gladness of love for
one another
It's a long long road from which there is no return
While we're on our way to there, why not share
And the load, it doesn't weigh me down at all
He ain't heavy - he's my brother

Recorded by The Hollies in 1969

Altoona-Johnstown Annual Catholic Appeal Formula and Consequences

- All parishes cumulative regular receipts for FY 2006-2007 = \$23,754,736.00
- 11% of that total = \$2,613,021.00 which is the 2008 ACA Diocesan Goal
- The Goal (\$2,613,021.00) divided by 41,414 which is the number of households in the diocese = \$63.10 which is the assessment per household for each household in the diocese
- \$63.10 times 180 (taxable) households in Our Lady of Fatima Parish = our Parish Goal of

\$11,358.00

If we lived in an ideal parish in an ideal world, each of our 180 households would pledge \$63.10 (making 7 monthly payments of \$9.02 each.) We all know that isn't going to happen. Some can't, most who don't simply won't. Those who are able to, have to carry our brothers. I, your pastor, have pledged \$631.00 (\$90.14 per for 7 months) to carry 9 *ailing* members. And the load, it doesn't weigh me down at all - he ain't heavy - he's my brother.

We, the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, celebrated as a Holy Day of Obligation "the Ascension of the Lord" this past Thursday, May 1. Many of your Catholic friends and relatives living in other parts of the U.S. will be celebrating that feast this weekend. This weekend we, however, are celebrating the rather prosaic Seventh Sunday of Easter. What's going on here? Below is a really good answer the pastor found on an internet Blog.

Ascension Thursday Sunday?

A reader writes:

Why is Ascension Thursday a Holy Day of Obligation in some areas of the United States and not others?

This is a very good question. The simple, but confusing, answer is that Ascension Thursday is a Holy Day of Obligation everywhere in the United States. It's just that, in most dioceses, the *celebration* is transferred to the following Sunday. (So, in 2007, Ascension Thursday was May 17, but it was celebrated on Sunday, May 20, and in 2008 Ascension Thursday was May 1, but is being celebrated on Sunday, May 4.) Since Catholics are already obligated to attend Mass on Sunday, most people don't realize that Ascension is still a Holy Day of Obligation--they think they're in church just for Sunday Mass.

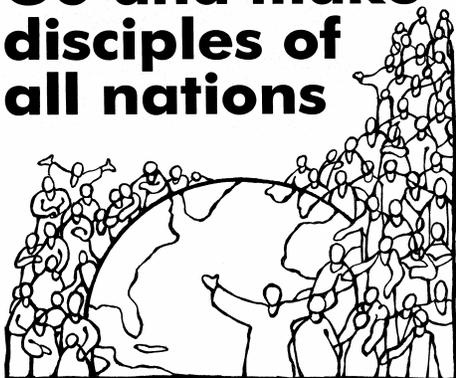
The reader continues:

I know it is up to the diocese but WHY would it be a choice at all? I have many friends from other states and I am the only one who is obligated to attend Mass on Thursday.

Now, we're getting to the heart of the matter. Each ecclesiastical province in the United States is allowed to decide whether to *transfer the celebration* of the feast. (An ecclesiastical province is basically one large archdiocese and the dioceses that are historically associated with it. Generally, in the United States, there's one ecclesiastical province per state, with a few exceptions for historical reasons.) All of the provinces have chosen to *transfer the celebration* except for Boston, Hartford, New York, Newark, **Philadelphia** [which includes Altoona-Johnstown], and the state of Nebraska. With the exception of Nebraska, each of those is one of the oldest Catholic provinces in the United States, which may explain why they've chosen to stick with tradition.

But why is it a choice at all? The answer, whether we like it or not, is a combination of convenience and pastoral considerations. Attendance at Ascension Thursday Masses had been falling for years before the bishops of the United States petitioned the Vatican to allow the *celebration to be transferred* to the following Sunday. That meant that a lot of Catholics were violating a precept of the Church by not celebrating a Holy Day of Obligation.

**Go and make
disciples of
all nations**



baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe ALL that I have commanded.

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 3-4, 2008

MONEY MATTERS Sixth Sunday of Easter (April 27)

people Celebrated Liturgy at O.L.F. Contributing \$ of which \$ accounted for "loose" cash.

Envelopes In Circulation 231 # Used # Unused

As of Monday the following persons or families have made a pledge to the Annual Catholic Appeal.

| | |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Anonymous (1) | Genevieve Musto |
| Connie Andros | Helen Pufka |
| Vincett Burr | Bernard Quinlan |
| Thomas Gibbons | David Riley |
| <u>Austin Hallinan</u> | James R. Riley |
| Rachael Hosgood | Jill Watters |
| Joseph P. Ianniello | Bernadette Weakland |
| Steve Kasun | Marguerite A. Weakland-Frederick |
| | Eleanor Yeager |

MASS INTENTIONS FOR May 5-11, 2008

| | | | | |
|------------------|------|----------|--|---|
| Monday | 5-5 | 08:00 AM | Don Resig, Harry & Sallie Costlow | <i>Easter Weekday</i> |
| Tuesday | 5-6 | 08:00 AM | Zerbee Ivory (B-day), M/M Paul Cassarly | <i>Easter Weekday</i> |
| Wednesday | 5-7 | 08:00 AM | Walter Bieniek, Joan Turcovski | <i>Easter Weekday</i> |
| Thursday | 5-8 | 08:00 AM | Eileen Cogan, M/M Charles Hennigan | <i>Catherine of St. Augustin</i> |
| Friday | 5-9 | 08:00 AM | Tom Gibbons, Bernadette Weakland | <i>Easter Weekday</i> |
| Saturday | 5-10 | 04:30 PM | Patricia (Shuma) Detwiler, Janet Tomlinson | <i>Damien deVeuster/ Moloka'i, priest</i> |
| Sunday | 5-11 | 09:00 AM | Loving Appreciation of my Family, Veronica Goclowski | <i>Pentecost</i> |
| Sunday | 5-11 | 11:00 AM | Liv/Dec of Our Lady of Fatima Parish | <i>Pentecost</i> |