

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 1, 2016

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.com

Rectory Office Hours:
Monday – Friday 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Parish Office: 814-942-0371

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

Our Lady of Fatima Parish Administrator
Reverend Monsignor Robert C. Mazur

Parish Secretary
Carol Z. Smith
Secretaries Assistant
Ellen Kelly

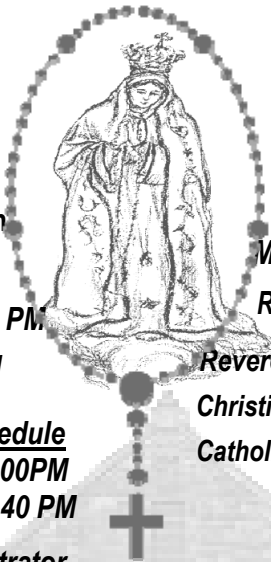
Eucharist for the home bound - weekly:
Patty Flanagan 942-0371 to make arrangements.

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

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



Cathedral Church Office: 814-944-4603

One Cathedral Square

Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak Bishop

Reverend Monsignor Robert C. Mazur, Rector

Reverend Father Dennis M. Kurdziel, Parochial Vicar

Christian Initiation Team: 944-4603

Catholics returning Home: 944-4603

Altoona Central Catholic School:

Pre-K thru Grade 5 381-7011

Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School:

Web: www.bishopguilfoyle.org – 944-4014

Directors of Religious Education:

Chris Laraia – Pre-K thru 8 - 946-3475

Jean Koury – 9 thru 12 – 949-2777

Religious Education Office: Sundays – 943-7424

Confessions @ Cathedral: 7:00 PM Wednesday
12:30 PM Saturday

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

Hospital Visitation: Call the Cathedral: 944-4603

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



**2016 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL
DIOCESE OF ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN**

OLF GOAL FOR 2016 = \$13,948.00

PLEDGED THRU APRIL 19 = \$6,575.00

NEEDED TO REACH GOAL = \$7,373.00

OF PLEDGES = 39 out of 155

Connie Andros	Dan Hallinan	Mrs. Lorraine Shuma
Connie Angeski	Tina Helsel	M/M David F. Smith
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Mrs. Karen Conrad	Mrs. Genevieve Musto	
M/M John Corle	M/M John G. Noonan, Jr.	5 Anonymous
Mrs. Colleen A. Douglass	Mrs. Carol Riggelman	
Mrs. Eileen R. Edwards	James R. Riley	

THANK YOU TO THE FOLKS THAT HAVE PLEDGED SO FAR.

***We are almost at the half way mark!! Could we make half way or beyond by Mother's Day?
New Totals will be posted next week.***

Happy Birthday

05/03 Bob Simanski, David Stein
05/04 Sherry Byrne, Amanda Clark. Eileen Starr
05/07 Nick Starr
05/09 Becky Clark

Happy Anniversary

05/04 Rita and Stan Sral
05/08 Erica Jo and Gary Koeck

MONEY MATTERS

Fifth Sunday of Easter, (April 24, 2016)

126 people Celebrated Liturgy at O.L.F. contributing \$1,568.10 of which \$107.00 accounted for non-envelope contributions.

Envelopes In Circulation 176 # Used 68 # Unused 108

Collection One Year Ago = \$ 1,695.71

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 1, 2016

Our Lady of Fatima Mass Intentions

Readings: Acts 15:1-2,22-29; Rv 21:10-14,22-23; Jn 14:23-29

Today's Intention: Frances Kasun

May 4, Wednesday: Vigil of Ascension Thurs. (Holy Day)

Readings: Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Lk 24:46-53

***6:00 PM Lois J. Riley, Paul and Gerri Rose**

May 8, Seventh Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 7:55-60; Rv 22:12-14, 16-17,20; Jn 17:20-26

*** 10:30 AM Zeralda Geis, Rachael, Jim, Hayden, Henrick**

Cathedral Mass Intentions

May 2, Monday: Saint Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor

Readings: Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26-16:4

6:45 AM Sam Coen, *Jim & Elaine Weaver*

***8:00 AM Michael F. Zaczek, Birthday, Carol Smith**

12:00 PM M/M Fred Petrunak, Sr., Wed. Anniv. *Family*

May 3, Tuesday: Saints Philip and James, Apostles

Readings: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14

6:45 AM Eleanor Toth, *Rita Sangiorgi*

8:00 AM Dick Cowan, *Wife, Skip*

12:00 PM Ruby Doyle *John and Barb Fischer*

May 4, Wednesday: Easter Weekday

Readings: Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; Jn 16:12-15

***6:45 AM Mildred Mauceri, A. Breslin/R. Sinelbauer**

8:00 AM Frank Auerbeck, *Karen and Dave Rhoa*

12:00 PM Vince Adams, Jr., *Rita Adams and Family*

Vigil of Ascension (Holy Day of Obligation)

5:30 PM For God's People

May 5, Thursday: The Ascension of the Lord

Readings: Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Lk 24:46-53

8:00 AM Patty Geis, *Birthday, Family*

12:00 PM Jane Nishimura, *Blazewicz Family*

5:30 PM M. Virginia Jones, *Barbara Rhoa Family*

May 6, Friday: Easter Weekday

Readings: Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23

6:45 AM Carl Frank, *Jeanne Strate*

8:00 AM Deacon John Rys, *Pete and Carl Rodgers*

***12:00 PM Special Intention for Dan Hallinan**

May 7, Saturday: Easter Weekday

Readings: Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23-28

8:00 AM Stella Gallagher, Mark and Diane Moschella

12:00 PM Edward Moloney, Birth., *Madeline Vogel Fam.*

Vigil: Seventh Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 7:55-60; Rv 22:12-14, 16-17,20; Jn 17:20-26

5:00 PM RoseAnn Himmelein, *Randy and Jean Koury*

MAY 1, 2016

Scripture Reflection

Today's Gospel is part of Jesus' "farewell discourse." He instructs the disciples that to remember him is to love him. Their remembering is not simply a calling to mind of his Word but a real and active life of love. Jesus assures them that they will receive the help of the Spirit that the Father will send in his name. His parting words are a blessing, "my peace I give to you" and an assurance that they need not let their "hearts be troubled or afraid."

Christ's peace does not inoculate us from the reality of the world and its warfare, not from psychological or physical pain, not from arguments and bruised feelings; nor will it mimic the sappy sentimentality of greeting cards or TV movies and make certain every day is sunshiny and happy. The peace of Christ is the gift of eternal life (John 10:28) and the gift of joy (John 15:11) that transcends the trials and losses of this life, because it offers the deep joy of salvation, which God gives and the world cannot snatch away.

The Holy Spirit has not abandoned the church and will not do so but offers ongoing insight into what Jesus taught in order to guide the church into the truth. It is only after the promise of the gift of the Paraclete that Jesus offers his peace. This peace is unlike the world's peace precisely because the gift of peace is the gift of eternal life. Guided into all truth by the Paraclete, the church must be untroubled and fearless in the midst of the challenges of contemporary life.

Faith is more than an intellectual feat and adherence to rituals and actions. Deep faith begins in relationship with the person, Jesus Christ. "Whoever loves me will keep my word." Jesus told his disciples. He promised that Father, Son, and Spirit---a loving community---would always dwell with such a person. To develop your relationship with God, begin as you would with any friend---communicate frequently and openly. Spend time together.

- **Think about Christ's promise of peace.**
- **When troubled or afraid, do you call upon the Spirit-filled gift of peace?**

OUR LADY OF FATIMA NOTES....

BISHOP MARK BARTCHAK PRESIDING AT THREE PRAYER SERVICES FOR HEALING...

All victims of abuse and their families, as well as the faithful of Altoona-Johnstown, are invited to join the Bishop in prayer for those who have been harmed. The Schedule of Services is as follows:

- May 16 at 7:00 pm -- Saint Andrew Parish, 1621 Ferndale Avenue, Johnstown
- **May 17 at 7:00 pm -- Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, One Cathedral Square, Altoona**
- May 19 at 7:00 pm -- Our Lady of Victory Parish, 820 Westerly Parkway, State College

Each prayer service will include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Evening Prayer, and a homily. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be available.

THINKING AHEAD TO YEAR-END 2016...

Our parish software company is giving us the opportunity to send out the **year end contribution reports for 2016 via e-mail**. If you would send your e-mail identification to the office e-mail. We would have the option to get them to you within a few days of balancing the reports. Our office e-mail is: **olfoff10@hotmail.com**. You may also call the rectory via **phone 942-0371**. This would save OLF paper supplies, stamps for mailing, and time for stuffing envelopes and sorting for the Post office.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH has reduced the \$AVE AROUND COUPON BOOKS to \$10.00 EACH.

Please see Paul Masic or call the Rectory @ 942-0371 to purchase. These books are valid until Dec 31, 2016.

There are hundreds of \$\$\$\$ worth of coupons left to use in Altoona, State College, and Johnstown areas.

FOUNDATION SEEKING SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

The Independent Catholic Foundation for the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown is seeking applicants for the 2016 Welge Scholarship .. This scholarship provides financial assistance to worthy parishioners who are entering their junior or senior year of college and are a member in good standing with a Roman Catholic Parish in Blair County (excluding Tyrone). Questions should be directed to the Foundation office at 201-2080 or via e-mail at **Bill@icfdaj.org**. Information and applications are available at **www.icfdaj.org**. We have a few applications at the Rectory.

OUTDOOR SUMMER MASSES...

Father John D. Byrnes, Rector, and the Parish Family of Saint Michael the Archangel Basilica, Loretto, invite the faithful to join us each Sunday evening at 7:00 pm for the outdoor Sunday Mass at the beautiful Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies in Loretto. The first Mass of the season will be celebrated on Sunday, May 29, 2016, and will continue through Labor Day Weekend, September 4, 2016. Please bring a lawn chair. In the event of inclement weather, the Mass will be held in the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel.

Ascension Thursday - Mass at OLF is WEDNESDAY VIGIL MAY 4TH, 6 PM

"HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN AND IS SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE FATHER"

659 "So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God." 531 Christ's body was glorified at the moment of his Resurrection, as proved by the new and supernatural properties it subsequently and permanently enjoys. 532 But during the forty days when he eats and drinks familiarly with his disciples and teaches them about the kingdom, his glory remains veiled under the appearance of ordinary humanity. 533 Jesus' final apparition ends with the irreversible entry of his humanity into divine glory, symbolized by the cloud and by heaven, where he is seated from that time forward at God's right hand. 534 Only in a wholly exceptional and unique way would Jesus show himself to Paul "as to one untimely born", in a last apparition that established him as an apostle.

660 The veiled character of the glory of the Risen One during this time is intimated in his mysterious words to Mary Magdalene: "I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brethren and say to them, I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." 536 This indicates a difference in manifestation between the glory of the risen Christ and that of the Christ exalted to the Father's right hand, a transition marked by the historical and transcendent event of the Ascension.

661 This final stage stays closely linked to the first, that is, to his descent from heaven in the Incarnation. Only the one who "came from the Father" can return to the Father: Christ Jesus. 537 "No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of man." 538 Left to its own natural powers humanity does not have access to the "Father's house", to God's life and happiness. 539 Only Christ can open to man such access that we, his members, might have confidence that we too shall go where he, our Head and our Source, has preceded us. 540

662 "And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself." 541 The lifting up of Jesus on the cross signifies and announces his lifting up by his Ascension into heaven, and indeed begins it. Jesus Christ, the one priest of the new and eternal Covenant, "entered, not into a sanctuary made by human hands. . . but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf." 542 There Christ permanently exercises his priesthood, for he "always lives to make intercession" for "those who draw near to God through him". 543 As "high priest of the good things to come" he is the center and the principal actor of the liturgy that honors the Father in heaven. 544

663 Henceforth Christ is seated at the right hand of the Father: "By 'the Father's right hand' we understand the glory and honor of divinity, where he who exists as Son of God before all ages, indeed as God, of one being with the Father, is seated bodily after he became incarnate and his flesh was glorified." 545

664 Being seated at the Father's right hand signifies the inauguration of the Messiah's kingdom, the fulfillment of the prophet Daniel's vision concerning the Son of man: "To him was given dominion and glory and kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed." 546 After this event the apostles became witnesses of the "kingdom [that] will have no end". 547

IN BRIEF

665 Christ's Ascension marks the definitive entrance of Jesus' humanity into God's heavenly domain, whence he will come again (cf. Acts 1:11); this humanity in the meantime hides him from the eyes of men (cf. Col 3:3).

666 Jesus Christ, the head of the Church, precedes us into the Father's glorious kingdom so that we, the members of his Body, may live in the hope of one day being with him for ever.

667 Jesus Christ, having entered the sanctuary of heaven once and for all, intercedes constantly for us as the mediator who assures us of the permanent outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

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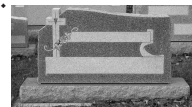
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