

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 3 - 4, 2009

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.

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**Demonstrate for Human and Civil Rights
at Sunday's**

Life Chain

2:30 to 4:00 p.m. on 17th Street

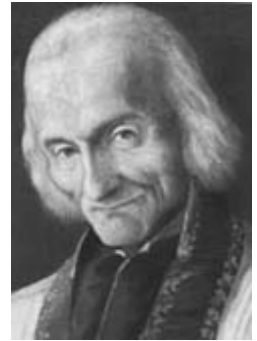


On Sloth

by Saint John Vianney

Sloth is a kind of cowardice and disgust, which makes us neglect and omit our duties, rather than do violence to ourselves.

Alas, my children, how many slothful people there are on this earth: how many are cowardly, how many are indolent in the service of the good God! We neglect, we omit our duties of piety, just as easily as we should take a glass of wine. We will not do violence to ourselves; we will not put ourselves to any inconvenience. Everything wearies, everything disgusts the slothful man. Prayer, the holy Sacrifice of the Mass, which do so much good to pious souls, are a torture to him. He is weary and dissatisfied in church, at the foot of the altar, in the presence of the good God. At first he feels only dislike and indifference towards everything that is commanded by religion. Soon after, you can no longer speak to him either of Confession or Communion; he has no time to think of those things.



O my children! how miserable we are in losing, in this way, the time that we might so usefully employ in gaining Heaven, in preparing ourselves for eternity! How many moments are lost in doing nothing, or in doing wrong, in listening to the suggestions of the devil, in obeying him! Does not that make us tremble? If one of the lost had only a day or an hour to spend for his salvation, to what profit would he turn it! What haste he would make to save his soul, to reconcile himself with the good God! And we, my children, who have days and years to think of our salvation, to save our souls--we remain there with our arms crossed, like that man spoken of in the Gospel. We neglect, we lose our souls. When death shall come, what shall we have to present to Our Lord? Ah! my children, hear how the good God threatens the idle: "Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit shall be cut down, and shall be cast into the fire." "Take that unprofitable servant, and cast him out into the exterior darkness, where there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Idleness is the mother of all vices. Look at the idle; they think of nothing but eating, drinking, and sleeping. They are no longer men, but stupid beasts, giving up to all their passions; they drag themselves through the mire like very swine. They are filthy, both within and without. They feed their soul only upon impure thoughts and desires. They never open their mouth but to slander their neighbour, or to speak immodest words. Their eyes, their ears, are open only to criminal objects. . . . O my children! that we may resist idleness, let us imitate the saints. Let us watch continually over ourselves; like them, let us be very zealous in fulfilling all our duties; let the devil never find us doing nothing, lest we should yield to temptation. Let us prepare ourselves for a good death, for eternity. Let us not lose our time in lukewarmness, in negligence, in our habitual infidelities. Death is advancing.

Fatima Facts

St. Joseph Parish Fall Bazaar

St. Joseph Parish in Williamsburg will hold its annual Fall Bazaar on Sunday, October 18, 2009. The Bazaar dinner features a baked chicken breast, side of spaghetti, fruit cup, salad, roll, dessert and beverage. Take-outs: 11:00 AM-Noon. Served dinner: 12:30 PM until 2:00 PM. Cost: Adults, \$8; Children under 12, \$5.00.

St. Bartholomew Parish

will hold a Chicken & Dumpling Dinner sponsored by St. Anne Society on Sunday, October 18, 2009 at St. Bartholomew Church Hall, 185 Church Hill Road, Wilmore, Pa. from 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM. Adults: \$8.00, Children: (5 to 10) \$4.00 and Children (UNDER 5) FREE. Tickets will be sold at the door the day of the dinner.

O.L.F JOINS WITH THE CATHEDRAL OFFERING A YOUTH GROUP

The youth group is combined with the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese Youth ministries and usually meets either at St. Rose or St. Mary's .Your child is invited to participate in this group.

The youth group is divided into two groups. Grades K thru 5 and grades 6 and up. We invite Parents to participate with us in this youth group. You do need to take the class Protecting God's Children to do so. We do need adult help. If you have any questions about the group please call Linda Lockard at 943-7319 or e-mail her at lockardb1@aol.com. The youth group has many fun activities planned for the year.

Protecting God's Children Instructional Class

The Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament will be conducting a class for Protecting God's Children on Saturday October 17, 2009 at 10:00 AM in the Seton Suite. If anyone is in need of taking this class or interested in attending this class, please register online at www.virtusonline.com or contact the Cathedral Rectory at 944-4603.

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**O.L.F. Fourth Annual Reach-out
to**

The Fifth Ward

*Bring your neighbors to
O.L.F.'s Tent Event*

The End of Summer Lawn Party

Sunday, Noon, 12th Ave.

October 18, 2009

Free Food, Entertainment, Fun

FYI

- **Anyone interested in helping to set up, please contact the Rectory at 942-0371. Chris Keagy will return your call.**
- **Feel free to bring a covered dish. Contact the Rectory to let us know what you will be bringing in order to avoid duplicates.**

MONEY MATTERS**26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Sept. 27)**

241 People Celebrated Liturgy at O.L.F. contributing \$2,330.90 of which \$ 709.40 accounted for "loose."

Envelopes In Circulation 234 # Used 96 # Unused 138

Below is part two of a three part statistical profile of O.L.F. and the Fifth Ward and its environs.

**Computerized Breakdown of Registered Parishioners
Weekly Offertory Contributions***

For the period of July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009

*No other payments, donations, purchases of parish goods and services, or Diocesan collection is included in the following figures

<u>Dollar Amounts</u>	<u>Count</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Less than \$25.00	13	% 6.19	\$141.00
Between \$25.00 and \$50.00	16	% 7.62	\$ 630.00
Between \$50.00 and \$100.00	10	% 4.76	\$ 668.00
Between \$100.00 and \$150.00	14	% 6.67	\$1655.00
Between \$150.00 and \$200.00	10	% 4.76	\$1827.00
Between \$200.00 and \$250.00	11	% 5.24	\$ 2457.00
Between \$250.00 and \$300.00	15	% 7.14	\$ 3949.00
Between \$300.00 and \$400.00	20	% 9.52	\$ 6952.00
Between \$400.00 and \$500.00	14	% 6.67	\$ 6328.00
Between \$500.00 and \$750.00	37	%17.62	\$22,655.00
Between \$750.00 and \$1000.00	17	% 8.1	\$14,152.00
Between \$1000.00 and \$1500.00	26	%12.38	\$29,253.00
Between \$1500.00 and \$2000.00	3	% 1.43	\$ 4590.00
Between \$2000.00 and \$2500.00	2	% .95	\$ 4260.00
Between \$3000.00 and \$4000.00	1	% .48	\$ 3120.00
TOTALS:	209		\$102,637.00

MASS INTENTIONS FOR October 5-11, 2009

Monday	10/5	08:00 AM	The Most Rev D Domingos Lam, Catarina Wong	Weekday
Tuesday	10/6	08:00 AM	Fred M Weakland, M/M Rudy Kessler	Bruno, priest
Wednesday	10/7	08:00 AM	Bill Stitt, M/M Paul Rose	Our Lady of the Rosary
Thursday	10/8	08:00 AM	Mary Yeager, M/M Paul Cassarly	Weekday
Friday	10/9	08:00 AM	Helen Dzwonkowski, Stan Krish & Family	Denis, bishop & martyr
Saturday	10/10	04:30 PM	Marty Farrell, George Glashauser	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday	10/11	09:00 AM	Hattie R Zaczek/Anniv, Children	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
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