

Our Lady of Fatima Bulletin October 30-31 2010

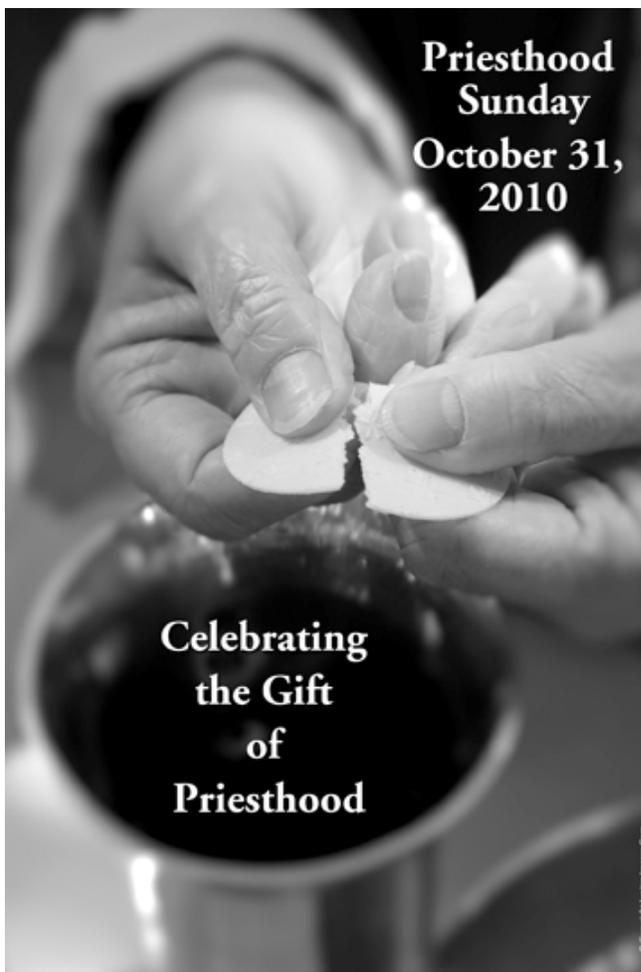
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O.L.F. Year For The Eucharist June 20, 2010 - June 19, 2011

Mon. 11/1	<u>victims of Cancer</u>
<i>Feast</i>	All Saints
8:00 AM Mass	Shirley A. Smithmyer, B/day, <i>Carol Smith</i>
Tues. 11/2	<u>victims of Cardiovascular Disease</u>
<i>Feast</i>	All Souls
8:00 AM Mass	All Souls
Wed. 11/3	<u>victims of Arthritis</u>
<i>Feast</i>	St. Martin de Porres, religious
8:00 AM Mass	Mary Risley, <i>Shannon Jones</i>
Thur. 11/4	<u>victims of Neuromuscular Disorders</u>
<i>Feast</i>	St. Charles Borromeo
8:00 AM Mass	Mary Jean Gibbons, Sr. <i>Clementine O'Friel</i>
Fri. 11/5	<u>victims of Emotional Disorders</u>
<i>Feast</i>	Weekday
8:00 AM Mass	Valarie Kimberly (Ann. 10/14), <i>Eleanor Noye</i>
Sat. 11/6	<u>victims of Diabetes and Obesity</u>
<i>Feast</i>	Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30 PM Mass	Phyllis Mosney, <i>Janice Jorkasky & Family</i>
Sun. 11/7	<u>victims of Addictions and Obesity</u>
<i>Feast</i>	Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 AM Mass	Liv/Dec members of Our Lady of Fatima
11:00 AM Mass	Bill Conrad, <i>Pat Wall</i>

MONEY MATTERS

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 24, 2010
 223 people Celebrated Liturgy at O.L.F. contributing \$2,230.50
 of which \$ 210.00 accounted for visitor contributions.
 # Envelopes In Circulation 215 # Used 92 # Unused 123
Ham & Bean Soup profit \$ 441.39



Each day in November, the month of the Holy Souls, we will pray for these members of our parish who have died this liturgical year and may be in need of our help:

- Helen V. Kasun**
- Phyllis Mosney**
- Mary Zingrone**
- Fr. Anthony J. Pollack**
- M. Denise Keagy**
- Victoria Niewola**
- Catherine Finklestein**
- Alice Highduch**
- Theresa M. McCall**
- Anthony (Bill) Conrad**
- Tucker Michael Keagy**
- Thomas A Gibbons**
- Marguerite A. Weakland-Frederick**
- Raymond E. Holleran**
- Anna C. Wineland**
- Ruth M. Stoltz**



ALL
NOVEMBER
SOULS

Best Blog of the week

The Communion of Saints: The Whole Family of God

By virtue of our baptism we become children of God, joint heirs with Christ. To say it yet another way, we are adopted into the family of God. Because we are joint heirs with Christ, we also share in the victory of his resurrection (Colossians 2:11-13, Romans 8:15-17, etc.). In this way, the family of God extends beyond faithful Christians on earth, but also to the blessed in heaven with God and those awaiting heaven in purgatory. This is what makes the communion of the saints truly universal: it spans history, geography, nationality, race, and all other temporal barriers we might erect.

Just as we worship God on earth, so do those Christians who have gone before us worship God in heaven. The author of Hebrews writes in 12:22-24:

But you have come to Mt. Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel (NRSV).

One of the main ways in which we on earth are united with the heavenly Body of Christ is in the Mass, the Sacrament where heaven meets earth through the Body and Blood of Christ. In the Mass, we join our voices and worship with the worship of the heavenly saints and the angels.

The Church has also believed in the role of those in purgatory, and especially the saints in heaven, as intercessors. Modern Christianity (probably due to a Newtonian scientific worldview) has frequently viewed heaven and earth as completely disconnected from one another, but this idea was foreign to Christians in the past. The Church of Christ, in heaven, purgatory, and on earth, was and is, always unified. The Christian community naturally prays for its members and since we believe in one Church, asking saints to pray for us is not all that different from asking a friend or family member to do the same. Death doesn't end one's place in the Church; in fact, the prayers of the blessed in heaven are very powerful because they are already in the fullness of God's presence.

The Church has also singled out unique individuals who are with God in heaven, holy men and women worthy of imitation. This process of becoming an officially recognized Saint is called canonization. Because the lives of these individuals have been thoroughly examined and found holy, and because miracles have been associated with their intercession, we can be assured that they are role models in faith, and powerful intercessors before God on our behalf (James 5:16 tells us the prayer of the righteous person avails much). As Catholics, we can and should ask these canonized Saints to pray for us. The author of Hebrews wrote in 12:1-2:

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God (NRSV).

Thus, we are surrounded by our brothers and sisters in Christ who came before us. They, like spectators at a sporting event, cheer us on and encourage us as we make our earthly pilgrimage. What a great blessing it is to be connected with believers, past and present, in the family of God, aided by their prayers and encouragement.

At this point we would like to mention another view of the communion of the saints which is incomplete. Some believe the communion of saints only refers to believers on earth. Why those Christians who came before us should, many of whom were models of holiness and fidelity, be excluded from fellowship? When a loved one dies, does he or she cease being a member of the family? In the Church's view, a departed Christian does not cease to be a part of Christ's Body, but rather comes into the fullness of what it means to be a child of God in that Body. Some Protesters object to the communion of saints because they think that souls don't go directly to God at death, but "fall asleep." This view runs contrary to Scripture and Tradition, which affirm the soul goes to the afterlife immediately after death. Jesus promised the thief on the cross he would be with him in Paradise "today" (Luke 23:43). St. Stephen before he died said "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit" (Acts 7:60). Also, Jesus said God "is the God of the living, not the dead," as evidence of the resurrection of the dead (Matthew 22:29-33).

When we worship God, especially during the Eucharist, we are joining our worship with every Christian in heaven, in purgatory, and on earth from the beginning of time until the present day.

A Lingerin Voice

Listed below are the names of deceased persons whom our parishioners have requested be remembered in our daily prayers.

Herbert E. Summers, Sr. Herbert E. Summers Jr.	Theresa M. Bruno Tony, MaryAnn & Anthony	M/M Austin Weakland Bernadette Weakland	Shirley A. Smithmyer Friend
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How about Saturday Night Dinner !!!

HOSS'S FAMILY STEAK & SEA

COMMUNITY NIGHT FUNDRAISER

Present this card on **Oct. 30, 2010**
At Hoss's on **Valley View Blvd, Altoona**
Hoss's will then donate 20% of your total check paid to **Our Lady of Fatima Church**
Group #10036 Please Present Ticket When Ordering.
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CASH COW CARD

Get Ready For



**Anything Pumpkin
Dessert Sale**

(in the church vestibule) Sat November 20 after the 4:30 PM Mass
Sun November 21 after the 9:00 AM Mass and 11:00 AM Mass

Start giving some serious thought to what delicious delicacies
you will make or bake (or buy)

and

Donate to the cause of Our Lady of Fatima's growth
(this is always a very successful Fundraiser)

Our Lady of Fatima Parish



We got your Message !!!



Really Big (with lots more Ham) Sandwiches

IMPORTED BAKED HAM

&

CHEESE ON A KAISER ROLL

With Mustard Packet

\$4.00 per Sandwich or 2 for \$7.00

Wednesday, November 3rd from

11:00 AM to 1:00 PM and

4:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Pick up at the Rectory

2010 12th Avenue - Altoona

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All orders must be received

Monday, November 1st by 12:00 Noon

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Saint Padre Pio:

The Apparitions and the Souls in Purgatory

Padre Pio started to have apparitions when he was a child. The little Francesco didn't speak of it because he believed that the apparitions normally happened to all people. The apparitions were of Angels, of Saints, of Jesus, and of Our Lady, but sometimes, also of devils.

One evening Padre Pio was in a room, on the ground floor of the convent, turned guesthouse. He was alone and had just laid down on the cot when, suddenly, a man appeared to him wound in a black mantle. Padre Pio was amazed and arose to ask the man who he was and what he wanted. The stranger answered that he was a soul in Purgatory.

"I am Pietro Di Mauro" he said "I died in a fire, on September 18, 1908, in this convent. In fact this convent, after the expropriation of the ecclesiastical goods, had been turned into a hospice for elderly. I died in the flames, while I was sleeping on my straw mattress, right in this room. I have come from Purgatory: God has granted me to come here and ask you to say Mass for me tomorrow morning. Thanks to one Mass I will be able to enter into Paradise".

Father Pio told the man that he would say Mass for him but he wanted to accompany him to the door of the convent. "I surely realised I had talked to a dead person, in fact when we went out in the church square, the man that was at my side, suddenly disappeared. I have to admit that I re-entered in the convent rather frightened." Padre Paolino of Casacalenda, Superior of the convent, noticed my nervousness, after explaining to him what happened, I asked "permission to celebrate Holy Mass for the deceased soul,"

A few days later, Father Paolino, wanting to verify the information, went to the office of the registry of the community of St. Giovanni Rotondo. He required and got the permission to consult the register of the deceased in the year 1908. The account of facts Father Pio relayed were true. In the register of deaths of the month of September, Father Paolino found the first name, last name and cause of death: "On September 18, 1908 in the fire of the hospice, Pietro Di Mauro died."