

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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2008 ACA Final Report of Our Lady of Fatima: Goal = \$11,358. Pledged = \$11,432.50. Balance to be paid = 790.49. *

Congratulations and Thanks to our 88 pledge makers !

Anonymous	Ms. Erma Iannaello	Ms. Tina Shaw
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MONEY MATTERS 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (August 31)

260 people Celebrated Liturgy at O.L.F. contributing \$ 1,521.00 of which \$263.00 accounted for "loose" cash.

Envelopes In Circulation 238 # Used 102 # Unused 136

MONEY MATTERS 23rd in Sunday Ordinary Time (September 7)

282 people Celebrated Liturgy at O.L.F. contributing \$ 2,971.70 of which \$233.00 accounted for "loose" cash.

Envelopes In Circulation 239 # Used 120 # Unused 119



In the year 326 the mother of Constantine, Helena, then about 80 years old, having journeyed to Jerusalem, undertook to rid the Holy Sepulchre of the mound of earth heaped upon and around it, and to destroy the pagan buildings that profaned its site. Some revelations which she had received gave her confidence that she would discover the Saviour's Tomb and His Cross. The work was carried on diligently, with the co-operation of St. Macarius, bishop of the city.

The Jews had hidden the Cross in a ditch or well, and covered it over with stones, so that the faithful might not come and venerate it. Only a chosen few among the Jews knew the exact spot where it had been hidden, and one of them, named Judas, touched by Divine inspiration, pointed it out to the excavators, for which act he was highly praised by St. Helena. Judas afterwards became a Christian saint, and is honoured under the name of Cyriacus.

During the excavation three crosses were found, but because the titulus was detached from the Cross of Christ, there was no means of identifying it. Following an inspiration from on high, Macarius caused the three crosses to be carried, one after the other, to the bedside of a worthy woman who was at the point of death. The touch of the other two was of no avail; but on touching that upon which Christ had died the woman got suddenly well again.

After the happy discovery, St. Helena and Constantine erected a magnificent basilica over the Holy Sepulchre, and that is the reason why the church bore the name of St. Constantinus. The precise spot of the finding was covered by the atrium of the basilica, and there the Cross was set up in an oratory, as appears in the restoration executed by de Vogüé. When this noble basilica had been destroyed by the infidels, Arculfus, in the seventh century, enumerated four buildings upon the Holy Places around Golgotha, and one of them was the "Church of the Invention" or "of the Finding". This church was attributed by him and by topographers of later times to Constantine. The Frankish monks of Mount Olivet, writing to Leo III, style it St. Constantinus. Perhaps the oratory built by Constantine suffered less at the hands of the Persians than the other buildings, and so could still retain the name and style of Martyrium Constantinianum. (See De Rossi, Bull. d' arch. crist., 1865, 88.)

A portion of the True Cross remained at Jerusalem enclosed in a silver reliquary; the remainder, with the nails, must have been sent to Constantine, and it must have been this second portion that he caused to be enclosed in the statue of himself which was set on a porphyry column in the Forum at Constantinople; Socrates, the historian, relates that this statue was to make the city impregnable. One of the nails was fastened to the emperor's helmet, and one to his horse's bridle, bringing to pass, according to many of the Fathers, what had been written by Zacharias the Prophet: "In that day that which is upon the bridle of the horse shall be holy to the Lord" (Zechariah 14:20). Another of the nails was used later in the Iron Crown of Lombardy preserved in the treasury of the cathedral of Monza.

*In the interest of (as close as we can get to) full disclosure, I need to note that approximately \$300.00 of the \$700.00 balance due in regard to the 2008 Annual Catholic Appeal is owed by me, your pastor. I can assure you that it will be paid. Back at the beginning of the ACA campaign, when use of the diocesan formula suggested we could reach our goal if each registered parishioner pledged and paid \$63.10, I generously covered the backs of 9 slackers, and pledged \$631.00. Since, like so many of you, I'm on a fixed income (like, really, who isn't?) I couldn't handle that in a single payment. I opted for the electronic payment method. On each of six or seven months the diocese extracts a small amount of cash from my checking account. I hardly even notice it. In fact I pretty much forgot about it until I read this report. The reason I'm going into all this detail here is because I want to encourage all of you on fixed incomes to consider this option for next year's Annual Catholic Appeal. It makes being responsible and generous relatively painless and oh, so easy!

Spaghetti Dinner Take Out Wednesday, August 17, 2008

Dinners Include:

A handsome portion of spaghetti with sauce, Two meatballs
Salad and a T-roll

Still Only \$5.00 Per Serving

(Additional sauce available for \$.50)

Pickup at Rectory between 11 to 1 or 4 to 6

**All orders must be received no later than
Monday, August 15, 2008**

By Noon

To order please call 942-0371

MASS INTENTIONS FOR September 15-21, 2008

Monday	09/15	08:00 AM	Vocations to Diocesan Priesthood, C. Sheehan	<i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>
Tuesday	09/16	08:00 AM	Dolly Sheehan, M/M Paul Rose	<i>Cornelius, pope, mrt, Cyprian, bp., mr</i>
Wednesday	09/17	08:00 AM	Poor Souls in Purgatory, C. Sheehan	<i>Robert Bellarmine, bishop, doctor</i>
Thursday	09/18	08:00 AM	Debra Shuma, b-day, Mother, Dad & Fam.	<i>Weekday</i>
Friday	09/19	08:00 AM	Walter Bieniek, 1 yr. anv., Wife & Family	<i>Weekday</i>
Saturday	09/20	04:30 PM	Aileen Weakland, Bernadette Weakland	<i>25th Sun in Ordinary Time</i>
Sunday	09/21	09:00 AM	Liv/Dec of Our Lady of Fatima Parish	<i>25th Sun in Ordinary Time</i>
Sunday	09/21	11:00 AM	Bill Stitt, Jim & Charlotte Sommers	<i>25th Sun in Ordinary Time</i>

EXAMINE ENCLOSED PACKET AT HOME