

**26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**September 26-27, 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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**Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church**  
partners with  
**CITIZENS CONCERNED FOR HUMAN LIFE, INC.**

**Once again on Sunday, October 4, 2009, Citizens Concerned for Human Life will be sponsoring a Life Chain here in Altoona from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. The Life Chain will form along 17th Street, and we will be praying for an end to abortion.**

**Please attend this peaceful and prayerful demonstration for life.**



As parishioners **Bob and Kay Niemi** put the finishing touches on their proposals for Our Lady of Fatima programs geared toward involving parishioners in the lives of other parishioners and/or residents of the 5th Ward and environs suffering from loss, loneliness, troubles, or spiritual dryness, they highly recommend that parishioners interested in their *soon to be parish programs* attend one or more of the diocesan programs advertised and described below. Some financial assistance is available to those who might need it.

### **"Worried Love: Concerned About a Loved One Addicted to Alcohol and/or Other Drugs"**

Wednesdays, October 14 & 21, 7-9 PM Family Life Office, Lilly (handicap accessible).

Is a family member's use of alcohol or other drugs affecting your family life? Want to discover the light at the end of the tunnel? Come & experience two evenings with Sr. Fran Stein R.S.M., who has extensive experience dealing with families and addictions. The cost is \$20 /series. Registration deadline: October 7. To register, mail your check payable to the "Family Life Office," 5379 Portage St., Lilly, PA 15938 - (814) 886-5551.

### **"Walking With Those Coping With Loss" —**

Bereavement Ministry Training Day Saturday, November 7, 9:30 am-3:00 pm at the Family Life Office, Lilly (handicap accessible). The workshop is geared toward individuals, professionals, or parish teams or volunteers who wish to reach out to those in grief. Cost is \$30/ includes materials & lunch. Registration deadline is October 31. To register, mail your check payable to the "Family Life Office," 5379 Portage St., Lilly, PA 15938 — (814) 886-5551.

### **"Understanding Your Grief"**

Tuesday, November 17, 1:00-3:00 pm or 7:00-9:00 pm at the Family Life Office, Lilly (handicap accessible). Grief is a normal response to the loss of a loved one. Misunderstanding of the process can trigger questions about one's own ability to cope and survive. - Facilitator, Sr. Marilyn Welch, CCW, will discuss the normal process of grief and healthy coping mechanisms for dealing with loss in a faith-filled way. Cost is \$10/person. Registration deadline: November 10. To register, mail your check payable to the "Family Life Office," 5379 Portage St., Lilly, PA 15938 — (814) 886-5551.

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## **On the Last Judgment** by Saint John Vianney

When shall we die? Alas! will it be in a year, in a month? Perhaps tomorrow, perhaps today! May not that happen to us which happens to so many others? It may be that at a moment when you are thinking of nothing but amusing yourself, you may be summoned to the judgment of God, like the impious Baltassar. What will then be the astonishment of that soul entering on its eternity? Surprised, bewildered, separated thenceforth from its relations and friends, and, as it were, surrounded with Divine light, it will find in its Creator no longer a merciful Father, but an inflexible Judge. Imagine to yourselves, my children, a soul at its departure from this life. It is going to appear before the tribunal of its Judge, alone with God; there is Heaven on one side, Hell on the other. What object presents itself before it? The picture of its whole life! All its thoughts, all its words, all its actions, are examined.

This examination will be terrible, my children, because nothing is hidden from God. His infinite wisdom knows our most inmost thoughts; it penetrates to the bottom of our hearts, and lays open their innermost folds. The proud man must give an account of all his thoughts of presumption, of vanity, of ambition; the impure of all his evil thoughts, and of the criminal desires with which he has fed his imagination. Those young people who are incessantly occupied with their dress, who are seeking to please, to distinguish themselves, to attract attention and praise, and who dare not make themselves known in the tribunal of Penance, will they be able still to hide themselves at the day of the judgment of God? No, no! They will appear there such as they have been during their life, before Him who makes known all that is most secret in the heart of man.

We shall give an account, my children, of our oaths, of our imprecations, of our curses. God hears our slanders, our calumnies, our free conversations, our worldly and licentious songs; He hears also the discourse of the impious. This is not all, my children; God will also examine our actions. He will bring to light all our unfaithfulness in His service, our forgetfulness of His Commandments, our transgression of His law, the profanation of His churches, the attachment to the world, the ill-regulated love of pleasure and of the perishable goods of earth. All, my children, will be unveiled; those thefts, that injustice, that usury, that intemperance, that anger, those disputes, that tyranny, that revenge, those criminal liberties, those abominations that cannot be named without blushes....

**MONEY MATTERS****25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Sept. 20)**

255 People Celebrated Liturgy at O.L.F. contributing \$2,,098.11 of which \$258.81 accounted for "loose."

# Envelopes In Circulation	235	# Used	101	# Unused	134
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*Thursday is October 1, 2009. October has traditionally been designated the Month of the Rosary. Our Parish Patroness, Mary, Our Lady of Fatima, has asked us to say the Holy Rosary every day, October or not. There are two reasons for us to begin again what has become for many of us a lost daily practice, the praying of the daily rosary.*

**What Is Gained by Praying the Rosary Daily**

According to Theologian Father Jesús Castellano Cervera the rosary helps prepare one for the Eucharist and prolongs communion with the Lord

Q: Why has the Holy Father encouraged Christians to pray the rosary every day?

Father Castellano Cervera: For many reasons. Above all, he does so himself and gives an example to all. I remember that precisely at the beginning of his pontificate, in October 1978, he already recommended this prayer to everyone, which he described as "my favorite prayer."

He proposes it today, after the October 2002 apostolic letter on the rosary, because he wishes to stimulate the way of praying the rosary in communion with Mary, contemplating and living the mysteries of Jesus, and raising "vocal" prayer to the rank of contemplative prayer.

Q: What does the rosary have that makes it different from other prayers, and why is it so important to address one's supplications to Mary?

Father Castellano Cervera: The rosary, as seen from its beginning and progressive organization, is a simple and intense prayer that recalls the mysteries of our redemption. The nucleus of the contemplation is offered by progressive meditation on the mysteries of Christ and Mary: joyful --the incarnation and infancy; luminous -- public life; sorrowful -- the assion and death; glorious -- the resurrection and glorification of Christ and Mary. It is the essential nucleus of our faith and of the mystery of Christ.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR September 28 - October 4, 2009**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>09/28</b>	<b>08:00 AM</b>	<b>Austin Weakland, B Weakland</b>	<i>Wenceslaus, martyr</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>09/29</b>	<b>08:00 AM</b>	<b>Health of Florence Berrang, C Smith</b>	<i>Michael, Gabriel, archangels</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>09/30</b>	<b>08:00 AM</b>	<b>Helen Dzwonkowski, M/M Stanley Krish &amp; Family</b>	<i>Jerome, priest &amp; doctor</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>10/01</b>	<b>08:00 AM</b>	<b>Mr. Raymond Stoehr, M/M Charles Hennigan</b>	<i>Therese of the Child Jesus</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>10/02</b>	<b>08:00 AM</b>	<b>Hattie R Zaczek—Bday, Children</b>	<i>Guardian Angels</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>10/03</b>	<b>04:30 PM</b>	<b>Russell (Bud) Weakland, Marguerite W-Frederick</b>	<i>26th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10/04</b>	<b>09:00 AM</b>	<b>Joseph S Niewola, Wife Victoria &amp; Family</b>	<i>26th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10/04</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>Liv/Dec'd Members of Our Lady of Fatima Parish</b>	<i>26th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>

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