



St Helena, the mother of Emperor Constantine, is believed by many to have found the true cross. She proved it was the true cross by touching it to several sick persons who were miraculously cured of their maladies. Belief in the truth of this ancient legend is not a matter of Faith..Many people report good things happen when they venerate this relic.



Friday, September 14, is the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. St. Helena has her own feast day (August 18). We will honor the exaltation of the true Cross next weekend by venerating our relic of the True Cross after each of the weekend Masses. People who wish to participate in this reverential act come forward after the Mass and while prayerfully thinking of his/her private intention, takes the reliquary, presses it to the lips, and says to one self, words similar to this: "I venerate the cross on which you hung for me."

Securely ensconced in its own private safe is the O.L.F. Reliquary containing the relic of the True Cross. The parish treasure is brought out on occasions when the pastor deems it appropriate for the relic be venerated by Faith-filled believers. Bishop Joseph Adamec authenticated the Roman documentation which accompanies the relic on his visit to the parish in 2010, at which time he told us that this is one of two such relics in the entire Diocese. Next weekend is one of those occasions.

**Mon. 09/10**     **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Cancer**  
 Feast            Weekday  
 8:00 AM Mass    Theresa Bruno, Gabby and Family

**Tues. 09/11**     **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Heart Diseases**  
 Feast            Weekday  
 8:00 AM Mass    Mrs. Agate Lam Costa, Catarina Wong

**Wed. 09/12**     **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Arthritis**  
 Feast            The Most Holy Name of Mary  
 8:00 AM Mass    Aus Hallinan, M/M Donald Bernard

**Thur. 09/13**     **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Nervous Disorders**  
 Feast            Saint John Chrysoston, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
 8:00 AM Mass    Sally Colledge. Children

**Fri. 09/14**     **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Emotional Disorders**  
 Feast            The Exaltation of the Holy Cross  
 8:00 AM Mass    George Glashauser, M/M Tim Sheehan

**Sat. 09/15**     **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Diabetes**  
 Feast            Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 4:30 PM Mass    Liv/Dec. Members of Our Lady of Fatima Parish

**Sun. 09/16**     **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Addictions**  
 Feast            Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 9:00 AM Mass    Joseph Pufka, 15th Ann of death, Joe, Patty and Family  
 11:00 AM Mass    Denise Keagy, Julie Masucci and Kathy Knott

*Lord  
 Jesus  
 Christ  
 Son  
 Of  
 God  
 Have  
 Mercy  
 On  
 Me  
 A  
 Sinner*

**Happy Birthday:**

09/11 Sis Hollern - **The big 90**  
 09/13 Nichole McConaughy  
 09/14 Christine Baker  
       Patty Gaeto  
       Sara Quinlins  
       Mary Wall  
 09/15 Robyn Kasun  
       Kaylee Keagy  
 09/16 Mike Malligan  
       Bob Summers  
 09/17 Clem Katowski

**Wedding Anniversaries:**

09/14 Eddie and Nancy Ptak

*Our Lady of Fatima Pleaded That we pray  
 the Holy Rosary Daily  
 At O.L.F. before each Mass and privately  
 from 8:30am to 7:00pm*

**MONEY MATTERS**

**Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, (September 2 2012)**

196 people Celebrated Liturgy at O.L.F. contributing \$ 2,230.00 of which \$ 84.00 accounted for non-env. contributions.  
 # Envelopes In Circulation     203                    # Used             84                    # Unused         119



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September 5, 2012

Rev. James Zatalava  
Our Lady of Fatima Parish  
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Altoona, PA 16601

Dear Father Zatalava and the faith community of Our Lady of Fatima parish,

In the holy season of Lent, I had invited the faithful to give to the Annual Catholic Appeal according to the widow's mite and might in imitation of her single-hearted devotion and complete trust in God. I am grateful to the parish faith community for doing its part of making the Annual Catholic Appeal a success.

By the Grace of God, we have been called to bring Christ our Hope of Glory to everyone we encounter in our daily lives. Because of the sacrifices you have made, the Church of Altoona-Johnstown is helping to more fully reveal Christ within us and among us.

Thank you for your sacrificial support.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "+ Mark L. Bartchak".

Most Rev. Mark L. Bartchak  
Bishop of Altoona-Johnstown

P. S. Your parish will continue to receive monthly checks as the development office records pledge payments and one-time contributions through December 31.

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**Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Parish in Altoona**

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**Empress mother of Constantine the Great.** She was a native of Bithynia, who married the then Roman general Constantius I Chlorus about 270. Constantine was born soon after, and in 293, Constantius was made Caesar, or junior emperor. He divorced Helena to marry co Emperor Maximian's stepdaughter. Constantine became emperor in 312 after the fateful victory at Milvian Bridge, and Helena was named Augusta, or empress. She converted to Christianity and performed many acts of charity, including building churches in Rome and in the Holy Land. On a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, Helena discovered the True Cross. She is believed to have died in Nicomedia. Her porphyry sarcophagus is in the Vatican Museum. Geoffrey of Monmouth, England, started the legend that Helena was the daughter of the king of Colchester, a tradition no longer upheld. In liturgical art Helena is depicted as an empress, holding a cross.

*Get Ready!*

Our Lady of Fatima Parish  
**Famous 12" HOAGIE**



**\$6.00**



Wednesday, Sept 19, from  
11:00 AM to 1:00 PM and  
4:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Pick up at the K of C Back Door  
*(Alley behind the K of C Building - Stay in your car)*