

Artificial Contraception and the Church

It comes as a surprise to most people that, as recently as the early decades of the last century, all Christian churches were united in their opposition to artificial contraception. Luther, Calvin, and Wesley were all opposed to contraception. It was only in 1930 that the Anglican Church went on record as saying that for grave reasons, within marriage, contraception could be permissible.

By contrast, during this same time period, Pope Pius XI issued the encyclical On Christian Marriage, in which the Holy Father reiterated what has been the constant teaching of the Catholic Church: **because contraception violates goods intrinsic to marriage, it is intrinsically wrong.** This teaching of the Church went virtually unchallenged until the early 1960s, when the invention of the "Pill" and the rise of feminism led many people to be more accepting of contraception.

Some Catholics became convinced that the Church was holding on to a hopelessly outdated, unrealistic, and impractical standard. Some even believed that within a short time, this "old-fashioned" restriction would be lifted. In 1968, however, Pope Paul VI issued *On Human Life*, which reiterated true Church teaching:

The Church, which interprets natural law through its **unchanging doctrine**, reminds men and women that the teachings based on natural law must be obeyed, and it teaches that it is necessary that each and every conjugal act remain ordained to the pro-creating of human life.

There is an unbreakable connection between the **unitive** meaning and the **procreative** meaning of the conjugal act, and **both are inherent in the conjugal act.**

This connection was **established by God** and cannot be broken by man through his own volition.

(quoted from Sex and Contraception)

The brochure which was affixed to this portion of the bulletin is not available for the web-site.

Mon. 04/22 **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Cancer**
 Feast Easter Weekday
 8:00 AM Mass Denise Keagy, Stan Krish and Family

Tues. 04/23 **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Heart Diseases**
 Feast Saint Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr
 8:00 AM Mass Theresa M. McCall, Greg and Karen Querry

Wed. 04/24 **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Arthritis**
 Feast Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr
 8:00 AM Mass Helen Buck, Ann, Daughter Cathy

Thur. 04/25 **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Nervous Disorders**
 Feast Saint Mark, Evangelist
 8:00 AM Mass Stanley and Mary Biem, Ron, Bernice and Sons

Fri. 04/26 **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Emotional Disorders**
 Feast Easter Weekday
 8:00 AM Mass Bill Conrad, Bistline, Lucas and Joyce Families

Sat. 04/27 **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Diabetes**
 Feast Easter Weekday
 4:30 PM Mass Lois J. Riley, Husband Jim

Sun. 04/28 **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Addictions**
 Feast Fifth Sunday of Easter
 9:00 AM Mass Francis Kasun, Ann., Kasun Family
 11:00 AM Mass Bill Stitt, Wed. Ann & Ann of Death, Wife Mim & Family

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

Happy Birthday:

04/22 Alex Clark
 Ken Smithmyer

04/25 Denise Stitt

04/26 Christine Manna

Wedding Anniversaries

04/23 Frank and Janice Frucella

**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**

Few people are aware that many forms of contraception are abortifacients; in other words, they some-times work by causing an early-term abortion. Rather than inhibiting ovulation, they work by preventing the fertilized egg, the tiny new human being, from implanting in the wall of the uterus. The IUD works in this fashion, as do Norplant, DepoProvera, the patch, and some forms of the Pill.

Taken from Sex and Contraception

MONEY MATTERS

Third Sunday of Easter, (April 14, 2013)
 203 people Celebrated Liturgy at O.L.F. contributing \$ 2,403.00 of which \$ 125.00 accounted for non-envelope contributions.

# Envelopes In Circulation	190	# Used	95	# Unused	95
-----------------------------------	------------	---------------	-----------	-----------------	-----------

**Annual Catholic Appeal 2013
Goal for Our Lady of Fatima Parish
\$14,855.00**

**Pledged to Date
\$ 9,295 or 63% of Goal**

Ms Connie Andros	Ms Helen Glashauser	Ms Mildred Maucieri	Ms Caroline Smith
Ms Constance Angeski	M/M Charles Hennigan	M/M James McKnight	M/M David Smith
M/M Ron Biem	M/M Tom Hofer	M/M Joseph Milliron	M/M Jerry Smith
Mrs Marian Boslet	Ms Cecelia Hollern	Mr Tim O'Connor	M/M Thomas A Smith
M/M Vincent Burr	M/M James Hosgood	Ms Catharine Mincin	M/M Bryan Starr
M/M Thomas Byrne	Ms Erma Iannaello	Ms Genevieve Musto	Mr Herbert E Summers
M/M Greg Brannan	M/M Joseph Ianniello	M/M John Noonan	Ms Jeanne C Summers
Mr Anthony Bruno	Mr John G Kasun, Sr	M/M Joseph Pufka	M/M Michael Wall
M/M Wilson Carper	M/M Stephen Kasun	Mr Jared F Pufka	Mrs Helen Watters
M/M Paul G Cassarly	M/M Ray Kelly	Ms Sara Quinlan	Ms. Jill Watters
M/M David Conrad	Mr Shawn Kelly	Ms Carol Riggelman	Ms Bernadette Weakland
Ms Freida Conrad	M/M Joseph Knott	M/M David Riley	Father James D Zatalava
M/M Jack Corle	Mr Stanley J Krish	Mr James R Riley	Anonymous (2)
M/M John Douglass	M/M Michael Long	Ms Lorraine Shuma	
Ms Eileen Edwards	M/M Michael Malligan	M/M Alfred J Sisto	

It probably won't affect the decision to leave us open or close us down if we don't make our goal for the first time in the eight years I've been pastor of OLF, but why should we give our enemies potentially live ammunition? Fellow procrastinators, it's crunch time! Father Z

Help the pastor celebrate his 69th birthday on

Wednesday, May 1, 2013

Sell and/or buy a ton of

The Famous O.L.F. Hoagies

(both the classic or the new healthy heart choice)

Still only \$6.00 per sandwich

Sign the clipboards in the pews or call 942-0371

Gaeto Construction Co.

Builders & Remodelers

Call us for all Your Remodeling Needs

Kitchens • Bathrooms • Garages • Windows • Doors

"Area's Leading Addition Specialist"

*"Adding to your family" * Call us to add to your house"*

(814) 944-9233

Fully Insured HIC #PA002981 In Our 30th Year

Owner: Joseph E. Gaeto

Pennsylvania Single Catholics



CatholicMatch.com/myPA

Altoona MEMORIAL STUDIO

When Only The Best Will Do

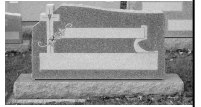
814-942-0101



1006 Pleasant Valley Blvd.

Altoona, PA 16602

Corner of 10th & Pleasant Valley Blvd.



J. Kirk Kling

ATTORNEY AT LAW

Criminal Law • DUI

Social Security • Wills • Estates

941-6699

630 PLEASANT VALLEY BLVD., STE. B

You Name It...
We Do It!
814-944-0561
Vince's Auto Body
State
Inspection,
Emission,
Mechanical Work
1318 Mill Run Rd. • Altoona

RILEY INC.

Since 1933

**PLUMBING & HEATING
CONTRACTOR**

814-942-6772

JOE MERRITT REMODELING

Roofing • Siding • Soffit & Facia

Interior & Exterior • Window Installation

Fully Insured • Over 20 Yrs. Experience

(814) 942-6784

STOP! If you live alone,
you NEED **LIFEWATCH!**

Simply press your waterproof pendant or wristband, and speak
"hands-free" with our exclusive EMT-certified care center, 24/7.



PERSONAL CARING SERVICE SINCE 1980

www.lifewatch-usa.com

You're never alone with Lifewatch!
800.998.5601

LIMITED TIME OFFER!

\$19.95 a month

FOR FIRST 3 MONTHS*

*After introductory offer expires, \$24.95/month will be billed quarterly.

WHY IS IT

A man wakes up after sleeping
under an ADVERTISED blanket
on an ADVERTISED mattress
and pulls off ADVERTISED pajamas
bathes in an ADVERTISED shower
shaves with an ADVERTISED razor
brushes his teeth
with ADVERTISED toothpaste
washes with ADVERTISED soap
puts on ADVERTISED clothes
drinks a cup
of ADVERTISED coffee
drives to work
in an ADVERTISED car
and then
refuses to ADVERTISE
believing it doesn't pay.
Later if business is poor
he ADVERTISES it for sale.

WHY IS IT?

ISB Investment Savings Bank

814-944-0843 1201 Eighth Ave. • Altoona



Consider
Remembering
Your Parish in
Your Will.

For further information,
please call the Parish Office.

MEDICAL ALARM PROTECTING CATHOLIC SENIORS NATIONWIDE



\$19.95*/Mo. - Holiday Special

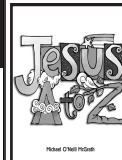
Toll Free: **1-877-801-8608**

*First three months only *Check with your accountant



- ✓ 25+ Yrs. in Business
- ✓ Lifetime Warranty
- ✓ Made in the USA
- ✓ Dr. Recommended
- ✓ Monitored in the USA
- ✓ Price Guarantee
- ✓ A+ Rated with BBB
- ✓ Tax Deductible*

✓ Waterproof Button



Jesus A to Z

Michael O'Neill McGrath, OSFS

A colorful Catholic ABC
book for kids and families! Includes a
glossary of questions to help adults pass on
their Catholic faith.

007199 9 x 12 Hardcover

\$16.99 each • Special Offer — 2 for \$25.00!

800-566-6150 www.wlpmusic.com



ARC is Your Catholic Credit Union

all Our Lady of Fatima parishioners are eligible to join

www.arccfu.org • 814-946-0857