

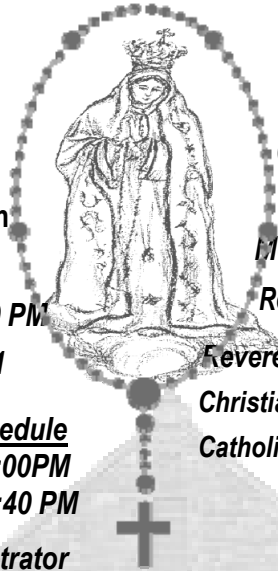
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 21, 2016

Our Lady of Fatima
 Plead that we pray the Holy Rosary
 before Sunday Mass and
 privately from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm daily.

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Rectory Office Hours:
 Monday – Friday 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
 Parish Office: 814-942-0371

Our Lady of Fatima Mass Schedule
 Sunday: 10:30 AM Holy Days: 6:00 PM
 Rosary: 10:05 AM Rosary: 5:40 PM

Our Lady of Fatima Parish Administrator
 Reverend Monsignor Robert C. Mazur

Parish Secretary
 Carol Z. Smith
Secretaries Assistant
 Ellen Kelly

Eucharist for the home bound - weekly:
 Patty Flanagan 942-0371 to make arrangements.

Our Lady of Fatima Church is open
 Monday through Friday: 9AM - 6PM
 for visits before the Blessed Sacrament.

Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals will be held at
Our Lady of Fatima.

Preparation for Baptism, and Weddings will be held at
the Cathedral. 944-4603

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick
 Parishioners wishing to receive the sacrament of
 healing may call the Cathedral Parish Office to
 make arrangements. 944-4603

Cathedral Church Office: 814-944-4603
 One Cathedral Square

Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak Bishop
 Reverend Monsignor Robert C. Mazur, Rector

Reverend Father Dennis M. Kurdziel, Parochial Vicar
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Confessions @ Cathedral: 7:00 PM Wednesday
 12:30 PM Saturday

Religious Education @ Cathedral: Pre-K through 11

Sacramental Formation @ Cathedral: First Reconciliation
 First Communion

Confirmation

Sacramental Formation @ the Cathedral: Baptismal Prep
 Marriage Prep

Christian Initiation

Hospital Visitation: Call the Cathedral: 944-4603

Cathedral Eucharist:

Sunday: 5:00 PM (Vigil)	Holy Days: 5:30 PM (Vigil)	Weekdays: 6:45 AM
8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM
10:00 AM	12:00 Noon	12:00 Noon
12:00 Noon	5:30 PM	Saturday: 8:00 AM
5:00 PM		12:00 Noon

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
FEBRUARY 21, 2016**

Readings: Gn 15:5-12,17-18; Phil 3:17--4:1; Lk 9:28-36

Cathedral Mass Intentions

February 22, Monday: Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle

Readings: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19

6:45 AM M. Virginia Jones (Sue & Toni Wesner)
8:00 AM William Bettwy, Anniv. (Tim and Joann)
12:00 PM Anna Marie Mullen, Anniv. (Aunt Louise)

February 23, Tuesday: Lenten Weekday

Readings: Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12

6:45 AM John Luddy (Batkiewicz Family)
8:00 AM Barbara Barrett (Tim and Rita Haluska)
12:00 PM Betty McCabe (Brooks and Karen Smith)

February 24, Wednesday: Lenten Weekday

Readings: Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28

6:45 AM Bill Crouse (Anna M. Jacobs)
8:00 AM Daniel Spinazzola, Sr., Anniv. (Family)
***12:00 PM Paul Rose (Jim Riley)**

February 25, Thursday: Lenten Weekday

Readings: Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31

***6:45 AM Joan Hirt (Flicks)**
8:00 AM Kevin Elvey (Janie and Jim Davidson)
12:00 PM RoseAnnHimmelein (J.&S.Cuzzolina Fam.)

February 26, Friday: Lenten Weekday

Readings: Gn 37:3-4,12-13,17-28; Mt 21:33-43,45-46

6:45 AM Betty Ann Schoch (F. & C. Dambeck)
8:00 AM Terry J. Joyce (Family)
12:00 PM James Moschella (Mark & Diane Moschella)

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

February 27, Saturday: Lenten Weekday

Readings: Mi 7:14-15,18-20; Lk 15:1-3,11-32

8:00 AM Joe Tomlinson (Cathedral Parish)
***12:00 PM Tom Byrne (Cecelia Hollern)**

Vigil: Third Sunday of Lent

Readings: Ex 17:3-7; Rom 5:1-2,5-8; Jn 4:5-42

5:00 PM Ralph Conroy, Wed. Anniv. (Wife, Joan)

Our Lady of Fatima Mass Intention

February 28, Third Sunday of Lent

Readings: Ex 17:3-7; Rom 5:1-2,5-8; Jn 4:5-42

***10:30 AM George Dean Barry (Colleen Douglass)**

*** PLEASE NOTE: Asterisk in front of Mass times are from OLF**

February 21, 2016

Scripture Reflection

In today's First Reading we listen in on God's intimate conversation with Abram (who will become Abraham, our father in faith). God promises descendants and Abram trusts the promise, yet he also asks for confirmation. God then instructs Abram in preparing a ritual to seal their covenant--an elaborate animal sacrifice in which God appears as a "smoking fire pot and a flaming torch." To the promise of descendants, the Lord then adds an expanse of land.

On hearing that Jesus takes his companions up the mountain, we should expect something extraordinary, since in the Scriptures mountaintops are the setting for divine encounter. Jesus' Transfiguration is a theophany, a visible manifestation of his future glory. The appearance of Moses and Elijah places Jesus in the lineage of the Law and the Prophets, which he fulfills through his own mission. That mission will culminate in his suffering, death, and Resurrection. Despite Peter's plea that they stay on the mountain, Jesus sets out for Jerusalem.

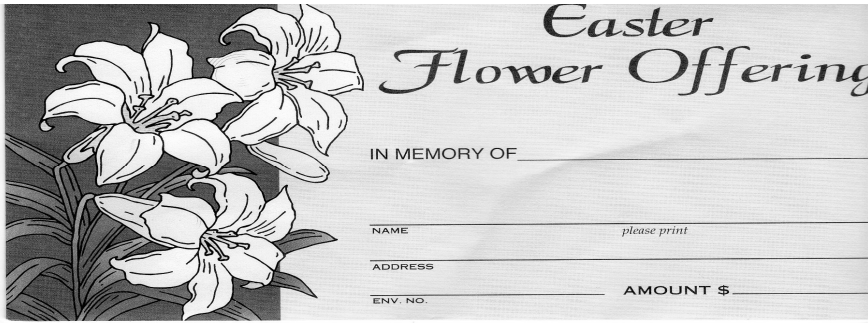
We all have work to finish here on earth and we do not know the time of its completion, which is why it is important for us to be faithful and attentive to each of our tasks at all times, however dull they appear. The glory awaits us, as Peter, John and James experienced during the transfiguration of Jesus. It is the glorious reality at the heart of our divine call and our divine future. The path to this future, however, passes through the experience of life, whether boring, exciting or suffused with suffering, as Jesus knew. For in the transfiguration, Moses and Elijah were talking to Jesus about "his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem" The glory passes through the paschal mystery, Jesus' departure paving the way for our journey home.

- **Meditate on Jesus' glory and the glory promised to us.**
- **When is daily life most difficult or dreary for you?**
- **How does the reality of glory enliven you or give you hope?**

Notes from Our Lady of Fatima Parish...

PRAYING THE STATIONS

Stations of the Cross will be prayed Friday's in Lent at **7:00 PM at the Cathedral**. Bring the family and walk the Stations as we make the way of the cross our own journey to Calvary and resurrection.



Easter Flower offering is \$10.00 per individual or Family name. Please fill in your contribution envelope # **XXXX**, Name of **"In Memory of"**, **Your name below** and the **Amount of your offering** on the envelope.

You will find additional envelopes on the heating units and back tables throughout the Lenten Season.

OUT AND ABOUT

CATHEDRAL OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT—LENTEN LUNCHES

Ash Wednesday and Fridays of Lent—11:00 am until 1:30 pm. Menu includes: Fish Sandwich with Macaroni & Cheese or French Fries for \$6.50. Luncheons will be served on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 10; Fridays, Feb. 19, 26; March 4, 11, and 18. (no lunch served on Good Friday) Eat in or Take-out. No pre-paid orders. Please call in orders of ten or more: 944-4603.

FISH FRY—SAINT MARKS— 416 6th Avenue, Altoona—Mark your calendars for the following dates for our Lenten Fish Fries—Fridays from 4—6:30 pm (while supplies last) - Feb. 26, and March 11. Menu is as follows: Baked or Fried Fish, French Fries or Mac & Cheese, Stewed Tomatoes or Coleslaw, Roll & Butter, Drink, and Dessert. Cost will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. Take-outs will be available.

CONVERSION, FOLLOWING THE CALL OF CHRIST

Bishop Robert Baron's DVD: will be presented by Sister Theresa CCW, at St. Mary's Church basement at 1405 5th Avenue, Altoona. There will be three evenings of DVD and discussion of the following date and times. Tuesdays, Feb. 23rd, and March 1st from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. This is a wonderful preparation for the Easter Season. If you can make it please call Sister Theresa at 942-5747. God Bless you. SISTER THERESA

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION DAYS WITH BISHOP MARK

Tuesday, February 23 — 6:30 PM Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Altoona.

This is a great opportunity for our young people to spend time with Bishop Mark and meet other young teens from the diocese. Light Refreshments will be served following each event.

SPRING CRAFT FAIR..

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Saint Rita of Tyrone, will hold a Spring Craft Fair on Saturday, March 5th from 10am to 3pm at St. Matthew Catholic Church—Harions Hall. Consignment sale of "gently used - "Designer" hand-bags, purses, totes, wallets, backpacks, etc. For directions call parish office 684-1480.

BISHOP GUILFOYLE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE..

Family, friends are invited to attend our Open House on Saturday, March 12th, 2016 from 2pm to 4pm. A great opportunity for our local families to learn first-hand more about Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School and its excellence in academics, student participation, athletics and community and tradition. For further information regarding our Open House, please feel free to contact us at admissions@bguilfoyle.org or 814.944.3636.

Second Sunday of Advent
10:30 AM
INTENTION: Vince Farabaugh, Sr.



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Our first pledge received for 2016 is from Mike and Mary Wall
A Huge Thank You from your Parish!

Parishioners would have received a letter and pledge card from Bishop Mark this past week.
Please sign your pledge and place the card in the collection on Sunday, February 28th or
mail to the Diocese in the self addressed envelope.

Communal Penance Services - Lent 2016

The season of Lent is a time for Catholics to seek God's healing and forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The following is a schedule of Communal Penance Services at various Blair County parishes in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown.

Saint Joseph, 623 E. 3rd Street, Bellwood – February 21 at 6:00 p.m.

Saint Mark, 416 6th Avenue, Altoona– March 6 at 3:00 p.m.

Holy Rosary, 900 N. 4th Street, Altoona– March 10 at 6:00 p.m.

Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, 2301 5th Street, Altoona– March 12 at 10:00 a.m.

Saint John the Evangelist, 309 Lotz Avenue, Altoona– March 13 at 4:00 p.m.

Saint Rose of Lima, 5514 Roselawn Avenue, Altoona – March 13 at 5:00 p.m.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, 806 11th Street, Altoona– March 14 at 7:00 p.m.

Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, One Cathedral Square, Altoona– March 16 at 6:30 p.m.

(Diocesan Service with Bishop Mark Bartchak presiding)

Saint Matthew, 1105 Cameron Avenue, Tyrone – March 16 at 7:00 p.m.

Our Lady of Lourdes, 2716 Broad Avenue, Altoona – March 17 at 7:00 p.m.

Saint Mary, 312 Clark Street, Hollidaysburg – March 20 at 4:00 p.m.

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Happy Birthday:

02/23 Bob Gates
02/25 Carol Riley
02/26 Connie McKnight
02/27 Adaline Cassarly

Wedding Anniversaries:

02/24 Kathie and Pete Starr

MONEY MATTERS

First Sunday of Lent, (February 14, 2016)

100 people Celebrated Liturgy at O.L.F. contributing \$1,622.00 of which \$ 136.00 accounted for non-envelope contributions.

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Liturgical Reflection...

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MERCY

This second week of Lent the Local Church observes the Corporal Work of Mercy to shelter the homeless. The media bombards us with information on the flight of immigrants seeking a homeland. The Lord would have us welcome the stranger in our midst. Catholic Relief Services aids orphans, refugees, and victims of natural disasters and wars. Do you know someone from the parish or wider community who needs some home repairs or yard work? Housing is a primary concern for many families; some of them live right around us. Catholic Charities ministers to the homeless. Being a follower of Christ means we may have to leave our comfort zone and become involved in the community. God's mercy shines through our involvement.

2016, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania 16648

You have what it takes to forgive!

When Jesus forgives those who had unjustly convicted him and nailed him on a cross to die, his prayer, "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do," alludes to the reason all people sin—in the moment of making the sinful choice, the person steps out of God's grace.

"They know not what they do" doesn't excuse their behavior, but rather explains that outside of God's grace we are unable to access the wisdom or understanding that we need to make a holy choice. Outside of God's grace we are left to make decisions out of fear or selfishness, rather than decisions that come from a place of love.

To forgive someone we need to look hard at the factors in that person's life that led them to step outside of God's grace.

Typically, the larger the sin, the more baggage the other person carries into the moment of sin. A difficult childhood suffered by a woman's unfaithful husband can't excuse his choice to have an affair, but it can help explain how he came to that choice.

Forgiveness falls into two types. In the first, the person who was hurt sees the person who has sinned clamoring to get back into the grace of God and the people in his or her life. An unfaithful husband may show deep remorse, start therapy, and show that he wants to learn what led to his terrible choice so he won't do it again. His wife may find that this type of forgiveness often leads to a relationship that is even stronger than before the breach occurred.

The second type of forgiveness is more difficult. The person who was hurt sees that the person who sinned refuses to acknowledge his fault. The husband minimizes the hurt he caused, doesn't look into his own life to find the brokenness, and doesn't make a change. In this case, forgiveness means the wife begins to let go of the anger without being naïve enough to think her husband will change. This type of forgiveness—which we hear in Jesus' prayer from the cross—requires that the forgiver enter so deeply into God's grace that she has access to the wisdom and understanding she will need to guide her in such a difficult circumstance.

Forgiving in this situation can allow the hurt person to drop the soul-corroding anger, hate, and resentment they are carrying. The person may choose to move on from the relationship, not to punish the sinner, but to protect oneself.

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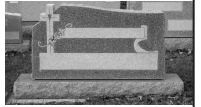
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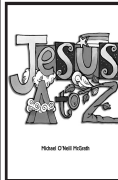
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