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Twenty-Fifth Sunday in O.T.
September 23, 2018

The fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace.
— James 3:18

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

St. Wenceslaus



Feast September 28

Our Lady of Fatima Parish
2010 12th Avenue
www.ourladyoffatimaaltoona.org
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

Eucharist for the home bound - weekly:
Patty Flanagan 942-0371 for 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

OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH IS A RESULT OF THE MERGER BETWEEN THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCHES OF SS. PETER & PAUL AND ST. LEO THE GREAT IN 1995.



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

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

Rev. Father Dennis M. Kurdziel, Parochial Vicar
Christian Initiation Team: 944-4603
Catholics returning Home: 944-4603

Mail Ministry to Elderly, Homebound, Seriously Sick and Grieving - 944-4603

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Web: www.holytrinitycatholic.school
Altoona Campus (Pre-K thru Grade 4) - 381-7011
Hollidaysburg Campus (Pre-K thru Grade 4) - 695-6112
Middle School Campus (Grades 5 thru 8) - 942-7835

Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School:
Web: www.bishopguilfoyle.org – 944-4014

Directors of Religious Education:
Chris Laraia – Pre-K thru 8 - 312-7317
Jean Koury – 9 thru 12 – 949-2777

Religious Education Office: Sundays – 943-7424

Director of Music Ministry
Leslie C. Thayer, MM, CAGO
Music Ministry Office - 944-2044
E-Mail: ltayer@dioceseaj.org

Reconciliation @ 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

Feast of St. Wenceslaus - September 28th

Patron saint of Bohemia, parts of Czech Republic, and duke of Bohemia from 924-929. Also called Wenceslas, he was born near Prague and raised by his grandmother, St. Ludmilla, until her murder by his mother, the pagan Drahomira.

Wenceslaus's mother assumed the regency over Bohemia about 920 after her husband's death, but her rule was so arbitrary and cruel in Wenceslaus' name that he was compelled on behalf of his subjects to overthrow her and assume power for himself in 924 or 925.

A devout Christian, he proved a gifted ruler and a genuine friend of the Church.

German missionaries were encouraged, churches were built, and Wenceslaus perhaps took a personal vow of poverty. Unfortunately, domestic events proved fatal, for in 929 the German king Heinrich I the Fowler (r. 919-936) invaded Bohemia and forced Wenceslaus to make an act of submission.

This defeat, combined with his pro-Christian policies, led a group of non-Christian nobles to conspire against him. On September 28, 935, a group of knights under the leadership of Wenceslaus' brother, Boreslav, assassinated the saint on the doorstep of a church.

Virtually from the moment of his death, Wenceslaus was considered a martyr and venerated as a saint.

Miracles were reported at his tomb, and his remains were translated to the church of St. Vitus in Prague which became a major pilgrimage site.

The feast has been celebrated at least since 985 in Bohemia.

Wenceslaus is the subject of the popular Saint Stephen's Day (celebrated on December 26 in the West) Carol, "Good King Wenceslas". It was published by John Mason Neale in 1853, and may be a translation of a poem by Czech poet Václav Alois Svoboda. The usual American English spelling of Duke Wenceslas' name, Wenceslaus, is occasionally encountered in later textual variants of the carol, although it was not used by Neale in his version. Wenceslas is not to be confused with King Wenceslaus I of Bohemia (Wenceslaus I Premyslid), who lived more than three centuries later.



Statue of Saint Wenceslas on the eponymous square in Prague.

An equestrian statue of Saint Wenceslaus and other patrons of Bohemia (St. Adalbert, St. Ludmila, St. Prokop and St. Agnes of Bohemia) is located on Wenceslaus Square in Prague. The statue is a popular meeting place in Prague. Demonstrations against the Communist regime were held there.

His helmet and armour are on display inside Prague Castle.

September 23, 2018
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
10:30 AM

OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS

Readings: Wis 2:12, 17-20; Jas 3:16--4:3; Mk 9:30-37

***Today's Intention - Cont'd health for Father Dennis
Kurdziel**

Readings: Nm 11:25-29; Jas:1-6, Mk 9:38-43,45, 47-48

***Sun., Sept. 30th, Robert Boslet, (Mother & Family)**

Cathedral Mass Intentions

September 24, Monday: Weekday

Readings: Prv 3:27-34; Lk 8:16-18

6:45 AM BeBe Milliron (John and Beth)

8:00 AM Work Friends (Patty Emigh)

12:00 PM John Knott (M/M Larry Nevling Family)

September 25, Tuesday: Weekday

Readings: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Lk 8:19-21

6:45 AM Poor Souls

8:00 AM Joe Wiedemer (John Palma)

12:00 PM Msgr. Paul D. Panza (Stanley Krish Family)

September 26, Wednesday: Sts. Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs

Readings: Prv 30:5-9; Lk 9:1-6

6:45 AM Joe Tomlinson (Ken and Kathie Civils)

8:00 AM John Bauer (Rosemarie Fedeli)

12:00 PM Alfred Rutolo, Birthday (Family)

September 27, Thursday: St. Vincent dePaul, Priest

Readings: Eccl 1:2-11; Lk 9:7-9

6:45 AM Dec'd. of Michael & Ela Gibbons Fam. (Irwin Family)

8:00 AM Marjorie Jackson (Marlene & Paul Sheets)

12:00 PM John Bettwy (Joan and Bob Lozinak)

September 28, Friday: St. Wenceslaus, St Lawrence, Martyrs

Readings: Eccl 3:1-11; Lk 9:18-22

6:45 AM Paul Weible (Michael and Suzan Kuny)

8:00 AM Derek Behe (M/M Lynn Pearson)

12:00 PM Margie Smith (Dennis and Eileen)

September 29, Saturday: Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael

Readings: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Jn 1:47-51

8:00 AM Linda Blackie, Birthday (Friend)

12:00 PM John Vogel, Birthday (Madeline Vogel Family)

Vigil: Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Nm 11:25-29; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43,45,47-48

5:00 PM Bernadine Garcia (Mary Lysinger)

*Jesus, Son of the Living Father,
Have Mercy on Me a Sinner.*

*Please pray for all of our parishioners, especially for
those who have illnesses great and small and our
seniors who are lonely and need comfort and care.*

September 23, 2018
Scripture Reflection

What is authentic, selfless ambition? Today's liturgy issues God's call to avoid jealousy and selfish ambition, and to cultivate sincerity, humility, and peace (James 3:13-18). The Gospel illustrates this message especially clearly. The disciples are so preoccupied with their own ambitions that they have failed to confront Jesus' reality - so in conflict with their expectations: "They had been discussing who was the greatest." Jesus uses this opportunity to illustrate true discipleship: "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." True leadership, says Jesus, is servant leadership! Key to this week's Gospel is diakonía. Translators often render this term as "service," which is broadly accurate, but diakonía was a very specific kind of service. One practiced it primarily by following another's instructions. People of every social status, from slaves to high royal officials, performed diakonía in the course of their duties. In the New Testament, this kind of service has a strong connection to hospitality and food. It is the word Luke uses to describe Martha's concerns (Lk 10:40) and the term John uses to describe the banquet staff at the wedding in Cana (Jn 2:5, 9). In contemporary culture, the closest analogue to diakonía might be the work of a restaurant's waiters. These examples add nuance to Jesus' counsel: "Whoever wishes to be first must be like a waiter to everyone else." Taking a little child, Jesus draws everyone's attention to this child. A child is vulnerable and powerless with no influence at all. Especially in the society of Jesus' day, a child was considered to be at the lowest level of society's hierarchy. Children are dependent and need things done for them. In this way Jesus shows that his kingdom values are very different. Instead of promoting one's own prestige, the focus must be on the other, on the most vulnerable members of society--the poor, those who have no wealth or power, those who need things done for them--like little children.

- How do you "wait on" others?
- How to you practice servant leadership?

2018 Catholic Ministries Drive.. Our goal of \$9602 has been met! Thank You to everyone who have participated! All gifts will now come back to Our Lady of Fatima!

Healing Mass..

There will be a Healing Mass on Monday, October 8, 2018 at 7:00 PM, at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. Fr. Bill Kiel, from the Diocese of Greensburg, will be the main celebrant. All are welcome, especially those in need of physical, emotional, or spiritual healing, and those who support and care for them as well. Music for the Mass will be led by the Cathedral Prayer Group Music Ministry. For more information, please call 814-941-3832.

FIRE: September 30th, 2018, 2 - 4 PM

**ORDER OF
CHRISTIAN
FUNERALS**

Liturgical Reflection...

There are occasions and circumstances that sometimes make it impossible for the body to be present for the Funeral Mass. When extraordinary circumstances make cremation of a body the only feasible choice, pastoral sensitivity must be exercised by priests, deacons, and others who minister to the family of the deceased. Such circumstances are seen as exceptions to the general practice of the Church which is to have the body of the deceased present for the Vigil of the Deceased and the Funeral Mass.
Order of Christian Funerals, Cremation, 1998, Number 415.

2018, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania 16648



The Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona is conducting tours during the month of September. This is the month in which the Cathedral was formally dedicated in 1931. Parishes and groups from throughout the Diocese are invited to come for a one-hour guided tour. Plan to take part in one of these tours during September. Please call your Parish Office for further information.

Tuesday, September 25th at 7:00 PM

Sunday, September 30th at 1:00 PM

Diocesan Priests' Medical and Retirement Collection. Sunday 9/30/2018 ↔



9/29 Melinda & Joe Summers

SEPT. COLLECTIONS 2018

Sept. 16, 2018	Env used 57/130
Weekly	1227.00
Christmas Club	10.00
Votives	100.00
Children's	7.00
Shrine	0
Music	0
Init. Off	0
All Saints	0
All Souls	0
Dep. For Week	1344.00



Saint John Vianney considered priests to be heroes for upholding their vocations when indifference toward religion was common-place in 18th Century France. Today, he is recognized as a hero for serving with humility, mercy and patience long into retirement.

Our senior diocesan priests remain active in ministry by celebrating Mass, comforting the sick and visiting the homebound. No longer supported by a parish, they have suddenly become responsible for housing and basic living expenses.

The diocesan priests serving in parishes and other ministries, as well as our senior priests, receive modest retirement pensions and medical coverage primarily funded by a parish assessment. This collection relieves your parish of a greater financial burden and gives us the opportunity to express our thanks to all who are eligible for these benefits..

Prayer for Priests

Gracious and Loving God, we thank you for the gift of your priests. Through them we experience Your presence in the Sacraments. Help them to be strong in their vocation. Set their hearts on fire for love for your people. Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. Amen!

ARISE

Together in Christ

The **ARISE** Program will begin this October here at Our Lady of Fatima Parish and throughout the Diocese. Please take time to fill out the form below separate at dashes and place in the regular collection the next few weeks of September.

ARISE is designed to spiritually renew us while providing opportunities for us to develop a closer relationship with Jesus Christ, grow in our community, and reach out in Christian service. Reflection and discussion will be centered in Scripture.

This October small groups will meet for six weeks reflecting and growing in the theme, *Encountering Christ Today*. The Parish has several group leaders to guide each group in discussion and reflection.

Please choose a time that is convenient for you. If you have any questions needing further information, please call the Parish Office at 942-0371.

ARISE Together in Christ

Small Christian Community Sign-up Card

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Indicate the DAY and Time you prefer:

DAY

TIME

—Monday	—Morning	—Afternoon	—Evening
—Tuesday	—Morning	—Afternoon	—Evening
—Wednesday	—Morning	—Afternoon	—Evening
—Thursday	—Morning	—Afternoon	—Evening
—Friday	—Morning	—Afternoon	—Evening

—Check here if you would be willing to host a meeting in your home.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH SIX (6) HOUR ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13TH .. 9AM - 3PM..

The **SIXTH** and **FINAL** Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima for 2018, is being honored by our parish with a **SIX (6) hour Exposition, Adoration and Benediction**. While Exposed, the Blessed Sacrament may never be alone. Call 942-0371 if there should be a problem. It can be a "silent adoration" with the praying of the Rosary for vocations to the priesthood, peace in the world and The Divine Mercy Chaplet for the Poor Souls in Purgatory. Those who sign up as **LEADERS** may also lead the prayers aloud if they wish. The remainder of the hour will be in personal silent prayer. **Parishioner's and Non-Parishioner's are all welcome!**

2018 MARYKNOLL STUDENT ESSAY CONTEST

Love in Action

In his most recent letter, *Rejoice and Be Glad*, Pope Francis reminds us, "We are all called to be holy by living our lives with love." That, he says, does not require extraordinary deeds but everyday acts of kindness.

ASSIGNMENT
Tell a true story of when you saw someone sharing God's love through an act of kindness and how that inspired you to act in a similar way.

1st Place Prize: \$1,000 per division
2nd Place Prize: \$300 per division
3rd Place Prize: \$150 per division

(rules and entry form on back)

ENTRY FORM
DUPLICATE FOR EACH STUDENT

MARYKNOLL Student Essay Contest 2018

DEADLINE: NOV. 16, 2018
DIVISION I: GRADES 6-8
DIVISION II: GRADES 9-12

MAIL TO:
2018 Student Essay Contest
Division I
P.O. Box 302, Maryknoll, NY 10545-0302

Student's Name _____ Grade _____
School Name _____
School Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
School Telephone (____) _____
Teachers/Catechist's Name _____
Teachers/Catechist's e-mail _____

ELIGIBILITY: Students in grades 6-8 (Division I) and grades 9-12 (Division II) are eligible. See MaryknollSociety.org/Essay for official rules.

ENTRY: Entries should be 500-750 words. Students may submit essays online at MaryknollSociety.org/Essay. If 11- or older, CR 25 may apply to the address above. Mailed essays should be typed or neatly handwritten in ink and stapled. Spelling and grammar count.

DEADLINE: Entries must be submitted online or postmarked by **FRI, NOV. 16, 2018**. First-prize essays will appear in the May issue 2019 MARYKNOLL magazine. All winning essays will be published online at MaryknollSociety.org.
Winners by April 1, 2019.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
Call 1-888-627-5566, ext. 2490, or text MaryknollSociety.org/Essay.

Father and Brothers MARYKNOLL

Full page copies of above Maryknoll Student essay contest can be found on back table. Please Encourage your children to compete. A good way to save for their college years.

FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS
Bosco's

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2018
ALL BOSCOV'S LOCATIONS
8AM TO 11PM

25% OFF* SHOPPING PASS

This pass entitles you to 25% off* your purchases and cannot be used in conjunction with other discounts and promotions.
Present this pass at time of purchase to receive your **25%* discount**.
Valid October 16, 2018 only.
*See reverse side for a list of merchandise receiving 15% and 10% Off as well as exclusions.

Plus Free Refreshments and Register To Win Prizes, including three \$500 Shopping Sprees
(Plus forty-six \$100 Shopping Sprees, one for each Bosco's Store Location)

Shopping Passes: \$5 each.
Available from your favorite non-profit.
Entire donation benefits the local non-profit organization from which you purchased this pass.

FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS
Bosco's

Less than a Month till Bosco's Day. Please buy your Bosco's Pass from Our Lady of Fatima Parish! The \$5.00 for the pass stays in the parish and you still get good deals at the store for your shopping and enter the contest for more prizes! Paul is selling them in back of the church. You may also call the rectory.

September 23, 2018

HOW DO WE TREAT THE MESSENGER?

Let's not be too hasty in defining who is "the wicked one" and who (namely us) is just! We are very quick to label others as evil, because we tend to label ourselves as good guys. We don't like it when we are brought up short by a prophetic voice that brings us some bad news about our own behavior. We don't like to be reproached for transgressions of the law or charged with violations of our training.

We may condemn and abuse those who bring us up against these truths about ourselves when, if we were really good, we would thank them for helping to keep us on the right path. This is the way they treated the prophets and the way they treated Jesus. Is this also the way we treat those whose message we don't like?

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

How long have there been parochial schools in the United States? Longer than you may imagine. The Jesuit fathers opened Saint Mary School in Philadelphia in 1782 in the first light of independence. Catholic and Protestant squabbles about the nature of education forced the Fathers to make this risky and innovative venture in the heart of the city. The school was closed by a devastating fire in 1902, but reopened in 1968 as St. Mary Interparochial School, the first example of a shared parochial school. It is also the only Catholic school within the confines of a national park. This is the "Mother School" of this uniquely American institution. Many parochial schools, especially in "national parishes," were established to preserve the culture and language of the "old country," and also to protect young people from prejudice.

In other countries, Ireland for one, the Church is authorized to run national schools, sometimes under the sponsorship of a parish. In still other places, such as Quebec, publicly-funded "separate schools" were administered by the Church. Wherever the state funds Catholic schools, normally enrollment is guaranteed to all applicants. The Quebec system was dismantled in 1998 when the state decided to reorganize schools along linguistic lines rather than religious affiliation. Parochial schools require considerable sacrifice, but they endure as a distinctive treasure of the Church in the United States.

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AUTUMN DAYS

Autumn days come swift like the running of a hound upon the moor.

—Seumas MacManus

EXAMPLE

Children, especially, set their watches by our clock.

—Anonymous



**OUR LADY URGES US TO PRAY THE HOLY ROSARY FOR
PEACE AND OFFER
SACRIFICES BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE!**