

## COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

In light of the COVID-19 epidemic, the parishes of the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese will not be offering public liturgies. All public Masses, Novenas, and Stations of the Cross are cancelled until the crisis passes.

- ▶ **We will open the church daily from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm for private prayer.**
- ▶ **We will also offer exposition of the Blessed Sacrament daily from 8:00 am to 11:00 am.**

**We encourage you to join Bishop Mark for the  
11:00 am Mass on Sunday on ABC.**

Gathering as a family to pray the Rosary or to reflect on the Daily/Sunday Readings would be a wonderful family experience during this time. The Word Among Us ([www.wau.org](http://www.wau.org)) is offering free access to their resources to help.

I will also continue to be available for Saturday confessions at 12 noon or for appointments if you wish.

If you are able to continue your support of the parish and our continued outreach to those in need in our community, please consider giving online, using the mail or dropping off your envelopes.

I want to thank you for your consideration during this difficult time and let us all continue to pray for the health and safety of all.

Fr. Brian

### **Novena to St. Rocco Against Contagious Diseases Prayed for Nine Days**

O Great St. Rocco, deliver us,  
we beseech thee, from contagious diseases.

Through thy intercession,  
preserve our bodies from illness,  
and our souls from the contagion of sin.

Obtain for us salubrious air, but,  
above all, purity of heart.

Assist us to make good use of health,  
to bear suffering with patience,  
and, after thy example,  
to live in the practice of penance and charity,  
that we may one day enjoy the happiness  
which thou has merited by thy virtues.

St. Rocco, pray for us – 3 times.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Sun March 22 Fourth Sunday of Lent  
 8:00-11:00 AM Eucharistic Adoration (Daily)  
 Sun March 29 Fifth Sunday of Lent

PASTOR'S CORNER

2020 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE  
 GOAL: \$42,809

Ignite Your Faith for Christ's Mission

The "Catholic Ministries Drive" provides 100% of revenue for the 14 vital ministries. There is no other source of funding. The ministries are entirely dependent upon contributions received through the Catholic Ministries Drive.

These ministries are divided into three categories:

- Caring for the Poor & Strengthening Families—Catholic Charities, Family Life, Fulton County Catholic Mission, Mandeville Diocese in Jamaica.
- Nurturing Our Youth—Campus Ministry, Educating Youth, Sacramental Preparation, Youth Ministry.
- Forming Clergy & Laity—Adult Enrichment, Christian Initiation (RCIA), Evangelization, Lay Ecclesial Ministry, Priests' Vocations, Ongoing Formation of Priests & Deacons



Intentions will continue to be fulfilled through a private Mass by the priests each day.

**Monday, March 23 St. Turibius of Mogrovejo**

†Lillian Cameletti (Nancy & Ernie Erickson)

**Tuesday, March 24**

†Robert Charlton (Nancy Ronan & Family)

**Wednesday, March 25 Annunciation of the Lord**

†A. Louise Conrad (Lorie Dell)

**Thursday, March 26**

†Paul Andrews (Alex Masi & Courtney Lowe)

**Friday, March 27**

†Theresa Coanshock (Helen Saylor)

**Saturday, March 28**

†Gary Rupert (Frances Bell)

**Sunday, March 29 Fifth Sunday of Lent**

Mass For the People

†Deceased Members of Bieniek Family  
 (Joan Turcovski)

**CANDLES:** Angela C. Hrzic by Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Hrzic & Family

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING-MARCH 14-15, 2020

Regular	\$8818.64	Christmas	\$ 8.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 21.00	Ash Wed.	\$ 2.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 255.00	Debt Reduction	\$ 82.86
Candles	\$ 15.00		
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 450.00		\$9652.50

Deacon Jim's "A Moment with Our Lady"

Let us make ourselves very, very small in the arms of our beloved Mother. Let us remain very close to her... She will tell us that our duty, our sole Christian duty is to be like Jesus, and that there is still, in every time and place, only one way to be like him: by renouncing our self, taking up our cross and following him...

But she will also tell us what she knows from experience—that with Jesus, to renounce our self, take up our cross and follow him by carrying it, is not putting a ball and chain on our feet but wings on our heart, joy, happiness, and a piece of heaven in our life....

Let us follow, Jesus and let us follow him with Mary, his incomparable Mother. Let us fix our eyes not only on his divinity, but also on his holy humanity, his suffering humanity...

Venerable Marthe Robin

**St. Rose of Lima Parish, Altoona presents...  
England's Treasures.**

Join Fr. Brian Saylor April 21-May 2, 2021 on a tour of England. Visit Liverpool, the home of the Beatles, and spend three nights in the Georgian town of Bath with its 2000-year-old Roman spas. Explore the monastic ruins of Glastonbury Abbey and the mystical, ancient Stonehenge. See the sights of London with a local guide and savor a traditional English roast. Cost: \$4,499 (Double) includes Round trip Air from Pittsburgh, taxes, and fees/surcharges, hotel transfers.

**For information or a brochure please call/  
email Fr. Brian at 814-944-8509/  
bsaylor@dioceseaj.org or Collette 844-218-  
2148 (refer to Booking #987192).**

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION  
March 22 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

The curing of the Blind Man gave hope to the community that they were deserving of God's love no matter what their circumstance. Reflect on the words of Pope Francis this week, "To protect creation, to protect every man and every woman, to look upon them with tenderness and love, is to open up a horizon of hope; it is to let a shaft of light break through the heavy clouds; it is to bring warmth of hope!" (Pope Francis, March 19, 2013)

May I be the light in the darkness of this world by generously sharing my time, my talents, and all of my resources, in the name of Jesus.

**EASTER FLOWERS**

If you would like to make a donation to the Easter Flowers in the Church, please use your Easter Flower envelope. Mail or drop off at the Rectory before April 5. (Please print the name of the loved one on the back of the envelope.)

**PALM COLLECTION**

A basket will be available in the foyer throughout Lent to collect your palm from last year. The palm will be burned during the Easter Vigil.

**ALL CATHOLIC CHURCH FISH FRIES ARE  
CANCELLED.**

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST-NEW BALTIMORE  
CANCELLED**

**March 22, 2020 Fourth Sunday of Lent  
(JN 9:1-41)**

**A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar**

Failure to forgive blinds us to another's goodness. Lent provides an opportunity to wash away our blind-spots in the pool of forgiveness. Listen to Jesus in today's gospel: "Go wash and see."

**DIVINE MERCY NOVENA**

Our Lady of Fatima with Msgr. Stanley B. Carson will be holding a nine day Novena to The Divine Mercy beginning on Good Friday at 3:00 p.m. and ending on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. Included in the Novena will be the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the recitation of the Divine Mercy Novena, a meditation period, a homily by Msgr. Carson, confessions will be heard each day as needed and reposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

On Divine Mercy Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, the image of the Divine Mercy will be on display in the sanctuary for all to venerate from 11:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

**ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY**

Please remember to renew your membership in the Altar & Rosary Society. As a member of the Society you partake in the graces of a Mass each month, and at the time of your death. The Altar Society provides flowers, candles and altar linens used throughout the year. Please use the envelope provided in your pack of envelopes.

**St. Rose of Lima's St. Vincent de Paul  
Conference Weekly Reflection for March 22  
Fourth Sunday of Lent.**

In today's Gospel, as Jesus give sight to the blind man. Through grace we are also transformed from not seeing to seeing and then Jesus sends us to help others see and to believe.

**With your ongoing support, your St. Vincent de Paul Conference helps bring joy, peace, forgiveness, mercy and kindness to the hurting hearts of the poor.**

If you know of someone in need, please visit our website (<http://strosesvdp.org>) to inform us of their situation. We will do our best to help out in any way we can. We encourage all parishioners to use our website to help us help those in need.  
Thank You!