

## OUR LADY OF FATIMA CATHOLIC CHURCH

12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – June 25, 2017

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**We are listening – The St. Vincent dePaul society exists to assist those in need.** We can help those we know about. We hear of their need from people like you. Do you know of a parishioner in need of temporary assistance? Please call the rectory office and leave a message. Also, our poor boxes are at the exits of church. Dropping a few coins each week helps keep our St. Vincent dePaul society in business to help those in our community.



### What is Charity?

**It is silence – when your words hurt**  
**It is patience – when your neighbor's curt**  
**It is deafness – when scandal flows**  
**It is thoughtfulness – for others' woes**  
**It is promptness – when stern duty calls**  
**It is courage – when misfortune falls**



### So Much More

No matter how much the world may offer, God offers so much more! A chance to have guidance – free for the asking – and His Son to love and adore! Their presence gives purpose to all that we do, to all our life we call “daily.” There’s a lightness we hadn’t had before and work is done much more fairly! And problems though heavy, won’t get you down for Christ provides both strength and power! We rise to the task of what God may ask, Each moment of each day and hour. And life becomes more than day after day, rather, it’s twenty-four hours to give back to God for all He gave us, each day, be it sunshine or showers!

*Margaret Peterson Salesian Missions*

### OLF CHEWING GUM EPIDEMIC – What to do?

You might find this hard to believe but we have a problem with chewing gum in church. Just this past weekend, a wad of chewed gum was found stomped into the rug and we all know what a difficult task that is to remove it. Problem is the gum chewer or parent isn’t the one lifting the chewed gum from its resting place. Chances are it is another parishioner, one of the ushers or ministers of Holy Communion. Sometimes it is one of our volunteer weekend cleaners and sometimes Father himself helps. So, what are we to do?

First, I would like to remind you that chewing gum in church is inappropriate for many reasons but most importantly, we need more catechesis regarding the Sacred Liturgy.

The Eucharistic fast is before Holy Communion, not the Mass. It is a fast from food and drink, water is alright, as is medicine. The moral theology tradition teaches that to be food it must be a) edible, b) taken by mouth, and c) swallowed. In addition to breakfast, lunch and dinner, candies, breath mints, lozenges and anything that is put into the mouth to be dissolved or chewed meets these conditions once the dissolved contents are swallowed. Chewing gum does not break the fast, but it is disrespectful of the Sacred Liturgy and once the juice is swallowed the fast is broken. The tradition also teaches that the fast is strict - one hour, that is, 60 minutes. This fast is not before Mass but *before Communion*.

Secondly, just in case you might forget about the gum you’re chewing until you reach the door, there is a proper way of disposing chewing gum that doesn't include sticking it under the pew (*you won't believe how much we remove*), rolling it in a ball and tossing it into a potted plant, sticking it to one of the church walls or simply dropping it on the floor! *Yes, this happens in church!* Gum is sticky and especially when it gets hot, it becomes a gooey mess. The best (and most sanitary) way of disposing of gum is to carry a small pack of tissues with you and use the tissue to quickly remove the gum from your mouth, squeeze the tissue and toss it into a garbage bin (not a recycling bin, not a smoker's ashtray-only a garbage bin.) This way your hands stay clean and is quite discreet. Finally, I would like to suggest that you might be interested in helping us prepare the church, if not for weekly Mass, perhaps our Christmas and Holy Week celebrations. We do need many more volunteers in every area of liturgical and parish ministry. Breaking old and bad habits is difficult to do. Developing new ones sometimes even more so. *Chew on this!*





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In today’s psalm response, we pray “Lord, in your great love, answer me.” The Lord beckons to us, too, inviting us to answer Him out of love. Each of us is chosen; each of us is called. If you think He might be calling you to priesthood or religious life, and if you’d like some company on the way to answering Him, call or write Father Norm Carroll, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113 or [vocations@cdow.org](mailto:vocations@cdow.org).)

**2017 Annual Catholic Appeal Update**

The 2017 Annual Catholic Appeal was conducted in all diocesan parishes the weekend of April 29 and 30. Our Lady of Fatima is truly blessed with many generous people, who, despite many economic challenges, have supported this year’s campaign with their pledges and gifts. To date, \$39,489 has been received representing 85.85% of our parish’s \$46,000 goal. If you have given to this year’s campaign, please know that your participating is gratefully appreciated. If you have not yet done so, please consider supporting this important effort with a pledge or a one-time contribution. Annual Appeal Pledge cards are available at the exits of church, or you can call the parish directly and have one mailed to you.



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The diocesan Annual Catholic Appeal provides financial support that enables more than thirty ministries throughout our diocese to bring a glimpse of God into the lives of many. The Appeal is an effective way for the diocese to advance the mission of

Christ: to feed and house the poor; to minister to the sick and discouraged; to educate our young; and encourage strong, healthy families. For more information visit [www.cdow.org](http://www.cdow.org) and click on Giving – Annual Catholic Appeal. May God, bless you for your goodness!

Matthew’s gospel message this week provides us with hope and comfort as Christ tells us to be not afraid. During times of persecution we should reflect on this passage, for it is here that Christ reassures us. It is through our acknowledgment of Him, that He acknowledges us to the Father. We should never be afraid to acknowledge the truth of our faith to others. How often does our fear hold us back? Are we afraid of what others might think of us? Are we afraid that we might be ridiculed for our faith? Remember the words of Jesus and be not afraid, speak His name and spread His truth to all that will listen. What are you doing to show the world that you are not afraid?



**Pray for the sick of the parish:**



Frances Grecco, Eugene Smallwood, Connie McElwee, Donald Yanick, Carmlelita Kutch, George Dzarnik, Cindy Johnstone, Leslie Hampton, Anna Brown, Matthew Gray, Richard Woerner, Joseph DiMartino, Donna and Bill Thomas, Rev. Robert Hoban, Hayden Godwin, Gerard Pelletier, Bud Ward, Francis Pelletier, Pat Donohue, William Hoops, Tony NeCastro, Irene Suigne, Silva Lopez, Robert Evanousky, Mary Harrison, Meta Caserta, Scott Baker, Tyler Messinger, Ben Saffer, Joan Carilli, Joe Ellis, Len & Margaret Earl, Fred Hagerty, Helena Miller, Tommy Martone, Samuel Watts, Frank Yarrusso, Marianne Geier, Betsy Tong, Tony Arcaro, Anna McDonald, Christopher White, Maureen Monaghan, Darlene Bargelski, Donna Hagan, Dr. Marion Panyan, Kansas Collins, Frank Pecoraro, Mary Querey, Rosa Santos, Kay Jarman-McElwee, Gina Coburn, Barbara Kibblehouse, Helen Toto, Mary Allen VanAken, Angeline DiRienzo, Meghan Ward, Linda Murphy, Nicholas Cantlin, Greg Kuchak

**Marriage Moments:** In marriage, there are certain things that you can “agree to disagree” on and others that you absolutely must agree upon. For example, you must agree that your marriage is a top priority and you will do whatever is necessary to strengthen it.



**Parenting Pointers:** Just feeling grateful should not end the story. Act on it! Make a deal with your child. Let each of you think of a person that did something you were grateful for and promise to tell the person.



# OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH FAIR JULY 10 THROUGH JULY 15

Please join us as we begin preparations for our Annual Fair for the week of July 10<sup>th</sup>. There are many things to prepare and many volunteer spaces to fill. The enclosed flyer list possible slots that you and a friend could fill for this week. We have many opportunities to help. If you volunteer for an extra shift, you will be entered to win \$200.00. Let's make this carnival year the best! We are in this together, as a Christian faith filled community of wonderful parishioners and friends. This week also gives you the opportunity to catch up with old acquaintances that you haven't seen in a while. Or you can even ask old friends to help!

There's a lot you can do. Look at the list of slots and their time frame. We have shifts in the morning, afternoon and evening. Whatever works for you – works for us! Even helping with just one hour gives you the opportunity to give back to the parish. Can you spare an hour to help? Positions are available for most any time frame that fits into your schedule!!



Bring your friends along with you. Everyone can help, whether they belong to the parish or not. Make it a night out of fun – not only for you and your friends, but for all of us here at Our Lady of Fatima. The best way of communicating is through your Facebook page. Let others know that you will be helping and if they would like to join in the fun! They can also visit us at [olffair.blogspot.com](http://olffair.blogspot.com).

For more information, you can also download our material from our webpage at [www.olfnewcastle.com](http://www.olfnewcastle.com).

Presale Mega passes are now on sale after the masses. Mega Passes sell for \$45.00. During the fair weekly gate passes will be \$15.00 or \$5.00 per night. Once you have a mega pass, that is your gate pass. [olffair@verizon.net](mailto:olffair@verizon.net) for more information about sales.

Sponsorships are also available. Please check out the sponsorship flyer on our website. How about sponsoring your family or business? What a great way to share in the fun.

Don't forget to mark this week on your calendar. The food will be one opportunity to lessen the load during the week for family meals. Come up to the fair and purchase a great meal listening to our many bands! Mealtimes Matters...take a well-deserved break from the kitchen.



### Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Jesus, the risen Lord, promised his followers that he would be with them always. Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to dwell within them. It is traditionally believed that the Holy Spirit gave them seven great gifts. The Holy Spirit gives us these gifts as well: wisdom, understanding, knowledge, courage, right judgment, reverence, and wonder and awe.



## ANNOUNCED MASSES

### Monday, June 26

6:30AM Novena  
8:30AM Brother John Dochkus

### Tuesday, June 27 (St. Cyril of Alexandria)

6:30AM John DiPersio, II  
8:30AM Robert Boyd (Bess LeNoir)

### Wednesday, June 28 (St. Irenaeus)

6:30AM William Gula  
8:30AM Carmen Leoto

### Thursday, June 29 (SS. Peter & Paul)

6:30AM Robert & Helen Henry  
8:30AM Jack McMaster (Family)

### Friday, June 30

6:30AM William Barben  
8:30AM Richard Nasatka

### Saturday, July 1 (St. Junipero Serra)

8:30AM Catherine Rees  
5:00PM Sheila Pruett  
7:00PM Souls in Purgatory  
(Maria Brambilia)

### Sunday, July 2

8:00AM People of the Parish  
10:00AM Tom Riley (Kathleen & Pete Kerrigan)  
Noon Harry Bargelski (Wife, Darlene)

## SANCTUARY CANDLES

All four candles burning over the sanctuary are in memory of Raymond Parosky (requested by wife Dorothy & children)

**The next 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima Presentation will be held on Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup> at 7PM in the Our Lady of Fatima Church. Msgr. Brubaker will be the speaker. Topic: Third Apparition**

## Weekly Events

### Sunday, June 25

Kermes (Hall)  
Sp AA – 7:00PM – McDonough

### Monday, June 26

Sp. AA – 6:30PM – McDonough

### Tuesday, June 27

Eng AA – 7:00PM – McDonough  
Sp Evangelization – 7PM – Board Room

### Wednesday, June 28

Sp AA – 6:30PM – McDonough

### Thursday, June 29

Sp Marriage Prep – 6:30PM – Middle Room

### Friday, June 30

Fair Setup

### Saturday, July 1

Fair Preparation



### Congratulations to our newly confirmed!

On Saturday June 24<sup>th</sup>  
Bishop Malooly  
conferred the  
Sacrament of  
Confirmation on 29 of

our parish youth. Please keep them in your prayers as they now begin to discern the gifts of the Holy Spirit working in their lives and learn how they are called to serve the Church in the building of the kingdom.

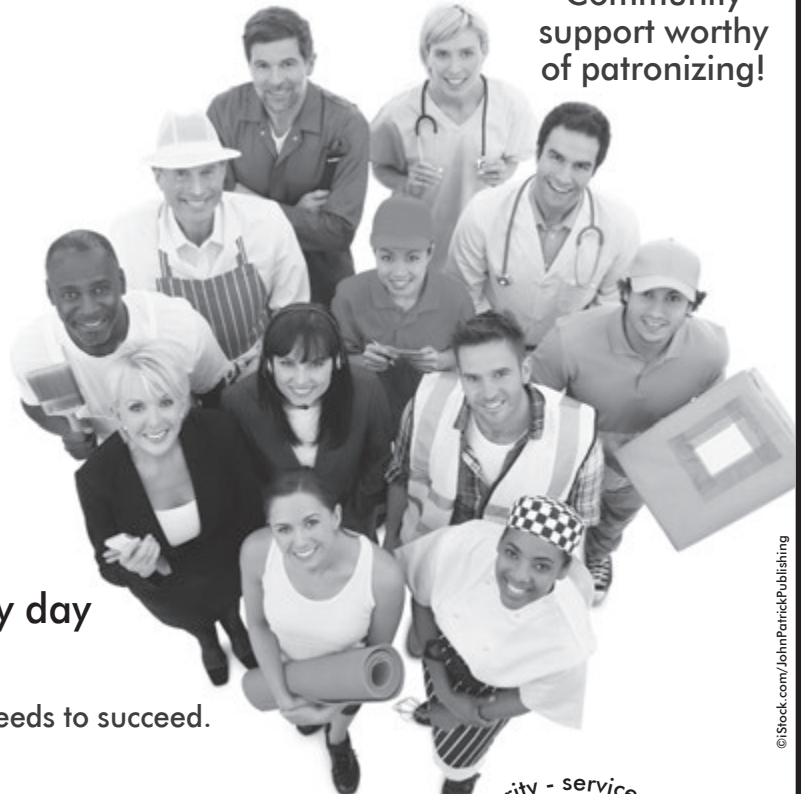
**PREP 2017-2018 REGISTRATION** is now open. If you have children in grade K-8 who attend a public, charter or private *non-Catholic* school, they should be registered for our parish religious education program. We are Catholic and *religion* is a subject that should be in our curriculum. Sacramental preparation for 1<sup>st</sup> Communion and Confirmation is *in addition to* routine weekly religious education. *Registration stations are every weekend in the Parish Liturgy Office* before Mass or by appointment in the Religious Education Office. Please call (302) 328-0307 for more information.

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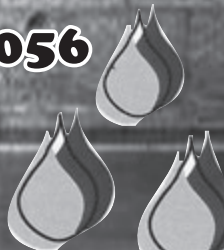
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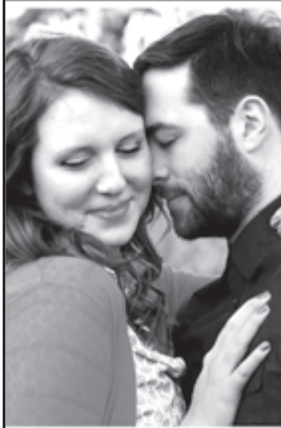
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