

## Awareness ...

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ready. I pray for Gerard's comfort. I pray that he is resting in the arms of Our Lord. If he wasn't ready, I pray for God's forgiveness and mercy on his soul.

As part of our Christian life we are to give thought to what we have done and failed to do in our actions. We have been taught to follow Christ in his teachings found in the Bible and told to us in Scripture readings and Sermons in each Mass service. How well do we listen and follow these teachings? Do we have time to change? I leave you with this one thought to ponder during your waking hours, "If it were your time to provide an answer, if given the chance, what would you say to Jesus when he asks, 'What have you done for me lately?'"

"Man is condemned to be free, because once thrown into the world he is responsible for everything he does," Jean-Paul Sartre.

*"Vocatus Atque non Vocatus, Deus Aderit"*

Alex J. Nagem

### Ministers Needed

We are in need of Eucharistic Ministers for parishioners in North Wheeling (Providence Greene). Early afternoon visits preferred. If interested call Sister Mary Bowman (304-242-4048).

Thank You.

### Weekly Collection

Envelopes: \$2,757 Loose: \$885.25

Online: \$348

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**Sunday Masses:** 6:00 p.m. Saturday; 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday.

**Weekday Mass:** 12:05 p.m. Monday through Friday; 9:00 a.m. Saturday.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** 11:15-11:50 a.m. Friday; 5-5:45 p.m. Saturday.

**Sacrament of the Sick and Communion to Homebound:** Call the parish office anytime to make arrangements.

Please pray for the family of  
 Cathedral parishioner and diocesan  
 employee Rod Eikey, who passed away  
 May 4. May Rod rest in the sure hope  
 of Christ's Resurrection

### Intercessions

Please keep in your prayers: David A. Kress, Jr., Edward Fanning, Helen Kouski, Rosalie Davis, Kathy Cooley, Barb Mazzocca, Rick South, Eva Wood, Mary Alice Florio, James Midcap, Lukie Brown, Hines Rotriga, Patricia Kalisz, Janie, Jim and Dee, Judy Pack, Milissa Rose, Michael DeBlasis, Liam Manning, Mary Ann Fowler, Henry Vogler, Dustin Ronevich, Bob Jones, Frank Davis, Jimmy Hocking, Susan Graff, Brogan Gallentine, Janet Cupp, Richard Simon, Mark Davis, James Benner, Susan Schulte, Margaret Stocke, Thomas Griffith, Julia Sheets, William Schultz, Jean and Chuck Schultz, R. J. Stocke, Jane Rudari, Marlene Martin, Milly Burke, Norma Bosold, Stephanie Bugaj, Arthur Danehart, Jon-Michael Lasher, Shawn Thomas, Thelma Pearson, Kermit Klosterman, Mary K. Schlosser, Jr., Anne Sobota, Susan Mize, Rick Burgy, Betty Teater, Sarah Sargent, Sr., Sally Jochum, Martha Yocum, Father Joseph Wilhelm, Mary Walicki, George Kirchner, Shirley DeCaria, Haley Carter, Caleb Hlebiczki, Bob Armstrong, Austin Cook, Ron Hickman, Stanley Kyr, Annie Midcap, Charles Heizer, Gail Koch, Pete Mack, Nancy Witzberger, Fred Herink, the Children of the Youth Services System, Chuck Fair, Darleen Williams and Mona Wurtzbacher

# Il Corriere del Duomo

Weekly Journal for the Cathedral of St. Joseph

## Memorial of Our Lady of Fatima



Between May 13 and October 13, 1917, three Portuguese children received apparitions of Our Lady at Cova da Iria, near Fatima, a city 110 miles north of Lisbon. (See February 20 entry for Blessed Jacinta and Francisco Marto). Mary asked the children to pray the rosary for world peace, for the end of World War I, for sinners and for the conversion of Russia. The third visionary, Lucia dos Santos, became a Carmelite nun and died in 2005 at the age of 97.

Mary gave the children three secrets. Since Francisco died in 1919 and Jacinta the following year, Lucia revealed the first secret in 1927, concerning devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The second secret was a vision of hell.

Pope John Paul II directed the Holy See's Secretary of State to reveal the third secret in 2000; it spoke of a "bishop in white" who was shot by a group of soldiers who fired bullets and arrows into him. Many people linked this to the assassination attempt against Blessed John Paul II in St. Peter's Square on May 13, 1981.

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The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith prepared a June 26, 2000 document explaining the "third secret" (available at [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va)).

"Throughout history there have been supernatural apparitions and signs which go to the heart of human events and which, to the surprise of believers and non-believers alike, play their part in the unfolding of history. These manifestations can never contradict the content of faith and must, therefore, have their focus in the core of Christ's proclamation: the Father's love which leads men and women to conversion and bestows the grace required to abandon oneself to him with filial devotion. This too is the message of Fatima which, with its urgent call to conversion and penance, draws us to the heart of the Gospel" (*The Message of Fatima, Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, June 26, 2000*).

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This is the 100th anniversary of the apparitions at Fatima.

## Christian Awareness

By Alex J. Nagem

Imagine you are standing in a long line. You can't see too far ahead from all the people in front of you. The line of people is moving slowly. You only stand in one spot a few seconds, then take a step forward. Conversations are heard of what questions will be asked and what each person expects to say. The anticipation becomes more overwhelming the closer you move to the front of the line. Some show signs of distress on their face, while others smile. You begin to think back of all you have done, good and bad. Was the joke about the co-worker with a lisp really that funny? He didn't laugh, but felt hurt. He considered you a friend. Was keeping the \$20 that you saw fall from the young ladies pocket now worth it? How about the rumors you helped spread about the classmate of one of your children that alienated that child from others? You didn't even know the truth about the child, but wanted to fit in with others yourself. There are many instances that run through your mind within seconds. You become dazed with thoughts. You can't think of an instance when you felt you had done something good for others. What will you say to clear yourself? Is there anything to say at all at this point? Now you begin to worry. You realize the line is becoming shorter. The line seems to

be moving faster. You can now see what is ahead. There is someone sitting on a large chair with what appear to be angels around him. You only saw angels in pictures as depicted by the mind of an artist. They are not what you expected. You now see the man sitting in the chair as well. His features are not what you had thought. His face is breathtaking. All you can focus on is his face. Your heart is pounding so loud in your ears you can hardly hear what he asks you. Was it a question or a command? Did he say move to the left or the right? Then an angel guides you to the left. Why the left? Is this the good side? You can't remember since you did not read much of the Bible and were too busy day dreaming during Mass when you would occasionally attend. Then you hear his voice, "Truly as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me. And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life," (Matthew 25:45-46). You try to cry out but your voice is lost. You try harder to explain, but no words can pass your lips. As the angel grabs your arm to lead you away you look with fear and sorrow at the others you are about to follow. Your feet have become frozen in place. You don't want to go. You try to plead your case with the angel for your bad behavior, but your voice cannot be found. You only see darkness on the left side,

while there is a beautiful light to the right. Is there a chance now to change your direction? You begin to pray, but can't remember the words. Prayer has not been something in your daily life. You always thought there would be more time, or maybe you thought prayer was not needed. Then you have the feeling of falling into the darkness. No one is around. You are all alone. You are cold and feel lost. Then you hear a ringing sound. It is a familiar sound, an awaking sound. You realize that it is the alarm clock and what you had experienced was a dream, or was it a picture of what was to come? You lay staring at the numbers on the clock. The time is 4:44am. Your arm is still outstretched with fingers on the clock. You continue to stare at

the time. Your alarm was to go off at 5am, not 4:44. The display does not change from 4:44. Is the clock broken or has the dream left its mark on you? For the first time in a morning, you try to find the words to pray for help and forgiveness. You are worried and become deep in thought. After a few minutes, the time on the clock has not changed. Has your time finally run out? Is this how it will end? I did not intend this to read like a plot for an Alfred Hitchcock movie or a Jean-Paul Sartre writing? But maybe we should spend more time thinking of what we will say if we have the chance, but what if we don't? Recently, a long time friend passed away suddenly. I have wondered if he was

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## Help Support the Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center at its Annual Spaghetti Dinner

Don't forget to participate in the annual Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center's Spaghetti Dinner May 7. The dinner will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Catholic Neighborhood Center on 18th Street. Officials at the Catholic Neighborhood Center, said the event is the Neighborhood Center's only fundraiser for the year and usually draws a big crowd. The Center serves more than 12,000 meals every month both through

home delivery and those served here at the center. The dinner also helps fund food for the food pantry and other services, such as cleaning supplies for families and emergency utility assistance for families.

At 5 p.m., the spaghetti dinner becomes open to the poor of the community. If you would like more information on the dinner or to make a donation to the Catholic Neighborhood Center, call (304) 233-7157.

## Mass Intentions and Readings

Sunday—May 7th—FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sat 6:00p Mass for John Belot Jr.  
8:00a Mass for the Parishioners  
10:30a Mass for Ann Schlatt  
First Communion Mass  
RDGS: Acts 2:14a, 36-41 Ps 23:1-6 1Pt 2:20b-25  
Jn 10:1-10

Monday—May 8th—Easter Weekday

12:05p Mass for Mary Lavern Monnes  
RDGS: Acts 11:1-18 Pss 42:2-3; 43:3-4 Jn 10:11-18

Tuesday—May 9th—Easter Weekday

12:05p Mass for Linda McGinley  
RDGS: Acts 11:19-26 Ps 87:1-7 Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday—May 10th—Saint Damien de Veuster, Priest

12:05p Mass for Dave Girts and Vivian Ritz  
RDGS: Acts 12:24-13:5a Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8  
Jn 12:44-50

6:30p Choir Rehearsal

**Damien de Veuster**, died 1889 at age 49; Belgian who joined the Fathers of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary; arrived in Honolulu in 1864; in 1873 began his work on the Moloka'i, known as "the Devil's Island," used as a colony for over 800 lepers; diagnosed with leprosy in 1885; a man of intense interior life and deep simplicity; beatified in 1995; "I make myself a leper with the lepers, to gain all for Jesus Christ."

Thursday—May 11th—Easter Weekday

12:05p Mass for Dr. Jesus Ho  
RDGS: Acts 13:13-25 Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27  
Jn 13:16-20

Friday—May 12th—Saints Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; Saint Pancras, Martyr

11:15a Confessions  
12:05p Mass for Mildred Risovich  
RDGS: Acts 13:26-33 Ps 2:6-11 Jn 14:1-6

**Nereus and Achilleus**, died end of 1st c.; Pope St. Damasus states that they were Praetorian soldiers who converted to Christianity; their acta report that they were beheaded during the reign of Trajan on the island of Tarracina.

**Pancras**, died 304; his "acts" state that he was a Syrian or Phrygian orphan who came to Rome where he was converted to Christianity; he was beheaded under Diocletian in his fourteenth year; buried on the Via Aurelia.

Saturday—May 13th—Our Lady of Fatima

9:00a Mass for Thelma Moran  
5:00p Confessions  
6:00p Mass for John Belot Jr.  
RDGS: Acts 13:44-52 Ps 98:1-4 Jn 14:7-14

Sunday—May 14th—FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**Mother's Day**  
8:00a Mass for the Parishioners  
10:30a Mass for Ann Schlatt  
Greer Baptism  
RDGS: Acts 6:1-7 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 1Pt 2:4-9  
Jn 14:1-12

## Women's Faith Sharing Group

The next Women's Faith Sharing Group gathering will be held May 12 at 1 p.m. in the parish office following the 12:05 p.m. liturgy and Divine Mercy Chaplet. Call Diane at (304) 233-8574 if you have any questions.

Congratulations to our young parishioners who will celebrate their First Holy Communion May 7 at the 10:30 Mass. Please pray for Brady Ernest, Kaylee Karrasch and Isaiah Karrasch as they will receive the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Christ this weekend!

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