

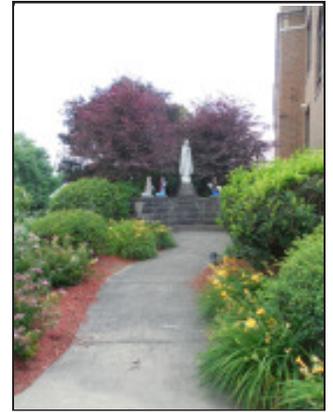
# 100th Anniversary of the Apparitions of Our Blessed Mother in Fatima! 1917-2017

The town of Saint Marys is so blest to have the Erie Diocesan Statue of Our Lady of Fatima here in town for the entire month of May. The schedule is as follows:

Sacred Heart Church, May 1-15, St. Mary's Church, May 15-22, Queen of the World, May 22-31, 2017



Jacinta, Francisco, Lucia



Sacred Heart Fatima Shrine

## Special Service at Sacred Heart Church Saturday, May 13, 2017, 10:30 AM

May 13 is the 100th Anniversary of her first apparition in Fatima on May 13, 1917. For those who are able, please meet at the Fatima Shrine on Center Street at 10:30 AM to begin praying the Rosary. Continuing the Rosary we will process to the Church where Fr. Eric will celebrate Mass at 11:00 AM in honor of Our Lady of Fatima. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. Please come to honor Our Lady!

### PLENARY INDULGENCE FOR THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE APPARITIONS AT FATIMA

In observance of this year's 100th Anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady at Fatima, Pope Francis has granted a Plenary Indulgence to the faithful who make a pilgrimage to the shrine in Fatima, Portugal. For those who are unable to make that pilgrimage, the indulgence is extended also to those who  
*“visit with devotion an image of Our Lady of Fatima solemnly displayed for public veneration”*  
*in any church, oratory, or chapel on the 100th Anniversary of any of the apparitions,*  
*i.e., on May 13, June 13, July 13, Aug. 13, Sept. 13, or Oct. 13 of this year, 2017.*

In addition to the usual requirements for obtaining a Plenary Indulgence (i.e., true repentance from sins, reception of sacramental absolution in Confession, reception of Holy Communion, and prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father), it is also necessary that the visit on any of the aforementioned days include participation in a Celebration or Prayer in Honor of Our Lady, recitation of the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and a prayer to Our Lady of Fatima.



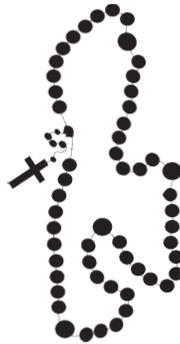
Before the Blessed Mother appeared to the children, the Angel of Peace taught the three shepherd children this prayer:

***“O my God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love you. I beg pardon for all who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope and do not love You.”***

The three children would pray this simple prayer of adoration and intercession for hours and hours each day. It helped them to progress rapidly in virtue and holiness.

If God sent an Angel from heaven to give us this prayer, it must be quite important and powerful.

***Let us memorize it and pray it often during the day.***



***The Joyful Mysteries***

- The Annunciation
- Mary Visits her Cousin Elizabeth
- Jesus is Born in a Stable in Bethlehem
- The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple
- The Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple

***The Sorrowful Mysteries***

- The Agony of Our Lord in the Garden
- The Scourging of Jesus at the Pillar
- The Crowning with Thorns
- Jesus Carries His Cross
- The Crucifixion & Death of Jesus

***The Glorious Mysteries***

- The Resurrection of Jesus
- Jesus Ascends into Heaven
- The Descent of the Holy Spirit  
Upon the Apostles
- The Assumption of Mary into Heaven
- The Crowning of Mary as Queen of Heaven

***The Luminous Mysteries:***

- Jesus’ Baptism in the Jordan
- The Miracle at the Wedding in Cana
- The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God
- The Transfiguration of Jesus
- The Institution of the First Eucharist

**THE MOST POWERFUL WEAPON ON EARTH—  
IS THE ROSARY**

“When you say your Rosary, the angels rejoice, the Blessed Trinity delights in it. My Son finds joy in it, too, and I myself am happier than you can imagine. After the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, there is nothing in the Church that I love as much as the Holy Rosary.” *(Our Lady to Blessed Alan De LaRoche)*

The Rosary is basically a Gospel Prayer, and for those who pray it properly, it is, as Sr. Lucia said, “a simple method of getting closer to God.” But to pray it properly requires that each decade be a reflection on some aspect of the Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious or Luminous Mysteries of our redemption. Without that meditation, the Rosary would become monotonous repetition. In praying the Rosary we can well take Our Lady as a model, for as the Scriptures tell us, “*Mary kept all these words, pondering them in her Heart.*”

**MESSAGE OF FATIMA  
Penance, Prayer and Devotion to my Immaculate Heart**

Relics of Jacinta and Francisco Marto are contained in the base of the Erie Diocesan Statue. On May 13, 2000, they were declared “blessed” in a decree from the Congregation for the Causes of Saints. Jacinta is the youngest non-martyred child ever to be beatified.

They will be canonized by Pope Francis and it is likely to happen while visiting Portugal between May 12 / 13, 2017. If so, the Diocesan Statue will be at Sacred Heart on the day they will be canonized.