

FEBRUARY 11, 2018

Scripture Reflection

The First Reading describes how early Judaism treated one issue involving ritual purity--namely, skin infections. In an orderly universe, the skin is supposed to be intact. Therefore, someone with a rupture of the skin, especially an oozing sore, was declared "unclean." The cluster of symptoms mentioned in Leviticus better describes fungal and parasitic skin infections.

The situation had changed by Jesus' day. Hansen's disease, which is progressive and incurable, had come to Israel about two centuries before Christ, probably as a result of commercial and military encounters with tropical nations. Fear of this new disease, coupled with leprosy's reputation as a divine chastisement, led many to treat it as more than an illness or temporary punishment. It represented a living death that alienated individuals not just from their own diseased bodies but from family, society, nation and God. Jesus' power over leprosy was distinct from his general power to heal because in healing lepers, Jesus performed an act akin to raising the dead.

In last week's Gospel passage, Mark recounted that Jesus' healing of an individual caused a rapid growth of his fame in Capernaum and then throughout all of Galilee. In this week's passage, people from everywhere mob Jesus in such numbers that he cannot even enter the towns along his route. To continue his mission to outcasts, Jesus had to live like one, dwelling in deserted places "outside the camp."

This holds a lesson for our own discipleship. Each Christian hears a unique call from the Spirit to continue Jesus' mission. Like Jesus, we must make our abode "outside the camp." In the Spirit we will find those places---deserted by others, but inhabited by those longing for grace---in which we can complete the mission that Christ has entrusted to us.

- **How can you follow Christ to serve those "outside the camp"?**

AT HOME with the WORD 2018, Archdiocese of Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, pg. 45. AMERICA MAGAZINE, "How can we respond to Christ's unique call to serve those "outside the camp?" Michael R. Simone, S.J., January 26, 2018.

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS EVENTS

Gardners' Easter Candy Fundraiser

Please help our Holy Trinity Catholic students with their Gardners' Easter Candy Fundraiser. Contact a HTCS student and order from their brochure (no shipping charges).

Snow Make-Up Day

Holy Trinity will have a snow make-up day of February 15th.

Open House

Holy Trinity will host an open house on Thursday, March 22nd from 6:00 PM until 7:30 PM at all three locations. Please come and meet the teachers, visit the classrooms and see what we are all about! Elementary offers Pre-K thru 3-4th grade. Middle school offers 5th thru 8th grade. Altoona Elementary Campus: 424 Wopsonnock Avenue, Altoona, PA, 381-7011; Hollidaysburg Elementary Campus: Spruce and Wayne Street, Hollidaysburg, PA, 695-6112; and, Middle School Campus: 5519 Sixth Avenue, Altoona, PA, 942-7835.

First LEGO League

We are excited to announce that Holy Trinity Catholic School has a team participating in First LEGO League. First LEGO League offers hands-on problem solving, programming experience, project based learning, real-world application of math and science concepts, along with the discovery of fun in science and technology.

Closing and Delay Information

It is the policy of Holy Trinity Catholic School to close or delay school whenever the Altoona Area Schools are closed due to severe weather conditions. When it is necessary to close school, the announcement will be made by phone through PowerSchool Messenger, along with notification on the ACCESS channel and local TV stations. This procedure is also followed in case of delayed school openings or early dismissals due to road conditions.

Official Move

The parish offices have officially moved to the Cathedral Parish Center. All parish business will now take place in the new Center. Business hours are from 9:00AM to 4:00PM, Monday through Friday. Former offices in the rectory will return to become parlors where priests and individuals may meet for counseling and meetings. Thank you to all in the Parish who made this a reality. We are grateful for your generosity and your continued commitment to your pledges.

THE CHURCH OF ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN

THE CATHEDRAL OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

ONE CATHEDRAL SQUARE, ALTOONA, PENNSYLVANIA 16601-3315

CHURCH OFFICE: 814-944-4603

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:

The process of formation for those seeking God through membership in the Catholic Christian community.

INFANT BAPTISM:

Arrange in advance for pre-baptismal instructions.

CONFIRMATION:

Ninth, tenth and eleventh grade students are invited to participate in the Confirmation Preparation Process.

RECONCILIATION:

Wednesday: 7:00 PM, Saturday: 12:30 PM.

Communal Penance Services: Advent and Lent.

ANOIDING OF THE SICK:

Communal celebration Easter Season.

MARRIAGE:

Arrange nine months in advance. Couples expected to participate in pre-marriage preparation program.

DEVOTIONS:

Novena of the Miraculous Medal - Monday 7:45 AM.

Charismatic Prayer - Monday 7:00 PM.

Eucharistic Adoration - First Wednesday - 12:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Evening Prayer within Eucharistic Exposition -Advent and

Christmas, Lent and Easter Seasons - Sunday 6:30 PM.

Eucharistic Day - Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM:

September through April: Pre-Kindergarten thru 12.

Sunday morning 8:30 AM - 9:45 AM

Pre-Kindergarten thru 8.

Sunday evening 6:15 PM - 8:30 PM

Grades 9 thru 12.

WEB: WWW.ALTOONACATHEDRAL.ORG

FAX: 814-942-4337

E-MAIL: ALTICATHEDRAL@DIOCESEAJ.ORG

EUCCHARIST:

Sunday: 5:00 PM (Vigil)
8:00 AM
10:00 AM
12:00 Noon
5:00 PM

Holyday: 5:30 PM (Vigil)
8:00 AM
12:00 Noon
5:30 PM

Weekday: 6:45 AM
8:00 AM
12:00 Noon
Saturday: 8:00 AM
12:00 Noon

Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak, Bishop

Reverend Monsignor Robert C. Mazur, Rector

Reverend 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: lthayer@dioceseaj.org

SERVING THE PEOPLE OF GOD IN THE CITY OF ALTOONA SINCE 1851

**SIXTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

FEBRUARY 11, 2018

Readings: Lv 13:1-2,44-46; 1 Cor 10:31-11:1; Mk 1:40-45

MASS INTENTIONS

February 12, Monday: Weekday

Readings: Jas 1:1-11; Mk 8:11-13

6:45 AM Jessica Engelbrecht, Birth. (Mom & Patrick)

8:00 AM Billy C. Geis, Anniversary (Geis Family)

12:00 PM Nancy L. Geis, Birthday (Geis Family)

February 13, Tuesday: Weekday

Readings: Jas 1:12-18; Mk 8:14-21

6:45 AM Joe Tomlinson, Anniv. (Frank & Betty Seymour)

8:00 AM Genevive Musto (Connie Angeski)

12:00 PM Stella Gallagher (Mark & Diane Moschella)

February 14, Wednesday: Ash Wednesday

Readings: Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

6:45 AM Max Kessler (Mary Conrad)

8:00 AM Leroy & Irmina Helfrich (Estate)

12:00 PM Lois Riley (Helen Force)

5:30 PM Janet Tomlinson (Tim & JoAnn Bettwy)

February 15, Thursday after Ash Wednesday

Readings: Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25

6:45 AM Lavelle Family (Phyllis Sheetz)

8:00 AM Lori A. Wiedemer, Health (J. & C. Plank)

12:00 PM Lori Crilley (Sister, Pam Leasure)

February 16, Friday after Ash Wednesday

Readings: Is 58:1-9; Mt 9:14-15

6:45 AM David Conrad (Elizabeth Dobbins)

8:00 AM Anna Mercer, Anniv. (Husband, Paul)

12:00 PM Joanna Tetanich (Russ & Mary Ann Pleva Fam)

February 17, Saturday after Ash Wednesday

Readings: Is 58:9-14; Lk 5:27-32

8:00 AM Derek Behe (Cheryl Brown)

12:00 PM Herbert Kutruff (Connie & Denis Navarro)

Vigil: First Sunday of Lent

Readings: Gn 9:8-15; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

5:00 PM John Bauer (Hugh & Donna Kelleher)

THINK BASKET BINGO-SUNDAY, MAY 6, 2018

It's that time of year again for our **4th Annual Basket Bingo**. We're asking for your support. We are in need of Gift Cards, new items such as home decor, non-perishables, theme baskets, household items, and monetary donations. Items can be dropped off at the Parish Office during the week between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM, or may be picked up by calling: Roberta Burns, 1-301-741-6467, or Lorraine Beck, 942-7774. Tickets are available now at the Parish Office: \$25.00 per person with value pack for an additional \$30.



2018, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 South Logan Boulevard, Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania 16648.

Liturgical Reflection ...

This Wednesday, February 14, is Ash Wednesday when the Church begins the forty day journey toward the Triduum (The Three Days) with the annual discipline of fasting, praying and giving alms. Ash Wednesday (February 14) and Good Friday (March 30) are days of fast and abstinence. All Fridays in Lent (February 16, 23; March 2, 9, 16, 23) are days of abstinence. **FASTING** refers to only one full meal, with two small meals and no eating otherwise for the day. **ABSTINENCE** refers to not eating meat at all during the day. All who have reached their 14th year are obliged to ABSTAIN. The Church directs the holy FAST to all those in their 18th year until their 60th year (Canon 1252). The ancient practice of fasting and abstaining can occur throughout other days in Lent. This is not obligatory and can take a variety of forms distinct from food.

Thank You

Father Athanasius Fornwalt, FHS has sent a note of appreciation to Cathedral Parish on the occasion of celebrating his Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, January 28 at the 10:00 AM Mass. "It was a beautiful experience for me and a time of grace for my family, and I hope for the parish as well. I am deeply grateful for all your support over the years. You can count on my prayers." We are proud of our native son from the Cathedral Parish who now is an ordained priest and a friar of the Holy Spirit. May he be blessed in his priesthood and religious life to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ!

Lenten Fish Luncheons

On Ash Wednesday, February 14, and all the Fridays of Lent (February 16, 23, March 2, 9, 16, and 23), Cathedral will offer delicious Lenten lunches. A fish sandwich with choice of macaroni and cheese or French fries for \$7.00. You may eat your lunch in the Cathedral Hall or take out. (There is no lunch on Good Friday, March 30.)

Cathedral Charismatic Prayer Group

The Cathedral Prayer Group will meet this Monday, February 12th, at 7:00 PM, here at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. Join us for Praise and Worship, Spirit-filled teachings and witnessing, prayer ministry, and fellowship! All are welcome!

Calendar of Prizes 2018

There are still six (6) Calendars of Prizes outstanding that need to be returned. The numbers are: **204, 313, 528, 608, 612, and 810**. If you have these numbers, please return the stub to the raffle ticket at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

Appreciation

The annual Lent/Easter mailing was prepared Wednesday and Thursday, February 7th and 8th at 9:00AM in the Seton Suite. We are most grateful to the following parishioners for their help: Mary Ann Bell, Patty McCloskey, Bill Smith, Grace Smith, and Paulette Farabaugh.

Pierogi, Ravioli, and Gnocchi Sale

Our Lady of Fatima Parish is sponsoring a Pierogi, Gnocchi and 6-Cheese Ravioli sale. Orders can be made at the Parish Office at 2010 Twelfth Avenue, phone 942-0371, or email: olfoff10@hotmail.com no later than Wednesday, February 21.

Eucharistic Adoration

Cathedral Parish will hold our monthly **Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesday, March 7**, from 12:30PM until 8:00PM.

Looking Ahead

Cathedral Parish will host our annual Vacation Bible School June 18 through 22.

**ORDER OF
CHRISTIAN
FUNERALS**

Liturgical Reflection ...

When a Catholic dies, the community gathers with the family and friends of the deceased to give praise and thanks to God for Christ's victory over sin and death, to commend the deceased to God's tender mercy and compassion, and to seek strength in the proclamation of the paschal mystery, the dying and rising of the Lord. At death the Christian community is joined together in faith as one Body of Christ to reaffirm in sign and symbol, word and gesture that each believer through baptism shares in the death and resurrection and can look to the day when all the elect will be raised up and united in the kingdom of light and peace.

Order of Christian Funerals, 1998-1989, Number 129.

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OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, February 4, 2018 - \$8,229.00

Contribution Reports for Income Tax purposes may be obtained by calling the Parish Office: 944-4603.

First Communion Sessions Schedule

First Communion sessions will be held Wednesday, February 21, and Wednesday, March 7. All sessions are held in the Seton Suite from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM. All students MUST be accompanied by an adult. First Communion will be held at the 10:00 AM Mass on Sunday, April 15 for the Cathedral students. Our Lady of Fatima students will be scheduled later. Practice for Cathedral students will be held on Thursday, April 12 at 4:00 PM in the Church and Confessions will be heard following practice. Group and individual pictures will be taken after the 10:00 AM First Communion Mass.

Friar's Nook Gift Shop-Mardi Gras Bake Sale

Celebrate Mardi Gras at The Friar's Nook Gift Shop! The Friar's Nook will be holding a Mardi Gras bake sale on Tuesday, February 13th from 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM, and will include traditional Fat Tuesday pastries. The Friar's Nook is located across from Saint Bernardine Monastery at 793 Monastery Road, Hollidaysburg.

Rest In Peace

This past week Bernadine Schnaubelt Garcia died and was buried from the Cathedral Parish. May Bernie know peace in the Risen Christ. May her husband, children and grandchildren know peace. We receive comfort in the faith knowing that death is not the end. Christ promises new life to all the baptized.

Please remember our sick in your prayers.