

JUNE 10, 2018

Scripture Reflection

Today's readings remind us of two foundational aspects of our Christian faith: (1) the sinfulness in our world comes ultimately from pursuing our own will and not God's will, and (2) God liberates us from our sinful condition through the Redeemer.

In the Gospel, we see that Jesus is this redeemer, but his own people refuse to accept his message. Instead, they say he is "out of his mind" and attribute everything to the powers of evil. They reject the workings of the Holy Spirit in their lives. Mark's Gospel makes the significant point that Jesus brought about a new kinship, founded not on flesh and blood, but on rebirth by the Spirit. The Spirit enables Jesus' followers to carry out God's will. Only those who do the will of God are "Jesus' brother and sister and mother." The Spirit gives us rebirth into this new family of God and enables us to carry out God's will.

Mark understood Jesus to be the all-powerful savior whose power exceeded that of even his strongest opponents, and who therefore could rescue any human, no matter how horrifying the situation that held them bound. Mark uses this Christological insight to highlight a wider discussion of discipleship. Jesus' disciples are those who believe in his power and follow his teachings. This did not include his relatives, at least at first. The passages immediately before and after this rebuke of the scribes speak of his relatives coming to fetch him because they thought he had lost his mind. Jesus uses their appearance to highlight an aspect of discipleship. His true family are the people who join him in fulfilling the divine will and liberating humanity from the grip of death.

Christ is stronger than our greatest fears and stronger than anything that holds us bound. The Son of God shares this divine strength with anyone who believes in him and takes on his mission, no matter what their initial condition might be. This is the strength that allowed Jesus to overcome his own will in Gethsemane and thereby free those bound by Eden's sin.

- **Do you believe Jesus is stronger than any evil? Are there examples from your life?**

AT HOME with the WORD 2018, Archdiocese of Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, pg. 99. AMERICA MAGAZINE, "Christ is stronger than our deepest fears." Michael R. Simone, S.J., May 18, 2018.

2018 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE

Category	Amount
Target	\$55,357.00
Amount Received	\$49,227.00 (89%)

A second letter was sent to those parishioners who have yet to participate in this year's Catholic Ministries Drive. The Parish has received **\$49,227.00** to meet our target of **\$55,357.00**. Thus far 177 gifts have been received.

This year's appeal focuses on 14 ministries of *Caring for the Poor and Strengthening Families, Nurturing Our Youth, and Forming Clergy and Laity*. This is an annual opportunity to assist the Diocese in the ministries offered throughout our eight-county Local Church. All monies that exceed the target goal come back to the Parish. These monies will go to the payment of the paving of the upper parking lot which took place last fall.

You may place your envelope (marked **2018 Catholic Ministries Drive**) in the weekly collection or drop off at the parish office in the Parish Center. Your past generosity has always seen the Cathedral exceed our goal with monies returning to the Parish. Thank you for your generous response to this annual request.

Annual Cereal Collection

For many years, Mrs. Judy Savine, a member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Altoona, has collected cereal to benefit children through the Saint Vincent dePaul Food Pantry in Altoona. Bishop Mark has once again requested that each parish in Blair County sponsor a cereal collection at all Masses on Father's Day weekend - June 16-17, 2018.

Fatima Devotions in Loretto on June 13

The Franciscan Friars, T.O.R., from Loretto, invite you to participate with them in celebrating the Fatima Devotions on Wednesday, June 13th, at 6:30 PM in the Sunken Gardens. (In case of inclement weather, the devotions will be at the Immaculate Conception Chapel on the Saint Francis University Campus). The singing will be led by choir from St. Benedict's Church in Carrolltown and the sermon will be delivered by Fr. Richard Davis, T.O.R. We would like to extend a cordial welcome to all.

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: ALTCATHEDRAL@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

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

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

TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JUNE 10, 2018

Readings: Gn 3:9-15; 2 Cor 4:13-5:1; Mk:3:20-35

MASS INTENTIONS

June 11, Monday: Saint Barnabas, Apostle

Readings: Acts 11:21-26; 13:1-3; Mt 5:1-12

6:45 AM Bishop Richard Guilfoyle, Anniv. (Cathedral Parish)

8:00 AM NO MASS

12:00 PM Thomas and Mary Irwin (Irwin Family)

June 12, Tuesday: Weekday

Readings: 1 Kgs 17:7-16; Mt 5:13-16

6:45 AM NO MASS

8:00 AM Dick, Rick, and Karen (Cowan Family)

12:00 PM Alma Reismeier (Husband, Fred)

June 13, Wednesday: St. Anthony of Padua, Priest & Dr.

Readings: 1 Kgs 18:20-39; Mt 5:17-19

6:45 AM Bishop James Hogan, Anniv. (Cathedral Parish)

8:00 AM NO MASS

12:00 PM Eleanor Bettwy, Anniv. (Tim and JoAnn Bettwy)

June 14, Thursday: Weekday

Readings: 1 Kgs 18:41-46; Mt 5:20-26

6:45 AM NO MASS

8:00 AM Thomas J. Reighard (Tina Reighard Foltyniewicz)

12:00 PM Joe Wiedemer (Justin and Michelle)

June 15, Friday: Weekday

Readings: 1 Kgs 19:9, 11-16; Mt 5:27-32

6:45 AM George Dean Barry (Green, Tyler, Maryl, Barry Fam)

8:00 AM NO MASS

12:00 PM Billy R. Geis, Birthday (Geis Family)

June 16, Saturday: Weekday, Blessed Virgin Mary

Readings: 1 Kgs 19:19-21; Mt 5:33-37

8:00 AM Allan D. Conrad (Bridget McCloskey)

12:00 PM Herbert J. Kuttruff (Paul and Mary O'Leary)

Vigil: Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Ez 17:22-24; 2 Cor 5:6-10; Mk 4:26-34

5:00 PM Brian McCaulley, Birthday (Wife and Sons)

NOTE Daily Mass Schedule

Because of Father Dennis's absence, there will be two Masses scheduled daily. There will always be the Noon Mass each day; the 6:45 AM and 8:00 AM will alternate each week. Thank you for your understanding.

Father Dennis Kurdziel

Your prayers are working! Father Dennis continues to regain his strength. He is to be back at the rectory in the near future. Nonetheless, it will be some time before he resumes his responsibilities at Mass. Keep those prayers coming!

Appreciation

The Cathedral Adult Choir is taking some time off over the summer months. The Cathedral is appreciative of the time and talent shared by these men and women. The liturgies for Lent, Holy Week and the Triduum, Easter Season, Ordinations, and our Parish Feast Day were enhanced by the ministry of our Cathedral Choir. We are grateful to Leslie Thayer, Cathedral Director of Music Ministry, who oversees and directs the music at all our liturgies. Thank you to the choir. Enjoy the summer. Also, if anyone is interested in joining the choir, give Leslie a call at 944-2044.

Congratulations

Last Saturday evening James Seiler received the Gallitzin Cross from Bishop Mark Bartchak. The Cross is given to those individuals who exemplify the evangelizing spirit of Servant of God Demetrius Gallitzin. Jim has been a Cathedral Parishioner for over fifty years. He has been responsible for creating innumerable programs for annual and special occasion liturgies. He creates the advent candles, the altar candles used at Mass, and he creates the annual Easter Candle. He is a choir member, cantor, money counter, and creating the weekly list for gift bearers for the five Masses. Jim has volunteered to temporarily type the weekly bulletin and prepare the Universal Prayer petitions. Always gracious and ready to generously share his gifts and talents, Jim truly stands in the evangelizing spirit of Father Demetrius Gallitzin. Congratulations, Jim! Cathedral Parish celebrates with you in recognizing all you have done and do for the Cathedral.

Past Cathedral recipients of the Gallitzin Cross include: Msgr. Thomas Madden (1990), Sister Beverly, IHM (1996), Jeanne Thompson (2001), James Davidson (2002), Msgr. Paul Panza (2005), Msgr. Robert Mazur (2006), Timothy Bettwy (2012), Butch Leo Winkler (2014), and Paula Clemens (2016).

Mark Your Calendar - Holy Trinity Catholic School

There will be Music and Comedy on Friday, September 14, 2018 at the Railroaders Memorial Museum at 6:00 PM.

Pray For Our Sick - Remember our sisters and brothers who are weakened by illness in your prayers. Prayers are sometimes the best prescribed medicine.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, June 3, 2018 - \$9,512.00

Christian Mothers meeting

The June meeting for Christian Mothers will be held on Wednesday, June 13, at 6:30 PM in the Seton Suite. We will be discussing future fundraising efforts and upcoming events.

Baptismal Preparation

There will be a Baptismal Prep Session for parents preparing to have their child baptized here at the Cathedral Parish on Tuesday, June 19, 2018. You need not wait until the baby is born. Please call the Parish Office (944-4603) to register for this important meeting. The session begins at 7:00 P.M. in the Seton Suite and last about one hour.

Cathedral Christian Mothers

Christian Mothers are sponsoring a bus trip to the Lancaster Sight and Sound theatre production of "Jesus" on August 4th. Cost is \$155.00 for adults and \$105.00 for children. Price includes transportation, lunch and tickets to the 3:00 PM show. Trip is through Freedom Excursions. Please contact Carol Galimoto at 946-3769. The deadline is June 15th.

Eucharistic Adoration

Please note that the first Wednesday in July this year is the Fourth of July. There will be no Eucharistic Adoration on this day. Next month our date for adoration will be Wednesday, **July 11** from 12:30 PM until 8:00 PM. Because of the national holiday, Eucharistic Adoration is moved to the second Wednesday of July. This is for the month of July only. We resume our regular first Wednesday of the month adoration schedule in August (Wednesday, August 1). Please note this in your schedules and plan to spend some quality time in prayer before the Sacrament in exposition.

Cathedral Charismatic Prayer Group

The Cathedral Prayer Group will meet on Monday, June 18th, at 7:00 PM, here at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome! Join us for Praise and Worship, Spirit-filled teachings and witnessing, prayer ministry, and fellowship!

Diocese - Annual Faith and Family Day

All parishioners are invited to the annual celebration at DelGrosso's Amusement Park, Tipton on Sunday, June 24.

- Mass is at 3:00 PM with Bishop Mark as the Main Celebrant at the Park Stage across from Pavilion #2. Mass will begin with a Family Faith Procession with representatives from attending parishes.

- There will be a Faith Day Dessert Contest (pre-registration form is due by June 8)

- DelGrosso Picnic Lunch at 5:00 PM (Order form and payment by June 18)

There is a \$10.00 discount for the normal \$29.95 All Day Fun Pass for rides and the Waterpark and Laguna Rapids. DelGrosso's will donate \$3.00 of every pass to the Angel Fund for Camp Zacchaeus and Camp Timothy.

Forms for the Dessert Contest Registration and Picnic Lunch Order, and separate Coupon Vouchers to be used at the Entrance Gate of the Park can be picked up at the Cathedral Square Entrance after all Masses on June 2, 3, 9, 10, 16 and 17. For more information you can contact Jeanne Thompson 317-2672, the Cathedral Parish Office 944-4603, or the Diocese of Altoona Johnstown website www.dioceseaj.org.

Vacation Bible School

The theme this Summer will be Shipwrecked

June 18-22, 2018, 8:30-11:30AM. Ages 4-10, \$5.00

Adult and teen help is needed. For more information call: Chris Laraia @312-7317.

Liturgical Reflection ...

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN FUNERALS

Saint Paul tells the Corinthian Christians today that our earthly body shall be destroyed, but our true hope is that we will live eternally in heaven. In death God will call us back to the kingdom. During the Committal of a loved one, the Church prays: *So let us commend our brother/sister to the Lord, that the Lord may embrace them in peace, and raise up their body on the last day.* In the mercy and love of God, we pray that our deceased be welcomed into the kingdom of God's love.

Order of Christian Funerals, 1998/1989, Number 219.

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