

JULY 1, 2018

Scripture Reflection

Today's readings celebrate God who has blessed us with life and they invite us to share these blessings with others. The Book of Wisdom reminds us that in creation we discover God's goodness, and Paul continues the reminder of God's graciousness. We discover God's goodness in creation, but also in his Son's Death and Resurrection, whereby we become a new creation through grace.

The two miracles recorded in today's Gospel offer examples of Jesus' generosity. Jesus responds to two people in dire need with his gift of life and grace. Mark narrates these miracles in an interesting way--similar to how we make a sandwich! The first miracle (the two slices of bread) shows Jesus responding to the urgent appeal of a synagogue official, Jairus, by restoring his twelve-year-old daughter to life. On the way (this is the sandwich-filling) Jesus responds to a woman who anxiously touches his cloak. Each takes the initiative in reaching out to Jesus in faith, and Jesus responds to their faith: "Daughter, your faith has saved you. Go in peace and be cured of your affliction."

Faith in Jesus also revealed that God never intended the world to be a place of anxiety. As the first reading demonstrates, a belief that death was a contradiction was already growing among Jews of Jesus' day. In Mark's Gospel, faith in Jesus does not just reveal God's dream for the world; it also confers the power to overcome anything contrary to God's will, including death itself. Faith led Jairus and the suffering woman to Jesus, whose power overcame their suffering. Filled with Christ's Spirit, our mission today is to seek out those enslaved by dread and let them hear his voice say, "Arise!"

- **How do Jairus and the bleeding woman demonstrate faith? Who in your life needs to hear Christ say, "Arise"?**

AT HOME with the WORD 2018, Archdiocese of Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, pg. 105. AMERICA MAGAZINE, "When has Christ lifted you from dread?" Michael R. Simone, S.J., June 15, 2018.

2018 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE

Category	Amount
Target	\$55,357.00
Actual Received	\$58,867.00 (106%)

A second letter was sent to those parishioners who have yet to participate in this year's Catholic Ministries Drive. The Parish has received **\$58,867.00** to meet our target of \$55,357.00. Thus far 209 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.

Fatima Devotions

The Franciscan Friars, T.O.R., from Loretto, invite you to participate with them in celebrating the Fatima Devotions on Friday, July 13th, at 6:30 PM in the Sunken Gardens. (In case of inclement weather, the devotions will be at the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel). The singing will be led by the "T.O.R. Novitiate Choir" and the sermon will be delivered by Bro. Daniel-Marie Klimek, T.O.R. We would like to extend a cordial welcome to all.

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS Registrations for the 2018-2019 School Year!

Please share the good news about HTCS with your friends and family! We are accepting applications now for grades Pre-K through 8 for the 2018-2019 school year. Applications are available in the school office and on the school website. **Reminder:** Current families who have not completed registration, please do so as soon as possible.

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

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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

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 1, 2018

Readings: Wis 1:13-15, 2:23-24; 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mk 5:21-43

MASS INTENTIONS

July 2, Monday: Weekday

Readings: Am 2:6-10, 13-16; Mt 8:18-22

6:45 AM NO MASS

8:00 AM Leroy and Irmina Helfrich (Estate)

12:00 PM M. Virginia Jones (Randy and Jean Koury)

July 3, Tuesday: Saint Thomas, Apostle

Readings: Eph 2:19-22; Jn 20:24-29

6:45 AM Dick Anthony (Sr. Ann Crouse, RSM)

8:00 AM NO MASS

12:00 PM Faber Weakland (Pat Rhoa)

July 4, Wednesday: Independence Day

Readings: 1 Kgs 3:11-14; Lk 12:15-21

9:00 AM Catherine Beech Frederick, Anniversary
(Debbie Ball and Family)

July 5, Thursday: Saint Elizabeth of Portugal

Readings: Am 7:10-17; Mt 9:1-8

6:45 AM BeBe Milliron (Randy and Mary Ellen Green)

8:00 AM NO MASS

12:00 PM Joe and Patty Wiedemer, Births. (Family)

July 6, Friday: Saint Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr

Readings: Am 8:4-6, 9-12; Mt 9:9-13

6:45 AM NO MASS

8:00 AM Derek Behe (Brandy Lubert)

12:00 PM Joanna Tetanich (Janet and Michele Belsey)

July 7, Saturday: Weekday, Blessed Virgin Mary

Readings: Am 9:11-15; Mt 9:14-17

8:00 AM John Flinn, Anniv. (Flinn Fam. & Lisa Buchanan)

12:00 PM Pat Byrne, Birthday (Family and Friends)

Vigil: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Ez 2:2-5; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6

5:00 PM James Davidson (Charlie & Angie Ehredt)

NOTE Daily Mass Schedule

In light of Father Dennis's illness, 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.

Cathedral Charismatic Prayer Group

The Cathedral Prayer Group will NOT meet during the month of July here at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. The next Prayer Group meeting will be on Monday, August 6.

Please remember our sick in your prayers.

Please Note!

The Cathedral Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday, July 4, to celebrate Independence Day.

Saint Francis University Announcement

Are you looking for a career change? Interested in going back to school? Saint Francis University's Adult Degree and Continuing Studies program caters to adult learners. We offer programs in business, early childhood education, behavioral science, health studies, and more! We offer the lowest per credit tuition in the area. Classes are offered online, in the evenings, and on Saturdays; on campus, and also in Altoona, Johnstown and State College. If you're interested in learning more you can call us at 814-472-3012, email us at oce@francis.edu, or by visiting our website at: www.francis.edu/adcs.

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.

Liturgy of the Hours

The Cathedral offers Evening Prayer through the course of the liturgical year during the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter. Evening Prayer is part of the official hours of prayer for the universal Church and is a formal Liturgy of the Church. The Second Vatican Council strongly encouraged that the Hours be prayed publicly in church. As the Cathedral Church, we offer Evening Prayer to the wider Christian community. The Hours consist of the Psalms, Scripture, and prayer. Here at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, we place Evening Prayer within Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. All are encouraged to take part in this Liturgy of the Church which begins each Sunday evening at 6:30PM and lasts about forty minutes.

ARISE Meeting

There will be an ARISE Group Leader meeting on Wednesday, July 11, from 6:00 PM until 7:00 PM in the Seton Suite.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, June 24, 2018 - \$8,805.00

Outdoor Mass Honoring Married Couples

The Altoona-Johnstown Family is invited to participate and to pray for those living the Sacrament of Marriage at an Outdoor Mass Honoring Married Couples with Bishop Mark. The Mass will be on Sunday, July 15, 2018 at 7:00 PM at the Shrine of our Lady of the Alleghenies in Loretto (located next to the Basilica of Saint Michael). Bring lawn chairs! Indoors if rain.

Saint Vincent DePaul Altoona Thrift Shop

The Saint Vincent DePaul Thrift Shop at 1215 Seventh Avenue is grateful for the outpouring of clothes received for those of our community. There is a need for volunteers, specifically clothing sorters, so the items can be put out for purchase as quickly as possible. If interested, please call Cindy Lytle at 943-1981.

Cathedral Liturgical Ministers

The Parish is presently preparing new members for the various liturgical ministries for Mass. Men, women and children have come forward to volunteer their time and talent in this important area of parish life. If interested in being an altar server, usher (minister of hospitality), choir member, cantor, commentator, reader, or extraordinary minister of Holy Communion, please call the Parish Office at 944-4603.

Because we are the Cathedral Parish, we offer a weekly Sunday 5:00 P.M. Mass for the wider Catholic community. Liturgical ministers are asked to seriously think of volunteering once a month at the Sunday 5:00 P.M. This is a service to the wider Church and there is a need for liturgical ministers at this Sunday afternoon Mass. If you are able to assist in this area, the Parish is very grateful.

Liturgical Reflection ...

PROPER BURIAL OF THE BODY AND CREMATED REMAINS

The Church has made clear statements on the practice of burying the remains of our dead. The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith in 2016 stated doctrinal and pastoral reasons for the preference of the burial of the remains of the faithful and to set out norms pertaining to the conservation of ashes in the case of cremation. The Church encourages conventional burial of the faithful whenever possible, i.e., burial in a grave or mausoleum, as well as requires the appropriate reservation of the remains when cremation occurs. Instruction Ad resurgendum cum Christo, Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, 2016, Number 1.

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

Congratulations!

The Sacrament of Marriage

On Saturday, June 16, our parishioner, Nicholas Stellabotte, married Allison Bivens here in the Cathedral. Congratulations to Nick and Allison as they begin their married life. We support them with our prayer.

On Saturday, June 23, our parishioner, Marianne Farnan, married Perk Oettinger here in the Cathedral. Congratulations to Marianne and Perk at the beginning of their new life together. We support them with our prayer.

The Sacrament of Baptism

On Saturday, June 23, Sellar Highland Moore was baptized here at the Cathedral. Congratulations to parents, Eric and Kiley, to godparents, Kaitlin and Claire Seasoltz, and to grandparents, Tim and Pam Seasoltz. Living in the Pittsburgh area, Kiley received permission for baptism from Saints John and Paul Parish in Sewickley, Pennsylvania.

On Sunday, June 24, Silas Anthony Franklin was baptized here in the Cathedral. Congratulations to parents, Tyler and Yasmin, to big brother, Isaiah, to godparents, Justin and Amy, and grandparent, Sally. Living in the Pittsburgh area, Tyler received permission for baptism from Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Carnegie, Pennsylvania.

Baptismal Preparation

There will be a Baptismal Prep Session for parents preparing to have their child baptized here at the Cathedral Parish. The date for this important catechesis is Tuesday, August 7th at 7:00 PM in the Seton Suite. You need not wait until the baby is born. Please call the Parish Office (944-4603) to register for this important meeting. The sessions last about one hour.