

**JULY 8, 2018**

*Scripture Reflection*

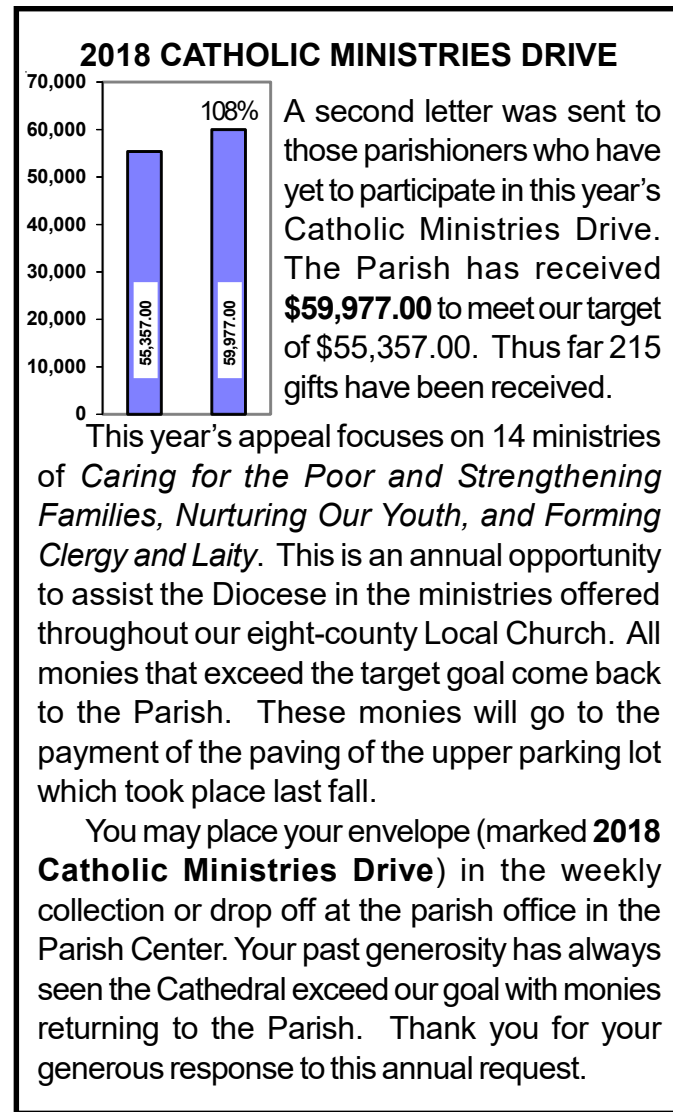
Biblical prophets speak God's Word to God's people. They come as God's messengers proclaiming an uncomfortable message that challenges their hearers. Throughout the Scriptures, God's prophets encounter opposition and rejection. Today's readings offer three examples of God's messengers of mercy and grace being rejected because of their challenging message. "Hard of face and obstinate of heart are they to whom I am sending you," says the Lord to the prophet Ezekiel.

Because of internal jealousy and rivalries, Paul had to defend himself to the Corinthian community that he had founded. Paul lays out his qualifications as an Apostle and prophet sent by God to preach God's message of salvation. When Paul's critics focus on his weaknesses, he shows how God's grace overcomes these weaknesses: "When I am weak, then I am strong."

Jesus also experiences opposition from those who know him best. His home town of Nazareth rejects him. Despite his wisdom and miracles, they arrogantly reject him because, as they say, "Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary?" Jesus quotes a proverb that says, in essence: "A prophet is only despised in his own country, among his own relatives, and in his own house." He is one of us, so how could he attain such wisdom?

We often miss the holiness right in front of us. We expect God's action to be flashy and otherworldly, whereas Scripture and theology tell us that God acts through regular people and everyday events. Often, we miss the sacredness of the everyday because we are preoccupied with the past or worried about the future--or, these days, because we have our noses in electronic devices.

- **This week name someone or something that exemplifies holiness.**



**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.

**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.

**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**

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**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

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## FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

### MASS INTENTIONS

July 9, Monday: St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Pr./Comp, Martyrs

*Readings: Hos 2:16, 17-18, 21-22; Mt 9:18-26*

6:45 AM Dan & Miriam Burns (Dave & Maureen Hanekamp)

8:00 AM NO MASS

12:00 PM Joe Wiedemer (Pat and Jean Ann Krug)

July 10, Tuesday: Weekday

*Readings: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Mt 9:32-38*

6:45 AM NO MASS

8:00 AM Jim and Peggy Mullan (Daughters, Nancy & Skip)

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

July 11, Wednesday: Saint Benedict, Abbott

*Readings: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Mt 10:1-7*

6:45 AM Brian Gordon (Mike and Sherry Byrne)

8:00 AM NO MASS

12:00 PM Rose Ciavarella (Jen & Doug Rosenberry)

July 12, Thursday: Weekday

*Readings: Hos 11:1-4, 8-9; Mt 10:7-15*

6:45 AM NO MASS

8:00 AM Jack & Kitty Bell, 70th Wed. Anniv. (MaryAnn Bell)

12:00 PM John Vogel, Anniv. (Madeline Vogel Family)

July 13, Friday: Weekday, Saint Henry

*Readings: Hos 14:2-10; Mt 10:16-23*

6:45 AM David Conrad (Bob and Theresa Mellott)

8:00 AM NO MASS

12:00 PM Patty Geis (Pat Rhoa)

July 14, Saturday: Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

*Readings: Is 6:1-8; Mt 10:24-33*

8:00 AM Anna Mercer (Cathedral Parish)

12:00 PM Herbert J. Kutruff (Darlene Vickers)

Vigil: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Readings: Am 7:12-15; Eph 1:3-14; Mk 6:7-13*

5:00 PM Diane M. Johnston, Anniversary (Mother)

### 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 at 7:00 PM..

### 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](mailto:oce@francis.edu), or by visiting our website at: [www.francis.edu/adcs](http://www.francis.edu/adcs).

### BASKET BINGO

The results are in and Cathedral Parish's annual Basket Bingo on May 6, 2018, made a profit of **\$15,979.81**. Thank you to all who worked so hard to make this fundraiser a success. This year's profit exceeds the profit of the former annual festival. Next year's Basket Bingo is Sunday, May 5, 2019 at Fr. Kelly Hall. There is a need to make sure we gather more players to join in the bingo. Start to gather family and friends to join in an afternoon of fun and games with delicious food.

### Free Bishop Guilfoyle Youth Football Clinic

There will be a **FREE** BG Youth Football Clinic at Bishop Guilfoyle on Wednesday, July 18, 2018, from 5:00 to 8:00 PM. It will be at the Tom Irwin Field at Bishop Guilfoyle High School. The camp is run by BG's head varsity football coach, Justin Wheeler, along with his staff and the three-time State Championship winning players! There will be awards and prizes. There will also be **FREE** hot dogs and ice cream! Any and all students entering grades 1-8 are welcome! Player registration forms are available at the Cathedral's entrances.

### 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. A sign-up sheet is on the cross aisle table.

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

**Sunday, July 1, 2018 - \$9,010.00**

### 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.

### Baptism Congratulations

On Sunday, July 1, Rory Sky Sheeder was baptized here at the Cathedral at the 10:00 AM Mass and welcomed into the church. Congratulations to parents, Skyler and Kasey and sister, Kinsley, to grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins. Rory will grow in the Christian faith to the degree that family and parish model and live the Catholic faith.

### Cathedral Liturgical Ministers

The Parish is presently preparing new members for the various liturgical ministries for Mass. Over twenty 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.

### Ministry to Elderly, Homebound, Sick and Grieving

There will be an important meeting on Tuesday, July 24 at 6:30 PM in the Parish Center Conference Room, entrance by way of Thirteenth Avenue. The Committee has not met for a while and there needs to be discussion on the upcoming ARISE process in connection to our ministry.

Since our beginnings in the fall of 2014, the committee of 30 people have sent thousands of cards, and by invitation visited with men and women for hundreds of hours. Relationships have formed with fellow parishioners that may not have happened outside this simple ministry. Dave Ward who visits three older gentlemen once a month shared, "My life has been so enriched and inspired by these men of faith who have shared stories of their life journey. Two are veterans of World War II and the other an Altoona retired postal worker. I have learned world and local history through their eyes, and I am very grateful."

Our goal was to make a difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters in Christ who cannot physically join us in prayer and worship and that is happening. We would like to say "Thank you" for supporting our efforts with your donations of stamps and cards. We need your help with names and addresses of those who would also be uplifted by a note in the mail. Please call the parish office and give their name and mailing address to Paula Clemens and we will add them to our ministry list or email them to Jeanne Thompson at [dthom71328@aol.com](mailto:dthom71328@aol.com).

### 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.

***Please remember our sick in your prayers.***

### Liturgical Reflection ...

### PROPER BURIAL OF THE BODY AND CREMATED REMAINS

The resurrection of Jesus is the culminating truth of the Christian faith. Through his death and resurrection, Christ freed us from sin and gave us access to new life. It is true that Christ will raise us up on the last day, but it is also true that, in a certain way, we have already risen with Christ in the Sacrament of Baptism. Because of Christ, Christian death has a positive meaning. By death the soul is separated from the body, but when the Lord comes in all his glory, he will give incorruptible life to our body, transformed by reunion with our soul. Instruction Ad resurgendum cum Christo, Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, 2016, Number 2.

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