

AUGUST 12, 2018

Scripture Reflection

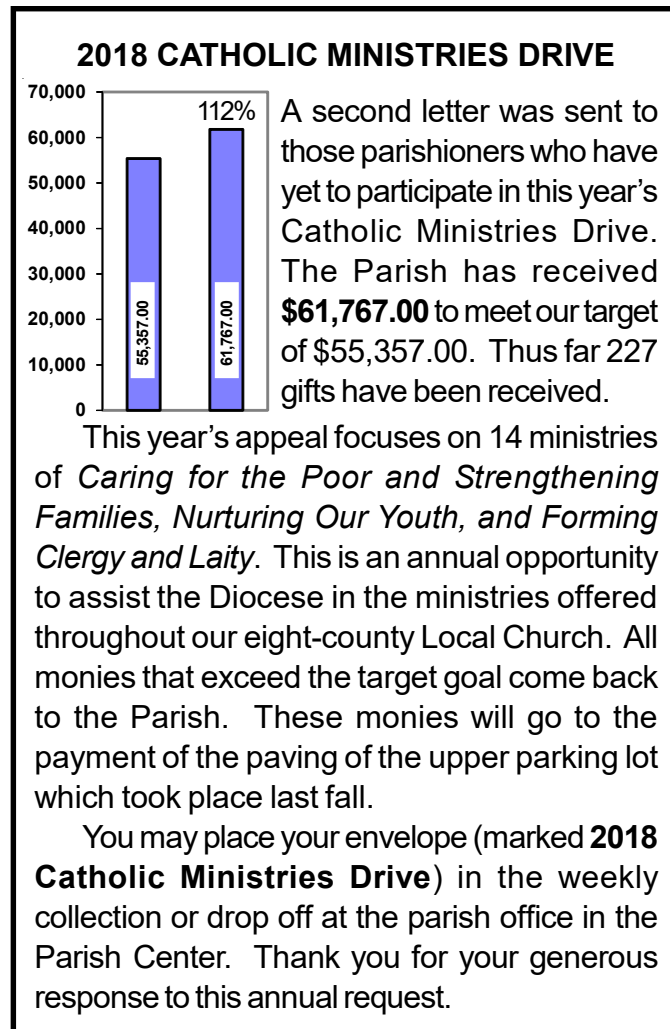
In John's "Bread of Life" discourse, Jesus presents a symbol that functions on multiple levels. At its root, the "bread" Jesus speaks of is the life he shares with the Father. In this bond of love, Jesus finds everything that sustains him. Jesus offers this bread to his disciples through his teaching; those who follow his commandments will encounter the same all-sustaining love from the Father. This bread is also Jesus' body, which Jesus offered in obedience for our redemption. Furthermore, the bread of which he speaks is his continuing presence in the Eucharist, which his disciples continue to celebrate until today. Put simply, the bread of life is the Father's love that is available to any who believe in Christ, receive him sacramentally, put his teachings into practice and offer themselves like Christ in complete obedience to the Father.

Each of the Gospels prepares its audience for Jesus' return. Mark expected Jesus to come soon, so the substance of his message was "Get ready!" Matthew and Luke, writing a decade or so later, nuanced Mark's message: "Stay ready!" John, writing a generation later, transformed the message entirely: "He is here already!" John uses the "Bread of Life" discourse to show that the disciples could catch sight of Christ present among them. Christ appeared in the bread they shared ritually. Finally, they trusted that Christ would appear to them after whatever sort of death came as a consequence of their complete obedience to him.

In the Father's love, Jesus found everything he needed to sustain him for life. Just so, Jesus' disciples today find in his teaching the "bread" that keeps them going and the "flesh" that makes their own lives a continuation of his. We consume the bread of life in order to become the flesh and blood that brings life to others.

- **In your own experience how does the Eucharist renew you and give you a new sense of strength for life's journey?**

AT HOME with the WORD 2018, Archdiocese of Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, pg. 117. AMERICA MAGAZINE, "What 'food' helps you live as Jesus lived?" Michael R. Simone, S.J., July 27, 2018.



Catholic Education

Have you considered a Catholic school education for your child? Not only do our schools boast of excellent academics, competitive sports, with a variety of extracurricular activities, but most importantly, Jesus Christ is at the center of our Catholic school life. Our most recent alumni say it was the sense of family they liked most about school. They were at home in their Catholic school. For more information, in grades Pre-K through 8, call Holy Trinity Catholic School at 942-7835; in grades 9 through 12, call Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School at 944-4014.

Parish Finance Council Meeting

There will be a meeting of the Cathedral Parish Finance Council on Thursday, August 16 at 4:00 PM in the Parish Center Conference Room.

New Altar Server Practice

All those who volunteered to be servers and anyone who may be interested in joining this liturgical ministry - there will be a practice meeting on Wednesday, August 15, following the holy day Mass at 5:30 PM.

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

Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak, J.C.D., 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

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 12, 2018

Readings: 1 Kgs 19:4-8; Eph 4:30--5:2; Jn 6:41-51

MASS INTENTIONS

August 13, Monday: Sts. Pontian, Pope & Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs

Readings: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28; Mt 17:22-27

6:45 AM Roberta Lamont (Dave & Maureen Hanekamp)

8:00 AM Irwin & Kay Seidel Lint (Family)

12:00 PM Rose Ciavarella (Clara Kristofko)

August 14, Tuesday: St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

Readings: Ez 2:8--3:4; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

6:45 AM Salvatore Michael Moffa (Estate)

8:00 AM Anna Mercer (Sophie Catherman)

12:00 PM Wanda Watkins ((David & Jeanne Thompson)

Vigil of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Readings: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16, 16:1-2; 1 Cor 15:54-57; Lk 11:27-28

5:30 PM Anna Marie Jacobs (Jane Davidson)

August 15, Wednesday: **The Assumption of the BVM**

Readings: Rv 11:19, 12:1-6, 10; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

8:00 AM Ruth Karl (McNelis All-Stars)

12:00 PM Alma Reismeier (Husband, Fred)

5:30 PM George Sheedy (John and Alice Joyce)

6:00 PM Father J. D. Zatalava (M/M Bernard Shea)

August 16, Thursday: Saint Stephen of Hungary

Readings: Ez 12:1-12; Mt 18:21--19:1

6:45 AM Joe & BeBe Milliron, Anniversary (Family)

8:00 AM Joseph Mangicarne (Cathedral Parish)

12:00 PM Sheryl Sedon (Frances and John Robine)

August 17, Friday: Weekday

Readings: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63; Mt 19:3-12

6:45 AM George Dean Barry (Mary Alexander)

8:00 AM Joe Weidemer (Homer and Marilyn Krug)

12:00 PM Walter Beech, Birthday (Debbie Ball Family)

August 18, Saturday: Weekday, BVM

Readings: Ez 18:1-10, 13, 30-32; Mt 19:13-15

8:00 AM Herbert Kuttruff (Connie & Denis Navarro)

12:00 PM Ronnie Geis (Ron & Jean Sheehan)

Vigil: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Prv 9:1-6; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58

5:00 PM Edgar L. Johnston, Birthday (Wife & Family)

Cathedral Charismatic Prayer Group

The Cathedral Prayer Group meeting will be on Monday, August 20, at 7:00 PM. "Come to His gates with Thanksgiving; enter His courts with praise (Ps 100:4)." Father Mark Begley will be our speaker. All are welcome!

HOLY DAY

This Wednesday, August 15, is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a holy day of obligation. The Church commemorates that Mary, who bore the Incarnate and Risen Word in her womb, did not experience death and decay. Rather she is the first to share in her Son's resurrection. She is assumed into heaven body and soul. The first cathedral of the United States in Baltimore bears the title of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Please check the parish bulletin for the times of Mass on this solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Interested in the Catholic Church?

Do you know someone who is interested in learning more about the Catholic Church? Perhaps you have considered becoming Catholic. Maybe you pray regularly with your spouse at Sunday Mass. Maybe you have felt a leaning toward the Catholic faith. Perhaps you have some questions that need to be discussed. You are invited to join others this September to enter into *inquiry* into the Catholic faith. No commitments are made at the beginning of this inquiry. Know that you are most welcomed to join us this fall when we meet every Sunday following the 10:00 AM Mass in the Seton Suite, located beneath the rectory on Fourteenth Street.

Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic adoration will be the first Wednesday of next month, **September 5** from 12:30 PM until 8:00 PM. Please note this in your schedules and plan to spend some quality time in prayer before the Sacrament in exposition.

Congratulations!

Dennis and Mary DeLeo join us today at the 10:00 AM Mass. Dennis and Mary are celebrating their fiftieth wedding anniversary with their family at today's Mass. Congratulations to this golden jubilee couple. May God bless them with good health, happiness, and many more years of married love.

Family Reunion

Today the Nagle Family joins us at the 10:00 AM Mass. This family is gathering for a summer reunion. We welcome them to our holy assembly. May God bless the Nagle Family with good health, happiness, and the peace which only Christ can give.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, August 5, 2018 - \$9,997.00

Religious Education News

Passing on the Catholic faith and being formed in the culture and traditions of our faith are very important. Parents assume the responsibility as primary educators of their child in their spiritual formation. The Cathedral Parish takes the ministry of religious education very seriously. This year's Registration Weekend will be held in the Seton Suite before and after all Masses on August 25 and 26. All new students and all returning students are asked to register before the first class on September 9. A copy of each student's Baptismal Certificate is needed for all newly registered students. Thank you.

Annual September Tours

Again this year the Cathedral will offer one-hour tours on four separate dates in September of the magnificent Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. September 7 will mark the 87th anniversary of the formal dedication of the Cathedral. The tour dates are: Tuesday, September 11 at 7:00 P.M.; Sunday, September 16 at 1:00 P.M.; Tuesday, September 25 at 7:00 P.M.; and Sunday, September 30 at 1:00 P.M. Light refreshments will be provided. Please call the Parish Office (944-4603) to make reservations.

Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy

Bishop Mark and the Family Life Office cordially invite couples celebrating their 1st, 5th, 10th, 25th, 40th 50th, 55th and 60th+ Wedding Anniversary in 2018 (and their families) to attend the **Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy** to be held **Sunday, September 9th** here in the **Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament**. The Liturgy begins at 2:00 PM and light refreshments will follow. Parishioners are encouraged to call the Parish Office at 944-4603 to register by Tuesday, August 21.

Liturgical Reflection ...

PROPER BURIAL OF THE BODY AND CREMATED REMAINS

The Church continues to prefer the practice of burying the bodies of the deceased. The reason is that this ancient Christian custom shows a greater esteem towards the deceased. Nevertheless, cremation is not prohibited, unless it is chosen for reasons contrary to Christian doctrine. In the absence of motives contrary to Christian doctrine, the Church after the celebration of the Funeral Mass or Funeral Liturgy outside Mass, accompanies the choice of cremation. The relevant liturgical rites are provided. And care is to be taken to avoid any appearance of religious indifference. Instruction, Ad resurgendum cum Christo, Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, 2016, Number 4.

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

Annual Cathedral Raffle

In early August parishioners will be asked to help with the annual late summer/early fall raffle. Each ticket costs \$5.00. There are twenty cash prizes: first prize - \$1,000.00; second prize - \$500.00; third and fourth prizes - \$250.00; fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth and tenth prizes - \$100.00; eleventh, twelfth, thirteenth, fourteenth, fifteenth, and sixteenth prizes - \$50.00; seventeenth, eighteenth, nineteenth, and twentieth prizes - \$25.00. The drawing will be after the 10:00 AM Mass on Sunday, October 7th on the Cathedral Portico. You need not be present to win. Tickets will be available next week at all Masses.

ARISE

The Cathedral Parish along with all throughout the Diocese will be invited to participate in the ARISE program which will begin this fall. ARISE is designed to spiritually renew us while providing opportunities for us to develop a closer relationship with Christ, grow in community, and reach out in service to others. Reflection and discussion will be centered in Scripture. Our personal relationship with Jesus Christ is the foundation for us to witness to Scripture and celebrate the sacraments of the church. This fall small groups will meet for six weeks reflecting and growing in the theme, *Encountering Christ Today*. More information will be forthcoming. Plan to join a small group from the Cathedral Parish. This is a way to move into the future as a Church of hope.

Fatima Devotions

The Franciscan Friars, T.O.R., from Loretto, invite you to participate with them in celebrating the Fatima Devotions on Monday, August 13, 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 choir from Prince of Peace in Northern Cambria and the sermon will be delivered by Deacon Richard Golden. We would like to extend a cordial welcome to all.