

# AUGUST 19, 2018

## Scripture Reflection

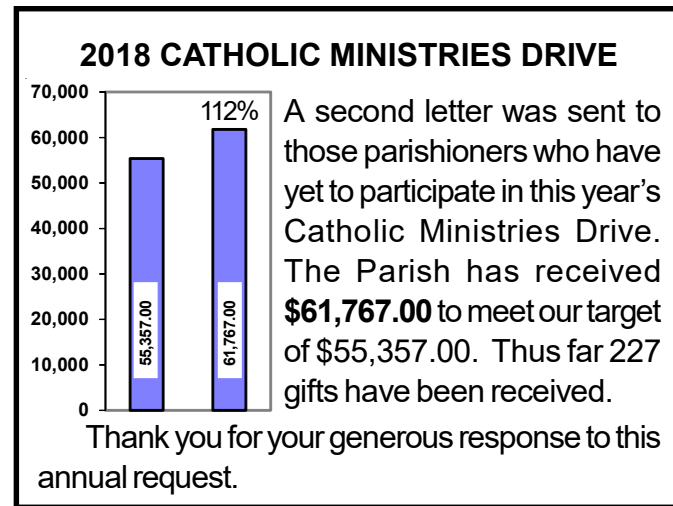
Today's Gospel continues the Bread of Life discourse with some of the deepest theological and sacramental insights in the Gospel of John. With Jesus' statement that "the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world" John connects the Incarnation with the events of salvation: "The Word became flesh" (John 1:14) for the purpose of giving his life for the salvation of the world.

This also is a reminder of the words of the Institution of the Eucharist: "Then he took the bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them saying, 'This is my body, which will be given for you . . .'" (Luke 22:19). The connection between the Eucharist and Jesus' Death is further strengthened by the words "unless you drink his blood." As Jesus is "the living water" (John 4:11-14), he is also the "living bread." As the Sacrament of Baptism confers the life of God, the Sacrament of the Eucharist nourishes this life. For John, the purpose of the Incarnation of the Word was more than becoming flesh to take on our human nature. The Incarnation also embraced Jesus' Death and Resurrection — the Paschal Mystery — whose life-giving effects would nourish believers in the celebration of the Eucharist.

The salvation that Jesus promises is more than just life after death or the promise of a future resurrection, although both those ideas are included. Eternal life is the spirit and power that believers receive the moment they place their faith in Christ and make a commitment to live according to his example. Eternal life begins in the here-and-now. When nourished with Christ's own flesh and blood, the life within us can become an unstoppable force that undergoes no appreciable change even with our own death.

- **When you receive Holy Communion do you experience the truth that eternal life has already begun?**

AT HOME with the WORD 2018, Archdiocese of Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, pg. 119. AMERICAMAGAZINE, "Eternal life begins today." Michael R. Simone, S.J., July 27, 2018.



### The Friar's Shop in Loretto

For many decades the Friar's Shop in Loretto has served the local community providing religious gifts for every occasion. Through the years we have often sold both baptism and wedding gifts for the same recipient. It has been a true pleasure to build relationships with so many faithful, regular customers. It is with great sadness that we must announce that the Friar's Shop in Loretto is closing. Our last day of operation will be Saturday, September 15. We will be offering storewide discounts to help reduce inventory. We thank you all for your friendship and support through the years! May God Bless you all. The Friar's Shop in Hollidaysburg is not closing.

### 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 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.

### Worried about a loved one?

Saint Leonard's Personal Care Home in Hollidaysburg provides medication management, personal hygiene assistance, socialization, meals, housekeeping and a 24 hour staff in a home-like environment. We serve men and women 62+ for whom it is no longer safe to live alone. To tour our beautiful Victorian mansion or for more information, call Sr. Cynthia Meyer at 814-695-9581 during weekday business hours. We are a Catholic facility but accept all eligible applicants, and will assist with financial aid applications where applicable.

# 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](http://WWW.ALTOONACATHEDRAL.ORG)

FAX: 814-942-4337

E-MAIL: [ALTCATHEDRAL@DIOCESEAJ.ORG](mailto: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

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CHRISTIAN INITIATION TEAM - 944-4603

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SERIOUSLY SICK, AND GRIEVING - 944-4603

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Web: [www.holytrinitycatholic.school](http://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](http://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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## TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

### MASS INTENTIONS

August 20, Monday: Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor

Readings: Ez 24:15-24; Mt 19:16-22

6:45 AM Tim Nagle (Brian and Sherry Himes)  
8:00 AM James E. Davidson (Joyce Family)  
12:00 PM Jack Leiden, Anniversary (Family)

August 21, Tuesday: Saint Pius X, Pope

Readings: Ez 28:1-10; Mt 19:23-30

6:45 AM Rudy Seidel, Anniversary (Jim & Elaine Weaver)  
8:00 AM Anna Mercer (Emma Kneidinger Family)  
12:00 PM M. Virginia Jones (Mary Ann & Linda Wharton)

August 22, Wednesday: Queenship of Blessed Virgin Mary

Readings: Ez 34:1-11; Mt 20:1-16

6:45 AM Monsignor Thomas Madden (Estate)  
8:00 AM Leroy and Irmina Helfrich (Estate)  
12:00 PM Nancy Genesi (Janet Getzey Hart)

August 23, Thursday: Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin

Readings: Ez 36:23-28; Mt 22:1-14

6:45 AM Jimmy Seidel (Jim and Elaine Weaver)  
8:00 AM Nancy Geis, Anniversary (Geis Family)  
12:00 PM Madeline Vogel, Birthday (Family)

August 24, Friday: Saint Bartholomew, Apostle

Readings: Rv 21:9-14; Jn 1:45-51

6:45 AM George Dean Barry (Nikki Snyder)  
8:00 AM Rosemary Kwolek (Dave and Karen Rhoa)  
12:00 PM Michael A. Febbo (Mike Febbo, II)

August 25, Saturday: St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest

Readings: Ez 43:1-7; Mt 23:1-12

8:00 AM Joe Tomlinson (Paul and Emma Kowalski)  
12:00 PM Barbara Byers (Adam and Jean Thur)

Vigil: Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Jos 24:1-2, 15-18; Eph 5:21-32; Jn 6:60-69  
5:00 PM Joseph Pagliaro, Birthday (Family)

### Rest in Peace

Benita Jorkasky died and was buried from the Cathedral this past week. May Benita be at peace in the mercy of God. We are grateful for her many blessings to the Cathedral Parish. May the new life of resurrection belong to all!

### Cathedral Charismatic Prayer Group

The Cathedral Prayer Group meeting will be this 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!

### 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.

### Confirmation Preparation

Confirmation Preparation is a three year process that begins with our ninth grade students and continues through tenth and eleventh grades. This includes all our Catholic school, public school and home schooled students coming together as a parish Community. Meeting date is Sunday, September 9. Times for various grades are as follows:

**Ninth Grade:** All BGCHS, Religious Education and Home schooled students and a parent will meet at **11:00 AM in the Church Hall.**

**Tenth Grade:** All BGCHS, Religious Education and Home schooled students and a parent will meet at **1:00 PM in the Church Hall.**

**Eleventh Grade:** All BGCHS, Religious Education and Home schooled students and a parent will meet at **6:00 PM in the Church Hall.**

### Blue Mass at Cathedral

On Saturday, September 8th at the 5:00 PM Mass, Bishop will preside at the Blue Mass remembering the tragic events that took place in our country on September 11, 2001. Local firefighters, police officers, and emergency medical technicians have been invited to take part in this special Mass. We remember the many lives that were lost, those who were injured, and the many who still continue to mourn the events of that painful September day. Here in our Diocese we especially remember the tragic loss of lives with the crash of Flight 93 in Shanksville, Somerset County.

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION Sunday, August 12, 2018 - \$9,023.00

### 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.

### PROPER BURIAL OF THE BODY AND CREMATED REMAINS

### Liturgical Reflection ...

With the legitimate motives present for the choice of cremation, the ashes of the faithful must be laid to rest in a sacred place such as a cemetery, or in a church. From the earliest times, Christians have desired that the faithful departed become the objects of the Christian community's prayers and remembrance. Their tombs have become places of prayer, remembrance and reflection. The faithful departed remain part of the Church, united with those who are pilgrims on earth, the dead who are being purified, and the blessed in heaven, all together forming one Church.

Instruction, Ad resurgendum cum Christo, Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, 2016, Number 5.

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 are available 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.

### Religious Education News

There will be a Religious Education Teachers meeting on Tuesday, August 28, at 6:30 PM in the Cathedral Parish Center, second floor, Fourteenth Street entrance. Anyone interested in helping as a teacher or teacher aide is welcome to attend. Substitute teachers are needed. Please call Chris Laraia at 814-312-7317 for information.