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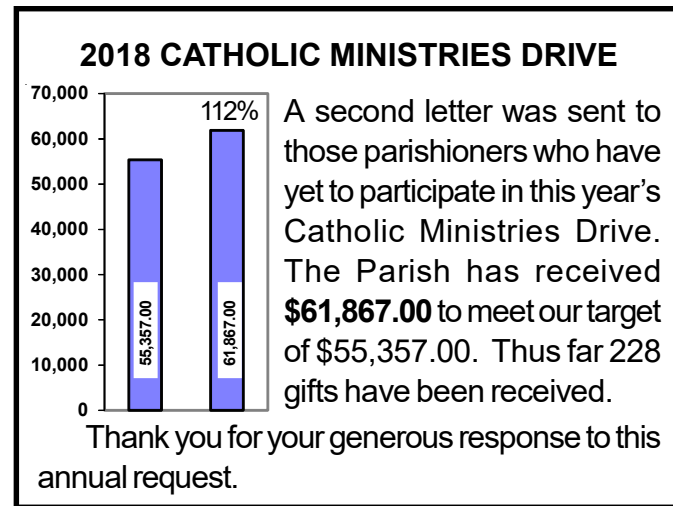
Scripture Reflection

In life we face many important choices, and today's readings illustrate some of them. In the Letter to the Ephesians, Paul speaks about the foundational choice man and woman make when they commit themselves totally to each other: "and the two shall become one flesh." In their self-sacrificing love for each other in marriage, we glimpse the depths of Christ's self-sacrificing love for the Church.

The Book of Joshua presents the foundational choice the people of Israel face on entering the Promised Land: "Decide today whom you will serve, the gods your fathers served beyond the River of the gods or the gods of the Amorites?" Memories of God's faithful love, mercy, and care influence their decision. "Therefore, we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God." The people renew themselves to the covenant relationship with God.

At the conclusion to the Bread of Life discourse, Jesus asks his followers to make their foundational choice for or against him. So many were shocked by Jesus' words and walked away when he identified himself as the "Bread that come down from heaven" and then went further by adding "unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood you have no life in you." So Jesus asked his own disciples if they too wished to leave. As usual, Peter replies on behalf of the others, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

- **Can you remember a time in your life when you felt abandoned by God? Were you able to say as Peter, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."**



The Friar's Nook Gift Shop is OPEN

The Friar's Nook Gift Shop located at 793 Monastery Road, Hollidaysburg is not closing and is getting all stocked up for Christmas! Please stop in to see our large selection of sacrament gifts, jewelry, home décor and much more! Our shop hours are Monday-Saturday: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM, and please feel free to call with any questions at 814-695-3802.

Appreciation

On Wednesday, we mailed the Summer 2018 Raffle letter and tickets. Thank you to Janet Belsey, Bill and Grace Smith, Mary Ann Bell, Paulette Farabaugh, Paula Miller, Sally Leiden and Paula Clemens who helped with this parish mailing.

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 afternoon 2:00 PM - 4:00 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

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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

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Readings: Jos 24:1-2, 15-18; Eph 5:21-32; Jn 6:60-69

MASS INTENTIONS

August 27, Monday: Saint Monica

Readings: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Mt 23:13-22

6:45 AM Nancy Sassana Mignogna (Estate)
8:00 AM Julianne Seidel (Ann Gates)
12:00 PM Christina Flanagan (Pat Byne & Family)

August 28, Tuesday: Saint Augustine, Bishop & Doctor

Readings: 2 Thes 2:1-3, 14-17; Mt 23:23-26

6:45 AM Charles Brady (Paul and Kathy Vincent)
8:00 AM Lewis Mincin, Birthday (Daughter Susan)
12:00 PM Thomas and Mary Irwin (Irwin Family)

August 29, Wednesday: Passion of Saint John the Baptist

Readings: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Mk 6:17-29

6:45 AM Betty Ann Jenkins (Fran & Chrissy Dambeck)
8:00 AM David Conrad (Joan and Bob Conrad)
12:00 PM Bernadine Garcia, Birth. (Sisters, Mary & Kate)

August 30, Thursday: Weekday

Readings: 1 Cor 1:1-9; Mt 24:42-51

6:45 AM Joseph Mangiacarne (Dan & Ann Costlow)
8:00 AM Billie Baker (John and Anita Jubas)
12:00 PM Genevieve Moloney, Birth (Madeline Vogel Fam)

August 31, Friday: Weekday

Readings: 1 Cor 1:17-25; Mt 25:1-13

6:45 AM Joe Tomlinson (Jay and Amy Labriola)
8:00 AM Mike Chisko (Family)
12:00 PM Pat Rabine (Madeline Vogel Family)

September 1, Saturday: Weekday, Blessed Virgin Mary

Readings: 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 25:14-30

8:00 AM Patrick Hallinan (Family)
12:00 PM Barbara Byers (Adam and Jean Thur)
Vigil: Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Jas 1:17-18, 21-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

5:00 PM William R. Seymour (Diana & Clarence Seymour)

Rest in Peace

Carrie Kibler Detwiler died and was buried from the Cathedral this past week. May Carrie be at peace in the mercy of God. May her family be comforted in the faith. May the new life of resurrection belong to all!

Cathedral Charismatic Prayer Group

The Cathedral Prayer Group meeting will be on Monday, September 10, at 7:00 PM. "Come to His gates with Thanksgiving; enter His courts with praise" (Ps 100:4). Father Jonathan St. André, TOR, 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 19, 2018 - \$7,411.00

Assumption, August 15, 2018 - \$2,288.00

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.

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.

Cemetery Plots

An out of town family is inquiring to sell five (5) cemetery plots here in Altoona at Calvary Cemetery. If interested please call the Parish Office for additional information.

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. If you did not receive your tickets in the mail, please stop by the Cathedral Square Door after all Masses. You need not be present to win. Tickets are available at all Masses.

Annual Missionary Cooperative

On the weekend of September 1st and 2nd Father Benjamin Franklin, OCD will speak at all Masses. Father Franklin is a Carmelite missionary from Tamilnadu, southern India. Father will speak to us of his religious community's missionary activities in northern India and the Sri Lanka missions. Among the many ministries are: providing ongoing formation and education of priests, seminarians, and faithful in remote and rural areas; educating children of new converts, who due to unjust religious discrimination are forced to return to Hinduism in order to seek education and employment; organizing self-help groups for rural women and their empowerment; sheltering the homeless and destitute aged with food, clothing, and livelihood. As is our custom, an envelope will be attached to that week's bulletin and you will be asked to place the envelope in the following week's collection.

Please remember our sick in your prayers.

Liturgical Reflection ...

PROPER BURIAL OF THE BODY AND CREMATED REMAINS

The faithful departed remain part of the Church, made up of the living and the dead. The reservation of the ashes of the departed in a sacred place ensures that they are not excluded from the prayers and remembrance of their family or the Christian community. It prevents the faithful departed from being forgotten or their remains from being shown a lack of respect when the immediate subsequent generations have too passed away. Tombs are holy places respecting the dignity of deceased Christians. 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.