

**AUGUST 11, 2019**

*Scripture Reflection*

All of today's readings speak about people on the move in search of a new homeland. The reading from Wisdom reminds us in the night of Passover when the people of Israel, trusting in God's promises, journeyed from slavery to freedom in a new homeland God had promised.

In the reading from the Hebrews, we hear how Abraham placed his faith and trust in God's promises and journeyed to a land promised him and his descendants. "He went out, not knowing where he was to go." He simply and faithfully trusted in God's guidance. As the reading states, "Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen."

The Gospel reading presents us with a parable in which Jesus reminds his followers to trust in the Father's promises: "Do not be afraid any longer, little flock, for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom." Followers are to be patient as they await the return of their master, who will bring them into their new homeland. Jesus touches on the yearning for this eternal homeland that lies in the human heart. However, Jesus adds that we must be attentive and prepared for the arrival of this homeland. We must do our part and act as faithful stewards of our talents and obligations. "Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more."

We do not journey alone. Our journey is united with others also responding to God's call to prepare for the coming of God's kingdom. Ours is the task to support them through lives of service and solidarity.

- **What impression does the definition of faith in the Letter to the Hebrews have on you?**

**Prayer Shawls**

If anyone feels that they need some comfort in their troubled times, please feel free to contact Lorraine Beck at 814-942-7774 for one of our Prayer Shawls. These shawls have been Blessed and may bring you the comfort that you need.

**Independent Catholic Foundation**

We recently received a handful of newsletters from the Independent Catholic Foundation, which is dedicated to providing for the long-term benefits of parishes, schools, cemeteries and ministries within the diocese. If you did not pick up a copy, you may contact the Foundation at (814) 201-2080 to request one by mail, or you may read or download one through its "Resources" webpage at [www.icfdaj.org](http://www.icfdaj.org).

**Stewardship Reflection**

Look beyond financial matters whenever you hear the well-known verse "For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be." (Luke 12:34) As a servant and steward ask yourself, "What do I treasure?" Is it your family, your friends, your parish faith community, your hope and faith in the Lord Jesus?

"But who am I, and who are my people, that we should have the means to contribute so freely? For everything is from you and we only give you what we have received." (1 Chronicles 29:14)

**Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School**

The Bishop Guilfoyle Athletic Office is selling lottery calendars for \$25 based on the evening daily number. Lottery calendars start September 1<sup>st</sup> and run until August 31, 2020. If you would be interested in purchasing any calendars, or have any questions please contact the BG Athletic Office at 944-8847. Thank you in advance for your support.

**Gluten Sensitivity**

There may be parishioners who have found that they have physical disorders related to gluten intolerance. The spectrum of illnesses includes celiac disorder, wheat allergy, bloating, abdominal discomfort, diarrhea, muscular disturbances, and bone or joint pain. The ordinary hosts distributed at Communion contain gluten. If you have found that you are gluten sensitive, special bread is available that possess a very low gluten content. Please tell the priest before Mass, and he will consecrate the low-gluten host for you to receive at that Mass.

**THE CHURCH OF ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN**  
**THE CATHEDRAL**  
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**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 -

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 6:15 PM- 8:15 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  
12:00 Noon  
Saturday: 8:00 AM  
12:00 Noon

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

**Very Reverend Alan E. Thomas VG, Administator**

**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](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

E-mail: [lthayer@dioceseaj.org](mailto:lthayer@dioceseaj.org)

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## NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 11, 2019

Readings: Wis 18:6-9; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 12:32-48

### MASS INTENTIONS

August 12, Monday: Saint Jane Frances de Chantal

Readings: Dt 10:12-22; Mt 17:22-27

6:45 AM Billy Geis, Birthday (Family)

12:00 PM Janette Roland, Birthday (Family)

August 13, Tuesday: Sts. Pontian, Pope and Hippolytus

Readings: Dt 31:1-8; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

6:45 AM Christina Flanagan (Wiedemer Family)

12:00 PM Sally Colledge (Pete Colledge Family)

August 14, Wednesday: St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest

Readings: Dt 34:1-12; Mt 18:15-20

6:45 AM Msgr. Paul Panza (Bell & Breinich Families)

12:00 PM Nancy Moffa Jenaway (Estate)

### 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 5:30 PM John Adams (Wife)

August 15 Thursday: **The Assumption of the BVM**

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

8:00 AM Alma Reismeier (Jim & Steph Kilcoyne)

12:00 PM Jack Bauer (Rosemarie Fedeli)

5:30 PM James Joseph Luther (Mary Schnaubelt)

August 16, Friday: Saint Stephen of Hungary

Readings: Jos 24:1-13; Mt 19:3-12

6:45 AM David Baronner (Jay Fiocchetta)

12:00 PM Mark Farrell (Mary and Jim Farrell)

August 17, Saturday: Weekday

Readings: Jos 24:14-29; Mt 19:13-15

8:00 AM John Gates (Flor - Seidel Family)

12:00 PM Walt Beech III, Birthday (Family)

Vigil: Twentieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Readings: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53

5:00 PM Sr. Caroline Carita, Birth. (M/M Herman Nagle)

### Catholic Ministry Drive

We are most grateful to those who have so generously responded to the 2019 Catholic Ministries Drive. As of the end of June we have pledged totaling **\$29,375.00**, our goal for 2019 is **\$50,706.00**. Thank you for your generosity. It is most important that we receive your response as soon as possible. Monies received over our diocesan goal will help us to complete Charity Hall in The Cathedral Parish Center.

### HOLY DAY

This Thursday, 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.

### 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 2019 (and their families) to attend the **Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy** to be held **Sunday, September 15th** 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 23.**

### Fatima Devotions

The Franciscan Friars, T.O.R., from Loretto, invite you to participate with them in celebrating the Fatima Devotions on Tuesday August 13th, at **6:30 P.M.** in the Gardens at Mount Assisi (in case of inclement weather, will be at the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel.) The singing will be led by St. Benedict's Choir in Johnstown and the sermon will be delivered by Fr. Malachi Van Tassell, T.O.R. We would like to extend a cordial welcome to all.

### Basket Bingo Report

A big thank you to everyone for all your help and hard work and donations put into this fun filled Sunday. Thank you to the social committee for the delicious food. A special thank you to **Lorraine Beck**, and **Roberta Burns**, for all their help and long hours on making this year another success. After all bills were in and paid, we made a profit of \$13,442.00. Thank you to all who have supported us. Mark your calendars for Sunday April 26, 2020- the next Basket Bingo.

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

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, August 4, 2019 - \$7,542.00

### Healing Patch Volunteers Needed

1 in 7 children will lose a parent or sibling by the age of 20. Behind this statistic are real children- who are struggling with difficult emotions like loneliness, fear, and anger. At the Home Nursing Agency Healing Patch, these children find hope and healing are possible through connecting with others. New volunteers are needed to meet the growing number of families finding support at the Healing Patch. While volunteers must understand they are unable to "fix" what has happened, they are able to facilitate activities to help children and adults connect and share their feelings in a safe and welcoming environment. Volunteers are essential for group nights, which occur two evenings a month from September thru May. New volunteers receive comprehensive training and have assistance in obtaining necessary clearances. For more information, contact Melody Ray, Volunteer Coordinator/Grief Specialist, at 814-947-7200 or raym@upmc.edu.

### Young Adult Ministry

The Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament will be starting a "Young Adult Ministry", Age 18 – 30. Our first gathering, for those not yet Confirmed or those young adults feeling the need to learn more about the Catholic Religion, will be on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> after the 10:00 AM Mass in the St. John's Room. Any young adult youth interested in joining our Young Adult Ministry or being a part of this new endeavor (TEAM) please call Tammy Dattris at 934-2441. There will be younger individuals organizing this group on a monthly basis.

### Parish Meeting

Sunday, August 25 at 1:00 PM, there will be a Parish Meeting in the Cathedral Hall. All parishioners are invited. We want to discuss ways to involve parishioners more deeply in the life of the Cathedral Parish. The meeting will not last any longer than one hour. Father Alan will be available for anyone who wants to talk to him after the meeting.

### Summer Raffle

The Summer Raffle tickets are now available after all weekend Masses, and will also be available at the Cathedral Parish Office, 814-944-4603, from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

### Religious Education

Registration for Grades PK-11 will be held in the Parish Center Education floor, 14th St. entrance, before and after all masses on **August 17 and 18**. If you are new to the program please bring a copy of your child's baptism certificate. All students must be registered before the start of classes on September 8th. Please call Chris Laraia (312-7317) for PK/8, or Jean Koury (934-7316) for 9-11.

### Blair Garden Club Trip / Renziehausen Park

The Garden Club of McKeesport Rose Garden and Aboretum and tea Thursday, September 12th. Leaving Lowe's parking lot at 9:30 AM. Arrive at McKeesport for luncheon and tea approximately 12 Noon. Guided tour of garden after luncheon.

Cost is \$60.00... includes bus, luncheon and tip for driver. Appx. return time to Lowe's is 6:00 PM. Contact Emma Kowalski at 942-0202 home or 932-0375 cell.

### BLUE MASS

There will be a Blue Mass, honoring first responders for their service at 11:00 AM, Sunday, September 8th at Saint John Gualbert Cathedral in Johnstown. This event is open to all police, law enforcement, public safety, firefighters and EMT's and their families. The Blue Mass celebration will be open to the general public and honors those who serve our community in a most outstanding way as first responders. Anyone wishing to attend, plus those seeking further information, can contact (814) 659-6240, or [evyanz@hotmail.com](mailto:evyanz@hotmail.com).

### Thank You

We are most grateful to Steve Stefanon and Quality Services for the donation of the American Flag that now graces our parish property in front of our newly developed parking area. We pray for God's continued blessings on those who have served and continue to serve our country in the Armed Forces.

### 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 88th anniversary of the formal dedication of the Cathedral. The tour dates are: Sunday, September 1 at 1:00 P.M.; Tuesday, September 10 at 7:00 P.M.; Tuesday, September 17 at 7:00 P.M.; and Sunday, September 22 at 1:00 P.M. Light refreshments will be provided. Please call the Parish Office (944-4603) to make reservations.