

**AUGUST 4, 2019**

*Scripture Reflection*

“If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.” Today’s readings contain God’s challenge to reassess life’s priorities and live accordingly. “Vanity of vanities. . . . All things are vanities,” shouts the preacher who offers a sober evaluation of life and work. He questions the value of someone working so hard to acquire a fortune that on death will go to an idle, lazy person. Trust should be placed in what matters.

Paul answers a question raised by the First Reading. Ultimately, our priorities should be set on “what is above, not what is on earth.” In Baptism, we have died with Christ and have been raised to a new creation. We are called to a life with Christ in God for eternity.

Jesus’ parable challenges a reassessment of true security. A rich man placed all his security in amassing an ever larger fortune. He dies suddenly and “things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?” The lesson of the parable is that we should place our security in our relationship with God rather than on earthly wealth.

Another dimension to this parable emerges from its context. The parable is given in response to the question shouted from the crowd: “Teacher tell my brother to share the inheritance with me.” Jesus turns the query back on the questioner: “Is money more important than your relationship with your brother?” The parable proved a challenge to reassess our priorities in life. Our focus should not be on temporal wealth that soon disappears but on a spiritual relationship with God and one another.

- **How does the parable in the Gospel challenge us to see our relationship with new eyes?**

**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.

**Catholic Charities**

Catholic Charities is in need of donations for soup to assist the needy. Many of our clients come to Catholic Charities for assistance with food; and, soup is a very popular item. There are bins are all three of the doors. Thank you for your donation to Catholic Charities.

**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).

**Eucharistic Adoration**

Eucharistic adoration will be the first Wednesday of next month, **August 7th** 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.

**Save the Date**

The Catholic Daughters of Altoona Pennsylvania Court Prince Gallitzin #2625 will be celebrating their **Tenth Anniversary!** Sunday August 18, 2019. Morning Mass with a Brunch Reception After. Additional information will follow.

**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  
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 -

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

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## EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 4, 2019

Readings: Eccl 1:2, 2:21-23; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

### MASS INTENTIONS

August 5, Monday: Ded. of the Basilica St. Mary Major

Readings: Nm 11:4-15; Mt 14:13-21

6:45 AM Anna Marie Jacobs (Strayer Family)

12:00 PM Danyll Rougeux, Birthday (Mom & Dad)

August 6, Tuesday: The Transfiguration of the Lord

Readings: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; 2Pt 1:16-19; Lk 9:28-36

6:45 AM Grace Ruscito (Dave & Kathy Baronner)

12:00 PM Father James Zatalava (Gerry Rose)

August 7, Wednesday: St. Sixtus II, Pope & Companions

Readings: Nm 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26-29, 34-35; Mt 15:21-28

6:45 AM Deceased Members of the Holy Name Soc.)

12:00 PM Bob Smithmyer (Wife and Family)

August 8, Thursday: Saint Dominic, Priest

Readings: Nm 20:1-13; Mt 16:13-23

6:45 AM Pat Vierkorn (Pinky Newberry)

12:00 PM Benita Jorkasky (Joseph & Betsy Cote)

August 9, Friday: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

Readings: Dt 4:1, 32-40; Mt 16:24-28

6:45 AM Verna Bell (Dave & Maureen Hanekamp)

12:00 PM Carrie Detwiler (Bob & Joan Lozinak)

August 10, Saturday: St. Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr

Readings: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26

8:00 AM Kristina Giblock (Cathedral Parish)

12:00 PM Alice Winkler (Andrew & Kathy Kitchura)

Vigil: Nineteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

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

5:00 PM Mary Kay Moran (Stan & Susan Galant)

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

### 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 May 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.

### Stewardship Reflection

Jesus uses the parable in today's Gospel to help us realign our values. Society defines "success" as an accumulation of material possessions. Jesus calls us to serve others through the faithful management of all our God-given gifts. What path will we take to accumulate God's gifts? What will be "our inheritance" to leave to those in need?

As Christians, we are called to express our gratitude and love for God fulfilling our obligation to return to God the fruits of the gifts we have received. Do you serve others in a spirit of love and gratitude?

### Altoona Flea Market

St. Therese Conference of the

St. Vincent DePaul Society.

Annual Flea Market and Bake Sale

Friday August 9 and Saturday, August 10,  
from 8:00 AM until 1:00 PM at Father Kelly Hall  
corner 25th Ave and 5th St., Altoona Pa.

Proceeds will be used to help the mission of St. Vincent DePaul Society in our area. If you have any questions please call Sandra Lear 814-215-4970 or email cslear@gmail.com.

### 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.

### 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.

### Thank You

Thank you to following people that helped with the Summer Raffle mailing. Mary Ann Bell, Janet Belsey, Judy DeStefano, Audrey Forziat, Carol Irwin, Rita Kibler, Bill & Grace Smith, Cheryl Williams.

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, July 28, 2019 - \$8,244.00

### 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 Datriis 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.

*Thank you, Lord,  
for the many blessings  
you have given and continue to give to the  
Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament Family.*

### 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. The PK/8 program is in need of a 3rd grade catechist. If interested please call Chris Laraia at 312-7317.

### Blair Garden Club Trip / Longwood Gardens

Saturday, September 7th. Leaving Lowe's parking lot at 12:00 noon. Arrive at Longwood Gardens appx 5:00 pm. Fountains and Lights at 8:15 pm. Approximate return time to Lowe's is midnight to 1:00am.

Cost is \$60.00... includes bus, admission and tip for driver. Food is available at Longwood... or you may bring with you. No lunch or dinner stop. 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).

### Summer Raffle

We will start to sell the Summer Raffle tickets after all Masses, the weekend of August 3rd and 4th, and will also be available at the Cathedral Parish Office 814-944-4603, from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

### Golf Anyone!

**The 40th Annual K of C Golf Tournament**, just around the corner. It will be Saturday, August 17, 2019 at Shadow Lakes in Aliquippa, Pa. For more information please contact:

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