

# FEBRUARY 10, 2019

## *Scripture Reflection*

In today's Gospel, we hear of Simon Peter's call. A fisherman by trade, he complains when Jesus tells him to take his boat into deep water and prepare for a catch. But before they know it, the nets are bursting and the boats so full that they are in danger of sinking. When Peter gets to shore, he is overcome with emotion, asking Jesus to leave him, because he feels he is not worthy of his presence.

The call of Simon Peter illustrates another of Luke's favorite themes, the encounter with grace in the everyday. The interaction between Jesus and Peter unfolds at first along lines completely in keeping with Peter's world: boats, sailing and fish. Jesus needs a boat to preach to the sizeable crowds that threaten to crush him. Why he chooses Peter's is never clear; Luke draws our attention instead to Jesus' reliance on Peter's skill. "He asked him to put out a short distance from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat."

Luke also says nothing about Peter's sinfulness; it may have been nothing more than the rough behavior and foul speech that often accompany strenuous labor. Even after Peter responds to the grace he has encountered, Jesus speaks with metaphors from Peter's world: "From now on you will be catching men." Peter's normal day at work changed his life and the lives of countless others.

Divine salvation advances because unlikely characters say yes to grace. As Jesus transformed Peter, so must we, Christ's disciples, continue to seek out improbable champions of the Gospel and reveal the divine grace God constantly offers. Can you think of someone, others may consider improbable, who may be called to priesthood, to a liturgical ministry, to assist the Saint Vincent dePaul Society?

- **What gifts do you share in the building up of God's kingdom?**

AT HOME with the WORD 2019, Archdiocese of Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, pg. 45. AMERICAMAGAZINE, "The unlikely heroes of the bible." Michael R. Simone, S.J., January 25, 2019.

## HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

### Holy Trinity Catholic School Preschool

The Holy Trinity Catholic School is looking to expand our preschool and we want to make sure that it fits the needs of our families and community. Below is a link to the survey. Please complete the survey as soon as possible. We would like to gather as much information as possible from everyone. If you are interested in the summer pre-school program, please leave your email address at the end of the survey. We will be in touch with additional information. Thank you for your help. Preschool Survey Link:

<https://goo.gl/forms/5Trvs3H3HmyAqq6y2>.

### Be a Guardian for a Day!

This is a great opportunity for your son or daughter to spend the day with us and experience the difference. Call 942-7835 to schedule your special day!

**Talent Show!** Tuesday, February 11th @ 6:30 at the Middle School gym.

**CASH BASH!** Join us for an evening of fun on Saturday, March 23rd! Only 200 tickets sold and every 10th ticket pulled wins \$100.00! Grand Prize \$3,000.00! Call the school office to purchase tickets.

**Gift Cards for Guardians** - Gift cards are sold every week. Our program offers you the opportunity to purchase your gift cards through us and help our school. Call the school office for a Script order form. Check us out on **Facebook** and our **Website** for updated school information: [www.holytrinitycatholic.school](http://www.holytrinitycatholic.school)

### Shoe Collection Drive

SAINT VINCENT DePAUL Financial Needs Office is conducting a shoe drive fundraiser to raise funds to support our citizens in need of financial support. We will earn funds based on the total weight of the pairs of gently worn, used and new shoes collected, as [Funds2orgs](http://Funds2orgs) will issue a check for the collected shoes. The monies earned will be used to support our citizens in need. [Funds2orgs](http://Funds2orgs) works with micro-entrepreneurs in helping them create small businesses in developing countries such as Haiti. It's a win-win for everyone. We will have a box available for collection of these shoes at the back of your church starting Sunday Feb. 10th until March 30th. By donating your gently worn, used and new shoes, you can make a difference in peoples' lives around the world. Thank you and may God reward you richly for your generosity.

### Prayer Shawls

If anyone needs Prayer Shawls, please contact Lorraine Beck at 942-7774.

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

**FAX: 814-942-4337**

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

### EUCHARIST:

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](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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## FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Readings: *Is 6:1-2, 3-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 5:1-11*

### MASS INTENTIONS

February 11, Monday: Our Lady of Lourdes

Readings: *Gn 1:1-19; Mk 6:53-56*

6:45 AM Madeline Seidel, Ann. (Jim & Elaine Weaver)  
8:00 AM Helen Zurilla, Anniv. (Dave Capouellez)  
12:00 PM Thomas & Mary Irwin (Irwin Family)

February 12, Tuesday: Weekday

Readings: *Gn 1:20-2:4; Mk 7:1-13*

6:45 AM Nance L. Geis, Birthday (Family)  
8:00 AM Jessica Engelbrecht, Birthday (Mom & Family)  
12:00 PM Sally Colledge (Pete Colledge & Family)

February 13, Wednesday: Weekday

Readings: *Gn 2:4-9, 15-17; Mk 7:14-23*

6:45 AM Anna Mercer (Charles Angermeier Family)  
8:00 AM Billie Geis, Anniversary (Family)  
12:00 PM Joyce Rourke McNeal (Rose Marlett)

February 14, Thursday: Sts. Cyril, Monk, & Methodius, Bsp.

Readings: *Gn 2:18-25; Mk 7:24-30*

6:45 AM Eleanor Toth, Birthday (Husband)  
8:00 AM Barbara Byers (Mark and Susi Thur)  
12:00 PM Don Vogel (Madeline Vogel Family)

February 15, Friday: Weekday

Readings: *Gn 3:1-8; Mk 7:31-37*

6:45 AM Lavelle Family (Phyllis Lavelle Sheetz)  
8:00 AM Lori Crilley, Birthday (Pam and Vicki)  
12:00 PM Bea Mannion (Frank Fiore)

February 16, Saturday: Weekday

Readings: *Gn 3:9-24; Mk 8:1-10*

8:00 AM Bill Seidel (Harry & Marge Janisch)  
12:00 PM Tony Ingold (Sandy & Herman Nagle)

Vigil: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: *Jer 17:5-8; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26*

5:00 PM Millie Boyle (Rose Family)

### Mardi Gras Celebration

The Parish will gather for our annual Mardi Gras Party on **March 2 at 6:00 PM** in the Cathedral Hall. All parishioners are invited to join in the celebration prior to our forty day Lenten journey. The event promises great food for all and there will be games for the children. Clear your calendars and plan to join the parish family for a great evening of socializing, eating, and games.

### ARISE

Sign-up sheets for the Lenten journey with ARISE are on the table at the Cathedral Square door. The Lenten theme is Change Our Hearts- discussion groups begin to gather the week of March 3rd. Those that gathered in the fall are invited back. Those who did not join then are invited back to become part of a group this Lent.

This Lent the theme is CONVERSION- both as a turning from and as turning toward. This is an invitation to encounter and rediscover Christ in new ways. This is an opportunity to reinvigorate our faith, to recognize the Holy Spirit as the empowerment that anchors our daily lives. We are called to be disciples of the Lord, to attempt to live each day more in the image of the Lord of Jesus Christ.

### Soda Please !!

With the upcoming **Mardi Gras Party** (March 2nd) and the Fish Luncheons throughout Lent, Parishioners are asked to donate soda - cans or bottles. This will deter costs. You can bring the soda and place it in the bins at the Cathedral doors or drop off at the Parish Center. Thank you.

### Blessed Candles

This past Saturday, February 2, on the Presentation of the Lord all candles to be used this liturgical year were blessed at Mass. If you wish to have blessed candles in your home, these sacramentals are located on the table in the Blessed Mother Chapel. A box containing two (2) blessed candles costs \$5.00; and a glass votive candle costs \$5.00. Make sure to use these blessed candles on those special occasions in your family when there is a birthday, anniversary, or someone is ill.

### Religious Education Community Service Project

Cathedral Parish Religious Education Program is offering a service opportunity to make **non-sew knotted** lap quilts for the Residents at Garvey Manor. Only 18 quilts are now needed. You can bring one home to make, or come in between Religious Education Sunday class and the 10:00 AM Mass. The fleece fabric and instructions will be provided. If you would like to help, please contact Chris Laraia at 312-7317 or Jeanne Thompson at 934-2510. If you would like to help by making a \$8.50 donation to defray the cost of the fabric for a quilt that would be greatly appreciated too!

### Eucharistic Adoration

Plan to take part in next month's Eucharistic Adoration scheduled for **Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>**.

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, February 3, 2019 - \$7,631.00

**Contribution Reports** for Income Tax purposes may be obtained by calling the Parish Office: 944-4603.

### First Communion Sessions - 2019

First Communion Sessions are scheduled for Wednesdays, February 27 and March 27, 2019. All sessions are held in the Seton Suite from 6:30 PM until 8:00 PM. All students MUST be accompanied by an adult. If unable to attend a session, please call Chris Laraia at 814-312-7317. First Communion at the Cathedral will be on Sunday, May 5 at the 10:00 AM Mass. First Communion at Our Lady of Fatima Parish will be scheduled later. Practice for Cathedral students will be held on Thursday, May 2 at 4:00 PM in the Church and Confessions will be heard following practice. Group and individual pictures will be taken after the 10:00 AM First Communion Mass.

### Precious Blood of the Lord

Because of the seriousness of this flu season, Bishop Bartchak has asked that the Precious Blood of the Lord not be offered at Mass temporarily. It is the belief of the Catholic Church that the whole Body of Christ is present under either form of consecrated bread and wine. Also, the exchange of the sign of peace should avoid bodily contact. A reverent nod with eye contact and a smile will be the temporary practice. Reception of Holy Communion on the hand is encouraged; however, reception on the tongue may not be denied. These norms are in effect throughout the winter months or until the flu season is over.

### F.I.R.E. Schedule

F.I.R.E. Class is today in the Cathedral Hall from 2:00 PM until 4:00 PM.

### Confirmation Preparation - 11th Grade

Sunday, February 17, 6:15 PM until 7:30 PM. in the Church Hall. *Saint Paper Due.*

### Rest in Peace

This past week Monsignor Roy Kline, Thomas and Peter Lynam died and were buried. May they be at peace.

Monsignor Kline was with us here at the Cathedral for twelve years. He was always a great help with the sacramental life of the parish. He had many memories to share of the various bishops he served as master of ceremonies here at the Cathedral. He loved music, good food and the company of the people from our Parish. May Monsignor be at peace!

Tom Lynam and his son, Pete, were buried at the same Mass this week. Tom was a type of archivist for the Diocese. As a professional photographer, he took thousands of pictures within our Cathedral over the course of decades. These pictures captured special events from episcopal ceremonies, confirmations, first communions, and regular parish life. Pete attended McNelis School and Bishop Guilfoyle High School. Peter always had a kind word to share with everyone. May Tom and Pete be at peace!

### Preparation for Infant Baptism

There will be a baptismal session for parents preparing to have their child baptized on Tuesday, February 19 at 7:00 PM in the Seton Suite (below the rectory). Please note that baptisms are normally not celebrated during the Lenten Season. Ash Wednesday is March 6, 2019. Parents are encouraged to take this class prior to the birth of your child.

### Flower Lovers and Gardners !

The Blair Garden Club will be traveling to the Philadelphia Flower Show on Wednesday March 6th. Anyone interested should call Emma Kowalski at 814-942-0202. The cost is \$ 70.00.

## EUCCHARISTIC

## ADORATION

### Liturgical Reflection ...

The celebration of the Eucharist is the center of the entire Christian life, both for the Church universal and in each faith community. The Eucharist contains the church's entire spiritual wealth, that is, Christ himself. He is our Passover and living bread. The celebration of the Eucharist in the sacrifice of the Mass is truly the origin and purpose of the worship that is shown to the Eucharist outside Mass. Reserved in the tabernacle, Christ is truly Emmanuel, God with us. Day and night he is in our midst; full of grace and truth, he dwells among us.

Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharist Outside Mass, 1975, Numbers 1 and 2.

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