

**MARCH 3, 2019**

*Scripture Reflection*

The integrity and credibility of a person is evident in the words that he or she speaks. Today's readings help us reflect on our tendency to overlook our faults but judge others. These Scriptures provide an opportunity to examine our need to act harshly towards others while kindly to ourselves.

Luke structures the account in this Sunday's Gospel passage around two proverbs, which he calls "parables." The First, "Can a blind person guide a blind person?" Encourages self-scrutiny, Jesus is especially severe with the disciples. If they learn well, they will become like him; but if they fall prey to self-deception, they will fail and drag others down too.

In the second proverb, "A good tree does not bear rotten fruit," Jesus reminds his followers of the dangers of hypocrisy. The word hypocrite originally came the language of the theater and referred to an actor skilled in mimicry. A hypocritical disciple can say all the right words and can even perform certain highly visible actions, but only those with true commitment and perseverance will live according to the Gospel. The pattern of their consistent deeds will reveal the nature of their inner character.

Jesus offers God's own example as a model for transformation and character. In this, Jesus reveals the roots of his teaching in the traditions of Israel. It is not enough for his disciples to believe that God loves them or that God acted to save them; their own behavior must reveal the God of saving love as the model for every deed. This teaching follows upon promises that the poor and disenfranchised will be blessed in God's kingdom and that one's enemies should be loved.

- **What beam must you remove from your eye? Are you a forgiving person? Do you hold grudges?**

AT HOME with the WORD 2019, Archdiocese of Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, pg. 51. AMERICA MAGAZINE, "Does your behavior reflect God's love?" Michael R. Simone, S.J., February 8, 2019.

**HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS**

**OPEN HOUSE**

There will be an Open House at the Holy Trinity Middle School March 7th, 2019 from 6:00- 7:30 PM. All families of 4th,5th,6th and 7th grade students are invited to visit our classrooms and talk with our teachers. We would like to invite you and your child to come share in the excitement of **HOLY TRINITY MIDDLE SCHOOL**.

**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>

**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 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.

**St. Vincent dePaul - Altoona Thrift Store**

The Altoona Thrift Store is in need of furniture donations. We sell what we can to help people in need in the community with utilities, rent, oil, etc. There are also individuals and families that receive furniture at no cost. Call for more information, 814-943-1981, ext. 102.

**Prayer Shawls**

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

**Thank You! High School F.I.R.E. Students**

Last Sunday our High School F.I.R.E. Students fed 125 dinners to the needy in our community. Thanks to the Kitchen Staff, F.I.R.E. students, and parents who helped serve these meals.

**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 - 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**

**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

**SERVING THE PEOPLE OF GOD IN THE CITY OF ALTOONA SINCE 1851**

**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

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

## EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MARCH 3, 2019

Readings: Sir 27:4-7; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

### MASS INTENTIONS

March 4, Monday: Saint Casimir

Readings: Sir 17:20-24; Mk 10:17-27

6:45 AM Marianna Mignogna Moffa (Estate)  
8:00 AM Susan Conahye (Debbie & Ron Creamer)  
12:00 PM Joseph, Annie & Neil Bauer (Son, Daniel)

March 5, Tuesday: Weekday

Readings: Sir 35:1-12; Mk 10:28-31

6:45 AM Joe Tomlinson (Patty Koch)  
8:00 AM Joe Wiedemer (Della Skupien)  
12:00 PM John Bettwy (Stanley Krish Family)

March 6, Wednesday: Ash Wednesday

Readings: Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

6:45 AM Julianne Seidel (Jean Fornwalt)  
8:00 AM Hilda Conrad (Jeff and Elaine Spencer)  
12:00 PM Sally Colledge (Pete Colledge and Family)  
5:30 PM Rose Ciavarello (Steve & Kim Krawick)

March 7, Thursday: Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

Readings: Dt 30:15-30; Lk 9:22-25

6:45 AM Mike Chisko (Family)  
8:00 AM Pat Ratchford (Skip Cowan Family)  
12:00 PM Myra Mangiacame (Richard & Marcia Smith)

March 8, Friday: Saint John of God, Religious

Readings: Is 58:1-9; Mt 9:14-15

6:45 AM Dwight Dittsworth (Fred & Gail Martynuska)  
8:00 AM Charles Brady (Dee & Joe Shellenberger)  
12:00 PM Bernia Garcia (Barb Karl)

February 9, Saturday: Saint Frances of Rome, Religious

Readings: Is 58:9-14; Lk 5:27-32

8:00 AM Joseph Knott (Larry and Kathy Knott)  
12:00 PM Howard Peachman (Mike and Sherry Byrne)  
Vigil: First Sunday of Lent

Readings: Dt 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

5:00 PM Alfred Rutolo, Anniv. (Daughter and Family)

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

### Lenten Easter Mailing

Parishioners were mailed the schedule for the Cathedral's annual, ninety day journey of Lent, the Three Days, and Easter Season this past week. If you did not receive this mailing, please call the Parish Office and a copy will be forwarded.

### ARISE

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 Jesus Christ.

### THINK BASKET BINGO-SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2019

It's that time of year again for our **5th Annual Basket Bingo**. We're asking for your support. We are in need of Gift Cards, new items such as home decor, non-perishables, theme baskets, household items, lottery tickets, and monetary donations. Items can be dropped off at the Parish Office during the week between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM, or may be picked up by calling: Lorraine Beck, 942-7774.

### An Idea for Lenten Season

Lent will begin on Wednesday, March 6th. Give serious thought to the **1-1-1 Plan**: one sin, one add-in, one give-up. (1) Concentrate or focus on one sin or fault that is getting in the way of your relationship with God. (2) Add one positive activity that will deepen your prayer and spiritual life (especially if you think you are too busy to put anything more into an impossibly busy schedule!). (3) Deny yourself something you really like or are attached to.

### Stations of the Cross

There will be Stations of the Cross starting Friday March 8, at 7:00 PM.

### St. Leonard's Home

St. Leonard's Home will host its 4th Annual celebration of St. Joseph's Table on Saturday, March 23 from 5:00 - 8:00 pm at the American Legion Post 516 Social Hall at Legion Park in Hollidaysburg. The event includes a meal, dessert bar, wine, auction, prizes for bidding, and entertainment. Tickets are \$30.00, and are available at St. Leonard's Home or by calling 695-9581 during business hours. All proceeds benefit St. Leonard's charity care fund.

### Rest in Peace

This past week Lori Keim died and was buried from the Cathedral. May Lori be at peace; may Joe and Shirley be at peace.

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, February 24, 2019 - \$7,476.00

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

### Eucharistic Adoration, March 6

Our monthly day of Eucharistic Adoration will be Wednesday, March 6, which is Ash Wednesday. What a great opportunity for prayer as we begin the forty day journey to the Three Days of the Lord's death and resurrection. Monthly Eucharistic Adoration at the Cathedral is from 12:30 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. Note: The Blessed Sacrament will be reposed for the 5:30 P.M. Mass with the distribution of ashes; the Blessed Sacrament will be placed in exposition after that Mass. As Lent begins plan to make time (a half hour to an hour) in quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament in exposition. Come to the Blessed Sacrament Chapel and reflect on the beginning of your Lenten journey of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

If you wish, you can stop in the Cathedral Hall and enjoy one of our delicious Fish Lunches, served from 11:00 A.M. until 1:30 P.M., before going up into the Cathedral for prayer.

### Friars' Nook Gift Shop-Mardi Gras Bake Sale

Celebrate Mardi Gras at the Friar's Nook Gift Shop! The Friar's Shop will be holding a Mardi Gras bake sale on Tuesday, March 5th and will include traditional Fat Tuesday pastries. The Friar's Nook also carries a wide variety of Lenten devotionals including Magnificat Lenten Companion, books, CDs, and much more! The shop is located across from St. Bernadine Monastery at 793 Monastery Road, Hollidaysburg. The shop hours are Monday- Saturday: 10:00 AM-4:00 PM and for questions, please call 814-695-3802.

### Lenten Fish Lunches

Cathedral Parish Social Committee will again offer the delicious Fish Lunches on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent. (There is no Fish Lunch offered on Good Friday.) The menu includes a Fish sandwich, your choice of macaroni and cheese or pierogie or french fries or haluski for \$8.00 (includes drink). They will be serving this from 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM or till sold out. Call in take-out orders of ten or more. Plan to participate in this annual Lenten project. Do you know someone who is homebound and would appreciate a delicious fish sandwich this Lent? Plan to reach out to others this Lent. Spread the great news with others about our unbelievably delicious Fish Lunches!

### FIRE CLASS for March 2019

Sunday March 24th 2:00-4:00

### CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

#### ALL Tenth Grade Candidates

Sunday March 17th Spring Session

We will meet in the Church for Evening Prayer at 6:15 PM. Our Spring Session will follow, in the Cathedral Hall until 8:15 PM.

#### ALL NINTH Grade Candidates

Sunday March 31st 2019 Spring Session

We will meet in the Church at 6:30 PM for the Evening Prayer, the Spring Session will follow in the Cathedral Hall until 8:15 PM.

### Collection of Last Year's Palm

Baskets are placed at the three doors of the Cathedral to collect last year's blessed palms. Ashes are symbols of penance and reconciliation. The ashes come from the burning of the palms used on Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord of the previous year. The Christian use of ashes is rooted in the Jewish custom of sprinkling ashes on the head as a sign of repentance.



### Liturgical Reflection ...

This Wednesday, March 6, is Ash Wednesday when the Church begins the forty day journey toward the Triduum (The Three Days) with the annual discipline of fasting, praying and giving alms. Ash Wednesday (March 6) and Good Friday (April 19) are days of fast and abstinence. All Fridays in Lent (March 8, 15, 22, 29; April 5, and 12) are days of abstinence. FASTING refers to only one full meal, with two small meals and no eating otherwise for the day. ABSTINENCE refers to not eating meat at all during the day. All who have reached their 14th year are obliged to ABSTAIN. The Church directs the holy FAST to all those in the 18th year until their 60th year (Canon 1252). The ancient practice of fasting and abstaining can occur throughout other days in Lent. This is not obligatory and can take a variety of forms distinct from food.