

**JULY 7, 2019**

*Scripture Reflection*

True peace is a gift only God can give. The readings today convey this message strikingly. The prophet Isaiah offers a vision of God's care for the people. God compares the comfort and support he offers to that of a mother who nurses her child. "As nurslings, you shall be carried in her arms, and fondled in her lap; as a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you."

In the Gospel, Jesus sends out seventy-two disciples to bring the gift of peace to whatever household they enter. As they enter households, they are to say, "Peace to this household." Of all messages, Jesus asks them to convey the message of peace.

The concept of peace (*shalom*) in the world of Judaism and of Christianity bears a wealth of meaning. Essentially peace means "being in the right relationship with God and with one another." Peace is a gift only God can communicate through the power of the Spirit. Peace brings God's blessings into every dimension of one's being. Jesus instructs us through this Gospel that we are his instruments in communicating his peace to others. This relationship of peace with God is extended to others through our actions.

In the Second Reading, St. Paul shows us that he suffered greatly as he carried Christ's peace to others. Paul always views his sufferings as sharing in the sufferings of the crucified Christ. Paul's relationship with Christ shows us that peace is attained not through our actions but through Christ's actions in changing us. As Paul says, what matters is that we become a totally "new Creation" in Christ.

- **The First Reading likens God's comfort to that of a mother. Do you ever imagine God as a mother?**

**Baptismal Prep Team Coaches Needed**

Looking for volunteers who would like to join our Baptismal Prep Team. You would be there to contact the people, answer any questions that they may have, and assist in any way possible to make this a blessed and joyous occasion for all. Please contact the Parish Office at 814-944-4603.

**Gentle Reminder**

In Catholic practice, whenever Mass is celebrated, the Church requests that the readers be members of the Catholic Church. At a wedding, at a funeral, at a baptism, any celebration taking place within Mass, the Church asks that the reader(s) be members of the Catholic family. When any of these specific liturgies take place outside of Mass, a non-Catholic baptized Christian may read the scripture.

**Dorothy Day Outreach Center** will hold its bi-annual TAG Sale from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM on Saturday, July 27, 2019 at the DDOC parking lot in our new address of 115 Saint Mary's Street, Loretto (former Franciscan Mission Store). Thank you.

**Did You Remember?**

Did you remember to bring non-perishable food items and paper products for the needy of our community? Bins are located at the three doors of the Cathedral.

**Gifting the Cathedral Parish**

As wills and insurance policies are established with your attorney, remember the Cathedral Parish as a beneficiary of your estate. Perhaps you would like to direct your gift to a particular ministry or project at the Parish. Please realize that Mass Stipends go directly to fulfilling that canonical wish and do not aid the financial life of the Parish.

**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**

**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  
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, Administrator

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

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

## FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 7, 2019

Readings: *Is 66:10-14; Gal 6:14-18; Lk 10:1-12, 17-20*

### MASS INTENTIONS

July 8, Monday: Weekday

Readings: *Gn 28:10-22; Mt 9:18-26*

6:45 AM Barbara Byers (Jean Beyer & Don Parrish)

12:00 PM Joseph A. Keirn (Mom and Dad)

July 9, Tuesday: St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priests, Martyrs

Readings: *Gn 32:23-33; Mt 9:32-38*

6:45 AM Charles Brady (Dee & Joe Shellenberger)

12:00 PM Mini Pufka Billman (Donald Belsey)

July 10, Wednesday: Weekday

Readings: *Gn 41:55-57, 42:5-7, 17-24; Mt 10:1-7*

6:45 AM Joseph Anthony Moffa (Estate)

12:00 PM Jim and Peggy Mullan (Nancy and Skip)

July 11, Thursday: Saint Benedict, Abbot

Readings: *Gn 44:18-21, 23-29, 45:1-5; Mt 10:7-15*

6:45 AM Rose Ciavarella (Donna & Dave Taddy)

12:00 PM Dwight Dittsworth (Family)

July 12, Friday: Weekday

Readings: *Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Mt 10:16-23*

6:45 AM Myra Mangiacame (MM Walter Tomassetti)

12:00 PM Mike Chisko (Family)

July 13, Saturday: Saint Henry

Readings: *Gn 49:29-32, 50:15-26; Mt 10:24-33*

8:00 AM Priestly Service Fr. Kurdziel (Gerry Rose)

12:00 PM Julianne Seidel (Dave and Chris Behe)

Vigil: Fifteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Readings: *Dt 30:10-14; Col 1:15-20; Lk 10:25-37*

5:00 PM Diane M. Johnston, Ann. (Mother & Family)

### 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 **\$27,530.00**, 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.

### Deacon John Szwarc

We mourn the death of Deacon John J. Szwarc, Deacon of the Archdiocese of Detroit and a member of the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament Parish, Altoona. Ordained in 1999, Deacon Szwarc had a number of pastoral assignments before moving to the Altoona area and becoming a deacon in service to the Cathedral in 2010.

He graciously shared his family and talents with this parish. He set a fine example as a Christian husband and father, remaining faithful in his marriage of 55 years. He was involved as a deacon both for Cathedral parish functions and for episcopal functions with Bishops Adamec and Bartchak.

He struggled with dementia over the last several years and in this gave us an example of patient endurance. We pray for his wife Grace, his children John, Conrad, and Monica, and his grandchildren John, Elizabeth, and Jess. Their loss has been made all the more painful because of the very recent death of Grace's mother. Let us keep Deacon Szwarc and his family in our prayers.

May choirs of angels lead him to paradise. May the martyrs come to welcome him.

### Saint Leonard's Personal Care Home

Worried about a loved one? St. Leonard's 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.

### Novena

Questions have arisen of the perpetual novena that has been a traditional part of our parish prayer schedule. This tradition will continue and will be held before the noon mass. It will be (lay lead), meaning that there does not need to be a Priest present for it. Thank you for continuing this tradition.

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION Sunday, June 30, 2019 - \$7,132.00

### Outdoor Mass Honoring Married Couples

The Altoona-Johnstown Family is invited to participate and to pray for those living the Sacrament of Marriage at an Outdoor Mass Honoring Married Couples with Bishop Mark. The Mass will be on July 14, 2019 at 7:00 PM at the Shrine of our Lady of the Alleghenies in Loretto (located next to the Basilica of Saint Michael). Bring your lawn chairs! Indoors if it rains.

### Society of St. Vincent dePaul

We are dedicated to helping the poor and the suffering. Through our local Council we provide various services to the needy in our community. Our Financial needs department is located in our Altoona Thrift Store. The services we provide vary greatly. We provide financial help for the following situations and more.

\* To prevent loss of electricity, heat and water to their residence when they receive a termination notice.

\* To help with obtaining housing or to avoid loss of housing.

\* To shelter homeless temporarily in motels until housing can be found.

\* To provide beds and furniture for people who were homeless

\* To provide gas for people who have no money and are looking for a job or providing transportation for a sick family member.

We provide food for residents in emergency situations, serve meals when Sister Paula's kitchen is closed for the holidays and help in special situations such as repairing a vehicle for the resident to obtain employment, etc.

Thank you for your donation. It is greatly appreciated and will help us to do our mission.

### Mandated Reporter Training

Will be offered in the Cathedral Hall on Saturday July 13th at **8:30am - 12:30pm**. Anyone wishing to volunteer in any capacity for our diocese must have clearances. For further information please contact Chris Laraia at 312-7317.

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

### St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church

Will be holding their annual Festival Sunday, July 21st, from 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM. They are located on Route 53, Frugality, Pa (near Prince Gallitzen State Park and Glendale Lake). We are featuring a Turkey and Noodle Dinner with all the trimmings. Dinner served Family Style from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

**Adults \$10.00, Children 5 to 12 \$ 5.00, Under 5 free. MUSIC ENTERTAINMENT: St. Joan Band 12:00 noon till ?. Basket Auction at \*4:00 PM\* (new time). Games, Bingo, Bake Sale, Refreshments and LOTS MORE! Please come we would like to meet you!**

### Stewardship

A steward is someone trusted to manage an employer's affairs and possessions. We have each been trusted with times and strength to use in God's service and to further his mission. He expects us to use these gifts to help others know him, love him, serve him, and be happy with him in Heaven.

Today stewardship means committing the best portion of our time, talent, and treasures to the mission of the Church. Generous sharing of resources, including money, is central to caring for God's Church and his people. When you realize everything you have and everything you do is for God, then you want to give back to God in thanksgiving. That's modern day stewardship in action.

### Catholic Cruises and Tours

#### Shrines of Northern Italy & Rome

Take your FAITH ON A JOURNEY, to Northern Italy and Rome on this 9 night experience. September 19th - 27th, 2019. Your included destinations while on this journey: **Milan, Italy, Turin, Pavia, Sirmione, Padua, Pomposa, Ravenna, Rome, Italy**. Plus, Mass and Rosary will be offered throughout your journey. Land prices begin at \$1589.00 per person, based on double occupancy. Deposits of only \$400.00 per person will reserve your space. Space is VERY LIMITED. For further information or to register, contact Michelle or Eileen at 860-399-1785/ [Eileen@CatholicCruisesandTours.com](mailto:Eileen@CatholicCruisesandTours.com).

### 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.