

**JULY 14, 2019**

*Scripture Reflection*

In the First Reading, Moses challenges his people to heed the Lord's voice by keeping the Commandments. Their familiarity with the law is such that they can recite it with their mouths and are aware of it in their hearts. However, more is required: they need to carry it out in their actions.

The Gospel reading also gives attention to the carrying out of the Law. A scholar of the Law asked Jesus, "Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus elicits from him the essence of the Commandments, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart . . . and your neighbor as yourself." Demanding more precision, the lawyer asks, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus answers with the story of the Good Samaritan.

In this parable, a Samaritan cares for a man who has been left for dead after a priest and Levite pass by the man. The Samaritan tends the man's wounds, finds lodging for him, and pays for it. With this act of compassion, the Samaritan loves the stranger as his neighbor. Jesus concludes his story by asking the lawyer, "Which of these three (the priest, the Levite, and the Samaritan) in your opinion was neighbor to the robbers' victim?" Now, Jesus' question to the lawyer draws attention to the fact that the Samaritan is the true neighbor! This poses a problem for the lawyer because Jews considered Samaritans as enemies. The lawyer finds it difficult to answer Jesus question. He cannot say, "The Samaritan!" Instead he answers, "The one who treated him with mercy." Jesus leaves him and us with the challenge, "Go and do likewise."

- **How does the parable change your understanding of obeying the commandments?**

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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

Music Ministry Office - 944-2044

E-mail: lthayer@dioceseaj.org

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## FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 14, 2019

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

### MASS INTENTIONS

July 15, Monday: St. Bonaventure, Bp and Dr. of Church

Readings: Ex 1:8-14, 22; Mt 10:34-11:1

6:45 AM Alice Bell Hanna (Debbie Ball Family)

12:00 PM John S. & Dan Drass (Bart & Eileen Hmel)

July 16, Tuesday: Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Readings: Ex 2:1-15; Mt 11:20-24

6:45 AM James W. Conrad, Birthday (Daughter Mary)

12:00 PM Sally Colledge (Pete Colledge and Family)

July 17, Wednesday: Weekday

Readings: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Mt 11:25-27

6:45 AM Pat Shute (McNelis All-Stars)

12:00 PM Charles V. Brady (Joe & Dee Shellenberger)

July 18, Thursday: St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest

Readings: Ex 3:13-20; Mt 11:28-30

6:45 AM Joe Wiedemer (Mary Ann Bell)

12:00 PM Deacon Steve Luke (Ed & Lois Simanski)

July 19, Friday: Weekday

Readings: Ex 11:10-12:14; Mt 12:1-8

6:45 AM Joe Tomlinson (Mike & Sherry Byrne)

12:00 PM Tim Eck (McNellis Teachers)

July 20, Saturday: St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr

Readings: Ex 12:37-42; Mt 12:14-21

8:00 AM Deacon John Szwarc (Cathedral Parish)

12:00 PM Priestly Service Msgr. Mazur (Gerry Rose)

Vigil: Sixteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Readings: Gn 18:1-10; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42

5:00 PM Anna Marie Jacobs, Birth. (Rudolph 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.

### Basket Bingo Committee

There will be a committee meeting Thursday July 18th at the Cathedral Parish Center in the Conference Room at 6:30 PM. All are welcome to join us. Upcoming next years Basket Bingo, the date and anything else we are thinking about or have on our minds.

### Organist/Keyboardist Needed

St. Therese of the Child Jesus Church in Altoona is seeking an organist/keyboardist for their weekend masses. There are 3 masses (Sat 5PM, Sun 8 and 10:30AM), and choir practices are held periodically in the evening on a weekday. If interested please email [academyofsacredmusic@gmail.com](mailto:academyofsacredmusic@gmail.com).

### Stewardship Reflection

Discipleship is Christian life and stewardship is an integral part of discipleship. As disciples, we follow Christ and try to live His life as our own. A disciple experiences Jesus' presence in all God's children; the poor and the wealthy, the young and the old, the sick and the healthy. May we follow the example of Jesus the Good Samaritan by always striving to show compassion and mercy to "all our neighbors" that we meet on our journey of life. May we share our love of God by sharing our time and treasure with an abundance of generosity.

### 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, July 7, 2019 - \$7,043.00

### 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](mailto:raym@upmc.edu).

### Youth 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 10:00AM Mass in the St. John's Room. Any young adult youth interested joining our Young Adult Ministry or being a part of this new endeavor (TEAM) please call Tammy Datrix at 934-2441. There will be younger individuals organizing this group on a monthly basis.

### Eucharistic Adoration

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

### 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.

### 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!**

### 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.

### 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.

### Catholic Tours and Cruises

#### 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).