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 man who has been left for dead?”

Did You Remember?

Did you remember to bring non-perishable food items and soup 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 possesses 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.
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 11:25-30
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; Mt 12:1-8
6:45 AM Joe Tomlinson (Mike & Sherry Byrne)
12:00 PM Tim Eck (McNelis Teachers)

July 20, Saturday: St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr
Readings: Ex 12:37-42; Mt 12:14-21
8:00 AM Deacon John Szwarz (Cathedral Parish)
12:00 PM Priestly Service Msgr. Mazur (Gerry Rose)
Vigil: Sixteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time
Readings: Gnu 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 excited to give of what has been 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 academysacredmusic@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 medical 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 814-947-7200 or 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 8th. Please call Chris Laraia (312-7317) for PK/8, or Jean Koury (934-7316) for 9-11.

Youth Adult Ministry
The Bishop Guilfoyle Athletic Office is selling lottery calendars for $25 based on the evening daily number. Lottery calendars start September 1st and run until August 31st, 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, Pompeva, 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.

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.

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