

JUNE 18, 2017

Scripture Reflection

Jesus identifies his flesh as the bread of heaven, thus giving manna a new meaning. His flesh and blood are the source of life for those who partake of them. In other words, eternal life comes from feeding on Jesus, not simply from believing in him. He insists that it is not something that believers merely hope to enjoy in the future. Rather, those who share in this meal already possess eternal life. Furthermore, just as we and whatever we eat and drink become one, so Jesus and those who feed on him form an intimate union. In a mutually intimate way, they abide in him and he abides in them. Jesus does not merely visit them, but he dwells with them permanently.

Our celebration of the Eucharist and of this solemnity calls us to be for our world what God was for our ancestors in the desert: a guide through the deserts of human lives, water of life for places that are parched and dry, and the loving food of hope, healing, mercy, and light that Jesus was in his day and time. Become what we eat, the Body of Christ. Become what we drink, the Blood of Christ. Celebrate the Eucharist and befriend one another with Jesus' love that refreshes, offers eternal goodness, and satisfies the hungry heart. Eat. Drink. Become the light and food that dispel the gloom of night.

Through the Eucharist, the God of the Universe offers himself to us in the most intimate of ways to live in us, and thereby bind us to him and to one another. Before each Eucharistic celebration Saint Teresa of Calcutta would pray: *Mary, Mother of Jesus, give me your heart, so beautiful, so pure, so immaculate, so full of love and humility, that I might be able to receive Jesus in the Bread of Life, love him as you love him, and serve him in the distressing disguise of the poorest of the poor. Amen.* Create your own prayer to help prepare you to receive Christ in the Eucharist.

● **How does belief in Christ's presence in the Eucharist guide you as a person in the deserts of life, quenching your deepest thirsts or feeding you with hope?**

Living the Word, World Library Publications, Dianne Bergant and James Wallace, 2010, page 133

Living the Word, World Library Publications, Laurie Brink and Paul Colloton, 2016, page 1131

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Saint Francis "Red Flash" Basketball Camp June 26 - June 30, 2017 for boys ages 5-17. Register at camps.jumpforward.com/sfubasketball, or call Luke McConnell at 814-471-1114. Red Flash Basketball Camp creates an environment that is competitive, challenging and fun to help develop the skills of each player.

Father's Day Weekend - Cereal Collection

This weekend, **June 17-18**, we are to bring boxes of cereal to help stock the shelves of the St. Vincent dePaul Food Pantry for the summer months. Throughout the school year students from Catholic and non-Catholic schools in Blair County help with this project but donations drop off dramatically during the summer months. The program is spearheaded by Judy Savine who can be reached at 934-3124 or 931-4919 if you will be away or on vacation that weekend and would like an early pick-up. Or you may bring donations to the Parish Office weekdays between 9 AM and 5 PM.

Baptism Congratulations!

On Sunday, June 11, **Emily Jane Myers** and **Julio Vincenzo Jimenez** were baptized and claimed for Jesus Christ. Congratulations to Andrew and Diane Myers and little sister, Anna Mae, godparents, Kurtis and Chrissy Myers, grandparents, aunts, uncles, great-grandma, cousins and friends; also, congratulations to Jason and Antonella Jimenez and brothers, Jayson and Antonio, and godparents, Julio and Elizabeth Jimenez, and Antonio and Nicoletta Recchia, along with aunts and uncles, great-grandma, cousins and friends. Emily Jane and Julio Vincenzo will grow in the faith to the degree that parents and family practice and pass on their faith to their children. God bless these babies; God bless their parents and families. And may the Cathedral Parish model the faith for these little ones.

ALPHA Concludes

Since March of this year parishioners have been gathering on Monday nights to eat, watch a DVD, and discuss different aspects of the faith. All have walked away with a clear idea that God loves each of us and that Jesus Christ is the source of our lives. Thank you to Sister Linda, CCW and her team. Thank you to Butch Winkler and the Social Committee for the weekly dinners. And thank you to Chris Laraia and Jean Koury for their assistance.

THE CHURCH OF ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN
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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.

ANOINTING 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.

Rosary - Wednesday 6:00 PM.

Charismatic Prayer - Monday 7:00 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 evening 6:15 PM - 8:30 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
8:00 AM
12:00 Noon
Saturday: 8:00 AM
12:00 Noon

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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

Altoona Campus (Pre-K thru Grade 4) - 381-7011

Holidaysburg 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

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**BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST
CORPUS CHRISTI**

JUNE 18, 2017

Readings: Dt 8:2-3,14-16; 1 Cor 10:16-17; Jn 6:51-58

MASS INTENTIONS

June 19, Monday: Weekday

Readings: 2 Cor:1-10; Mt 5:38-42

6:45 AM No Mass

8:00 AM Chester Kowalski (Terry Foster)

12:00 PM Billy Geis, Father's Day Remb. (Family)

June 20, Tuesday: Week day

Readings: 2 Cor 8:1-9; Mt 5:43-48

6:45 AM Mary Moffa Jenaway (Estate)

8:00 AM No Mass

12:00 PM Max Kessler (McNelis All Stars)

June 21, Wednesday: Saint Aloysius Gonzaga

Readings: 2 Cor 9:6-11; Mt 22:34-40

6:45 AM No Mass

8:00 AM John Bauer (Joe Wiedemer)

12:00 PM Jim Davidson (Kay Wesner Family)

June 22, Thursday: Weekday

Readings: 2 Cor 11:1-11; Mt 6:7-15

6:45 AM Bernard J. Joyce (Family)

8:00 AM No Mass

12:00 PM Roger Fontalella (Josette Vallei)

June 23, Friday: Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Readings: Dt 7:6-11; Mt 11:25-30

6:45 AM No Mass

8:00 AM David Conrad (Dr. & Mrs. Peter Starr)

12:00 PM Patty Geis (Robert De Rose)

June 24, Saturday: Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

Readings: Is 49:1-6; Lk 1:57-66,80

8:00 AM Dick & Rick Cowan & Karen Dougherty (Fam)

12:00 PM Herb Kutruff (Richard & Connie Steinbeiser)

Vigil: Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Jer 20:10-13; Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33

5:00 PM Joseph Tomlinson (Gerald Fleck)

Please remember our sick in your prayers.

Daily Mass Schedule - Note that there are only two Masses scheduled this week. The change in schedule effects the two early Masses; there is always a daily noon Mass. Your priests are on their annual retreats required by canon law. As they remember you in prayer while on retreat, please pray for Msgr. Mazur and Fr. Kurdziel during their week of prayer.

Happy Father's Day

Thank you, Dad. You provide for us, share your wisdom, and gave us life. We remember all fathers, living and dead, with the following prayer:

God our Father, in your wisdom and love You make all things. Bless these men, that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PARISH FEAST DAY TODAY - JUNE 18

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ has particular significance in the Diocese and the Parish as our Cathedral is under the title of the Blessed Sacrament. This is our Parish Feast Day and the Most Blessed Sacrament will be in exposition during the afternoon following the Noon Mass until the 5:00 PM Mass. There will be prayer and devotions at **1:00 PM, 2:00 PM, 3:00 PM, and 4:00 PM**. On our Eucharistic Day, each hour begins with scripture and a short reflection. This is followed by a particular devotion which is followed by silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

1:00 PM: Scripture/Litany of the Holy Eucharist

2:00 PM: Scripture/Rosary (Mysteries of Light)

3:00 PM: Scripture/Chaplet of Divine Mercy

4:00 PM: Scripture/Rosary (Glorious Mysteries)

All parishioners are encouraged to be present in the Cathedral sometime during the afternoon.

CAPITAL PROJECT

Dust is flying! With all the city codes met, work on the lower parking lot has begun. There will be no exit onto the alley. Parishioners are invited to look at the drawings for the new parking lot located at the Cathedral Square door. Also, work has begun on the tower on the top of the building that will hold the 1870 bell of the original convent which was located where the Cathedral now stands. Also, exterior doors are placed at the three levels. And the stained glass from the 1923 Convent is to be installed within the next few weeks. Thank you for all who continue to fulfill their pledges towards this historic project.

Rest In Peace

Please remember in prayer, Janet Tomlinson, who died and was buried from the Cathedral this past week. May her family be comforted in the faith and may Janet rest in the peace of the risen Christ.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, June 11, 2017 - \$8,499.00

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Registration for all NEW and RETURNING students in grades PreK-11 will be held before and after all Masses on August 13 and 14 in the Seton Suite. Parents of all new students are asked to bring a copy of their child's Baptism certificate. Students MUST be registered before the start of Religious Ed on Sunday, September 10. For more information please call Chris Laraia at 312-7317.

Teachers Needed - The Religious Education Program is searching for two parishioners to volunteer their time and talent as teachers this year. PA state and Diocesan clearances are required.

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
Cathedral Social Hall "Rome"
'Paul and the Underground Church'
June 19-23, 2017, 8:45 -11:30 AM Ages 4-10

Ready to travel back in time? Join us in Rome! You'll explore the caves of the Underground Church, meet the Apostle Paul, create cool Bible-times projects, experience thrilling real-life dramas, play high-energy games, sample tasty Mediterranean snacks, and hear unforgettable music. Plus, you'll meet lots of new friends!

Adult and teen helpers are needed. Those over 18 must have Diocesan and PA State Child Protection Clearances. Call for more information.

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Diocesan Faith Day 2017 - Sunday, July 2
DelGrosso's Amusement Park in Tipton
Home of Laguna Splash Waterpark!

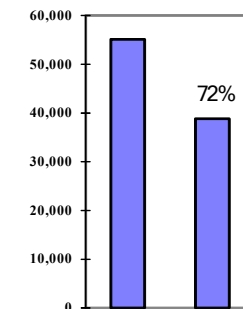
ORDER OF CELEBRATING MATRIMONY

Liturgical Reflection ...

The Order for Celebrating Matrimony offers three distinct rituals for celebrating the Sacrament of Matrimony. First, there is the order of celebrating Matrimony within Mass; secondly, there is the order of celebrating Marriage without Mass; and the Church presents a ritual for celebrating Matrimony between a Catholic and a Catechumen or a Non-Christian. All three orders contain the following: scripture and homily, questions addressed to the bride and groom, consent, blessing and giving of rings, Universal Prayer, Our Father, and Nuptial Blessing. Of course, it is the usual custom to have two Catholics married within Mass. (*Order of Celebrating Matrimony, Chapters I, II, and III, 2016*)

2017, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 South Logan Boulevard, Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania 16648.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE



Our Cathedral Parish Target for the Diocesan 2017 Catholic Ministries Drive is **\$55,121.00**. All Parishioners, whether you can give a lot or just a little, are encouraged to be part of this drive which will support the vital ministries offered throughout our eight county diocese. Our donations will go directly to supporting three areas of ministry: (1) strengthening families and caring for the poor; (2) nurturing our youth; and (3) forming clergy and laity. Many members of our Cathedral Parish Family are touched by these caring ministries. Funds over goal return to the Parish and will help us with our Cathedral project of repaving the upper parking lot. Thus far we have received gifts from 144 households and are 72% of the way to our target having raised **\$39,665.00**. Please prayerfully consider making your gift within the next few weeks. You may return your gift to the Diocesan Development Office by mail in the envelope provided, return it to the Parish Office during the week or drop it in the Sunday collection. Thank you for your continued generosity to parish and community.

Pray For Our Sick - Remember our sisters and brothers who are weakened by illness in your prayers. Prayers are sometimes the best prescribed medicine.