

**JULY 2, 2017**

*Scripture Reflection*

The evangelist knew the compelling nature of Jesus' call. At the start, a life of discipleship promises fulfillment, wisdom and grace, as well as potential honor and status. In his preaching this week, Jesus offers his disciples no such illusions. His "Mission Discourse," the second of five great sermons in Matthew's Gospel, promises hostility and rejection and offers only abandonment to divine providence as a hope of comfort.

Hostility to Jesus and his message had already begun. The debate over his ability to forgive sins had turned some faithful Jews against him. Now he had doubled down on his claims and was sending his disciples out to spread this same message throughout Judea and Galilee. It is easy to imagine friends and family quietly begging the Twelve not to go; it is easy to imagine the disciples wondering what they had gotten themselves into.

The Twelve must have sensed they were passing a point of no return. "Whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." Jesus read the same Hebrew Scriptures we read, and much of what he knew of his Father he learned from their message. It is only in abandoning themselves to this providence that the disciples could find the wisdom and grace they had hoped for.

Discipleship today requires the same self-denial. We need to speak Christ's words in our own voice. We need to forsake our ambitions and follow his path. We need to withdraw from clan and class and serve his poor. We have to pass the same point of no return. We will confuse our families and maybe even lose a few friends. The grace we seek is ours only when we give ourselves over completely to Christ's mission.

- **What is Christ calling you to do? Have you felt a cost to your discipleship?**

**Review – Reception of Holy Communion**

Often people ask about the proper reverence for the reception of Holy Communion at Mass. Here is a review of the Church's directives. Faithful to the Lord's command to his disciples to "take and eat" and "take and drink," the assembly completes the Eucharistic action by eating and drinking together the Body and Blood of Christ consecrated during that Mass. For this reason, the faithful should not ordinarily be given Holy Communion from the tabernacle.

Although a communion procession is not obligatory and is not always possible, it should be the normal arrangement for both practical and symbolic reasons. It expresses the humble patience of the poor moving forward to be fed, the alert expectancy of God's people sharing the paschal meal in readiness for their journey, the joyful confidence of God's people on the march towards the promised land. We are a pilgrim people on journey to the kingdom of God.

In the United States of America, Holy Communion may be received in the hand as well as on the tongue; the choice is the prerogative of the communicant. The faithful are not permitted to pick up the consecrated bread or the sacred chalice themselves and still less to hand them to one another. When receiving the Eucharist in the hand, the communicant approaches the minister with one hand resting on the other. After responding, "Amen," the communicant steps to the side and reverently places the consecrated Host in his or her mouth. When Communion is given under both kinds, bread and wine, the communicant may choose to drink from the chalice or may choose not to drink from the chalice.

The norm for the posture of reception of Holy Communion in the dioceses of the United States is standing. The show of respect and reverence is a bow of the head in front of the Sacrament before responding "Amen" to the minister. When Holy Communion is received under both kinds, the sign of reverence, the bow, is also made before the Precious Blood. All are invited to sing the Communion Song until the last person has received the Sacrament.

**Introduction to the Order of Mass**, Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2003, Numbers 134 - 137.

# 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.

**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.

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**EUCCHARIST:**

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|----------------|------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Sunday:</b> | <b>5:00 PM (Vigil)</b> | <b>Holyday:</b> | <b>5:30 PM (Vigil)</b> | <b>Weekday:</b>  | <b>6:45 AM</b>    |
|                | <b>8:00 AM</b>         |                 | <b>8:00 AM</b>         |                  | <b>8:00 AM</b>    |
|                | <b>10:00 AM</b>        |                 | <b>12:00 Noon</b>      |                  | <b>12:00 Noon</b> |
|                | <b>12:00 Noon</b>      |                 | <b>5:30 PM</b>         | <b>Saturday:</b> | <b>8:00 AM</b>    |
|                | <b>5:00 PM</b>         |                 |                        |                  | <b>12:00 Noon</b> |

**Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak, 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

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## THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 2, 2017

Readings: 2 Kgs 4:8-11,14-16; Rom 6:3-4,8-11; Mt 10:37-42

### MASS INTENTIONS

July 3, Monday: Saint Thomas, Apostle  
Readings: Eph 2:19-22; Jn 20:24-29  
6:45 AM Pat Doman (Maureen & Dave Hanekamp)  
8:00 AM BeBe Milliron (Jean Fornwalt)  
12:00 PM Prayers & Thanksgiving (Grove Family)

July 4, Tuesday: Independence Day  
Readings: Nm 6:22-27; Mt 22:15-21  
9:00 AM John Bauer (M/M Richard Tragon, Jr. Fam.)

July 5, Wednesday: St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest  
Readings: Gn 21:5,8-20; Mt 8:28-34  
6:45 AM Ciara Hasselman (M & D Hanekamp)  
8:00 AM Anna Mercer (Paul & Family)  
12:00 PM Patty Wiedemer, Birth.(Husband Joe & Fam)

July 6, Thursday: Saint Maria Goretti, Virgin & Martyr  
Readings: Gn 22:1-19; Mt 9:1-8  
6:45 AM Healing for Bryce Johnson  
8:00 AM Barnard Family (Daughter)  
12:00 PM Catherine Beech Frederick, Anniv.(Family)

July 7, Friday: Weekday  
Readings: Gn 23:1-4,19,24:1-8,62-67; Mt 9:9-13  
6:45 AM George Dean Barry (Green/Tyler/Maryl/Barrys)  
8:00 AM Peg Helfrich, Birthday (Family)  
12:00 PM Danyll Rougeux (Scott Galant)

July 8, Saturday: Weekday  
Readings: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29; Mt 9:14-17  
8:00 AM Thomas P. & Martha Kilcoyne-Wed. Ann.(Fam.)  
12:00 PM Joanna Tetanich (Stanley J. Krish Family)  
Vigil: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Zec 9:9-10; Rom 8:9,11-13; Mt 11:25-30  
5:00 PM Frances Pagliaro (M/M Thomas Layton)

### Rest in Peace

Please remember in prayer, Tim Nagle, who died and was buried from the Cathedral this past week. May his wife, Pam, and his mother, Catherine, be comforted in the faith. And may Tim rest in the peace and love of the risen Christ.

### Cathedral Charismatic Prayer Group

The Cathedral Prayer Group will meet next Monday, July 10th, at 7:00 PM, here at the Cathedral. Praise and worship music will be followed by Bob Sutton, teaching "Eucharist and the Holy Spirit." All are welcome!

### Progress on Parish Project

Painting is complete on the second floor where classrooms are located for Religious Education. Dry wall has been completed on the top floor where Parish Offices and additional classrooms are located. The stained-glass windows from the 1924 convent are to be installed throughout the building in the near future. The 1870 bell from the original convent of the Sisters of Charity is to be installed in the tower on top of the building. It will ring via electricity (like the Cathedral bell). The exterior wall on the alley side is 90% complete and compliments the limestone of the Cathedral and rectory. It looks quite beautiful! Work has now begun on the exterior wall on the Fourteenth Street side.

This week the *Altoona Mirror* showed the progress on the new lower parking lot. Storms drains have been installed. Lighting, paving, and landscaping are to follow. A guardrail is to be installed along the upper parking lot overlooking the lower parking lot. New lights will be installed in the upper parking along with a repaving.

All this work is possible because of the generosity of the Cathedral Parish family. Generations to come will benefit from the sacrifice and generosity of our generation. Thank you for your stewardship. Thank you for your faithful response to your pledge payments towards this capital project.

### Congratulations!

On June 2, Ryan Craig and Saidi Shea married, on June 10, Nicholas Pettenati and Meghin Kerila married, and on June 24, Alexander Shaffer and Bryanna Blackie married – all here in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. Congratulations to our newly married couples! May their love, now established in the Sacrament of Matrimony, grow daily. May the Christian community support these young couples as they begin their lives as husband and wife.

### Tuesday, Fourth of July

Note the Mass schedule this Tuesday, the fourth of July. There is one Mass at 9:00 A.M. All are encouraged to come to Mass and thank God for all the blessings we enjoy in this country. God bless America!

### Food for the Poor

Did you remember to bring non-perishable food items or paper products? Your donations help meet the needs of the poor in our community.

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION Sunday, June 25, 2017 - \$7,644.00

### 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 parishioners to volunteer their time and talent as substitute teachers this year. Pennsylvania State and Diocesan clearances are required.

### Liturgical Ministers Please Note:

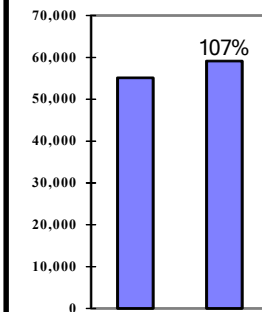
We will be preparing a new Liturgical Minister schedule which will start on Sunday, August 6. Unavailable dates and contact changes are needed by July 17. Call, 932-6340, text or email Gabrielle Cronin. If you prefer, call 944-4603, or drop-off your availability schedule at the Rectory.

### Mandeville Celebrates 25 Years

Last week Bishop Bartchak was in Mandeville, Jamaica, to celebrate their twenty-fifth anniversary. Bishop was the homilist at the anniversary Mass. Cathedral Parish has been partnered with Saint Margaret Mary Parish in Lionelltown, Jamaica. For almost twenty years the Cathedral Parish has sent an annual gift of \$5,000.00 to assist this poor faith community. Remember the Church of Mandeville in prayer. May God bless the people of Saint Margaret Mary Parish as they remember us in prayer.

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

### 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 180 households and are 107% of the way to our target having raised **\$59,150.00**. All monies now received will come directly to the Cathedral Parish. We are **\$4,029.00** over the target amount set by the Diocese. 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. All additional monies will help the cost of repaving the upper parking lot which is scheduled for this summer. Thank you for your continued generosity to parish and community.

## ORDER OF CELEBRATING MATRIMONY

### Liturgical Reflection ...

An opening song can accompany the introductory rites to Marriage within Mass and without Mass. An option is to have the priest or deacon enter in the customary manner (as at Sunday Mass) to the opening song. The servers, readers, and priest or deacon enter to this hymn. Or, if already at the chair, following the informal welcome of the bride and groom, an entrance chant follows. The purpose of the song is to gather those present for the celebration of Marriage and prepare them for the commemoration of the coming mysteries of faith. There is a repertoire of appropriate songs to be chosen for the opening song. All music at the celebration of Marriage is God-centered.

(*Order of Celebrating Matrimony*, Numbers 46, 48-50, 81, and 83-85.)

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