

# AUGUST 15, 2010

## Scripture Reflection

What happens to us after we die? People in every age wonder whether this present life is all there is. Some bury food and favorite items with their deceased, believing that they will need such things in the afterlife. Some hold that people are reincarnated in another life on earth. Christians place their hope in resurrected life, with Christ having already preceded us, then raising all who belong to him, as Paul assures the Corinthians in the second reading. For Paul and other Jews of his day, there could be no existence without a body. Paul speaks of us having transformed, glorious, spiritual and imperishable bodies, bearing the image of the Risen One who has preceded us.

Today's feast underscores the importance of bodiliness, declaring that Mary, "having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory" (Pius XII, "Munificentissimus Deus," No. 44). For centuries Christians had considered that like other holy figures who had been taken up to heaven---Enoch, Moses and Elijah (Gn 5:24; Jude 9; 2 Kgs 2:1-12)---Mary also would have warranted special attention from God at her death. Many different legends grew up, but it was not until 1950 that Pope Pius XII declared infallibly that the Assumption of Mary was a dogma of the Catholic faith.

In today's Gospel there is an emphasis on the holiness of the body as a vehicle for the saving life God brings to birth. Both Elizabeth and Mary exemplify an incarnational spirituality, whereby God's action in this world is known through bodiliness. With the infant in her womb leaping for joy, Elizabeth is filled with the Spirit and she pronounces a blessing on Mary and on the child she carries in her body. Mary, in turn, proclaims God's greatness with her whole being, that is, her body and soul.

● **How do care of the body and care of the soul go hand in hand?**

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## Congratulations Festival Prize Winners

The following were winners of the Festival Raffle Prizes and the additional donated prizes:

- 1st Prize - Dwight Dittsworth - \$1,000.00
- 2nd Prize- Bob Cree - Table (Wolf)
- 3rd Prize - Helen J. Moyer - \$250.00 Cash
- 4th Prize - Millie Mazur - Recliner (McMullen)
- 5th Prize - Betty Bowers - Your Jewelry Box
- 6th Prize - John Rago - \$200 Bond (M&T)
- 7th Prize - Brian Lucas - \$150.00 Cash
- 8th Prize - George W. Moyer - Mirror (Alleg. Glass)
- 9th Prize - Harold Miller- \$100.00 (ARC)
- 10th Prize- Sandy Colegrove - \$100 Bond (C&G)
- 11th Prize- Elizabeth Wright - (Bedroom Showcase)
- 12th Prize- Joanne Marlett - Lakemont/Curve

Anna Johnson, Vickie Craig, Melanie Boose, Amanda Holtz and Julia Fortson were awarded the ceramic dolls, from Dick Huber. Carol Hollinghead was the winner of the autumn floral piece donated by Lorraine Beck. Father Grimme and Cathy Bradfield won oil changes donated by Randy & Paula Clemens and Julia Fortson and Carole Litzinger will enjoy a massage by Mary Lumadue. Jim Kenawell was the winner of a night's stay at the Cresson House Bed and Breakfast compliments of the Stefanon Family. Baskets of assorted items were won by Cathy Bradfield and Liz Kajka. Amanda Holtz received a beautiful quilt from Cookie Hardin and a wooden kiddy car was presented to Roberta Burns. Congratulations to all of our winners and again THANK YOU to all who donated baked goods, soda, paper products and non-perishable items.

## Annual September Tours of Cathedral

September is the month our Cathedral celebrates its anniversary of dedication. Again this September the Cathedral will offer four tours of this singular structure. The one hour tours are scheduled for: Sunday, **September 5** at 1:00 PM; Tuesday, **September 14** at 7:00 PM; Sunday, **September 19** at 1:00 PM; and Tuesday, **September 28** at 7:00 PM.

## BACK TO SCHOOL FOOD DRIVE

Dr. Zane Gates and the Gates Foundation will be accepting donations of cereals, healthy lunch treats and nutritious after school snacks here in the Cathedral on **Sunday, August 29**. Please help!

# 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 11:15 AM - 12:30 PM

Pre-Kindergarten thru 8.

Sunday evening 6:15 PM - 8:30 PM

Grades 9 thru 12.

### 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

Most Reverend Joseph V. Adamec, Bishop

Reverend Monsignor Robert C. Mazur, Rector

Reverend John M. Gibbons, Parochial Vicar

Reverend Monsignor Roy F. Kline, Senior Priest

Deacon John E. Rys

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## ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

AUGUST 15, 2010

Readings: Rv 11:19;12:1-6,10; 1 Cor 15: 20-27; Lk 1: 39-56

### Mass Intentions

August 16, Monday: Stephen of Hungary

Readings: Ez 24: 15-23; Mt 19: 16-22

6:45 AM Deceased Relatives of Sisters, IHM  
8:00 AM Mary J. Vogel, Ann. (Madeline Vogel Family)  
12:00 PM Mildred Flick (Mike & Deborah Dillon)

August 17, Tuesday: Weekday

Readings: Ez 28: 1-10; Mt 19: 23-30

6:45 AM Bud & Helen Itle (Family)  
8:00 AM Jim Conrad (Edward Simmers)  
12:00 PM Maggie Davis (Yanchik Family)

August 18, Wednesday: Weekday

Readings: Ez 34: 1-11; Mt 20: 1-16

6:45 AM Patricia E. Beiswenger (Anna Marie Mullen)  
8:00 AM John & Louise Gill (Children)  
12:00 PM James M. Elder (T.K. Kane)

August 19, Thursday: John Eudes, priest

Readings: Ez 36: 23-28; Mt 22: 1-14

6:45 AM Joseph A. Keirn (Mom & Dad)  
8:00 AM Marjorie Evangelisto (Bob & Terressa Hall)  
12:00 PM Peggy Joyce (Audrey Krause)

August 20, Friday: Bernard, abbot, doctor

Readings: Ez 37: 1-14; Mt 22: 34-40

6:45 AM Maureen Wolf (Aunt Anna Marie)  
8:00 AM Lorraine Marasco (Son, Brian)  
12:00 PM Donald Rabine (Tony Eckenrode Family)

August 21, Saturday: Pius IV, pope

Readings: Ez 43: 1-7; Mt 23: 1-12

8:00 AM Jean Truby (Kilcoyne Family)  
12:00 PM Joseph Moran (Gerald Fleck)  
Vigil: Twenty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time  
Readings: Is 66: 18-21; Heb 12: 5-7,11-13; Lk 13: 22-30  
5:00 PM Steve MacAllister, Birth (Sabrina & Family)

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

### Social For Father Gibbons

The Parish will gather on the portico of the Cathedral for a social, **Sunday, August 29, following the 10:00 AM Mass.** This will be our opportunity to officially welcome Father John into our Cathedral Parish Family.

## THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

**Cathedral Festival 2010** was a great success. Thank you to the hundreds of people who donated their time, talent and treasure for this three day event. Over the three nights, we grossed **\$53,853.50**; this is an increase of \$8,100.00 from last year. We now must pay the bills for the costs incurred for the festival (we have been attempting to keep costs down each year). Many long hours have been volunteered by many. Thank you so much. Thank you to the set-up and take-down crews. Thank you to all who covered the various booths. Thank you to all who donated soda and paper products. Thank you to the following business: Wolf Furniture, McMullen Furniture, Your Jewelry Box, M & T Bank, Allegheny Glass, ARC Federal Credit Union, C & G Savings Bank, Bedroom Showcase & Baby World, Lakemont Park, and the Altoona Curve; along with the Clemens, the Stefanons, Cookie Hardin, Dick Huber, Lorraine Beck, Mary Lumadue, A+ Printing, Kopp Drug, Roaring Spring Bottling, and DelGrosso Foods. A special thanks to Pat Duffy, Fred Drexler, Butch Winkler, and Sue Cronin.  
**NEXT YEAR'S FESTIVAL: AUGUST 5, 6, and 7, 2011.**

### To Note A Few Totals:

*Festival Chances* - \$5,604.00; *Paddle Game* - \$3,067.50; *Adult Games of Chance* - \$2,941.00; *Money Plate* - \$2,303.00; *Instant Bingo* - \$1,502.00; *Spirits* - \$1,287.00; *Spiritual Treasures* - \$1,217.50; *Bake Sale & Italian Desserts* - \$1,875.00.

### Baptismal Prep

Our next Baptismal Preparation Session will be held this **Monday, August 16**, in the Seton Suite at **7:00 PM**. This required class is offered every other month. You need not wait until your child is born to attend class. To register, please call the Parish Office at 944-4603.

### Prayer Shawl Ministry

Cathedral Parish Prayer Shawl Ministry will gather on **Wednesday, August 18**, at **6:00 PM** in the **Seton Suite**. For more information or to request a prayer shawl for someone please call Lorraine Beck at 942-7774.

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, August 8, 2010 - \$9,891.00

### Annual Wedding Anniversary Day Celebration

Bishop Joseph will celebrate a special Mass on Sunday afternoon, **September 26**, at **2:00 PM** here in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament with area couples observing their 1st, 25th, 40th, 50th, 55th, and 60+ Wedding Anniversary during 2010. A reception for participating couples and their families will follow Liturgy in Cathedral Hall. Reservations are made through your Parish Office, 944-4603. As a Mass booklet is being prepared and will include names of couples, please call before August 20.

**PLEASE NOTE: All Cathedral Jubilarians** are invited to submit your names and wedding dates to the Parish Office so we can arrange for you to receive a special gift from the Parish on this wonderful occasion.

### Knights of Columbus Car Wash

The Knights of Columbus, Altoona Council 551 will sponsor a Car Wash on Saturday, August 21 from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM at Advance Auto Parts, 631 Pleasant Valley Boulevard. The cost is \$5.00 per car. Rocky 104.9 will be hosting a live broadcast from 10:00 AM until Noon, and hot dogs and soda will be available for \$1.00 each. All proceeds benefit the local chapter of the American Cancer Society.

### ALTOONA CATHOLIC HIGH CLASS OF 1960

This Saturday evening, August 21, the Altoona Catholic High School Class of 1960 will be with us at the 5:00 PM Mass as part of their 50th Anniversary celebration. We offer welcome and congratulations.

### PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING

**Thursday, August 26**, at **12:30 PM** in the Seton Suite.



### Liturgical Reflection ...

Today the Church celebrates the solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. As the Church formally prays, Mary was taken up into heaven and is "a sign of hope and comfort for your people on their pilgrim way. You would not allow decay to touch her body, for she had given birth to your Son, the Lord of all life, in the glory of the incarnation." The first Catholic Cathedral in the United States in Baltimore bears the title of the Basilica of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. May Our Lady of the Assumption watch over and guide us on our pilgrim way to the Lord's kingdom.

2010, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Boulevard, Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania 16648.

## Bishop Celebrates 75th Birthday

This past Friday Bishop Joseph Adamec celebrated his seventy-fifth birthday. We are grateful to Bishop for the twenty-three years of shepherding the Church of Altoona-Johnstown. We give thanks to God in gratitude and appreciation. On **Sunday, September 12**, there will be a special Mass here at the Cathedral at **4:00 PM** to celebrate with Bishop as he observes fifty years of priesthood and seventy-five years of life. When a bishop reaches his seventy-fifth year, he is required to submit his resignation to Rome. We await the naming of the eighth Bishop of the Diocese in the months ahead.

## CATHEDRAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

There will be a mandatory **Family Religious Education Night Opening Session** on **Thursday evening, August 26th** at **6:00 PM** for all Pre-K through 8th grade students and parents/guardians in the Cathedral Social Hall. Monsignor Mazur and our Directors of Religious Education, our teachers and Director of Music will present the program, schedules and expectations for 2010/2011. Call Chris Laraia (946-3475) with any questions.

On the following **Sunday, August 29th**, our **Ninth Grade Orientation Session** at **6:15 PM** in the Seton Suite will introduce these students and parents/guardians to the **Cathedral Parish High School Religious Education Program, F.I.R.E.** Questions? Call Jean Koury (949-2777).

**Did You Remember?** - Did you bring a non-perishable food item or paper product for the needy?