

# NOVEMBER 1, 2015

## Scripture Reflection

Matthew's Beatitudes are a summation of the Christian life and a guide to sainthood. Each one describes a characteristic demonstrated by the spiritually fortunate or holy person. They are the poor in spirit, the humble, who know their need for God; they mourn, especially due to human alienation from God; they are meek; they hunger and thirst to be filled with God; they are merciful, single-heartedly attached to God, and offer peace. These virtuous people, who have heard the call of Christ, follow him to the Kingdom.

The call for Christians to live up to their baptismal call ought to be a constant reminder that not only are we called to be saints, we are saints, however imperfectly we are running the race to the heavenly goal. We have exemplars, for we live in communion with the saints, who share in the fullness of God's life presently. And the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says: "At the present time some of his disciples are pilgrims on earth. Others have died and are being purified, while still others are in glory, contemplating in full light, God himself triune and one, exactly as he is" (No. 954). The feast of All Saints is a necessary reminder for us whenever we doubt that God could make a saint of you or me. Sainthood is our purpose and destiny.

Those saints in heaven share the life for which we are being prepared, but they are not simply models for us, they intercede on our behalf. The Revelation of John promises us that the saints are not just a few but a "great crowd" who worship God, calling us home. Jesus offers that his followers are "blessed" or "happy," when they walk Christ's path of discipleship. In spite of persecution, being reviled or even mourning, the follower of Jesus is "happy" when showing mercy, making peace and thirsting for righteousness. But to be a saint, as Jesus encourages us, is to live the happy life now, in which virtue allows us to participate in the life of God with joy. Life in the kingdom of God is the goal, but the Beatitudes allow us to participate in that life now with God and all the saints. We are saints, called to be saints, yearning to share in life with the saints.

• **How would you describe the main virtues needed for a modern-day saint? Who are the saints among your family and friends, living or deceased?**

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## MARRIAGE SOCIAL

Join us for an "evening out" as we celebrate our marriages. Food, DJ, prizes, and much more! This special event will be held **Saturday, November 14**, at 6:00 PM in the Cathedral Social Hall. BYOB and a picture of your wedding to share with others. Please RSVP before November 9th. Sign up is available at the Cathedral Square door after all Masses or you may call: Parish Office 944-4603; Chris Laraia 312-7317; or Jean Koury 949-2777.

## BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

A Bereavement Support Group meets on the first Wednesday of every month at Catholic Charities, next to the Cathedral, from 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM. Call 944-9388, ext. 205 to register for the **November 4** session.

## SUPPORT ALTOONA CENTRAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Help us to continue to provide quality value-based education for our children by financially supporting Catholic Education in center city Altoona. On the weekend of **November 7 and 8** a special collection will be taken to continue the mission of Altoona Central Catholic School (ACCS). As costs escalate, we need to enlist your personal support to help insure this important ministry of our parish. Won't you please consider this opportunity to exercise personal stewardship for Catholic Education? We are certainly grateful for any assistance - large or small - which you can provide. Please use the envelope provided in our November packet for your contribution or mark any other envelope ACCS and deposit along with your regular Offertory gift next weekend. God bless your generosity!

## CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS Court Prince Gallitzin No. 2656 2016 National Education Contest

Division 1 - Grades 4-5 - Essay, Poetry, Art  
Division 2 - Grades 6-7-8 - Essay, Poetry, Art., Photography. Themes: "We are Stewards of God's Creation." or "How Do We Care for the Environment?"

Deadline: Monday, November 16.

Prizes: First Place - \$20 and Certificate, Second Place - \$10 and Certificate, Third Place - Certificate. For more info, call Jennifer Crum-Waite: 312-0936.

*Please remember our sick in your prayers.*

# 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.

WEB: [WWW.ALTOONACATHEDRAL.ORG](http://WWW.ALTOONACATHEDRAL.ORG)

FAX: 814-942-4337

E-MAIL: [ALTCATHEDRAL@DIOCESEAJ.ORG](mailto:ALTCATHEDRAL@DIOCESEAJ.ORG)

### EUCHARIST:

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 Mark L. Bartchak, Bishop

Reverend Monsignor Robert C. Mazur, Rector

Reverend Father Dennis M. Kurdziel, Parochial Vicar

Deacon Michael A. Anna

Deacon John J. Szwarc, Senior Deacon

CHRISTIAN INITIATION TEAM - 944-4603

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME - 944-4603

ALTOONA CENTRAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL  
Web: [www.altoonacentralcatholic.com](http://www.altoonacentralcatholic.com)  
Elementary - Pre-K thru Grade 5 - 381-7011

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 - 946-3475  
Jean Koury - 9 thru 12 - 949-2777  
Religious Education Office: Sundays - 943-7424

### MUSIC MINISTRY

Nina M. Tedeschi  
Choir Director and Head Organist - 944-2044  
Kevin J. Luke - E-mail: [kluke@dioceseaj.org](mailto:kluke@dioceseaj.org)  
Administrative Duties and Organist - 944-2044

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**ALL SAINTS  
NOVEMBER 1, 2015**

Readings: Rv 7:2-4,9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12

**MASS INTENTIONS**

November 2, Monday: All the Faithful Departed (All Soul's Day)

Readings: Wis 3:1-9; Rom 5:5-11; Jn 6:37-40; Jn 6:37-40

6:45 AM All Souls  
8:00 AM All Souls  
9:00 AM All Souls (Crypt Chapel)  
12:00 PM All Souls  
5:30 PM All Souls (Crypt Chapel)

November 3, Tuesday: Saint Martin de Porres, Religious

Readings: Rom 12:5-19; Lk 14:15-24

6:45 AM Health of Angela Cronin Chadwick (G. Packard)  
8:00 AM Don Godish, Anniversary (Mary Lysinger)  
12:00 PM Bishop J. Carroll McCormick, Ann. (Cathedral)

November 4, Wednesday: Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop

Readings: Rom 13: 8-10; Lk 14: 25-33

6:45 AM Nozzie, Jennie, Sandy Calabrese (Family)  
8:00 AM Walter Joyce (Greg and Kathy Clemens)  
12:00 PM Mildred Burchfield (Jack and Lois Steinbugl)

November 5, Thursday: Weekday

Readings: Rom 14: 7-12; Lk 15:1-10

6:45 AM Doris Green and Family (Bridget McCloskey)  
8:00 AM Bebe Milliron (Bridget McCloskey)  
12:00 PM Danyll Rougeux (John and Alice Joyce)

November 6, Friday: Weekday

Readings: Rom 15:14-21; Lk 16:1-8

6:45 AM Joan Hirt (Tom and Patricia Forr)  
8:00 AM Ruby Doyle (Bob and Chip Klisiewicz)  
12:00 PM Eileen Lytle (Taddie Family)

November 7, Saturday: Weekday

Readings: Rom 16: 3-9,16,22-27; Lk 16:9-15

8:00 AM Frank Auerbeck (Kilcoynes) - Crypt Chapel  
12:00 PM Rob Beiswenger (Merlann Malloy)  
Vigil: Thirty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time  
Readings: 1 Kgs 17:10-16; Heb 9: 24-28; Mk 12: 38-44  
5:00 PM M. Virginia Jones (Stanley Krish Family)

**Mass In The Crypt Chapel**

On Saturday (November 7) 8:00 AM Mass will be celebrated in the Crypt Chapel. Accessible from Cathedral Square (steps) or alley entrance (street level).

**First Friday Communion Calls This Week**

Our clergy visit the sick and home-bound of the parish each month. To arrange a visit for yourself or a loved one, call the Parish Office: 944-4603.

**The Names of Our Dead**

Throughout November the names of all those who have died and were buried from the Cathedral Parish this past liturgical year will appear in the front of the Cathedral. The month of November is the traditional time we Catholics remember our dead with special prayer. Throughout this month take time to pray for our deceased brothers and sisters. Visit the cemetery and pray for those who have gone before us. May all the faithful departed know a place of light, peace and happiness.

**LITURGICAL MINISTRIES WORKSHOP**

All members of the Parish who are stewards of their time and talent as liturgical ministers - lectors, servers (including new student volunteers), cantors, psalmists, choir, commentators, ushers/hospitality and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion - are asked to set aside this coming **Saturday morning, November 7 from 9:00 AM-11:30 AM**. This is an important time for all to get together to review our particular ministries. We will gather for Morning Prayer in the Cathedral sanctuary at 9:00 AM. Please clear your calendars to be able to participate in this annual event.

**Please Note:** If you or your children would like to join any of the ministries listed above, please call the Parish Office at 944-4603 and plan to join us on Saturday. Many volunteers are needed, at least fifty-eight on an ordinary weekend, and that is not counting our Music Ministers; cantors, psalmists, choir and organists. We are blessed with much sharing of Time and Talent! Please consider offering your stewardship.

**Cathedral Christian Mothers**

The Christian Mothers from Cathedral Parish will be collecting for their annual drive to help the poor and needy of our parish and community. Monies received help families in distress at both Thanksgiving and Christmas. This collection will be the weekend of **November 14 and 15**.

**Christian Mothers Planning Meeting**

**Wednesday, November 11 - 6:00 PM** in Seton Suite.

**Charismatic Prayer Group**

The Charismatic Prayer Group will not meet this Monday, November 2. We will meet again on Monday, November 9 at 7:00 PM in the Cathedral.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION  
Sunday, October 25, 2015 - \$8,499.50**

**Stewardship of Time**

Thank you to Janet Belsey, Carol Chelton, Paula Clemens, Paula Miller, and Bill and Grace Smith, who helped with the parish mailings on Friday, October 23.

**Parish Liturgy Committee Meeting**

**Wednesday, November 18** at 12:45 PM in the Seton Suite. Please note this rescheduled date.

**ALTOONA CENTRAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL  
"Baskets and Bags Bingo" - Sunday, November 8**

Tickets are still available for ACCS's Baskets and Bags Bingo 2015. Tickets are \$25.00 for 5 games of bingo, food and beverages. \$60 will get you 15 games, 5 special games, 109 door prize tickets and tickets for 2 walk-around prizes, food and beverages. Call Sue Myers at 381-7011. Featuring world famous baskets and designer handbags.

**MUSIC MINISTRY NOTES**

**Adult Choir Rehearsal Schedule** is as follows: Wednesdays, November 4,11,18; Tuesday, November 24; Saturday, December 5; Thursday, December 10; and Saturday, December 12. Our *Advent of Christmas Concert* is scheduled for 7:00 PM on Sunday, December 13.

**Youth Choir For Christmas Eve 5:00 PM Mass**

We would like to have a group of students ready to present a half hour of carols before Mass on December 24. Call Nina Tedeschi at the Cathedral Music Ministry Office, 944-2044, if interested for rehearsal dates and times.

**Nocturnal Adoration** - The monthly Vigil of Prayer scheduled by the Nocturnal Adoration Society for **Friday, November 7**, will be held at Holy Rosary Parish, Juniata from 8:00 PM until 11:00 PM. Cathedral hour is 9:00 PM - 10:00 PM. New members are always welcome.



**Liturgical Reflection ...**

This Sunday the Church commemorates the Solemnity of All Saints. Because November 1st falls on a Sunday in Ordinary Time, All Saints is commemorated over the Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time. Today we remember the men, women, children who are in the kingdom of God. From heaven they intercede for us on earth. Sacred images of the saints, in accordance with the most ancient tradition, should be displayed in the church for veneration by the faithful and be so arranged as to lead the faithful toward the mysteries of faith. There should usually be only one image of a saint in the church. General Instruction of the Roman Missal, Number 318.

2015, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 South Logan Boulevard, Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania 16648.

**Baptism Congratulations**

Colin Jacob Camberg was baptized and welcomed into our Cathedral Parish Family on Sunday, October 25, at the 12:00 Noon Mass. Congratulations to parents, Adam and Kathryn, along with sister, Audrey. May the graces of the Sacrament of Baptism strengthen both our children and the adults who care for them.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**No Classes** are scheduled for this weekend due to our celebration of Cathedral Family Night, October 31. Thank you to all who made it such a special evening. Winners of our twenty Annual Raffle prizes will be listed in next week's bulletin. **F.I.R.E. (High School Religious Education)** Family Intergenerational Religious Education for Students in Grades 9 -11 with parent or guardian, meet in the Seton Suite from 6:15PM until 8:30PM on **November 8** and **22**.

**SACRAMENT PREPARATION  
CONFIRMATION SESSIONS**

All **Ninth** Grade Students Fall Session Wednesday, **November 4** at 6:00 PM in Seton Suite.

All **Tenth** Grade Students Fall Session Wednesday, **November 18**, from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM in the Seton Suite.

All **Eleventh** Grade Students Confirmation Session I - Sunday, **November 29**. We will meet in the Cathedral for Evening Prayer at 6:30 PM followed by a one hour class in Cathedral Hall.

**FIRST RECONCILIATION**

Our Second Session of Parish Preparation for the reception of Reconciliation is scheduled for **Wednesday, November 11, 6:30 PM-8:00 PM** in the Seton Suite. All Second Grade Cathedral Parish Students with parent or guardian (and families with older children yet to receive Reconciliation and Eucharist) should attend. Contact Chris Laraia: 312-7317 with any questions.