

OCTOBER 25, 2015

Scripture Reflection

Today's First Reading is from a section of the Book of Jeremiah, the prophet, referred to as the book of consolation (30:1--31:40). It offers a hopeful view of the future, when God will rescue Israel. God, like a loving parent, will gather and guide Israel. Among the returning people are the blind and lame, the poor, the humble, those without status or power who depend upon God as their sole source of hope and help. These people are traditionally referred to in the Old Testament as the *anawim*.

Mark's Gospel account tells us about one of the *anawim*, Bartimaeus, a blind man. Bartimaeus calls out to Jesus, in spite of the disciples' efforts to silence him. The response of the disciples is to scold and rebuke. People told him, basically, to shut up. To Bartimaeus' credit, he would not listen. Bartimaeus has something these followers of Jesus lack: the understanding that even if he is physically (and spiritually?) blind, he knows where to go for the cure. He has faith in the mercy of Jesus and he will not be put off by disciples shooing him away as a nuisance.

Jesus knows exactly what he wants, but he wants Bartimaeus to say it again, for the sake of the disciples and the crowd, some of whom moments ago were telling him to be quiet, shut up, leave the great man alone. Bartimaeus simply asks "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus response is just as direct, "Go, your faith has made you well." Bartimaeus' faith leads to Jesus' mercy, but Jesus' mercy leads to spiritual discipleship, not just physical sight, as Bartimaeus does not "go" but "followed him on the way."

Bartimaeus' discipleship is the result of Jesus' mercy and the reason why mercy must be at the heart of the church's mission. Who do we tell today to shut up, to quit bothering the Messiah? Bartimaeus at the side of the road is an example for all those at the margins of the church calling out to be heard: Do not give up on Jesus; he will listen and heal those who call out to him. Picture yourself as Bartimaeus at the side of the road calling out to Jesus. What mercy do you want Jesus to do for you? What mercy are you being called upon to show others? How can we live out Jesus' mercy more completely?

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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.

SAINT JUDE TRIDUUM

St. Mark Catholic Church, 416 6th Avenue, Altoona, will hold its Annual St. Jude Triduum with Masses at 8:00 AM and 5:30 PM Monday through Wednesday, **October 26, 27, 28** in the church. Father Robert Hilz, T.O.R. from St. Francis Friary, Loretto, will be Celebrant and Homilist at the 5:30 PM Masses. A Healing Mass will be celebrated at 5:30 PM Mass on Tuesday, October 27. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered prior to each Mass. Triduum Prayers will be prayed at each Mass followed by Veneration of the Relic of St. Jude.

A NIGHT TO HOWL - HAUNTED CAMP

October 30 and 31 from **7:30 PM to 11:00 PM**. The cost is \$6.00. Directions: From I-99, get off at the Pinecroft Exit and follow signs; from Pleasant Valley, go to Pinecroft and follow signs. For more information call Bryon Farber at 215-1751. Presented by Boy Scout Troop #25.

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.

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.

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

FAX: 814-942-4337

E-MAIL: ALTCATHEDRAL@DIOCESEAJ.ORG

EUCHARIST:

Sunday:	5:00 PM (Vigil)	Holiday:	5:30 PM (Vigil)	Weekday:	6:45 AM
	8:00 AM		8:00 AM		8:00 AM
	10:00 AM		12:00 Noon		12:00 Noon
	12:00 Noon		5:30 PM	Saturday:	8:00 AM
	5:00 PM				12:00 Noon

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CHRISTIAN INITIATION TEAM - 944-4603

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME - 944-4603

ALTOONA CENTRAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL
Web: www.altoonacentralcatholic.com
Elementary - Pre-K thru Grade 5 - 381-7011

BISHOP GUILFOYLE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
Web: 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
Administrative Duties and Organist - 944-2044

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 25, 2015

Readings: Jer 31:7-9; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52

MASS INTENTIONS

October 26, Monday: Weekday

Readings: Rom 8:12-17; Lk 13:10-17

6:45 AM Merle and Joan Hirt (Children/Grandchildren)
8:00 AM Father Morgan Sheedy, Anniv. (Cathedral)
12:00 PM Joseph Wood, Birthday (Daughter, Maureen)

October 27, Tuesday: Weekday

Readings: Rom 8: 18-25; Lk 13:18-21

6:45 AM No Mass
8:00 AM No Mass
12:00 PM Lois J. Riley (Husband, Jim)

October 28, Wednesday: Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles

Readings: Eph 2:19-22; Lk 6:12-16

6:45 AM No Mass
8:00 AM No Mass
12:00 PM James and Alice Wharton (McGough Family)

October 29, Thursday: Weekday

Readings: Rom 8:31-39; Lk 13:31-35

6:45 AM Eleanor Toth (Patty and Joe Pufka)
8:00 AM M. Virginia Jones (Lucy Summers)
12:00 PM Catherine Beech Frederick, Birth. (Family)

October 30, Friday: Weekday

Readings: Rom 9:1-5; Lk 14:1-6

6:45 AM Good Health of Ben Petrunak (Family)
8:00 AM Intentions of Rick Geis Family (Chris McNelis)
12:00 PM Janet Evans (Jack and Pat Vierkorn)

October 31, Saturday: Weekday

Readings: Rom 11:1-2, 11-12, 25-29; Lk 14:1, 7-11

8:00 AM Dennis Black, Anniversary (Friend)
12:00 PM J. Moloney/J.Nedimyer, Birthdays (Family)
Vigil: All Saints
Readings: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12
5:00 PM Donald Godish, Anniversary (Friend)

Please note this week's Mass Schedule

Our priests will be away Monday through Wednesday this week. Mass will be celebrated at 6:45 AM, 8:00AM, and Noon on Monday, October 26, but will be celebrated at Noon only on October 27 and 28. Please pass this information along to friends of Cathedral who pray with us during the week but may not see this announcement.

Emergency Coverage during Pastoral Conference

While our priests are attending this important meeting, Father James Coveney - 442-0581 - will be available to provide emergency coverage.

World Youth Day and World Priest Day

World Youth Day and World Priest Day is observed today in the United States. Please support and encourage our youth to be the best version of themselves and let them know how really special they are every day. Say a special prayer for our priests today too, and keep them in prayer this Monday through Wednesday as they join Bishop Mark for the annual Diocesan Fall Clergy Conference.

ANNUAL RAFFLE

The Annual Cathedral Raffle tickets are now available for sale at the **Parish Office** during regular business hours (9:30 AM- 5:30 PM) Monday through Friday and after all weekend Masses at the **Cathedral Square door**. There are twenty cash prizes totaling \$5,000.00 and ranging from \$2,000.00 to \$25.00. **One ticket costs \$5.00**. Each family was asked to purchase or sell at least four tickets. If you are holding tickets that you will be unable to buy or sell, please turn them in to the Parish Office as our supply is getting low and we still have two weeks to sell tickets. The drawing will be held **Saturday, October 31** at **Family Night** in Cathedral Hall. You need not be present to win.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION - INQUIRY

Anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic Church is invited to Sunday morning **Inquiry Sessions** between 11:00 AM and 12 Noon in the Seton Suite. No commitments are made at this time. This is an opportunity for questions and discussions about the Catholic faith. Have you thought about joining the Catholic Church? Are there questions you have about Catholicism? This is the time to join all those making inquiry into the Catholic faith. Please accept this as a warm and open invitation.

Healing Mass - Monday, October 26

Father Bill Kiel will be celebrating a Healing Mass in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:00 PM on October 26. Music will be provided by the Cathedral Charismatic Prayer Group Music Ministry. Come and be blessed! All are welcome!

Daylight Savings Time Ends - Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour on Saturday night (October 31) or you will be early for Mass next Sunday!

OFFERTORY COLLECTION
Sunday, October 18, 2015 - \$9,334.88

Patriotic Rosary and Benediction

On **Saturday, October 31** at **2:00 PM** the Diocesan Courts of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas are sponsoring a **Patriotic Rosary** followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament here in the Cathedral. Bishop Mark Bartchak will preside and many of our civil officials will lead us in prayer. All are invited to participate.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES REVIEW SET!

Our annual Liturgical Ministry Workshop is scheduled for **Saturday, November 7th** from **9:00 AM - 11:00 AM**. Thank you to the students who have come forward to be trained as altar servers. Volunteers are needed in all ministries. Please consider sharing Time and Talent with your Parish. Call 944-4603 for more information.

FIRST RECONCILIATION PREP

Our First Session of Parish Preparation for the reception of Reconciliation is scheduled for **Wednesday, October 28, 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, D.R.E. at 312-7317 with any questions.

MUSIC MINISTRY NOTES:

Choir Practice: **Thursday** evenings; Cantors and Psalmists at 6:30 PM and All Choir Members 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM. New members are welcome. Call the Music Ministry Office at 944-2044 for more information.
Cathedral Children: Youth Choir (Grades 3 and up)
Our first rehearsal was held last week, but new singers are welcome at any time. We meet on Thursdays at 4:00 PM in the Music Room. Bring a friend if you like.

Liturgical Reflection ...

**General
Instruction
of the
Roman Missal**

The Most Blessed Sacrament should be reserved in a tabernacle in a part of the church that is truly noble, prominent, conspicuous, worthily decorated, and suitable for prayer. There should be only one tabernacle, be irremovable, be made of solid and inviolable material that is not transparent, and be locked in such a way that profanation is prevented. The tabernacle is never placed on the altar on which Mass is celebrated. The Diocesan Bishop directs the placement of the tabernacle either in the sanctuary, apart from the altar of celebration, or in some chapel suitable for private adoration and organically connected to the church and readily noticeable by the Christian faithful.

General Instruction of the Roman Missal, Numbers 314, and 315.

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

FAMILY NIGHT OCTOBER 31ST

Family Night will be held **October 31, 2015**, in the Cathedral Hall from **6:00 PM - 9:00 PM**. It will be an All Hallows Eve/All Saints Party. Ghosts, witches, action heroes, and of course, the saints of all ages are welcome to join us for a fun-filled evening of children's games, saints' scavenger hunt, prizes, pumpkin painting, photo booth, Fall foods, and more. Wear your favorite saint costume or Halloween costume to add to the fun. The twenty Annual Raffle prizes ranging from \$25 to \$2,000 will be awarded at 8:30 PM.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (Pre K-Grade 8)

Religious Education Classes are held in the Parish Hall on Sunday mornings from **8:30 AM - 9:45 AM** for Grades 1- Grade 8,. Pre-K and Kindergarten join Miss Gabi in the Music Room.

F.I.R.E. TONIGHT - Sunday, October 25

Religious Ed students in Grades 9 - 11 each with a parent or guardian will meet in Cathedral Hall from **6:15 PM - 8:30 PM**. Students who attended SHYCON are excused from this session. Classes for **November** are scheduled for the **8th** and **22nd**. Don't forget, **Service hours** will be awarded for helping with **Family Fun Night** on **October 31st**.

Our Lady of Fatima Pierogie Sale

Potato only, Potato with Cheddar, Cooked Cabbage and Saurkraut with Dill \$7.00 a dozen. Cottage Cheese with Chives are \$8.00 a dozen. They are frozen and need to be boiled and then you can put them in your favorite sauce. Pick up is Monday, November 23 at Our Lady of Fatima rectory between 3 PM and 6 PM. Large orders can drop a picnic cooler ahead of time. Orders must be in by Noon on Monday, November 9. Call 942-0371.