

OCTOBER 18, 2015

Scripture Reflection

Today's Scripture passages concentrate on suffering as an offering for sin and for the sake of the Kingdom of God. The First Reading is taken from the end of the fourth song of the Suffering Servant, the work of the second prophet we call Isaiah, collected in the book named for him and his predecessor. Today's selection reminds us that the Servant accomplished the will of God by suffering for the sinfulness of others. As for the earliest disciples of Jesus, they were certain that the servant was the prophesied Messiah, who had lived, died and been raised among them. Jesus was the one who was crushed, who bore our iniquities and who "out of his anguish" saw "the light" in his resurrection.

The reading from Mark's Gospel account, situated immediately after the third prediction of the passion, continues the theme of suffering. However, it begins with James and John's misguided requests for places of honor when Jesus comes into his glory. Jesus responds by asking them if they are ready to drink the cup he will drink and be baptized as he will. They reply confidently but naively, "We can." Jesus recognizes that they do not understand that glory comes through suffering and death.

His cup is the destiny God has prepared for him and his baptism is the Crucifixion. Jesus continues to teach the disciples about his mission explaining that greatness comes, in stark contrast to their request, from service, and the ultimate service will be the handing over of his life. Jesus says to be a leader in the church is not to be a "lord" or "tyrant," but in the kingdom of God rulers must be servants. Jesus offers himself out of sympathy for our weakness, for the sake of humanity, which cannot save itself. I am this servant, Jesus says; are you willing to follow me and to serve me and to serve me through service to all?

• **Jesus walks the way of Isaiah's Suffering Servant. Can you name how you are called to serve, to suffer, and to sacrifice for others?**

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More on Our Parish Activity Center

As you may know we are currently in the planning phase for our Capital Campaign to help fund the new Parish Activity Center. A key element of any successful capital campaign is recruiting a strong base of parishioners who volunteer to carry out the fund-raising plan. We are very fortunate to have Jim Davidson and Dave Kimmel serve as co-chairs of the campaign and Maryann Bistline and Stephanie Kilcoyne who are serving as recruitment co-chairs assisting them. Although this team is already hard at work with the organizational plans we also need your help. The more volunteers we have, the greater our success.

All of our parishioners can participate in the capital fundraising campaign for our new Parish Activity Center through one of the following:

PRAYER - Through our prayerful voices we ask God for his guidance going forward in our individual sacrifices to be made, and vision to accept the blessings that come. Please pray for the success of our "Moving Forward in Faith Capital Campaign."

VOLUNTEER - Please volunteer if you can. We have several teams working on many specific projects that need your helping hand. This campaign is for the benefit of all parishioners and we will not succeed if we don't all work together.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING - Everyone can give equally to God, not in actual dollars, but in equal sacrifice. Please prayerfully consider your financial pledge in the weeks ahead and please remember that we will be asking for **equal sacrifice not equal giving**.

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.

Please be sure to see today's enclosure on our **Moving Forward In Faith Capital Campaign**

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:

Sunday:	5:00 PM (Vigil)	Holyday:	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

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
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

SERVING THE PEOPLE OF GOD IN THE CITY OF ALTOONA SINCE 1851

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 18, 2015

Readings: *Is 53:10-11; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45*

MASS INTENTIONS

October 19, Monday: North American Martyrs

Readings: *Rom 4:20-25; Lk 12:13-21*

6:45 AM Annie Hanlin (David & Tamar Mallow)
8:00 AM Health of Sr. Ann, DCN (Brother, Joe Wiedemer)
12:00 PM Terrence Shea, Ann. (Jim & Mary Farrell Fam.)

October 20, Tuesday: Saint Paul of the Cross, Priest

Readings: *Rom 5:12, 15, 17-19, 20-21; Lk 12:35-38*

6:45 AM Joan Hirt (Tom and Patricia Forr)
8:00 AM Edward Hallinan (Family)
12:00 PM Sav Mincin (McNelis All-Stars)

October 21, Wednesday: Weekday

Readings: *Rom 6: 12-18; Lk 12:39-48*

6:45 AM Doris Green (Cathedral Parish)
8:00 AM Joan Heverly (Mary Ann Hofer)
12:00 PM Pat Rabine (Janet Tomlinson)

October 22, Thursday: Saint John Paul II, Pope

Readings: *Rom 6:19-23; Lk 12:49-53*

6:45 AM Rob Beiswenger (Tom and Pat Forr)
8:00 AM Mary Jean Dodson (Frances Hallinan)
12:00 PM Bishop Eugene Garvey, Ann. (Cathedral)

October 23, Friday: Saint John of Capistrano, Priest

Readings: *Rom 7:18-25; Lk 12:54-59*

6:45 AM Delphina Rutolo, Birthday (Family)
8:00 AM Sam Coen (Ron Skupien)
12:00 PM Ann Civiello, Birthday (Family)

October 24, Saturday: Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

Readings: *Rom 8:1-11; Lk 13:1-9*

8:00 AM Ernie Tomassetti (Mike and Sherry Byrne)
12:00 PM Msgr. Thomas Madden, Ann. (Cathedral)
Vigil: Thirtieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

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

5:00 PM Larry Eastbourn (Maureen Kedzof)

LITURGICAL MINISTERS PLEASE NOTE:

A new liturgical ministry schedule for November and December is being prepared. Unavailable dates and contact changes are needed by Wednesday, October 21. We especially need to know your availability for Thanksgiving and Christmas weekends including the Feast of The Holy Family on December 27th. Please drop a note through the Parish Office door mail slot or e-mail Sue at scronin@dioceseaj.org. Thank you.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Today is World Mission Sunday. We are called through Baptism to be "missionaries of faith." Through our financial gifts we become partners with missionaries throughout the world who proclaim the Gospel and offer help and hope to the poor. A special envelope is provided in our October packet for this annual world-wide collection or you may use any envelope marked **World Mission Sunday** or **Propagation of the Faith**. Deposit with your regular offertory gift or drop off at the Parish Office during the week.

Parish Liturgy Committee Meeting

Wednesday, October 21- 12:45 PM in Seton Suite.

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 three 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.

Charismatic Prayer Group

The Charismatic Prayer Group will not meet this Monday, October 19th. Mark your calendar for **October 26th**, when Fr. Bill Kiel will be with us for a **Healing Mass** at 7:00 PM. All are always welcome to come and be blessed!

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 Barchak will preside and many of our civil officials will lead us in prayer. All are invited to participate.

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

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, October 11, 2015 - \$10,197.00

Stewardship of Time - Help is needed on Friday morning, October 23, to prepare a parish mailing. If you are available to help, please drop by the Seton Suite between 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM. Thank you.

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.

Cathedral Children: Youth Choir (Grades 3 and up)

Our first rehearsal will be held on **Thursday, October 22** at 4:00 PM in the Music Room.

Concerts Under the Dome

Presents Brenda Lynne Leach. Ms. Leach, a critically acclaimed conductor and organist from Boston, will perform on our historic Steinmeyer organ. Plan to attend this virtuosic performance on **Saturday, October 24** at **7:00 PM**. A free will offering will be accepted.

SACRAMENT PREPARATION

Confirmation

Saturday, October 24 - Eleventh Grade Confirmation Session for All BGCHS, Religious Ed and Home schooled students 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM in the Hall.

First Reconciliation

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.

Liturgical Reflection ...

**General
Instruction
of the
Roman Missal**

The chair of the priest celebrant must signify his function of presiding over the gathering and of directing the prayer. The more suitable place for the chair is facing the people at the head of the sanctuary, unless the design of the building prevents this. In any case, the chair is never to resemble a throne. The seat for the Deacon should be placed near that of the priest celebrant. All other ministers' seats should be arranged so that they are clearly distinguishable from the chair of the priest celebrant.

General Instruction of the Roman Missal, Number 310.

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.

HIGH SCHOOL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sixteen Cathedral students will attend **SHYCON** the Senior High Youth Conference at St. Francis University on **October 25**. These individuals will be excused from **F.I. R.E.** class on this date. All other students in Grades 9-11 (Religious Ed and Home-schooled) will meet in Cathedral Hall from **6:15 PM - 8:30 PM**.

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.