

# OCTOBER 11, 2015

## Scripture Reflection

What is true wisdom? The Book of Wisdom, written in Greek about 100 BC, conveys the spirituality of Judaism after the exile and focuses on divine wisdom. Today's passage is part of a prayer for wisdom. Wisdom is personified in Scripture as a divine figure who comes from God to guide us. "Therefore I prayed," says the Wisdom of Solomon, "and understanding was given me; I called on God, and the spirit of wisdom came to me." We are told that wisdom must be valued above all human gains--"I preferred her to scepters and thrones, and I accounted wealth as nothing in comparison with her"--but that with wisdom "all good things came to me along with her, and in her hands uncounted wealth."

In today's Gospel, a man questions Jesus about eternal life. Both the question and the answer involve action, not just belief. Initially, Jesus reminds him of the commandments, and yet the man wishes for more. So Jesus lovingly invites him to give up everything, to count God as his all, and then come follow him. This is the ultimate path of wisdom, looking only to God for our way of life. However, the man goes away sad, still tied to his possessions. The man wants to belong to God, to inherit eternal life, but is unable to let all of his security rest in God's promises. We are challenged to consider how much our faith lies in God and how much in our possessions.

Peter reminds Jesus that the disciples have already given up everything, probably referring to their boats, nets, and life as they knew it. The answer affirms the disciples' choice and reinforces Jesus' message to give up everything for the sake of him and the Gospel. The last line in this reading holds a surprise. Not only will the disciples receive a hundredfold of goods and relations, but also persecutions. This word sharpens the radical force of Jesus' teaching--to hand over everything to God, even our sense of well-being, trusting in his ultimate plan.

### • Pray for true wisdom. How do you describe the wise person?

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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**.

**WELCOME** - Cathedral Parish welcomes Father James Quinlan of **Cross International Catholic Outreach** who is speaking this weekend at all Masses on behalf of the poor in developing countries. Cross Catholic Outreach was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America. We warmly welcome Father James Quinlan.

**Rest In Peace** - Please remember in prayer Betty Heiningner who died and was buried this past week. May she rest in the peace of Christ.

# 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) 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

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**TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**OCTOBER 11, 2015**

Readings: Wis 7:7-11; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30

**MASS INTENTIONS**

October 12, Monday: Weekday

Readings: Rom 1:1-7; Lk 11:29-32

6:45 AM Eleanor Toth (Dave and Janet Zakrzwski)  
8:00 AM Mary Kathryn Kantoski, Ann. (Mom and Dad)  
12:00 PM Mildred Mauceri (Shawn and Denise Breslin)

October 13, Tuesday: Weekday

Readings: Rom 1:16-25; Lk 11:37-41

6:45 AM Michael Febbo (Jean Fornwalt)  
8:00 AM Trudy Eicher, Birthday (Betsy Cote)  
12:00 PM Rick Cowan, Anniversary (Mom)

October 14, Wednesday: Saint Callistus I, Pope, Mtyr

Readings: Rom 2:1-11; Lk 11:42-46

6:45 AM Merle and Jean Hirt (Children/Grandchildren)  
8:00 AM Rose Hart (Rosemarie Fedeli)  
12:00 PM Edward Moloney, Anniv. (Madeline Vogel)

October 15, Thursday: Saint Terese of Avila, Vir., Doc.

Readings: Rom 3:21-30; Lk 11:47-54

6:45 AM No Mass  
8:00 AM No Mass  
12:00 PM Danyll Rougeux (Diane Fanale)

October 16, Friday: Saint Hedwig/Saint Margaret Mary

Readings: Rom 4:1-8; Lk 12:1-7

6:45 AM No Mass  
8:00 AM Ruby Doyle (Roseanne Weigl)  
12:00 PM Paul Rose (DeLillis Milliron)

October 17, Saturday: Saint Ignatious of Antioch, Bis., Mtyr.

Readings: Rom 4:13, 16-18; Lk 12:8-12

8:00 AM Dick, Rick, and Karen (Cowan Family)  
12:00 PM Jim Roland (Renata Himes)  
Vigil: Twenty-Ninth Sunday In Ordinary Time

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

5:00 PM Patricia Rabine (Kathy Grove)

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

**Please note this week's Mass Schedule**

Our priests will be away on Thursday and Friday this week. On October 15, Mass will not be celebrated at 6:45 AM or 8:00 AM and on October 16 there will be no 6:45 AM Mass. Also, **Confessions will not be heard on Wednesday, October 14.** Please pass this information along to friends of Cathedral who pray with us during the week but may not see this announcement.

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

On October 1st Bishop Bartchak presided at Evening Prayer and the Certification Ceremony for the completion of studies for various ministries here in the Cathedral. Four of our Cathedral parishioners were recognized that evening. **Joseph Dzurenko** completed advanced ministry tracks in Liturgical Foundations and Hospital Ministry; **Paulette Farabaugh** completed the advanced ministry track in Hospital Ministry; **Lori Crilley** received her Master Catechist Certification; and **Chris Laraia** was recognized as a catechist with twenty-five years of service.

**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.

**Cathedral Catholic Daughters of the Americas**

A Membership Tea will be held in the Seton Suite at 2:00 PM this afternoon. All ladies of the Parish are warmly invited to attend. Bring only your ideas for guest speakers, prayer requests and a friend.

**Cathedral Christian Mothers**

A meeting is planned for 6:00 PM on Wednesday evening, October 14 to begin regular monthly meetings for the second Wednesday of each month. Come and meet some of the special ladies of Cathedral Parish. All are most welcome!

**Charismatic Prayer Group** - The Charismatic Prayer Group will meet this Monday, October 12th at 7:00 PM in the Cathedral. Also, 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!

**Tour Guide** - Thank you to Jim Seiler, who also shared time and talent with our visitors last month.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**  
**Sunday, October 4, 2015 - \$11,271.00**

**October 18 is World Mission Sunday!** What a good weekend this is for us to have Father Jim Quinlan with us to speak about **Cross Catholic**. The pamphlets he provides contain an envelope for our individual gifts to be sent directly to Cross Catholic Outreach postage free, or you may use any other envelope marked 'Cross Catholic' and deposit it along with your regular parish gift on World Mission Sunday. Please be generous.

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION**

**Baptism - Monday, October 12** in the Seton Suite at **7:00 PM**. Attendance at Baptismal Prep is required before a baptism is scheduled at Cathedral Parish and class is offered every other month. You do not have to wait until your baby arrives to come to class. Godparents are encouraged to attend as well. Call the Parish Office at 944-4603 to register. Next class, Monday, December 14. **Confirmation - Saturday, October 24** All BGCHS, Religious Ed, and Home schooled Eleventh Grade students are to meet at **6:00 PM** in the Parish Hall.

**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 24th at 7:00 PM. A free will offering will be accepted.

**Our Lady of Fatima Pierogie Sale - \$7.00 a dozen** Potato only, Potato with Cheddar, Cooked Cabbage and Saurkraut with Dill. 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.

**Liturgical Reflection ...**

**General  
Instruction  
of the  
Roman Missal**

The dignity of the Word of God requires a suitable place in the church from which it may be proclaimed and toward which the attention of the faithful naturally turns during the Liturgy of the Word. It is appropriate that the ambo be stationary and not movable. The ambo is located in keeping with the design of each church in such a way that the ministers of God's word may be clearly seen and heard by all in the church. The dignity of the ambo requires that only a minister of the word should stand at it.

General Instruction of the Roman Missal, Number 309.

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**INQUIRY**

Have you thought about joining the Church? Is your spiritual journey leading you to ask about the Catholic Church and her teachings? **Inquiry Sessions are every Sunday at 11:00 AM in the Seton Suite.** Plan to join the Christian Initiation Team on Sunday mornings following the 10:00 AM Mass. Bring a friend!

**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 11,**

Parents and Students in Grades 9-11 (Religious Ed and Home-schooled) meet in Cathedral Hall from **6:15 PM - 8:30 PM**. Our second session for October is scheduled for the 25th for all students not attending **SHYCON (Senior High Youth Conference)** at St. Francis University. **Service hours** will be awarded for helping with **Family Fun Night, October 31st**. Be sure to sign up tonight with Jean Koury.

**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.

**FAMILY NIGHT OCTOBER 31ST**

Family Night will be 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. There will also be the drawing of our Annual Raffle prizes that evening. Dress as a favorite saint or wear a Halloween costume to add to the fun. Plan to meet your friends here.