

**OCTOBER 4, 2015**

*Scripture Reflection*

In the Gospel, the Pharisees, trying to trick Jesus, ask him to comment on divorce. Jesus reminds them of the original order of creation: God joins a man and a woman (a couple) and humans should not divide them. Both the Genesis story and the Gospel emphasize the need for relationship and community, marriage and faithfulness, so that humans are not isolated. It is God's plan to have this close connection among humans.

Children are brought to Jesus, so that he might touch them and they might come to know him. However, the disciples, apparently thinking these meetings are a waste of Jesus's time, try to prevent the encounters. Frequently in Mark, the disciples play the role of gatekeepers, trying to prevent the crowds from bothering Jesus. But their efforts create a barrier, and Jesus is indignant. The lesson is: Don't hinder anyone from experiencing Christ: don't put obstacles on the path of faith; don't think that a person must fit a certain criteria before Jesus is interested. Christ wishes to welcome everyone. Jesus tells the disciples that "to such as these belongs the kingdom of God." In fact, the Reign of God belongs to those who, like these children, are eager to be with Christ, trusting and open to his words.

In the Genesis creation story, everything was called good until God said "It is not good for the man to be alone." This section of Genesis teaches us that human beings are made for one another and that no other creature or thing can replace the human relationships that help us grow in holiness. God created a partner for Adam. Take time this week to make a list of the people with whom God has enriched your life.

• **Adults, children, spouses, parents, siblings, and friends---we all need each other. Thank God for the human gifts in your life. Let him or her know of your love and appreciation.**

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**More on Our Parish Activity Center**

Our parish buildings house the ministries that encompass a broad spectrum of parish life. During the past several years the parish has been studying various options to best accommodate these ministries and, if possible, centralize them in one location. With the acquisition of the former Kopp building we will be able to realize this goal and meet the current and future needs of our vibrant parish family.

Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament parish is our most visible link with the Catholic Church and the Catholic faith. In our parish church and other buildings we come in close contact with the Lord, especially through the Mass and the sacraments and in a particularly important way through our programs of Religious Education. We need to be sure that we are prepared to pass on the Catholic Faith and the Catholic way of life which we ourselves received and which we are trying to maintain here now.

The new Parish Activity Center will allow us to realize this objective. The Center will be a multi-functional building containing ample classroom space for our Religious Education programs as well as parish offices, a social hall with full kitchen, meeting rooms and more. Many activities that have been curtailed or postponed will be now possible for all parishioners--from our youth to our seniors, from long-time parishioners to our newer members.

**Our Lady of Fatima Coupon Books**

"Save Around" coupon books for the remainder of 2015 and all of 2016 are being sold for \$20 each. They contain over \$5,000 worth of coupons for Altoona, State College and Johnstown. For every five books you sell or buy you will receive a free one. Call Ellen at the Our Lady of Fatima Office: 942-0371 between 8:00 AM and Noon, Monday through Friday or stop in at Cathedral Parish Office to see a copy and place your order with Sue. This would be a nice gift for someone who has everything and likes to be out and about!

**Catholic Daughters of the Americas**

Court Prince Gallitzin #2625 will meet on Monday, October 12, in the St. Rose of Lima Social Hall at 6:30 PM for a social followed by a 7:00 PM meeting. New members are welcome!

Please see today's enclosure regarding our 2015-2016 **Concerts Under the Dome** series.

**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**

**EUCCHARIST:**

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

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

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Deacon John J. Szwarc, Senior Deacon

CHRISTIAN INITIATION TEAM - 944-4603

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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

**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**OCTOBER 4, 2015**

Readings: Gn 2:18-24; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16

**MASS INTENTIONS**

October 5, Monday: Weekday

Readings: Jon 1:1-2:1, 11; Lk 10:25-37

6:45 AM Delphina Rutolo, Anniversary (Family)  
8:00 AM Karen Del Biondo (Our Lady of Fatima Staff)  
12:00 PM Jim Roland (Joseph and Rebecca Clark)

October 6, Tuesday: Saint Bruno, Priest

Readings: Jon 3:1-10; Lk 10:38-42

6:45 AM Dorothy Conrad (Daughter, Mildred)  
8:00 AM Sr. Jeanne Malloy, S.C., Birthday (Family)  
12:00 PM Joseph Pagliaro, Anniv. (Wife and Family)

October 7, Wednesday: Our Lady of the Rosary

Readings: Jon 4:1-11; Lk 11:1-4

6:45 AM Msgr. Thomas Madden (Estate)  
8:00 AM Deceased Members of McGreal Family  
12:00 PM Lois Riley (Carol Riley)

October 8, Thursday: Weekday

Readings: Mal 3:13-20; Lk 11:5-13

6:45 AM Nozzie, Jennie & Sandy Calabrese (Family)  
8:00 AM Serena Stevens (Cassy Parks/Don Smith)  
12:00 PM John Hupert, Anniversary (Family)

October 9, Friday: Saint Denis, Bishop and Companions

Readings: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Lk 11:15-26

6:45 AM Joseph A. Keirn (Mom and Dad)  
8:00 AM Tom Bryne, Wedding Anniv. (Carol Smith)  
12:00 PM Mildred Flick (Daughters)

October 10, Saturday: Weekday

Readings: Jl 4:12-21; Lk 11:27-28

8:00 AM Moose Plutko (Wife, Ann and Family)  
12:00 PM Rob Beiswenger (Mr. & Mrs. Kirk Kling)  
Vigil: Twenty-Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time  
Readings: Wis 7:7-11; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30  
5:00 PM David Kelly (Brother, Jim Kelly)

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

**Ride to Mass Needed**

An elderly gentleman who lives near the Jaffa Shrine is still looking for a ride to Mass here at the Cathedral. We are hoping that someone will volunteer to provide this service.

**Cross Catholic** will be represented at all Masses next weekend, **October 10 and 11**. Father Jim Quinlan will preach at the Masses asking for our assistance with the work of Cross Catholic.

**LIFE CHAIN TODAY! - Sunday, October 4**

Today is **Respect Life Sunday** and Citizens Concerned for Human Life invite you to join the life chain along Seventeenth Street and Ninth Avenue from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM this afternoon, praying for an end to abortion.

**ANNUAL RAFFLE - Don't be left out!**

The Annual Cathedral Raffle tickets are 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 is asked to purchase or sell at least four tickets.** The drawing will be held **Saturday, October 31 at Family Night** in Cathedral Hall. You need not be present to win.

**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 **October 7** session.

**Public Recitation of Rosary**

The ninth annual Altoona Public Rosary Rally will be on **Saturday, October 10** at 2:00 PM in Heritage Plaza (Eleventh Avenue and Fourteenth Street) downtown Altoona. This event is held in over 10,000 cities over the world on the same day. Please join in this October prayer in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary as we pray for peace.

**Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School**

It's time for the **4th Annual Marauder Chopper Drop** to be held on **Saturday, October 10, 2015** at 4:00 PM on Tom Irwin Field! Here is your chance to win \$10,000 and enjoy a great fall afternoon at Bishop Guilfoyle. Tickets can be purchased either at the school's main office or by calling 814-944-3997. Tickets are one for \$20 or three for \$50. There are only 1,300 tickets; so get them now before they are gone!

The **Charismatic Prayer Group** will not meet this Monday, October 5th. Christine Sanker will be giving a witness talk at the next meeting, on October 12th at 7:00 PM in the Cathedral.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

**Sunday, September 27, 2015 - \$8,148.00**

**September Tours of Cathedral**

Thank you to all who participated in our four tours of the Cathedral this past September. Sixty-five people took advantage of these tours. Called as stewards to share their time and talent, thank you to our tour guides: Mary Ellen Kelly, Stephanie Kilcoyne, Mike Miller, Marlene Sheets, Mary Gene Vogel and Butch Winkler. And thank you to Jean Koury for overseeing the tours.

**WANTED: Part Time Janitorial Help**

Altoona Central Catholic School is in need of a part-time person approximately 20 (flexible) hours per week to do light cleaning duties with no heavy lifting - \$7.50 an hour. Please call the school at 814-381-7011.

**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**

Family Intergenerational Religious Education for Parents and Students in Grades 9-11 (Religious Ed and Home-schooled) meet in Cathedral Hall from 6:15 PM - 8:30 PM. Classes for **October** are on the **11th** and the **25th**. **Service hours** will be awarded for helping with **Family Fun Night** on **October 31st** and don't forget **SHYCON** at St. Francis University on **October 25**. See Jean Koury for more details, sign-up sheets, and registration forms.

**IN OTHER PARISHES**

**Saint Benedict Church**, Carrolltown, will have a Pie Sale and Arts and Crafts Show on Saturday, October 17 from 10:00 AM to 3:30 PM in the Church Hall.

**Saint Catherine Church**, Duncansville, will host a Basket Bingo to support St. Leonard's Home charity care fund on Saturday, October 24, 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM. For more information or tickets (\$25) call 695-9561.

**Liturgical Reflection ...**

**General  
Instruction  
of the  
Roman Missal**

Moderation should be observed in the decoration of the altar. Flowers in Advent are marked with moderation in anticipation of Christmas; floral arrangements for the altar are forbidden in Lent in anticipation of Easter. Flowers and plants are always to be around the altar rather than on the altar table. During the Liturgy of the Word the *Book of the Gospels* may be placed on the altar; for the Liturgy of the Eucharist, the chalice, paten, ciborium, corporal and purificator along with the *Roman Missal* are placed on the altar. Arranged discreetly, there should be a microphone to amplify the priest's voice.

General Instruction of the Roman Missal, Numbers 305, and 306.

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

**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 held 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!

**New and Expectant Parents Please Note:**

Our next Session of **Baptismal Preparation** is scheduled for **Monday, October 12** at 7:00 PM in the Seton Suite. This required class is offered every other month. Next date, Monday, December 14.

**A BENEFIT CONCERT Featuring Some Of The Region's Most Talented Artists**

Organists: Claude Fabinyi, Kevin Luke, Michael Busija, Pianists: Sam Kibler, Richard Miller, and Vocalist: Patti Fabinyi on **Sunday, October 11** at 3:00 PM, First Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1401 12th Avenue, Altoona. A free will offering will supplement the maintenance fund for the Aeolian Skinner 36 Rank Pipe Organ. The underlined are Cathedral Music Ministry personnel.

**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.