

JULY 12, 2015

Scripture Reflection

Jesus commissions the Twelve to continue his ministry of forgiveness and healing and sends them off two by two. His instructions are quite specific: they are to pack no food, no sack, no money in their belts and no second tunic. A pair of travelers walking the rough roads of Palestine without food, money, sack, or extra tunic would be conspicuously vulnerable and utterly dependent on the hospitality of residents along the way. This travel style was a prophetic symbolic action, demonstrating trust in divine providence and human goodness.

Jesus sends his messengers out into the world to share his message and his ministry, but the sending of the apostles is not so much about traveling vast distances as it is about being present for the people around them. Wherever you live, that is the place evangelization occurs. Jesus stresses this aspect of presence when he says, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave." We are to be grounded to a place; we are in the place where we are in the name of Christ. Jesus sent his apostles to live with people as they were and where they were, and to invite them to live with him. It is the encounter with and dwelling with Jesus that creates disciples. The apostles are able to represent Jesus because they know him and have lived with him. Just as he welcomed them, they are to welcome and stay with all they meet, relying not on material goods but on God and the kindness of strangers

If you would follow Jesus and continue his preaching and healing mission, travel light and realize that evangelization usually occurs in the normal human contact of hospitality and table fellowship. Where is Jesus found? Wherever two or three are gathered, there is Christ, there is the Church. We set our holy tent among the people among whom we live. In our midst we find compassion, love, forgiveness, hope, and mercy.

• **Be with Jesus where you live. How are you evangelizing in the Lord's name in your place?**

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Catholic Practice *Did you know?*

Can Catholics be cremated? The short answer is yes. A more serious look at the practice of cremation shows the preference for the body to be buried, the body of Jesus was laid in a tomb and three days later his body rose to new life. However, for financial, ecological, or health concerns, a Catholic may be cremated. Cremation is always possible as long as it was not inspired by motives contrary to Christian teaching, i.e., denial of the resurrection of the dead. The Church does ask that when possible, the body be present for the Funeral Mass and, then, the cremation occur after Mass. Why the preference for the body at the Funeral Mass? The human body is sacred. Made in the image of God, this is the body that was baptized with water, anointed with oil, received the Body and Blood of Christ at Mass, the body that spoke of God's love and forgiveness, and the body that performed deeds of mercy for the poor and lowly. As the temple of God's Spirit, the human body is holy. It is not Catholic practice to hold onto the ashes of the deceased. Both the body and the ashes of the deceased are to be committed to the grave, placed at rest until the Lord comes again in all his glory.

ANNUAL RAFFLE

The Annual Cathedral Raffle **tickets are available** for sale at the **Parish Office!** We are now looking for individuals who would like to take responsibility for group sales at work, in neighborhoods, or at family gatherings, and also volunteers to sell tickets after weekend Masses. There will be twenty cash prizes with \$5,000.00 in prizes: (1) \$2,000.00; (2) \$1,000.00 (3) \$500.00; (4) \$200.00; (5) \$200.00; (6) \$100.00; (7) \$100.00; (8) \$100.00; (9) \$100.00; (10) \$100.00; (11) \$100.00; (12) \$100.00; (13) \$100.00; (14) \$50.00; (15) \$50.00; (16) \$50.00; (17) \$50.00; (18) \$50.00; (19) \$25.00; (20) \$25.00. **One ticket will cost \$5.00. Each family is asked to purchase or sell at least four tickets.** Chances will be mailed later this month The drawing will be held Saturday, October 31 at **Family Night** in the Cathedral Hall.

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

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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 11:15 AM - 12:30 PM
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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Kevin J. Luke - E-mail: kluke@dioceseaj.org

Administrative Duties and Organist - 944-2044

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 12, 2015

Readings: Am 7:12-15; Eph 1:3-14; Mk 6:7-13

MASS INTENTIONS

July 13, Monday: Saint Henry

Readings: Ex 1:8-14, 22; Mt 10:34--11:1

6:45 AM Margaret McConnell (M/M Dave Gingerich)
8:00 AM Fr. Richard Krumenacher (MMF. McCloskey)
12:00 PM Mildred Burchfield (Erma Kennedy)

July 14, Tuesday: Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

Readings: Ex 2:1-15; Mt 11:20-24

6:45 AM Francis Shepherd (Nancy and Skip)
8:00 AM Ernie Tomassetti (Mr. and Mrs. Ron Palmer)
12:00 PM John Tomlinson (Mother, Janet)

July 15, Wednesday: Saint Bonaventure, Bishop, Doc.

Readings: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Mt 11:25-27

6:45 AM No Mass
8:00 AM No Mass
12:00 PM Danyll Rougeux (Mom and Dad)

July 16, Thursday: Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Readings: Ex 3:13-20; Mt 11:28-30

6:45 AM No Mass
8:00 AM No Mass
12:00 PM Diane M. Johnston, Anniversary (Mother)

July 17, Friday: Weekday

Readings: Ex 11:10--12:14; Mt 12:1-8

6:45 AM Alice Ann Martynuska (Fred and Gail)
8:00 AM James Conrad, Birthday (Mary Conrad)
12:00 PM Fr. Louis J. Mulvehill (Alice Winkler Family)

July 18, Saturday: Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest

Readings: Ex 12:37-42; Mt 12:14-21

8:00 AM Steve Fink (McNelis All-Stars)
12:00 PM Rob Beiswenger (Dave and Agnes Kirsch)
Vigil: Sixteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time
Readings: Jer 23:1-6; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34
5:00 PM Birthday Inten. of Fred Petrunak, Sr. (Family)

Overnight for Priests and Bishop

The priests of the Diocese and the Bishop will be taking time together to visit the Shrine of the North American Martyrs in upstate New York, and will also go to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Syracuse this Wednesday and Thursday. Bishop and priests will celebrate Mass at both locations. Please note the change in Mass schedule here at the Cathedral for these days. **There will be only the Noon Mass on July 15 and July 16.**

Congratulations!

Kevin Luke, administrator of Cathedral Music Ministry and organist, celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage with Anna Whooley at Saint Francis Xavier Parish, Cresson, on Saturday, June 27, 2015. Congratulations to the newly married couple. May God bless Kevin and Anna with many years of happiness and love in their life together.

Bus Trip

This July's bus trip for singles and widowed has been canceled due to the low response. Ideas and thoughts for future events are most welcome. Please contact Chris Laraia at 946-3475 or the Parish Office at 944-4014. A time together for theatre, pilgrimage, or tour would be a great opportunity for the single and widowed of the Parish. Have ideas? Please share!

Parish Summer Events

CASINO NIGHT - Saturday, August 8, in Cathedral Hall, 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM. This is an adult evening with various booths along with beverages. Parishioners are asked to come forward to volunteer help with the various booths. This event will be advertised in other parish bulletins and is open to friends of the Cathedral Parish. Plan ahead and place in your August calendar.

ANNUAL RAFFLE - This replaces the summer festival raffle. Throughout August, September, and October the parish will sponsor the annual raffle with \$5,000.00 in cash prizes. One ticket costs \$5.00. The drawing will be at Family Night, October 31 in the Cathedral Hall. You need not be present to win.

MASS FOR VOCATIONS NEXT SUNDAY!

The Diocesan Office of Vocations will be sponsoring a Mass praying for an increase in Diocesan Priest Vocations within our Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown. This Mass will be celebrated by **Bishop Mark Barchak** at the Our Lady of the Alleghenies Shrine in Loretto, PA on **Sunday, July 19**, beginning at **7:00 PM**. Please bring your own lawn chair. In case of inclement weather this Mass will be celebrated inside the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel in Loretto. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, July 5, 2015 - \$10,058.00

Missionary Co-op

This Weekend, July 11 and 12, we welcome Father Luis M. Anguila, MXY to the Cathedral. He is a priest who is currently serving the people of God in Kenya, Africa, where he has been for several years. Fr. Anguila is originally from Colombia. He belongs to the **Yarumal Missionaries**. The goal of the Yarumal Missionaries, who were founded 85 years ago, is to witness the Gospel of Jesus Christ among people and cultures where the Gospel is not yet fully preached. They are present in Bolivia, Ecuador, Peru, Colombia, Panama, Kenya, Ivory Coast, Ethiopia, Angola, Cambodia and Thailand. In order to carry out their pastoral programs, these missionaries depend very much on the generosity of the Christians from parishes they visit. Our support for Fr. Anguila is a sign that reminds us of our baptismal vocation: **we are also missionaries of Christ**. Please prayerfully consider your gift and enclose it in the envelope attached to this bulletin. Bring it with you next weekend and deposit it in the Offertory collection with your regular donation, return it by mail, or drop it through the Parish Office door mail slot during the week. Thank you for your generosity.

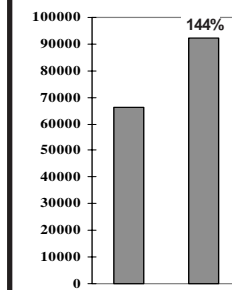
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PRE K-11

Registration for 2015-16 for all students, both current and new, will be held after all Masses on Saturday/Sunday, August 29-30 in the Seton Suite. New members are asked to bring a copy of the student's Baptismal Certificate.

St. Joan of Arc Church Parish Festival

Sunday, July 19th from 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Featuring Turkey and Noodle Dinner with all the trimmings. Dinner served Family Style from 11 AM to 3 PM. Adults \$10.00, Children 5 to 12 \$5.00.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2015



This year the Cathedral Parish goal was set at **\$66,350.00**. We have raised **\$95,425.00** with 42% of our families participating. We are now receiving monthly checks from the Diocese as we make our pledge payments

and with our four new gifts this week we should have a total return of **\$29,075.00** for our **special Parish Project** of replacing the steps in the front of the Cathedral going down to the alley and the adjoining steps going down the front (alley side) of the Cathedral. Every registered family is asked to participate in the 2015 Annual Catholic Appeal. A gift of any amount will be appreciated. Thank you.

FREE BG YOUTH FOOTBALL CLINIC

Open to any and all students entering 1st through 8th grade, the clinic will be held July 15 from 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM at Bishop Guilfoyle's Tom Irwin Field and will be conducted by Varsity Head Coach, Justin Wheeler and the Varsity Team. A completed registration form is required by July 10 (walk-ins also welcome, but must complete registration form). Awards, prizes and ice cream! Wear shorts, t-shirts and spikes and bring your own water. For more information and registration form please call 944-8847.

Charismatic Prayer Group

The Charismatic Prayer Group will meet this Monday, July 13 at 7:00 PM in the Cathedral. There will be Praise and Worship music followed by a spiritual talk by Father David Rizzo. Come and pray with us! All are welcome!

Liturgical Reflection ...

General Instruction of the Roman Missal

The faithful should not refuse to serve the People of God in gladness whenever they are asked to perform some particular service or function at Mass. The faithful are called upon to serve as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Reader, Psalmist, Cantor, Choir Member Organist, Pianist, and Instrumentalist, Greeter and Usher, Altar Server, Presenting the Bread, Wine, and Monetary Gifts, Commentator, Sacristan, Decorating the Church, and Scheduling the Various Liturgical Ministries. The faithful are called upon to be stewards of their time and talent.

General Instruction of the Roman Missal, Number 97.

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