

JUNE 28, 2015

Scripture Reflection

The author of the Book of Wisdom assures us that "God did not make death nor does he rejoice in the destruction of the living." And indeed, in the Gospel when Jesus heals the little girl, death is rendered defenseless. Our faith teaches us that in death, life is changed, not ended.

There are two questions from Jesus moments before healings. The first, "Who touched me?" the second, "Why are you crying?" The first directed to a woman pushing her way through the crowd hoping for deliverance from twelve years of hemorrhaging, some say the result of a menstrual disorder. Scared of reprimand as a woman, for daring to publicly touch a man, a holy man no less, she fell to the ground humble, hopeful, acknowledging that she was the one. What is hope? I think, hope is faith in embryo, gestating in the heart, her heart, much impressing Jesus, who with warm understanding brought to full term her faith, saying without reprimand, "Daughter be healed!"

In relation to the girl, Jesus asks, "Why are you crying?" to the crowd and to the family of the very sick pre-teen girl who had died. Her Dad had asked Jesus to come to his house and heal his daughter, but now she was dead and people scorned and laughed at Jesus when he said, "She is sleeping!" Jesus told the Dad to send all the gapers out of the house, then with the child's parents entered her room saying to her faith-filled Dad, "Just believe!" Jesus took the dead twelve year old by the hand and said authoritatively, but gently, "Get up!" What a shock-she did! Then Jesus told her parents to give her something to eat showing that the Lord is concerned with human need even in the most solemn moments of life.

When death comes to destroy, faith in Christ's healing power is sufficient, even over death. The Old Testament and the New Testament confirm that death is not something Christ prefers. The first covenant says, "Choose life!" The Gospel says effectually that Christ came so that people may have abundant life. No doubt about it, miracles do happen sustaining life at every level. Creation continues as God sustains all.

• **Both the woman and the girl are restored to life. How has God restored your life?**

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AMERICA MAGAZINE: June 22-29, 2015, Bruce Snowden comments.

Cereal Collection on Father's Day

Cathedral Parish collected over five dozen boxes of cereal for the needy. Saint Vincent DePaul Society appreciates our kind response for the poor in our community. Families with children will be provided with this breakfast nourishment.

Gifting the Cathedral Parish

As wills and insurance policies are established with your attorney, remember the Cathedral Parish as a beneficiary of your estate. Perhaps you would like to direct your gift to a particular ministry or project at the Parish. Please realize that Mass Stipends go directly to fulfilling that canonical wish and do not aid the financial life of the Parish.

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

Our Lady of Lourdes' young adult group, "Spirit and Truth" is hosting a retreat for young adults ages 18-40 at the Sacred Heart Spirituality Center on Munster Road, Portage, PA. This will take place beginning on **Friday, July 17 at 7 PM to Saturday, July 18 ending in the evening**. The theme of the retreat is *GOING DEEPER* ("Go out into the deep" Luke 5:4). We have many activities planned including prayer time, several talks about going deeper in our relationship with the Lord, praise and worship adoration, small group discussion, social activities, quiet time and ending with Saturday vigil Mass. The cost is \$30.00 per person, and checks can be made out to Our Lady of Lourdes. There is limited number of spots so registration is on first come/first served basis. If you have any questions please email spiritandtruth814@gmail.com or call Our Lady of Lourdes (943-6185). RSVP by Monday, July 13.

St. Joan of Arc Church Parish Festival

St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, Route 53, Frugality, PA (near Prince Gallitzin State Park and Glendale Lake) will be holding their annual 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.

Garvey Manor 50th Anniversary

It's mission "To promote and provide personal and professional quality of care and service in an atmosphere which reflects Christ's compassion, love and concern for the elderly," and they do it so well. Congratulations!

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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 11:15 AM - 12:30 PM
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) 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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Deacon John J. Szwarc, Senior Deacon

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Web: www.altoonacentralcatholic.com
Elementary - Pre-K thru Grade 5 - 381-7011

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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

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JUNE 28, 2015

Readings: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24; 2 Cor 8:7,9,13-15; Mk 5:21-43

MASS INTENTIONS

June 29, Monday: Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles
Readings: Acts 12:1-11; 2 Tm 4:6-8,17-18; Mt 16:13-19
6:45 AM John Bishop (Emily Bishop)
8:00 AM Ventura Mincin (Susan Galant)
12:00 PM George Seidel, Anniversary (Family)

June 30, Tuesday: First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church
Readings: Gn 19:15-29; Mt 8:23-27
6:45 AM Joseph & Bertha Williams (Joseph & Virginia)
8:00 AM Audrey Krause (Phyllis Sheetz)
12:00 PM Danyll Rougeux (Paula & Harry Miller)

July 1, Wednesday: Blessed Junipero Serra, Priest
Readings: Gn 21:5,8-20; Mt 8:28-34
6:45 AM Juniata Schettig (Tom and Karen Kip)
8:00 AM Louis Greiner (Nancy and Skip)
12:00 PM Robert Smithmyer (John and Joan)

July 2, Thursday: Weekday
Readings: Gn 22:1-19; Mt 9:1-8
6:45 AM Msgr. Thomas Madden (Estate)
8:00 AM Anastasia 'Annie' Hanlin (Terry and Jeanne)
12:00 PM Jennie Calabrese (Bridge Club Friends)

July 3, Friday: Saint Thomas, Apostle
Readings: Eph 2:19-22; Jn 20:24-29
6:45 AM Lois Gailey (Herk and Patty Stevens)
8:00 AM Rene A. and Henriette M. Thibault, Wed. Ann.
12:00 PM Amandus Gallagher (Steve and Lucy DiLeo)

July 4, Saturday: Independence Day
Readings: Gn 27:1-5,15-29; Mt 9:14-17
9:00 AM Jim Roland (Rae & Joseph Kapfhammer)
No Noon Mass
12:30 PM Confessions
Vigil: Fourteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time
Readings: Ez 2:2-5; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6
5:00 PM Catherine Beech Frederick, Anniv. (Family)

Fourth of July Mass Schedule

Please note there is no 8:00 AM or Noon Mass this Saturday. Mass for the 4th of July will be at 9:00 AM. Confessions will be heard at 12:30 PM. And there will be the regular 5:00 PM Vigil Mass for Sunday.

First Friday Communion Calls This Week

Our clergy visit the sick and home-bound of the parish each month. Call the Parish Office at 944-4603 to arrange a visit for yourself or a loved one.

Parish Summer Events

BUS TRIP - A day trip for singles, widowed, and all members of the Parish Family on Tuesday, July 21. Sign-up sheets are at the Cathedral Square door if interested in joining in this event. The group will go to the Rocky Gap Casino in Maryland, less than an hour away from Altoona. Please sign up by Sunday, July 5.

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.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS PLEASE NOTE:

A new liturgical ministry schedule for July 11th through August 30th will be sent out this week. Thank you to those who have provided us with vacation dates and changes in phone numbers and addresses. We will do our best to meet everyone's needs. If you need a new phone list for substitutes please call the Parish Office.

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 **July 1** session.

CATHEDRAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Newly registered Cathedral families and those established families with children ready to enter our Religious Education Program in the fall for the first time are asked to contact Chris Laraia at 312-7317 as soon as possible to pre-register for 2015-2016.

Please remember our sick in your prayers.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION
Sunday, June 21, 2015 - \$8,494.00

Peter's Pence Collection This Weekend

Be a pilgrim of charity and support the works of the Holy Father through the Peter's Pence Collection **June 27 and 28**. This collection provides emergency assistance to those most in need, including victims of oppression, natural disaster, and war. A special blue envelope labeled HOLY FATHER is provided in our June offertory set or you may mark any other with your intention. If you forgot today, drop it off at the Parish Office or bring it next weekend!

Marriage Congratulations

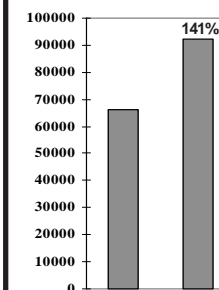
Jennifer Mueller and Brian Isenberg celebrated their marriage surrounded with family and friends here in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament on Saturday, June 20. May they be blessed with many years of love and happiness and may they continue to find support and affirmation here among us, their Cathedral Parish Family. God Bless!

FAITH DAY AT DELGROSSO'S 2015

TODAY - SUNDAY, JUNE 28 at **DelGrosso's Amusement Park, Tipton, PA**. Liturgy at 3:00 PM with Bishop Mark. All day Ride & Slide passes are available for a reduced price of \$12 (\$19.95 value) with a **Diocesan Faith Day Voucher** which are available in **Pavilion #2** at the park. Where we will also be collecting non-perishable food items and free will offerings to benefit Catholic Charities. The Picnic will be held in Pavilion #2 at 5:00 PM for those who have purchased meal tickets. Sorry, no dinner sales on site.

Did you remember to bring a non-perishable food item or paper product for the needy?

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2015



This year the Cathedral Parish goal was set at **\$66,350.00**. We have raised **\$93,475.00** 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 **\$27,125.00** 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.

Outdoor Masses

Father Matthew Reese, Diocesan Director of Vocations, celebrates Mass on Sunday evenings at 7:00 PM at the Our Lady of the Alleghenies Shrine in Loretto. Mass intentions are for an increase in vocations in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown. Liturgy will be celebrated every Sunday evening through Labor Day weekend. Bring your own lawn chair. In the event of rain, Mass will be celebrated inside the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel.

Nocturnal Adoration - The monthly Vigil of Prayer scheduled by the Nocturnal Adoration Society for **Friday, July 3**, will be held at Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Altoona from 8:00 PM until 11:00 PM. Cathedral hour is 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM. New members are always welcome.

Liturgical Reflection ...

General Instruction of the Roman Missal

After the Priest, the Deacon, in virtue of the sacred Ordination he has received, holds first place among those who minister in the celebration of the Eucharist. The Order of Deacon has been held in high honor in the Church from the early time of the Apostles. At Mass the Deacon has his own part in proclaiming the Gospel, from time to time in preaching God's Word, in announcing the intentions of the Universal Prayer, in ministering to the Priest, in preparing the altar and in serving the celebration of the Sacrifice, in distributing the Eucharist to the faithful, especially under the species of wine, and from time to time in giving instructions regarding the people's gestures and postures.

General Instruction of the Roman Missal, Number 94.

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