

JULY 5, 2015

Scripture Reflection

For at least two reasons we are generally reluctant to refer to Jesus as a prophet. First, the title seems too small for Jesus, whom we acknowledge as much more than a prophet. In fact, many non-Christians acknowledge Jesus as a prophet, but deny that he is divine. Second, in contemporary usage, the word *prophet* connotes prediction of the future, whereas in the Israelite tradition the role of prophet was understood mainly as speaking to the people in the name of God, and mainly about the present. Old Testament and New Testament prophets usually issued a call to repentance, so they referred to the past to call for a change in the present, and they looked to the future to encourage hopeful living in the present. One had to open both mind and heart to the prophet's message.

An essential aspect to both hearing God and then doing God's will is humility, for often God is speaking to us things we do not want to hear and telling us things we would rather not do. Jesus in his own hometown faced a lack of humility, with people unwilling to open themselves up to the will of God. Mark tells us that Jesus could do no deed of power there; the reason for this was their "lack of faith." This might also be described as unwillingness to acknowledge God's will and then to cooperate with it. If we refuse to respond, there is little God can do.

The apostle Paul offers another picture. What changed most profoundly with Paul was his humility, his willingness to repent of his past persecutions and to admit to a sinful past. The genuineness of his humility is seen most clearly in his readiness to go from persecutor to persecuted, to suffer all things for the word of God. For in light of the Crucified One, life was about hearing and following the will of God, whose Son had transformed him.

We still today, are called to be open to God's word and to hear it. We too must have faith no matter the circumstances in which we are called, or to which we are called, even though we might prefer an easier path. For in our humility comes our transformation to greatness in imitation of our Lord: "For whenever I am weak, then I am strong."

• **Do you see yourself as living the virtue of humility? Would your family and friends describe you as humble?**

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Catholic Practice *Did you know?*

Whenever the Church gathers for Mass, the readers at that Mass are to be practicing Catholics. On Sundays both readers of the first and second readings are baptized Catholics who practice their faith. So it is at weddings and funerals that take place within Mass, the readers are to be baptized, practicing Catholics. Now if the wedding or funeral takes place outside of Mass, the readers may be non-Catholic, baptized Christians, i.e. members of the Protestant churches. This practice within the Catholic faith reflects the Church's genuine concern to safeguard the truth of our sacraments. As we gather around the holy altar where bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ, it is presumed that members of the Church who profess a belief in the great Sacrament of the Eucharist be participants of the liturgy of the Word. When we gather for prayer outside of the Sacrament, baptized non-Catholics are permitted to take part in the reading ministry.

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** with Saturday vigil Mass The theme of the retreat is *GOING DEEPER* ("Go out into the deep" Luke 5:4). The cost is \$30.00 per person, and checks can be made out to Our Lady of Lourdes. If you have any questions email spiritandtruth814@gmail.com or call Our Lady of Lourdes (943-6185). Please **RSVP by Monday, July 13.**

ANNUAL RAFFLE

The Annual Cathedral Raffle tickets will be available soon! 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 four tickets.** The drawing will be held Saturday, October 31 at **Family Night** in the Cathedral Hall.

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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 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

Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak, Bishop

Reverend Monsignor Robert C. Mazur, Rector

Reverend Father Dennis M. Kurdziel, Parochial Vicar

Reverend Father John J. Slovickovski, In Residence

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

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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

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 5, 2015

Readings: Ez 2:2-5; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6

MASS INTENTIONS

- July 6, Monday: Saint Maria Goretti, Virgin, Martyr
 Readings: Gn 28:10-22; Mt 9:18-26
 6:45 AM Deacon John Rys (Michael and Heidi Douglas)
 8:00 AM Vi Franchio (Mr. and Mrs. Barry Launi)
 12:00 PM Mildred Burchfield (Barbara and Family)
- July 7, Tuesday: Weekday
 Readings: Gn 32:23-33; Mt 9:32-38
 6:45 AM Msgr. Thomas Madden (Estate)
 8:00 AM Health of Clare Jean Behe (David/Christine)
 12:00 PM Frank P. Kapfhammer (Debbie Thurheimer)
- July 8, Wednesday: Weekday
 Readings: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7, 17-24; Mt 10:1-7
 6:45 AM Regina Billetdeaux (Herk and Patty Stevens)
 8:00 AM Father Louis Mulvehill (Month's Mind)
 12:00 PM Pat Dennis, Birthday (Daughter, Betty)
- July 9, Thursday: Saint Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest
 Readings: Gn 44:18-21, 23-29; 45:1-5; Mt 10:7-15
 6:45 AM Maureen Martynuska Wolf (Fred and Gail)
 8:00 AM Pat Rabine (Cathedral Calendar of Prizes)
 12:00 PM Mildred Flick (Daughters)
- July 10, Friday: Weekday
 Readings: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Mt 10:16-23
 6:45 AM Charles R. Lumadue, Anniv. (Wife, Mary)
 8:00 AM Jim Roland (Frances Ruprick Family)
 12:00 PM Jennie Calabrese (Sister, Josephine Gallucci)
- July 11, Saturday: Saint Benedict, Abbot
 Readings: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26; Mt 10:24-33
 8:00 AM Sam Coen (Terri and Vince Durbin)
 12:00 PM John Vogel, Anniversary (Madeline Vogel)
 Vigil: Fifteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time
 Readings: Am 7:12-15; Eph 1:3-14; Mk 6:7-13
 5:00 PM Lotti Gajewski (Patricia Grove)

Pray For Our Sick - Remember our sisters and brothers who are weakened by illness. Prayers are sometimes the best prescribed medicine. Call the Parish Office: 944-4603, if a loved one is in the hospital.

Rest In Peace
 Please remember in prayer, Paul W. Richardson, who died and was buried from the Cathedral this past week. May he rest in the peace of Christ. May his family and friends be comforted in the faith.

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. **We need 12 to 15 persons to register before ordering a bus. Please sign-up today so we can proceed.**

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

The Diocesan Office of Vocations will be sponsoring a Mass praying for Diocesan Priest Vocations within our Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown. This Mass will be celebrated by **Bishop Mark Bartchak** 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.

Looking Ahead
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.

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

OFFERTORY COLLECTION
 Sunday, June 28, 2015 - \$9,568.00

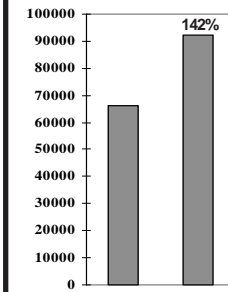
Missionary Co-op
Next Weekend, July 11 and 12, we will welcome Father Luis M. Anguila, MXY to the Cathedral. He is a priest who is currently serving the people of God in Kenya, Africa, where he has been for several years. Fr. Anguila is originally from Colombia. He belongs to the **Yarumal Missionaries**. 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.**

Congratulations

Marriage: Janelle Hoover and Sam Marino IV celebrated their marriage surrounded with family and friends here in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament on Saturday, June 27. May they be blessed with many years of love and happiness.

Baptism: Adalyn Jane Camberg was baptized and welcomed into our Cathedral Parish Family at Noon Mass on Sunday, June 28. Congratulations to parents, Brian and Rebecca Lutz Camberg, along with sisters, Grace Elizabeth and Hailey Roberta, Godparents, Uncle Mathew and Aunt Ashli, relatives and friends. Adalyn will grow in her Christian identity to the degree that family and friends model the faith.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2015



This year the Cathedral Parish goal was set at **\$66,350.00**. We have raised **\$94,275.00** with 42% of our families participating. We are now receiving monthly checks from the Diocese as we make our pledge payments

and with our two new gifts this week we should have a total return of **\$27,925.00** 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 not meet this Monday, July 6th. We will meet again on Monday, July 13th at 7:00 PM. Father David Rizzo will be our speaker.

**General
 Instruction
 of the
 Roman Missal**

Liturgical Reflection ...

In the celebration of the Mass, the faithful form a holy people, a people of God's own possession, so that they may give thanks to God and offer the unblemished sacrificial Victim not only by means of the hands of the Priest but also together with him and so that they may learn to offer their very selves. The people of God form one body, whether in hearing the Word of God, or taking part in the prayers and in the singing, or above all by the common offering of the Sacrifice and by participating together at the Lord's table. This unity is beautifully apparent from the gestures and bodily postures observed together by the faithful throughout Mass.

General Instruction of the Roman Missal, Numbers 95 and 96..