

FEBRUARY 8, 2015

Scripture Reflection

A person without work is in an uncertain situation, financially and emotionally, and being jobless can erode a sense of worth. But those lucky enough to have jobs seem always to be plotting when to retire. Although work is sometimes a burden, it is also necessary.

Job reflects the relentless toil of human work. However, work has a more positive dimension, the Sabbath shows us that work is ultimately related to the higher reality of rest. The true human goal is life in God's rest, yet it seems this too requires some work.

A distinction can be made between the drudgery of daily work and the work for God's kingdom in the New Testament, but it is not the case that we can simply pronounce the work of this world unimportant. There is a goodness that exists in the work of this world. Perhaps we can see the goodness of work most fully in evangelization. The apostle Paul had to work in a trade to support himself as a tent-maker, according to Acts 18:3, but it was the work of the Gospel that was most significant for him. Paul refused to take payment for the work of preaching the Gospel. Paul's work was in the service of the kingdom that all might enter in and participate in God's eternal rest.

Jesus himself knew the goodness and necessity of work and rest, not just our true goal, to rest in contemplation of God, but in the need to rest from human toil. After Jesus heals Peter's mother-in-law in the Gospel of Mark, she resumes her own work of service immediately. After he cured many who were sick, he went to seek his own rest in a deserted place. Jesus too needed this time of re-creation.

Yet when Peter and the others tracked Jesus down, Jesus did not complain. Jesus had work to do and it was essential that it get done. We ourselves must seek a balance in our own lives, for our work here is necessary and good, but it is not our final purpose. Our final purpose is to enter into the kingdom, so that we might enjoy eternal rest in God's presence.

• **Am I a hard worker - in both human toil and in service of God's kingdom?**

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COMING SOON TO THE CATHEDRAL LENTEN LUNCHES

Ash Wednesday and Fridays of Lent

11:00 AM until 1:30 PM



FISH SANDWICH
with
MACARONI & CHEESE
or
FRENCH FRIES
\$6.00



Ash Wednesday - February 18,
Friday - February 20, Friday - February 27;
Friday - March 6, Friday - March 13,
Friday - March 20, Friday - March 27
(NO LUNCH SERVED ON GOOD FRIDAY)
Eat-in or Take-out. No pre-paid orders.
Please call in orders of ten or more.
**Volunteers are needed to help with food
preparation and serving! Please call 944-4603**

LITURGICAL MINISTERS PLEASE NOTE:

A new liturgical ministry schedule for the Season of Lent (February 21/22 through March 28/29) is being prepared. Unavailable dates or changes are needed by Tuesday, February 10. Thank You.

FAITH FINANCES

The Altoona-Johnstown Diocese will be welcoming Tom Zoradoni, the founder and author of *Faith Finances* to present a workshop on Saturday, February 28, from 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM at the Sacred Heart Spirituality Center, Portage, PA. Learn and live your faith by using scripture and basic budgeting tools to become financially free. The workshop atmosphere will be fun and relaxed - no personal finance information will be shared with the group. Cost for the course is \$45 a person or \$75 a couple which includes materials, breakfast and lunch. **Reservation deadline: February 17**. Send name, address, phone number and payment to: Family Life Office, 5379 Portage Street, Lilly, PA 15938 (814 886-5551).

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 March 4 session.

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

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 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

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

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 John E. Rys

Deacon James F. Leap, Senior Deacon

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
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

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 8, 2015

Readings: Jb 7:1-4,6-7; 1 Cor 9:16-19,22-23; Mk1:29-39

MASS INTENTIONS

February 9, Monday: Weekday

Readings: Gn 1:1-19; Mk 6:53-56

- 6:45 AM Thanks. & Remem. (Kling/Weaver Families)
- 8:00 AM Helen Zurilla, Anniversary (Family)
- 12:00 PM Mildred Flick (Daughters)

February 10, Tuesday: Saint Scholastica, Virgin

Readings: Gn 1:20-2:4; Mk 7:1-13

- 6:45 AM Madeline Seidel, Anniversary (Jim & Elaine)
- 8:00 AM Jim Roland (Anne Musser)
- 12:00 PM Joseph Pagliaro (Cathedral Parish)

February 11, Wednesday: Our Lady of Lourdes

Readings: Gn 2:4-9,15-17; Mk 7:14-23

- 6:45 AM Msgr. Thomas Madden (Estate)
- 8:00 AM Stella Gallagher (Mark & Diane Moschella)
- 12:00 PM Bill Geis, Anniversary (Patty & Family)

February 12, Thursday: Weekday

Readings: Gn 2:18-25; Mk 7:24-30

- 6:45 AM Herman and Marie Ceresa (Family)
- 8:00 AM Kimberly Kokolis Moran (Jean Koury)
- 12:00 PM Nance Geis, Birthday (Mom & Family)

February 13, Friday: Weekday

Readings: Gn 3:1-8; Mk7:31-37

- 6:45 AM George Jacobs III (Margaret Noland)
- 8:00 AM Vi Franchio (Louise Sweitger)
- 12:00 PM Nozzie Calabrese, Birthday (Family)

February 14, Saturday: Saints Cyril and Methodius

Readings: Gn 3:9-24; Mk 8:1-10

- 8:00 AM Jeff Fornwalt, Birthday (Family)
- 12:00 PM Erla Stombaugh, Anniversary (Gerri Rose)
- Vigil: Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Readings: Lv 13:1-2,44-46; 1 Cor 10:31--11:1; Mk 1:40-45

5:00 PM Joseph Tercero (Fran Fulare)

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

Rest In Peace

Please remember in prayer Patricia 'Pat' Rabine, mother of Director of Religious Education, Jean Koury; Religious Education teacher, Kathy Civils; and our special Tuesday maintenance man, Donnie Rabine. Pat died and was buried this past week. She will be dearly missed by many. May her family be comforted in the faith and may she know the peace of the Risen Lord.

Concerts Under The Dome Today!

Organist Kevin Clemens will present a Recital on our 1931 Steinmeyer Organ today, **Sunday, February 8** at 2 o'clock in the afternoon in celebration of his 60th Birthday. Kevin is a former organist of the Cathedral. A free will offering will be taken to help support this series. If you would like to become a sponsor or to make a donation in honor/memory of a loved one please call Music Ministry at 944-2044 or the Parish Office, 944-4603.

Six Week Class during the Day

Monsignor Mazur will be presenting a six week class on **Saint Paul** in the Seton Suite on Tuesdays from **1:00 PM to 3:30 PM** (with a break midway) beginning this Tuesday, February 10, and continuing February 17, 24; March 3, 10, and 17. This is open to anyone interested from the Cathedral Parish. The majority of the classes will take place during the season of Lent. It is expected that one commits to attending all six classes. Call 944-4603 to register.

MARDI GRAS PARTY - All parishioners are invited to this year's Mardi Gras Party, **Saturday, February 14** at **6:00 PM** in the Parish Hall. Dinner will be followed by entertainment and activities for both adults and children. Beverages will be available. All are invited. **Please call the Parish Office at 944-4603 to reserve your spot for the party.** Your phone call will help us determine amounts needed for food preparation as no tickets are necessary.

Charismatic Prayer Group

The Charismatic Prayer Group will be meeting this Monday at 7:00 PM in the Cathedral. Father Bob Hiltz, TOR will be giving a teaching. He encourages all to bring their Bibles and a notebook to this session all are welcome.

Life in the Spirit Seminar

Registration has begun for Saturday, March 21, here at the Cathedral. Please call Sue Conrad at 207-9110 for more information.

Diocesan Pilgrimage - Pope Francis Visit

Two options are available for Pope Francis' visit to Philadelphia in September. See the Diocesan website: <http://www.dioceaseaj.org/node/911>. The pilgrimage options will be announced in this weekend's edition of *The Catholic Register* and on Sunday's edition of *Proclaim!* Reservations will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, February 1, 2015 - \$9,092.00

Contribution Reports for Income Tax purposes may be obtained by calling the Parish Office: 944-4603.

Stewardship of Time

Help is needed on Tuesday morning, February 10, to prepare the Parish Lent/Easter mailing. If you are available to help, please drop by the Seton Suite between 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM. Thank you.

Collection of Palm

Parishioners are invited to return all blessed palm from last year to be burned and used as ashes for Ash Wednesday, February 18. Baskets are placed at the Cathedral doors to collect this blessed palm.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Baptism - Our next Baptismal Preparation Class will be held this **Monday, February 9**, at **7:00 PM** in the Seton Suite. Reminder: There will be no Baptisms scheduled during Lent, February 18 until Easter Sunday, April 5. Tentative date of April Prep Session is Monday, April 6. To register, please call the Parish Office at 944-4603 weekdays between 9:30 AM and 5:30 PM.

First Eucharist - On **Tuesday, February 10**, the First of three Parent and Student Sessions for all young parishioners receiving First Eucharist this year will be held from 6:30 PM until 8:00 PM in Seton Suite.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Prince Gallitzin Court #2625, will meet on Monday, February 9 at 6:30 PM for a social followed by a meeting at 7:00 PM in the St. Rose of Lima social hall. New members are welcome! On Saturday, February 28, the Court is hosting **Stations of the Cross for Youth** (K-8) and their families at St. Therese of the Child Jesus Church from 12:00 Noon - 1:00 PM.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION

Following the Prayer of the Faithful at 10:00 AM Mass each Sunday, our Catechumens and Candidates are dismissed to reflect on the Scriptures proclaimed and to learn more about our Catholic faith and tradition. Please remember these individuals in your prayers.

CATHEDRAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sunday, February 8 - Grade 1 through Grade 8 will have classes in the Cathedral Hall from 11:15 AM until 12:30 PM. Pre-K and Kindergarten gather in the Music Room. **F.I.R.E** for this evening is **cancelled**, but will be held next Sunday February 15 from 6:15 PM to 8:30 PM.

BASKET BINGO - Sunday April 26, 2015

Father Kelley Hall, 429 25th Avenue, 1:00 PM

Tickets are available now! The \$25.00 entry ticket includes 15 games of Basket Bingo (featuring Longaberger baskets and Vera Bradley bags) with complimentary food and beverages. For \$30.00 more you can purchase the additional Value Pack which includes: 108 door prize tickets, 6 walk-around tickets, 4 raffle tickets, a dobber and Bingo cards for Special Games #1, #2, and #3. You may purchase tickets at the Parish Office weekdays between 9:30 AM and 5:30 PM or reserve tables by calling Roberta Burns @946-0238.

SPEAKER: Immaculee Ilibagiza

The Diocesan Commission for Life and Justice is sponsoring a guest speaker on Thursday, March 19, at 7:00 PM at St. Francis University, JFK Center, Loretto. Immaculee Ilibagiza is a sole survivor of her family during the Rwanda genocide where one million of her family, friends, and neighbors were brutally massacred. She is a world renowned Catholic author and speaker on faith, hope and forgiveness. Contact the Family Life Office at 814-886-5551 for more information.

<p style="text-align: center;">General Instruction of the Roman Missal Third Edition</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Liturgical Reflection ...</p> <p>Among those things assigned to the Priest, the prime place is occupied by the Eucharistic Prayer, which is the high point of the whole celebration. Next are the orations, the Collect (Opening Prayer), the Prayer over the Offerings, and the Prayer after Communion. These prayers are addressed to God by the Priest who presides over the assembly in the person of Christ, in the name of the entire holy people and of all present. Hence they are rightly called the "presidential prayers."</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The General Instruction of the Roman Missal, Number 30.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2015, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 South Logan Boulevard, Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania 16648.</p>
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