

**OCTOBER 16, 2016**

*Scripture Reflection*

In today's Gospel parable, the widow elicits great empathy from listeners and readers. The Hebrew word for *widow* is related to a word that means "one who has no voice," but her voice is her only hope to achieve the justice she desires. This parable is often presented as a teaching on the effects of persistent prayer. Through her persistence the widow persuades the judge to grant her request, though he does so grudgingly. He is unlike God, who desires to see that justice is done "speedily."

The First Reading offers another insight into the effects of prayer. With Moses, it is the support of others that allowed him to be in touch with God. The might of Moses' staff alone is not enough to assure victory. Aaron and Hur must come to his aid. Thus the battle is ultimately won through the united efforts of the community. The role of the community is an important element in the prayer of the people of God.

Rather than changing God's mind, prayer changes us, little by little, even when it seems that the challenges are too much. Faith is nurtured by gratitude and frequent prayer. Faith is food for the journey whose length and challenges can sometimes weigh us down and distract us from God. In the spiritual life, it is necessary to persevere and to join with friends when the battle is hard. To draw sustenance, we must continue to go to the sources that refresh us: friends, prayer, the sacraments, the Mass and Scripture, all of which equip us for the spiritual journey, and to recognize that God is always with us too, truly walking at our side.

• **Name times when persistent perseverance has been effective in your life. Who supports you in prayer and faith like Aaron and Hur supported Moses?**

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**CATHEDRAL PARISHIONERS**

There is a need for additional ministers at our weekly Sunday liturgies. Cathedral Masses are scheduled every Saturday at 5:00 PM, and on Sunday at 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, Noon, and 5:00 PM. Your stewardship of time and talent will greatly serve the needs of our Parish.

These are the various opportunities available to you and your family.

**Ushers:** These are men and women who extend hospitality to all; are available for emergencies; help take up the collection; and give bulletins at the end of Mass.

**Altar Servers:** Children (fourth grade and up) and adults who assist the priest at Mass. Servers process in and out with cross and candles; light the candles; hold the Roman Missal; dress and undress the altar; and help with the preparation of the gifts.

**Readers:** Adults and youth, male and female, who proclaim the first and second reading at Mass. Your ability to proclaim God's revealed Word nourishes all gathered for worship.

**Choir:** Men, women, and youth volunteer their voices in praise of God. Choir rehearsals are every Thursday evening. The choir regularly sings at the Sunday 10:00 AM Mass and at special diocesan events.

**Cantors:** Men, women, and youth who lead the assembly in song, giving praise and thanks to God. Cantors are song leaders who invite all gathered to fully participate in the Mass.

**Commentators:** Men, women, and youth who pray the Universal Prayer (General Intercessions) following the Creed at Mass. This ministry voices the petitions of the Church.

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Fully initiated Catholics who have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist help distribute the consecrated elements of Bread and Wine to the assembly. These ministers help give the Body and Blood of Christ in the absence of the ordained priest and deacon.

Prayerfully consider your possible call to serve in any of these ministries. You may choose more than one liturgical ministry. The Parish Liturgy Committee decided not to have the usual fall workshop for all ministries, but rather to meet individually with each ministry. Before those meetings are scheduled, there is a need for additional volunteers to come forward and offer your time and talent. Please call the Parish Office at 944-4603 and let us know of your interest in any particular ministry. Your time and talent serve God, the parish community, and your own relationship with our Lord. Thank you!

**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.

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**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**

**CHRISTIAN INITIATION TEAM - 944-4603**

**CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME - 944-4603**

**HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

Web: [www.holytrinitycatholic.school](http://www.holytrinitycatholic.school)  
Altoona Campus (Pre-K thru Grade 4) - 381-7011  
Hollidaysburg Campus (Pre-K thru Grade 4) - 695-6112  
Middle School Campus (Grades 5 thru 8) - 942-7835

**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 - 312-7317  
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-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**OCTOBER 16, 2016**

Readings: Ex 7:8-13; 2 Tm 3:14-4:2; Lk 18:1-8

**MASS INTENTIONS**

October 17, Monday: Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Martyr

Readings: Eph 2:1-10; Lk 12:13-21

- 6:45 AM Nicholas Moffa (Estate)
- 8:00 AM Health of Dick Anthony (McNelis All-Stars)
- 12:00 PM Remadias 'Nan' Stayer, Birth (Family/Friends)

October 18, Tuesday: Saint Luke, Evangelist

Readings: 2 Tm 4:10-17; Lk 10:1-9

- 6:45 AM **No Mass**
- 8:00 AM **No Mass**
- 12:00 PM Ken Franks (Beth & George Geishauser)

October 19, Wednesday: SS John deBebeuf/Isaac Jogues

Readings: Eph 3:2-12; Lk 12:39-48

- 6:45 AM **No Mass**
- 8:00 AM **No Mass**
- 12:00 PM Paul Rose (Patricia Wall and Family)

October 20, Thursday: Saint Paul of the Cross, Priest

Readings: Eph 3:14-21; Lk 12:49-53

- 6:45 AM **No Mass**
- 8:00 AM Edward Hallinan (Family)
- 12:00 PM Esther M. Dorazio (Janice & Pat Battisti)

October 21, Friday: Weekday

Readings: Eph 4:1-6; Lk 12:54-59

- 6:45 AM Chester J. Kowalski (John & Pat Brown)
- 8:00 AM **No Mass**
- 12:00 PM Moose Plutko (Kertes Family)

October 22, Saturday: Saint John Paul II, Pope

Readings: Eph 4:7-16; Lk 13:1-9

- 8:00 AM Bishop Eugene Garvey, Anniv. (Cathedral)
- 12:00 PM Catherine Frederick, Birthday (Family)
- Vigil: Thirtieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Readings: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14

- 5:00 PM Ann Civiello, Birthday (Family)

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

**CHARISMATIC PRAYER**

On **October 17** there will be a **HEALING MASS** with Father Bill Kiel from the Diocese of Greensburg sponsored by the Cathedral Charismatic Prayer Group here in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. Mass will begin at 7:00 PM with music by the Cathedral Prayer Group's Music Ministry. All are welcome! Come feel the healing touch of our Lord!

**FALL CLERGY GATHERING**

On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, October 17, 18, and 19, the priests and deacons of the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese will gather with Bishop Mark Bartchak for their Fall Clergy Gathering at Seven Springs in Champion, Pennsylvania. In order to make it possible for all active priests and deacons to attend this important meeting, the daily Mass schedule is curtailed. Please note the particularity of this week's schedule of daily Masses here at the Cathedral. In case of emergencies on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Fr. Christopher Panagoplos T.O.R. will be available at 814-207-5847.

**Inquiry Sessions Continue!**

Are you interested in the Catholic Church? Do you know someone who might be interested in seeking information about our Catholic faith? Our Cathedral Christian Initiation Team offers weekly meetings in the Seton Suite on **Sunday mornings** from 11:00 AM until 12:00 Noon with all those seeking information on the Catholic Church. This is an informal Inquiry Session to discuss aspects of our faith with anyone who might be thinking of joining the Catholic Church. No commitments are made at this time. All are welcome; bring a friend.

**FIRST RECONCILIATION PREPARATION**

Our second meeting of Reconciliation Prep will be held in the Seton Suite on **Tuesday, October 25th** from 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM. Each student must be accompanied by a parent, grandparent or other responsible adult. Participation in all three sessions is required of parents and second grade students in Cathedral Parish and Our Lady of Fatima whether attending Holy Trinity Catholic School, our Religious Education program, or being Home Schooled. Our third and final session of preparation required before the reception of Reconciliation in Advent is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 29th**.

**PATRIOTIC ROSARY WITH BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Saturday, October 29, at two o'clock in the afternoon here in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. This event is sponsored by Diocesan Courts of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas.

**Rest In Peace** Please remember in prayer our parishioner, John 'Jack' Bauer, who died and was buried from the Cathedral this past week. May he rest in peace. And may Sue and her children be comforted in the faith.

**Family Night Social**

**Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament  
All Hallows Eve/All Saints Party  
Saturday, October 29th, 6 PM-9 PM**

**RSVP by October 26th, Rectory @ 944-4603  
or Chris Laraia @ 312-7317**

**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 in the Music Room.

**HIGH SCHOOL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**F.I.R.E. - Family Intergenerational Religious Education** for Parents and Students in Grades 9-11 (Religious Ed and Home-schooled) meet **TONIGHT** in Cathedral Hall from **6:15 PM - 8:30 PM**. Sessions for **November** are scheduled for the **6th** and **20th**.

**CONFIRMATION PREPARATION - October 30**

- 1:30-2:30 PM Fall Session 9th Grade Session I
- 3:00-4:00 PM Fall Session 10th Grade Session II

**Planning Ahead:** The Ninth Grade Baptismal Retreat is scheduled for **Saturday, November 19th, 2016** from 1:30 PM - 4:40 PM in Cathedral Hall followed by participation at the 5:00 PM Mass in the Cathedral. The Baptismal Retreat is one of three required retreats in the Confirmation process. Any 10th Grade student who missed last year should plan to attend as well.

**SHYCON - Senior High Youth Convention**

**October 23, 2016** - Thirteen students from Cathedral (one from Our Lady of Fatima) are attending this All Day Event. We will be taking a bus leaving Saint Mark Parking Lot at **10:00 AM**. and returning approximately at **6:30 PM**.

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

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

**Sunday, October 9, 2016 - \$9,252.88**

**ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL UPDATE**

We have now raised **\$55,066.00**. Our cash gifts and pledge payments now total **\$53,672.90** and **\$9,726.52** has been given back to the Parish. It is not too late to participate. New gifts will come directly to us, no gift is too small. Thank you for your stewardship

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS PLEASE NOTE:**

Please provide dates of unavailability and any changes of address, phone number, or email address to Sue at the Parish Office at 944-4603 or [scronin@dioceseaj.org](mailto:scronin@dioceseaj.org) by Tuesday, October 25. New schedules will be sent out on Wednesday, October 26 for October 27 through November 20. Our next schedule will cover Advent/Christmas Season.

**PILGRIMAGE TO NATIONAL SHRINE**

As the *Jubilee Year of Mercy* comes to an end, the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese will be making pilgrimage to the National Shrine of the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. The pilgrimage is scheduled for **Saturday, November 12**. Cathedral Parish is providing a bus for the combined diocesan choir and parishioners making the pilgrimage. Only a few spots (three) are available at this time. We will be leaving Cathedral parking lot at 7:00 AM and return time will depend on factors beyond our control as we will stop for dinner at the Golden Corral in Hagerstown, Maryland on the way home.

**Prayer Cards**

New *Prayer Cards* were printed remembering Monsignor Paul Panza who died this past September 14th and whose Funeral Mass was celebrated here at the Cathedral on September 19th. Monsignor Panza was the fourth Rector of the Cathedral. If you would like one of his *Prayer Cards*, please stop by the Parish during office hours.

**JUBILEE**

**YEAR OF**

**MERCY**

**Liturgical Reflection ...**

Merciful Christians are people of persistent prayer. Rather than changing God's mind, prayer changes us, little by little, to follow the will of God. We do not lose heart; we do not become weary. Prayer keeps us in constant relationship with the Lord. Prayer connects us to the mercy of God. Having received divine mercy, we go out and share mercy with others. This week show compassion, understanding, and forgiveness to others. This will be possible if we persist in prayer, regardless of the difficulties and challenges we face. Prayer will ground us in the life-giving mercy of God.

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