

AUGUST 28, 2016

Scripture Reflection

Humility has always been an essential attitude in the spiritual life. Taming our human tendencies toward self-importance can be a challenge. The author of Sirach teaches that humility brings more honor than gift giving. And, the important person who is humble will find favor with God. Being humble is accepting the truth that one's state and status in life come from God, not from a person's own initiative.

In the Gospel parable, Jesus continues to affirm the place of humility in the life of those who would enter the kingdom of God. He tells a parable that could sound like advice on etiquette (how to avoid embarrassment at a dinner party), but it is rooted in a teaching about humility. To those who have been trying to find places of honor at the table, he advises taking the lowest place, for "every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted." The implied teaching is that the banquet of the kingdom is open to all; God's grace is inclusive, not exclusive. The one who is humble enough to recognize that always receives the best place, no matter where it is.

The parable sets human honor in its proper place; it is arbitrary and based on shifting cultural considerations. God seeks out humility because humility is not intended to dishonor any particular person but to give glory and honor to God and to respect each person as a creation of God. True honor is recognizing in humility our glory before God, not before human beings.

- **Contemplate the honor God has given each of us as beloved creations. Is it difficult for you not to receive honor from others? Do you recognize the honor with which God has endowed you? How do you recognize and honor each person as God's creation?**

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FINAL YEAR OF MERCY SUMMER ROAD TRIP
Today, Sunday, August 28, is the last date for pilgrimage through our diocesan designated sites for the *Holy Doors of the Jubilee of Mercy*. A Plenary Indulgence is available and prayer is led every half hour beginning at 1:30 PM and closing with prayer at 4:00 PM at those parishes honored to be pastored by Demetrius Gallitzin - Holy Name, Ebensburg; St. Patrick, Newry, and St. Thomas the Apostle, Bedford.

CATHEDRAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Classes begin on **Sunday, September 11th**. Please call Chris Laraia at 312-7317 for students in Pre-K - Grade 8 or Jean Koury at 949-2777 for students in Grade 9 - Grade 11 if you have not yet registered your children. In order to be prepared to welcome our students to class in a smooth and timely manner, we need to know who to expect. Baptismal Certificates are required for new students. For help obtaining Baptismal Certificates, please call the Parish Office at 944-4603.

Adult Enrichment/Lay Ecclesial Ministry

Education is a lifelong journey, and so it is with our spiritual life. Each year the Diocese offers courses dealing with different aspects of the faith. Cathedral parishioners have annually signed up for these classes. For more information, please call the Office of Adult Enrichment and Lay Ecclesial Ministry at 814-361-2000 or email: www.dioceseaj.org/lay-ecclesial-ministry.

Update - Tom DePue, one of our Cathedral ushers, was taken to the hospital last Sunday at the beginning of the Noon Mass. Tom is presently at Golden Living Hillview (Room A-11) for several weeks of rehab. Please pray for Tom's good health.

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• **Looking Ahead** •
• **Parish Family Social/Halloween Celebration** •
• Saturday, October 29, 2016 •
• Cathedral Hall, 6:00 PM •
• Games, prizes, Pumpkin Carving, and Food •
• All ages welcome and invited •
• to dress as your favorite saint. •
• RSVP to Parish office at 944-4603 •
• **Annual Marriage Social/Winterfest** •
• Saturday, December 10, 2016 •
• Cathedral Hall, 6:00 PM •
• Food, Prizes, Music and Dancing •
• All married and widowed are welcome •
• Please bring a picture of your wedding to display. •
• RSVP to Chris by Nov. 27th at 312-7317 •
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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.

WEB: WWW.ALTOONACATHEDRAL.ORG

FAX: 814-942-4337

E-MAIL: ALTCATHEDRAL@DIOCESEAJ.ORG

EUCHARIST:

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

CHRISTIAN INITIATION TEAM - 944-4603

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME - 944-4603

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Web: www.holytrinitycatholic.school

Altoona Campus (Pre-K thru Grade 4) - 381-7011

Holidaysburg 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 - 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

Administrative Duties and Organist - 944-2044

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

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 28, 2016

Readings: Sir 3:17-18,20,28-29; Heb 12:18-19,22-24; Lk 14:1,7-14

MASS INTENTIONS

August 29, Monday: The Passion of Saint John the Baptist

Readings: 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mk 6:17-29

- 6:45 AM Dick Huber (Davidson Family)
- 8:00 AM Louise Mincin, Birthday (Susan Galant)
- 12:00 PM Sam Coen (Family)

August 30, Tuesday: Weekday

Readings: 1 Cor 2:10-16; Lk 4:31-37

- 6:45 AM Theresa Bruno (Husband and Family)
- 8:00 AM Jim Davidson (Alice and Butch Winkler)
- 12:00 PM Genevieve Moloney, Birth. (M. Vogel Family)

August 31, Wednesday: Weekday

Readings: 1 Cor 3:1-9; Lk 4:38-44

- 6:45 AM M. Virginia Jones (Maxine Itle)
- 8:00 AM Joe Milliron (Tim and Colleen Sheehan)
- 12:00 PM Dick Cowan (Wife, Skip)

September 1, Thursday: Weekday

Readings: 1 Cor 3:18-23; Lk 5:1-11

- 6:45 AM Rev. Paul E. Turnbull (Maureen Hanekamp)
- 8:00 AM Angela Cronin Chadwick (Kilcoyne Family)
- 12:00 PM Pat Rabine (Diana Fanale)

September 2, Friday: Weekday

Readings: 1 Cor 4:1-5; Lk 5:33-39

- 6:45 AM Eleanor Toth (Alice and Helen Romerowicz)
- 8:00 AM Patrick Hallinan (Family)
- 12:00 PM Tom Byrne (Janice Jorkasky Family)

September 3, Saturday: Saint Gregory the Great

Readings: 1 Cor 4:6-15; Lk 6:1-5

- 8:00 AM Deacon John Rys (Tom and Patricia Forr)
- 12:00 PM Tim O'Leary (Mariam Boslet)
- Vigil: Twenty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time
- Readings: Wis 9:13-18; Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33
- 5:00 PM Kathleen Duffy, Birthday (Husband, Jack)

Please remember our sick in your prayers.

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. Please also call, or have a family member call, if you are admitted to the hospital so that Father can visit as soon as possible. The hospital does not provide us with the names and room numbers of Cathedral parishioners, so your call is very important to us.

Annual September Tours of Cathedral

September is the month our Cathedral celebrates its anniversary of dedication. This year we celebrate our 85th anniversary (1931-2016). Again this September the Cathedral will offer four tours of this singular structure. The schedule for the one hour tours is as follows: Sunday, September 4th at 1:00 PM; Thursday, September 15th at 7:00 PM; Sunday, September 25th at 1:00 PM; and Thursday, September 29th at 7:00 PM. Plan to attend one of the four dates. Invite relatives, friends, and neighbors who may have never been inside this beautiful Cathedral to join you!

CATHEDRAL SUMMER RAFFLE

This fund-raiser substitutes for the annual Cathedral festival; the profit replaces the profit of the festival. Everyone is asked to participate in this summer event. Additional tickets are available at the Cathedral Square door after Masses and at the Parish Office during the week.

There will be twenty cash prizes: (1) \$2,000.00; (2) \$1,000.00 (3) \$500.00; (4) \$250.00; (5) \$100.00; (6) \$100.00; (7) \$100.00; (8) \$100.00; (9) \$100.00; (10) \$100.00; (11) \$50.00; (12) \$50.00; (13) \$50.00; (14) \$50.00; (15) \$50.00; (16) \$50.00; (17) \$25.00; (18) \$25.00; (19) \$25.00; (20) \$25.00. **The cost per ticket is \$5.00. Each family is asked to purchase four tickets.** The drawing will be **Sunday, October 2, 2016**, after the 10:00 AM Mass on the Cathedral Portico.

Nocturnal Adoration

The Nocturnal Adoration Society will meet here in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament this Friday, September 2 from 8:00 PM until 11:00 PM. New members are always welcome. Parishioners are invited to join in prayer any time during the three hours.

Rest In Peace

Please remember in prayer our beloved parishioner, Jim Davidson, who died on August 19 and was buried this past Wednesday; also, our retired, but still remembered with much love, Deacon Jim Leap, who resided along with his wife, Pat, at Garvey Manor where he died on August 24. Bishop Mark will preside at his Funeral Mass tomorrow at 10:00 AM here in the Cathedral. May these men rest in the peace of Christ and may their families and all of our Cathedral Family be comforted in the faith.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, August 21, 2016 - \$7,244.50

Missionary Co-Op

Last weekend Sister Letizia LoRe, SSA and Sister Vivian Ndum, SSA were with us and spoke on behalf of the **Sisters of Saint Ann**. To help the cause for their missionary work, a blue envelope was attached to last week's bulletin. If you forgot to deposit it in the collection with your regular offertory gift today, you may return it (or any other envelope marked **Mission Co-op**) to the Parish by mail or simply drop it through the Parish Office mail slot during this week. Please be generous. Additional blue envelopes are located on the table at the cross aisle.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

This year the Cathedral Parish goal was set at **\$43,522.00**. We received a new gift in July and two more new gifts in August and have now raised **\$54,826.00**. Our cash gifts and pledge payments now total **\$50,746.64** and **\$5,834.64** has been paid back to the Parish. It is not too late to participate. New gifts will come directly back to the Cathedral.

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 before Labor Day. New schedules will be sent out on Wednesday, September 7th for weekends of September 17-18 through October 29-30. Thank you.

Cathedral Choir Notes

Rehearsals will resume after our summer break on **Thursday, September 1**, in the Music Room from **7:00 PM - 9:00 PM**. Cantors and Psalmists are asked to gather at **6:30 PM**. New members are welcome. Call 944-2044 for more information or to arrange an informal audition. No experience is necessary, come if you simply love to sing.

Liturgical Reflection ...

JUBILEE

YEAR OF

MERCY

When you hold a lunch or dinner, do not invite your friends, family or wealthy neighbors. Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. Blessed will you be because of their inability to repay you. This Jubilee Year we are invited to say to others, "I am sorry"; "I forgive you", "Is there anything I can do for you?" We do so expecting no repayment, nothing in return. God's heart is full of love and kindness. We are challenged to share that same mercy and understanding whenever we see a sister or brother in need of God's comfort. Mercy is the face of God. Are we able to share that gift with a generous heart?

2016, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 South Logan Boulevard, Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania 16648.

Christian Initiation - INQUIRY - September 11

The Cathedral Christian Initiation Team will hold weekly Sunday morning *Inquiry Sessions* with those seeking information on the Catholic Church beginning after Labor Day from **11:00 AM - Noon**.

Congratulations!

Marriage: Meghan Ramsey and Francis Gornish celebrated their marriage surrounded with family and friends here in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament on Saturday, August 20. May they be blessed with many years of love and happiness.

Wedding Anniversary Liturgy

Bishop Mark and the Family Life Office of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown invited couples marking their first, 5th, 10th, 25th, 40th 50th, 55th, and 60th+ wedding anniversary this calendar year to attend the annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgies. We have registered three Cathedral couples for the celebration to be held here at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament on **September 11th** at 2:00 PM.

First Reconciliation

All Parents of children in Cathedral Parish and Our Lady of Fatima attending Holy Trinity Catholic School, our Religious Education program, or Home Schooling who will be celebrating the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion this year, please take note. Our first meeting will be held in the Seton Suite on **Tuesday, September 27th** from **6:30 PM - 8:00 PM**. Every student **must** be accompanied by a parent or adult who will present the child's Baptismal Certificate. (If you cannot locate the certificate, please call the **Parish of Baptism** to obtain a copy before this meeting.) This is the first of three sessions of preparation required before the reception of each sacrament, Reconciliation in Advent and Eucharist during the Easter Season.

Charismatic Prayer - Monday at 7:00 PM