

OCTOBER 26, 2014

Scripture Reflection

In the Gospel, Jesus is subjected to another test. What is the greatest commandment? His answer is unassailable: that we must first love God completely with heart, soul, and mind, and second, love our neighbor as ourselves. Today's First Reading supplies the details about our neighbor: the immigrant, the widow, and the orphan--all those who are in need.

Supporting the demands of the compassionate God to see and hear the poor among us are two commandments that Judaism taught and Jesus later proclaimed: we are asked us to love God, whose commandments allow us to see our neighbor as God sees: as a beloved friend of God. When we see our neighbors as God sees them, we will treat them with the clarity of God's compassion. But how can I hear what God hears? How can I see my neighbors as God sees them? When we are inspired by the word of God to imitate God's care for the weak, to hear the cries God hears, and to see people as God sees them, then our blindness falls away.

Jesus gives us the great Commandment to love God and love our neighbor. Our Gospel values all derive from this pivotal teaching. Just who is our neighbor and how can we help? As we ponder the Sunday Scriptures, we might consider the limits of outreach and concern we have set for ourselves, perhaps unconsciously. Is there room to stretch beyond our comfort zone? Learn how your parish helps needy and marginalized people. Consider a small first step toward getting involved.

- **Whom would you identify as most in need in your parish or neighborhood?**

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REMINDER: Change your clocks by turning back one hour on Saturday night, November 1.

FIRST RECONCILIATION PREPARATION

Our Second Session of Parish Preparation for the reception of Reconciliation is scheduled for **Monday, November 3, 6:30 PM-8:00 PM** in the Seton Suite. All Second Grade Cathedral Parish Students with parent or guardian (and families with older children yet to receive Reconciliation and Eucharist) should attend this meeting. Contact Chris Laraia, D.R.E. at 312-7317 with any questions.

B.G.C.H.S. SPOOKTACULAR SCIENCE SHOW

All area students in K-5th grade and their parents are invited to a Spooktacular Science Show at Bishop Guilfoyle on **Wednesday, October 29th** from 6 PM to 8 PM. BG students, trained by PSU, will lead spooky STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) experiments in the school gymnasium for this family event. Costumes are encouraged and treats will be provided by BG students for this "spooky" event!

Charismatic Prayer

The Charismatic Prayer Group will meet this Monday evening at 7:00 PM in the church. Bernice Shoenfelt will be giving a follow up talk to Matthew Kelly. Come and join us! All are welcome.

Healing Mass

There will be a Healing Mass on **Monday, November 24**, at **7:00 PM**, at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. Fr. Bill Kiel, from the Diocese of Greensburg, will be the main celebrant. All are welcome, especially those in need of physical, emotional, or spiritual healing, and those who support and care for them as well. Music for the Mass will be led by the Cathedral Charismatic Prayer Group Music Ministry. The Mass is presented by the Cathedral Charismatic Prayer Group. For more information, call 941-3832.

Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament Family

Food For The Poor wishes to thank you for the welcome you extended to Deacon Anderberg on our recent visit to your parish. On behalf of our less fortunate brothers and sisters of Latin America and the Caribbean, we thank you for having shared in their lives. They, and you, are blessed by your generosity.

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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.

ANOIDING 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.

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
8:00 AM
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
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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Readings: Ex 22:20-26; 1 Thes 1:5-10; Mt 22:34-40

Mass Intentions

October 27, Monday: Weekday

Readings: Eph 4:32--5:8; Lk 13:10-17

- 6:45 AM Dennis Irwin (Cathedral Parish)
- 8:00 AM Mike Smith (Tom & Karen Smith)
- 12:00 PM Joseph A. Wood (Daughter, Maureen)

October 28, Tuesday: Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles

Readings: Eph 2:19-22; Lk 6:12-16

- 6:45 AM Kevin Hanlin (McAndrew Family)
- 8:00 AM Joseph P. & Catherine Greiner (Nancy & Skip)
- 12:00 PM Joseph Prendergast (Sister, Alice)

October 29, Wednesday: Weekday

Readings: Eph 6:1-9; Lk 13:22-30

- 6:45 AM Leona Warner (Dick Huber)
- 8:00 AM Eileen Lytle (Mike & Patsy Felus)
- 12:00 PM Catherine Frederick, Birth (Family)

October 30, Thursday: Weekday

Readings: Eph 6:10-20; Lk 13:31-35

- 6:45 AM Denis Burns (Family)
- 8:00 AM Jennie Calabrese (Erma DeBernardis)
- 12:00 PM Vi Franchio (Colette & Tom Evangelisto)

October 31, Friday: Weekday

Readings: Phil 1:1-11; Lk 14:1-6

- 6:45 AM Adelaide Kipple (Family)
- 8:00 AM Jim Roland (Roberta Burns)
- 12:00 PM Rob Beiswenger (Cathedral Parish)

November 1, Saturday: All Saints

Readings: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12

- 8:00 AM Camille McMullen (Bob & Anita Dortenzo)
- 12:00 PM John Moloney/Joan Nedimyer, Birth (Family)
- Vigil: The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed
- Readings: Wis 3:1-9; Rom 5:5-11; Jn 6:37-40
- 5:00 PM Joseph Prendergast, Anniv. (Sister, Alice)

Please remember our sick in your prayers.

Rest In Peace - Please remember in your prayer Denny Irwin, Dan Savine and Jim Parks who died and were buried from the Cathedral this past week. May they know the peace of the Risen Lord.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES REVIEWS SET!

+ **Saturday, November 8:** 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** in the Cathedral. ++ **Saturday, November 15:** **Lectors and Commentators** 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM in the Cathedral. +++ **Saturday, November 22:** **Altar Servers** in the Cathedral 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM. If you or your children would like to join any of these ministries please call the Parish Office at 944-4603 to register for the session of your choice. Many volunteers are needed, at least fifty-eight on an ordinary weekend, and that is not counting our Music Ministers; cantors, psalmists, choir and organists. We are blessed with much sharing of Time and Talent! Please consider offering your stewardship.

BISHOP GUILFOYLE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Father Jack McDowell, O.F.M., newly appointed president of the Catholic high school in our community will speak at all Masses this weekend about the quality of the Guilfoyle experience. Outstanding academics, competing athletics, variety of social interactions, all grounded in the values of our faith. At the center of life at Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School is Jesus Christ, the Lord of our lives. Welcome, Father Jack!

November 1 - All Saints

Because the Solemnity of All Saints falls on a Saturday this year, it is NOT a day of obligation for the faithful in the United States. All are still encouraged to gather at either the 8:00 AM or Noon Mass on the 1st of November.

Saint Jude Triduum - Saint Mark Parish

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday - October 27, 28, 29 with Masses and Devotions at 8:00 AM and 5:30 PM. Father Jack McDowell, O.F.M. will be Celebrant and Homilist at the 5:30 PM Masses.

Carmelite Community of the Word Pre-Christmas Fair & Spaghetti Dinner

Sunday, November 9, at Bishop Guilfoyle High School. Festival 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Dinner Served from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Adults \$7 and Children \$3 (12 and under). Basket Auction, Money Chances, Bake Sale, Santa's Flea Market!

TODAY IS WORLD YOUTH DAY!

High School Students attend SHYCON

The Senior High Youth Convention 2014 featuring nationally known speaker Steve Angrisano is being held today at St. Francis University, Loretto. Our teens are attending and will return by bus at approximately 6:30 PM. May they have a blessed day.

MARRIAGE SOCIAL

Join us for an "evening out" as we celebrate our marriages. Food, DJ, prizes, and much more! This special event will be held **Saturday, November 8,** at 6:00 PM in the Cathedral Social Hall. BYOB and a picture of your wedding to share with others. Please sign up at the Cathedral Square door after Mass today, or call: Parish Office 944-4603; Chris Laraia 312-7317; or Jean Koury 949-2777 asap.

Marriage Congratulations!

Laurie Faust and Stephen Miller began their new life as husband and wife here in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament on Saturday, October 18. May they be blessed with many years of love and happiness, and may they find support and affirmation among the Christian family.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

October 26. Classes for Grade 1 through Grade 8 meet from 11:15 AM - 12:30 PM in Cathedral Hall. Pre-K and Kindergarten gather in the Music Room. To report absence, please call 943-7424.

November 3. Regular classes for Pre-K through Grade 8, 11:15 AM - 12:30 PM and **F.I.R.E. Groups** in Cathedral Hall from **6:15 PM - 8:30 PM** for (Religious Ed and Home-schooled) students in **grades 9-11** accompanied by parent or guardian.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, October 19 - \$8,844.00

Process of Christian Initiation - INQUIRY

Those interested in the Catholic Faith continue to meet every Sunday morning at 11:00 AM in the Seton Suite (entrance off 14th Street to rectory) after the 10:00 AM Mass. All are welcome to join in relaxed discussion about our faith in Jesus Christ.

Baptism Congratulations!

Paul Nathaniel Luke, son of Dallas Luke and Christine Billett, was baptized and welcomed into our Parish Family on Sunday, October 19, at 8:00 AM Mass. Congratulations also to Godparents, Mark and Judy Luke; and Grandparents, Paul and Sherry. May the graces of the Sacrament of Baptism strengthen both our children and the adults who care for them.

ALTOONA CENTRAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Basket Bingo (Sunday, **November 16th**)! This is a big fund-raiser for ACCS. Call Sue Myers at 381-7011 for tickets. Expect great prizes, food, and fun!

SUPPORT ALTOONA CENTRAL CATHOLIC

Help us to continue to provide quality value-based education for our children by financially supporting Catholic Education in center city Altoona. Next weekend, **November 1st** and **2nd**, a special second collection will be taken to continue the mission of Altoona Central Catholic School (ACCS). As costs escalate, we need to enlist your personal support to help insure this important ministry of our Parish. Won't you please consider this opportunity to exercise personal stewardship for Catholic Education? We are certainly grateful for any assistance - large or small - which you can provide. A special envelope is provided in our November packet for this collection or you may use any other marked ACCS. Thank you.

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Sacred Liturgy

Liturgical Reflection ...

The ministry of preaching draws its content mainly from scriptural and liturgical sources. By means of the homily, the mysteries of the faith and the guiding principles of the Christian life are expounded from the sacred text during the course of the liturgical year. At the Second Vatican Council the bishops of the world strongly recommended the homily at liturgy. In fact it was understood that the homily would always be part of Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation

Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, Numbers 34:2 and 52.

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