

NOVEMBER 9, 2014

Scripture Reflection

This Sunday, we celebrate the anniversary of the dedication of the cathedral church of Rome in the year 324. The Lateran Basilica is the cathedra (or chair) of the Bishop of Rome, the pope. The symbolic center of Catholicism, the Basilica has been known as the mother and head of all churches of the city and the world since its dedication. The church is named after the Laterani family who donated the property on which the basilica stands.

The Lateran Basilica in Rome is not the home parish for many of us, though some might have visited it. It is the pope's own cathedral, but we are parishioners at churches closer to home, with less ancient and lofty origins and nicknames like St. Joe's and St. Mike's. Our home parish is where we attend Mass, run the Annual Calendar of Prizes and seek donations for Basket Bingo. For all of its foibles and problems, our home parish is, well, home. We can speak of the church in abstract terms, but the church is embodied in particular people, who together make up the body of Christ, and the particular buildings in which we worship.

In stone and mortar, and in spirit and truth, we embody the church of Jesus Christ, as the body of Christ, given up for us and dwelling in us. A particular church in Rome, the Lateran Basilica, is a specific symbol of all of these images of the church and speaks to one other sign: the unity of the Catholic Church across to world, which might worship in a humble cement block structure, a 1960s open style or a beautiful local Cathedral, but is everywhere the same people of God gathered together as the body of Christ in order to worship the living God, who himself is the true temple.

• Give thanks for your place of worship; take a prayerful walk through the Cathedral and notice its unique architectural features.

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Calendar of Prizes 2015

Calendar of Prizes 2015 are being sold at the Cathedral Square door after all Masses. Like last year, each calendar costs \$20.00. There is a \$10.00 daily prize; an additional \$1,000.00 in special monthly prizes awarded throughout the year; and a grand prize of \$5,000.00 Family Trip or Cash Option. Due to the state regulations for small games of chance, it is necessary that all one thousand tickets be sold. Otherwise, the parish will lose money on unsold tickets. For this fund-raiser to be successful, all calendars must be sold. If you have a favorite three digit number, call the Parish Office (944-4603) to check on availability weekdays between 9:30 AM and 5:00 PM. Thank you.

CONCERTS UNDER THE DOME

The Altoona Symphony Orchestra will present *Song of Songs* at the Cathedral on **Saturday, November 15, 2014 at 7:30 PM.** Works by Finzi, Williams, Elgar and others will be included in the performance. The orchestra will be joined by the Penn State Concert Choir and violist, Timothy Deighton. Tickets can be purchased at the Mishler Theatre box office or at www.altoonasympphony.org.

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.

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

Today 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!

Please remember our sick in your prayers.

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.

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 12:00 Noon	Saturday:	8:00 AM 12:00 Noon
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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
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Deacon James F. Leap, Senior Deacon
Deacon John J. Szwarc, Senior Deacon

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DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

NOVEMBER 9, 2014

Readings: Ez 47:1-2,8-9,12; 1 Cor 3:9-11,16-17; Jn 2:13-22

Mass Intentions

November 10, Monday: Saint Leo the Great, pope, doc.

Readings: Ti 1:1-9; Lk 27:1-6

6:45 AM Msgr. Thomas Madden (Estate)
8:00 AM Health of Tim Stultz (Alley Cats)
12:00 PM Marie Strozak (Therese Parks Smith)

November 11, Tuesday: Saint Martin of Tours, bishop

Readings: Ti 2:1-8,11-14; Lk 17:7-10

6:45 AM Terrence Shea (Mike & Sherry Byrne)
8:00 AM Kevin Hanlin (McAndrew Family)
12:00 PM Edgar L. Johnston (Janathyn Crossman)

November 12, Wednesday: Saint Josaphat, bishop

Readings: Ti 3:1-7; Lk 17:11-19

6:45 AM James Parks (Cathedral Parish)
8:00 AM Nozzie, Jennie, & Sandy Calabrese (Family)
12:00 PM Barbara Voltz (Michael & Suzan Kuny)

November 13, Thursday: Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini

Readings: Phlm 7-20; Lk 17:20-25

6:45 AM Deceased Relative of Sisters, IHM
8:00 AM James Roland (R.C.I.A. Group)
12:00 PM Tom Byrne (Kirk & Donna Kling)

November 14, Friday: Weekday

Readings: 2 Jn 4-9; Lk 17:26-37

6:45 AM Maureen Wolf (Gail & Fred)
8:00 AM Rick Cowan & Karen Cowan Dougherty (Mom)
12:00 PM Velda & Clair Geyer, Anniversary (Sheehans)

November 15, Saturday: Saint Albert the Great, bishop

Readings: 3 Jn 5-8; Lk18:1-8

8:00 AM Camille McMullen (Forrs) - Crypt Chapel
12:00 PM Vi Franchio (Colette & Tom Evangelisto)
Vigil: Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Readings: 1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30
5:00 PM Robert Smithmyer (Mary Grove)

Mass In The Crypt Chapel

On Saturday (November 15) 8:00 AM Mass will be celebrated in the Crypt Chapel. Accessible from Cathedral Square (steps) or alley entrance (street level).

Rest In Peace - Please remember in prayer Donald Godish, who died and was buried from the Cathedral this past week. May he rest in peace.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES REVIEWS SET!

++ 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.

All **Lectors and Commentators** and those considering joining this ministry are reminded that next Saturday is your review, the second of the series of ministry workshops being offered by Msgr. Mazur in the Cathedral Church. On the next two Saturday mornings we prepare for the new Liturgical Year that begins on November 30th, the First Sunday of Advent. Please make a note to be present and encourage someone to come with you.

Marriage Congratulations!

Allison Lohr and Michael Riley began their new life as husband and wife here in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament on Saturday, November 1. May they be blessed with many years of love and happiness, and may they find support and affirmation among the Christian family.

NOVEMBER MEETINGS

Parish Pastoral Council - Monday, November 10, 7:00 PM, Saint John Room.

Ministry for the Home-bound/Elderly - Tuesday, November 18, 6:30 PM, Saint John Room.

ACCS School Council - Wednesday, November 19, 6:30 PM, Saint John Room.

Parish Liturgy Committee - Thursday, November 20, 12:45 PM, Seton Suite.

Charismatic Prayer

The Charismatic Prayer Group will meet this Monday evening, November 10, at 7:00 PM. All are welcome to come and join with us for joyful praise and worship of our Lord. Fr. Bob Hilz will be giving a spiritual talk on healing.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, November 2 - \$11,979.02
Collection For ACCS - \$1,780.00

We continue to accept donations for Altoona Central Catholic School and hope to exceed \$2,000.00. A special envelope is included in our November packet or you may use any envelope marked ACCS. Thank you for your support.

ALTOONA CENTRAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

ACCS is pleased to welcome Father Jack (Bishop Guilfoyle President) for a visit on November 13 for opening assembly.

ACCS **Basket Bingo** tickets are still available. Please call Sue Myers at 381-7011 to reserve your ticket/table. We have wonderful prizes and delicious food! Please come and enjoy the fun and help us make this our best fund-raiser ever! The date is: **Sunday, November 16**, starting at 2:00 PM.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

November 9, No Class for Pre-K through Grade 8. **November 16**, 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

Sidewalks Completed

Thank you to Sam McCloskey and his company for overseeing the completion of the new sidewalks along Cathedral Square. They are beautiful. The projected cost of the project was \$31,900.00. Next year the steps in front of the Cathedral going down to the alley will need replaced. They possess heating units to melt the snow. Thank you to all in the parish who made this project possible.

Liturgical Reflection ...

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Sacred Liturgy

Today the Church commemorates the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, the cathedral church of Rome. The Church is the Lord's beloved Bride who calls to him and through him offers worship to the eternal Father. In the liturgy the whole public worship is performed by the Mystical Body of Jesus Christ, that is, the Head and his members. Every liturgical celebration, because it is an action of Christ the Priest and of his Body which is the Church, is a sacred action surpassing all others. No other action of the Church can equal the effectiveness of liturgy.

Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, Number 7.

2014, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 South Logan Boulevard, Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania 16648.

BISHOP MARK ON POPE FRANCIS

Bishop Mark Bartchak will be the keynote speaker at an ecumenical gathering on **Tuesday, November 18**, at 7:00 PM at St. John the Evangelist Church in Lakemont. The conference is entitled **Pope Francis: His Witness and Our Response**. Following Bishop Mark's address on the witness and teaching of Pope Francis, representatives of other Christian denominations will offer their insights. There will then be a question and answer session, followed by a social. This event is sponsored by the Ecumenical Conference of Greater Altoona. A warm invitation to all!

Rite of Welcoming and Acceptance

Those planning to join the Catholic Church will celebrate the Rite of Welcoming and Acceptance on **Sunday, November 23** at the 10:00 AM Mass. **Inquiry Sessions** continue every Sunday morning at 11:00 AM in the Seton Suite.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION RITE OF BLESSING TODAY!

At our **Sunday, 5:00 PM** Mass tonight, a Rite of Blessing will be celebrated with our **Ninth Grade** students as they begin to prepare for Confirmation. A Preparation Session will follow in the Seton Suite.

Cathedral Christian Mothers

The Christian Mothers from Cathedral Parish will be conducting their annual drive to help the poor and needy of our parish and community for the Holidays next weekend, **November 15 and 16**.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

CD of A Prince Gallitzin Court #2625 will meet on Monday, November 10th at 6:30 PM for a social followed by a 7:00 PM Meeting in the St. Rose of Lima Social Hall. New members welcome!