

NOVEMBER 2, 2014

Scripture Reflection

What happens when we die? This is a question most people ask at some point, perhaps especially Christians, who look forward to the resurrection at the end of time. But in the interim, prior to the general resurrection, what happens to those who have died? Where do they go? As a boy, I pondered the resurrection and assumed that when I died I would be "resurrected" straightaway into heaven to live with all the others who had been raised. This is not the Christian view, but many Christians share in another confusion, believing that incorporeal life in heaven, achieved immediately upon death, when the soul is freed from its bodily confines, is the final state for which all human life is intended.

For Christians, this "future" kingdom is embodied in the return of Jesus Christ, when all, both living and dead, will participate in the resurrection of the body. Because Jesus Christ conquered sin and death through his own resurrection, the Apostle Paul says that all of us who have been baptized into Christ's death will also share in the new life: "For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his,"

For those who are still alive in the earthly body, we await either death or the coming of God's kingdom. But our brothers and sisters who now exist in the presence of God, also await the fullness of God's kingdom, when the body and soul are reunited eternally. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, No. 1005, a section grounded in the Apostle Paul, clarifies the Christian hope: "to rise with Christ, we must die with Christ: we must 'be away from the body and at home with the Lord.' In that 'departure' which is death the soul is separated from the body. It will be reunited with the body on the day of the resurrection of the dead." And so we, with all the righteous souls who have died before us, await that kingdom in which all is made whole and God is all in all.

• **How have your thoughts about death and eternal life developed over time?**

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.

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.

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.

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.

EUCHARIST:

Sunday:	5:00 PM (Vigil)	Holyday:	5:30 PM (Vigil)	Weekday:	6:45 AM
	8:00 AM		8:00 AM		8:00 AM
	10:00 AM		12:00 Noon		12:00 Noon
	12:00 Noon		5:30 PM	Saturday:	8:00 AM
	5:00 PM				12:00 Noon

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
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**COMMEMORATION OF FAITHFUL DEPARTED
ALL SOULS' DAY**

NOVEMBER 2, 2014

Readings: Wis 3:1-9; Rom 5:5-11; Jn 6:37-40

Mass Intentions

November 3, Monday: St. Martin de Porres, religious

Readings: Phil 2:1-4; Lk 14:12-14

6:45 AM Mark Burns (Family)
8:00 AM Mike Smith (Carol Pipetti)
12:00 PM Bishop J. Carroll McCormick, Ann. (Cath.)

November 4, Tuesday: Saint Charles Borromeo, bishop

Readings: Phil 2:5-11; Lk 14:15-24

6:45 AM John Bishop (Emily Bishop)
8:00 AM Daniel Savine (Cathedral Parish)
12:00 PM Tom Moyer (Wife, Joyce Moyer)

November 5, Wednesday: Weekday

Readings: Phil 2:12-18; Lk 14:25-33

6:45 AM Joseph & Bertha Williams (Joseph & Virginia)
8:00 AM Eileen Lytle (Connie Blontz Family)
12:00 PM Dixie Hally, Anniv. (Daughter & Family)

November 6, Thursday: Weekday

Readings: Phil 3:3-8; Lk 15:1-10

6:45 AM Joesph A. Keirn (Mom & Dad)
8:00 AM Vi Franchio (Fran Prosperi)
12:00 PM Nozzie, Jennie, & Sandy Calabrese (Family)

November 7, Friday: Weekday

Readings: Phil 3 17--4:1; Lk16:1-8

6:45 AM Msgr. Thomas Madden (Estate)
8:00 AM Dick Cowan (Nancy & Duane Elmers)
12:00 PM Dan Tumbocon (Colette & Tom Evangelisto)

November 8, Saturday: Weekday

Readings: Phil 4:10-19; Lk 16:9-15

8:00 AM Rose Quartz (Jerry & Jennifer Mikolajczyk)
12:00 PM John Moloney/Joan Nedimyer, Birth (Family)
Vigil: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Readings: Ez 47:1-2,8-9,12; 1 Cor 3:9-11,16-17; Jn 2:13-22
5:00 PM Lottie Gajewski (Patricia Grove)

Mass In The Crypt Chapel

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

First Friday Communion Calls This Week

Our clergy visit the sick and home-bound of the parish each month. To arrange a visit for yourself or a loved one, call the Parish Office: 944-4603.

The Names of Our Dead

Throughout November the names of all those who have died and were buried from the Cathedral Parish this past liturgical year will appear in the front of the Cathedral. The month of November is the traditional time we Catholics remember our dead with special prayer. Throughout this month take time to pray for our deceased brothers and sisters. Visit the cemetery and pray for those who have gone before us. May all the faithful departed know a place of light, peace and happiness.

At the suggestion of the Liturgy Committee of the Parish Council on the first Sunday of the month the bulletin contains a blessing for those couples celebrating their wedding anniversaries during this particular month. If your wedding anniversary occurs in the month of November, please hold onto this bulletin and pray this prayer as a couple on your anniversary date.

Almighty and eternal God, the unbreakable bond of marriage is the sacramental sign of your Son's union with the Church as his spouse. Look with favor on our marriage as we ask your help and the protection of the Virgin Mary. We pray that in good times and in bad we will grow in love for each other. Lord, in our struggles let us rejoice that you are near to help us; in our needs let us know you are there to rescue us; and in our joys let us see that you are the source of every happiness. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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. Pre-registration is required call 944-4603 or 312-7317.

Charismatic Prayer

The Charismatic Prayer Group will meet this Monday evening at 7:00 PM in the church. Fr. Bob Hilz will be giving a spiritual talk. Come and join us! All are welcome.

Please remember our sick in your prayers.

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.

All **Eucharistic Ministers** and those considering joining this ministry are reminded that next Sunday is our review, the first of the series of ministry workshops being offered by Msgr. Mazur in the Cathedral Church. On the next three Saturday mornings we will 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.

NOVEMBER MEETINGS

Parish Finance Council - Wednesday, November 5 in the Saint John Room at 6:30 PM.

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

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

Liturgical Reflection ...

Constitution

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Anniversary

Sacred Liturgy

This year All Soul's Day falls on a Sunday. Catholics traditionally pray for their dead that they find mercy and peace with God. In the earthly liturgy we take part in a foretaste of that heavenly liturgy celebrated in the holy city of Jerusalem. At Mass we sing a hymn to the Lord's glory with the whole company of heaven, venerating the memory of the saints and hoping for some part and fellowship with them. The liturgy is the source for achieving in the most effective way possible human sanctification. We pray that our dead be with God in heaven.

Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, Numbers 8 and 10.

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

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, October 26 - \$8,120.00

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.

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. On the weekend of **November 1st** and **2nd** a special collection will be taken to continue the mission of Altoona Central Catholic School (ACCS).

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

November 2, 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.

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**.

**CONFIRMATION PREPARATION
RITE OF BLESSING**

The process of preparation for Confirmation in our diocese begins with Ninth Grade. All **Ninth Grade** students will attend the **Sunday, 5:00 PM** evening Mass on **November 9th** accompanied by a parent or their choice of a Sponsor for Confirmation. A Rite of Blessing will be celebrated at Mass and a Preparation Session will follow in the Seton Suite.