

OCTOBER 5, 2014

Scripture Reflection

In biblical poetry a vineyard often represents the beloved. The prophet Isaiah begins to "sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard," a song in which God's affectionate care of Israel is recounted. The love song quickly becomes a lover's lament, though, as Isaiah tells how the vineyard was prepared with tenderness, but since it produced "wild grapes," it will now be abandoned. God speaks: "I will remove its hedge, I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down."

In the Gospel, Jesus's parable of the vineyard summarizes the history of the peoples' rejections of God. God has planted the vineyard (the people) and wishes to see its fruits. Instead, God's representatives (the prophets) are beaten, stoned, or killed. Even his Son is killed. So now the vineyard will be given to a new people. However, it is implied that the new people will only prosper if they are obedient and care for others, for this is the fruit God wishes from them.

These are the followers of Jesus, a people made up of Jews and Gentiles, but their tenancy is dependent upon how well they nurture the vineyard. The accent in this parable is not on the abandonment of the vineyard, but on the care of the good fruits now growing there. Implicit in Jesus' parable is that the vineyard is bearing worthy fruit! Jesus is not singing a song of triumph, trumpeting the superiority of his disciples, but singing Isaiah's love song to a broader audience. The vineyard has been expanded, and all are welcome to bring in the harvest.

• **How are you helping to produce good fruit in the vineyard?**

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Annual Financial Report - The 2013-2014 summary of Cathedral Parish's financial report is enclosed in today's bulletin. Thank you for your continued stewardship of treasure to our parish.

Baptism Congratulations!

On Sunday, September 28 at the Noon Mass, Jonah Michael Carey, son of John and Lyndsey Carey, was baptized and welcomed into our Parish Family. Jonah will grow in his Christian identity to the degree that family and friends model the faith.

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 (basement of rectory) after the 10:00 AM Mass. Have you ever thought of joining the Catholic Church? Do you have questions about the Catholic faith? All are welcome to join in relaxed and serious discussion about our faith in Jesus Christ. The Christian Initiation Team and interested individuals will meet today at 11:00 AM.

McNelis Catholic All-Class Reunion

October 11, 2014 - This all-class reunion for former elementary students of Cathedral, St. Leo the Great, Saints Peter and Paul and McNelis Catholic schools will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall from 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM. The cost is \$10 per person and pre-registration is required. Forms are available at the Parish Office. E-mail questions to Lisa Vinglish at lmving@aol.com.

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 yours.

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ONE CATHEDRAL SQUARE, Al toona, 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 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

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
Web: www.altoonacentralcatholic.com
Elementary - Pre-K thru Grade 5 - 381-7011

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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Readings: *Is 5:1-7; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43*

Mass Intentions

October 6, Monday: Blessed Marie Rose Durocher

Readings: *Gal 1:6-12; Lk 10:25-37*

- 6:45 AM Herman & Marie Ceresa (Family)
- 8:00 AM Rose Quartz (Jerry & Jennifer Mikolajczyk)
- 12:00 PM Helen O'Leary, 90th Birthday (Daughters)

October 7, Tuesday: Our Lady of the Rosary

Readings: *Gal 1:13-24; Lk 10:38-42*

- 6:45 AM Kevin Hanlin (McAndrew Family)
- 8:00 AM Leroy & Irmira Helfrich (Estate)
- 12:00 PM Patrick Murphy (Ron & Jean Sheehan)

October 8, Wednesday: Weekday

Readings: *Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Lk 11:1-4*

- 6:45 AM Anita Albano (Dick Huber)
- 8:00 AM Barry & Brian Elmers (Mother & Dad)
- 12:00 PM John Hupert, Anniversary (Family)

October 9, Thursday: Saint Denis/Saint John Leonardi

Readings: *Gal 3:1-5; Lk 11:5-13*

- 6:45 AM John Ratzesberger (Cathedral Parish)
- 8:00 AM Nozzi, Jennie & Sandy Calabrese (Family)
- 12:00 PM Mildred Flick (Daughters)

October 10, Friday: Weekday

Readings: *Gal 3:7-14; Lk 11:15-26*

- 6:45 AM Maureen Wolf (Husband & Daughters)
- 8:00 AM Alice Brown (Lois & Eddie Simanski)
- 12:00 PM Edgar L. Johnston (Janathyn Crossman)

October 11, Saturday: Blessed John XXIII, pope

Readings: *Gal 3:22-29; Lk 11:27-28*

- 8:00 AM Eileen Lytle (Joe & Judy Nocito)
 - 12:00 PM Mary Kantoski, Anniversary (Family)
- Vigil: Twenty-Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time
- Readings: *Is 25:6-10; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14*
- 5:00 PM Chuck Roberts (Joe & Denise Croft)

Please remember our sick in your prayers.

PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY RALLY - The Altoona Public Square Rosary Rally will be held on **Saturday, October 11**, at 2:00 PM at the Heritage Plaza, 11th Avenue and 14th Street. Please join in this Our Lady of Fatima devotion. Bring a friend along with a lawn chair.

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 October, 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.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Basket Bingo Meeting

Monday, October 6, in Seton Suite at 6:30 PM.

Parish Liturgy Committee

Thursday, October 9, at 12:45 PM in Seton Suite.

ACCS School Council

Thursday, October 9, in St. John Room at 6:30 PM.

CASINO NIGHT AT CATHEDRAL

The Parish is planning **Casino Night** for **Saturday, October 18** from **6:00 PM to 11:00 PM** in the Cathedral Hall. This is a fund-raising event. There will be ten different activities to gamble. Food and drink will be available for purchase. This is an adult function. Plan to attend and bring friends along for an enjoyable evening.

FOOD FOR THE POOR

Next weekend, **October 11 and October 12**, a representative from Food For the Poor, Inc. will speak at each Mass. This ministry is built on faith and trust. With the help from caring friends, Food For the Poor feeds hundreds of thousands of people every day in 16 countries throughout the Caribbean and Latin America. Brochures/envelopes will be distributed at Mass.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, September 28 - \$7,905.00

September Tours of Cathedral

Thank you to all who participated in our four tours of the Cathedral this past September. Eighty-five people took advantage of these tours. Called as stewards to share their time and talent, thank you to our tour guides: Jane Doyle, Benita Jorkasky, Mary Ellen Kelly, Stephanie Kilcoyne, Marlene Sheets, Bill Smith, Mary Jean Vogel, John and Courtney Wessner. And thank you to Jean Koury and Chris Laraia for overseeing the tours.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS PLEASE NOTE:

A new liturgical ministry schedule for October 25 - November 23 is being prepared. All are asked to submit a written list of unavailable dates and any changes of addresses, phone numbers, Mass preferences, etc. as soon as possible. Anyone interested in becoming a liturgical minister, please call the Parish Office and note the schedule of Ministries Reviews on back of this bulletin.

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 **RSVP before October 26th**. Sign up will be held at the Cathedral Square door after all Masses beginning this weekend or you may call: Parish Office 944-4603; Chris Laraia 312-7317 or Jean Koury 949-2777.

LIFE CHAIN TODAY! 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM along 17th Street. Meet at Station Mall Medical Center.

Choir Director

Mr. Kevin Luke can no longer act in the role of Choir Director due to health issues at home with his family. The Cathedral Parish is in search of a choral director for weekly Sunday Mass, seasonal concerts, and diocesan celebrations. Applications are being received from men or women with prior experience possessing a sense of Catholic liturgy. Letters of recommendations are requested. All information can be forwarded to: Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, One Cathedral Square, Altoona, PA, 16601.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

October 5. 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. Please call the Religious Ed Office: 943-7424 to let us know if your child will not be in class. Thank you.
F.I.R.E. Groups - Meet next on Sunday, October 12 from 6:15 PM - 8:30 PM in Cathedral Hall.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION CONFIRMATION

Ninth Grade Parent/Candidate Meeting Sunday, October 5, in the Seton Suite at 6:15 PM. This is a mandatory meeting and will last only one hour. All 9th Grade Cathedral Parishioners; our Bishop Guilfoyle High School freshmen, those students in Religious Education (F.I.R.E.), and any Home-Schooled students at ninth grade level are asked to be in attendance with a parent or guardian.

BAPTISM

Our next Baptismal Preparation Class will be held on **Tuesday, October 7** at 7:00 PM in the Seton Suite. This required class is offered every other month.

Liturgical Reflection ...

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Sacred Liturgy

The liturgy is above all things the worship of the divine majesty. At Mass honor and praise are directed to God our Father through Jesus Christ in the unity of the Holy Spirit. God is present every time we gather for Mass. The liturgy also contains rich instruction for the faithful. For in the liturgy God is speaking to his people and Christ is still proclaiming his gospel. Throughout the liturgical year we remember key moments in salvation history and the paschal mystery. And the people are responding to God by both song and prayer.

Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, Number 33.

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