

SEPTEMBER 28, 2014

Scripture Reflection

Ezekiel prophesied for the people in exile in Babylon. As the second generation of the exiled community grew to adulthood, like many of us, they blamed their parents for their circumstances. Ezekiel tells them that they are personally responsible for their own decisions. An outwardly virtuous person can still make sinful choices and must face the consequences. God wants sinners to repent, to return to grace, and to live. He wants us to accept responsibility for our actions.

The Second Reading from Philippians, tells us that God's way is always the way of righteousness, though this way can be surprising and baffling, shocking us with the depths of God's mercy. We might as a result stubbornly decide that God's way is "unfair" or attempt to resist God's paths, but the ways of God are the way of compassion. Since it is Jesus, the preeminent model of us, who followed God's ways perfectly, Paul begins his beautiful hymn to Christ by encouraging the Philippians to have "the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose" as did Jesus.

Today's Gospel provides a shock of recognition. The first son's response to his father is "I will not," but afterwards changed his mind and went. The other son responded to his father's request, "Yes, sir," but did not go. Who has not encountered this behavior--in themselves, their children, or friends? The issue is, how much of what we have been taught this far we have taken to heart and acted upon? Jesus makes it clear that he does not want words of faith without actions that show evidence of our sincerity. He is looking for followers with repentant hearts. Genuine, wholehearted, active faith is what God desires.

● **What helps you to be "of the same mind" or "have in you the same attitude" as Christ?**

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SCOUT MASS - On **Saturday, October 4**, we will welcome to the Cathedral scouts from around the area to celebrate a special 10:00 AM Awards Mass with Bishop Bartchak presiding.

Extravaganza Bingo at St. Therese Parish Saturday, October 11 - Doors open at 11:30 PM and Games start at 1:00 PM. Ticket price is \$30. Fifteen regular games, four special games and two large jackpots:\$500 and \$1,000. Tickets are prepaid and can be purchased through Saint Therese Rectory 942-4479 or contact Jen at 505-7516.

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 by September 27. Forms are available at the Parish Office. E-mail questions to Lisa Vinglish at lmving@aol.com.

CASINO NIGHT AT CATHEDRAL
The Parish is planning a Casino Night on **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.

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.

The Church of Al toona-Johnstown THE CATHEDRAL OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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.

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
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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-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 28, 2014

Readings: Ez 18:25-28; Phl 2:1-11; Mt 21:28-32

Mass Intentions

September 29, Monday: Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael

Readings: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Jn 1:47-51

6:45 AM Deceased Sisters of IHM
8:00 AM Mike Smith (Fred & Diane Gibbons)
12:00 PM Don Tomlinson, Anniversary (Family)

September 30, Tuesday: Saint Jerome, priest, doctor

Readings: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Lk 9:51-56

6:45 AM James Roland (Wed. Night Rosary Group)
8:00 AM Eileen Lytle (Taddie Family)
12:00 PM John Vogel, Birthday (Madeline & Family)

October 1, Wednesday: Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

Readings: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Lk 9:57-62

6:45 AM Camille McMullen (Patti & Geoff Gelsey)
8:00 AM Leroy & Irmina Helfrich (Estate)
12:00 PM Jennie Calabrese (Shirley Glova)

October 2, Thursday: Holy Guardian Angels

Readings: Eccl 1:2-11; Lk 9:7-9

6:45 AM Msgr. Thomas Madden (Estate)
8:00 AM Marie Griener (Nieces, Skip & Nancy)
12:00 PM Edgar A. Johnston, Anniversary (Mother)

October 3 Friday: Weekday

Readings: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Lk 10:13-16

6:45 AM Rose Quartz (Joe & Carol Quinn)
8:00 AM Vi Franchio (Johnny Franchio)
12:00 PM Rob Beiswenger (Joseph Dzurenko)

October 4, Saturday: Saint Francis of Assisi, religious

Readings: Jb 42:1-3,5-6,12-17; Lk 10:17-24

8:00 AM George Seidel, Birthday (Stayer Family)
12:00 PM Delphina Rutolo, Anniv.(Daughter & Family)
Vigil: Twenty-Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

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

5:00 PM Andrew Kurdziel (Family)

Please remember our sick in your prayers.

Final September Tour of Cathedral

If you have not yet had the opportunity to tour our magnificent Cathedral, it's not too late. The fourth and final tour is scheduled for this Tuesday evening, September 30 at 7:00 PM. Bring a friend.

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.

INQUIRY

Have you thought about joining the Church? Is your spiritual journey leading you to ask about the Catholic Church and her teachings? **Inquiry Sessions are every Sunday at 11:00 AM in the Seton Suite.** Plan to join the Christian Initiation Team on Sunday mornings following the 10:00 AM Mass. Bring a friend!

Missionary Cooperative

Last weekend Fr. Jose Ebron spoke at all Masses asking us to help support the new seminary in their diocese. A green envelope was stapled to last week's bulletin. Please place your generous donation in this envelope and drop it in the regular Sunday collection with your weekly gift to the Parish.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Those suffering the loss of a loved one are encouraged to gather with others on **Wednesday, October 1**. To register call: 944-9388.

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.

Charismatic Prayer

The Charismatic Prayer Group will meet this Monday at 7:00 PM in the church. Fr. Bob Hitz will be giving a spiritual talk with the theme "Radiating the Healing Light of Jesus". Please come and be blessed. All are welcome!

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, September 21 - \$10,532.00

Cathedral Receives Gift

This past week the Parish received a \$1,000 gift *In Memory of Paul J. Koegler* who died on April 2, 2010. We are most grateful.

CITIZENS CONCERNED FOR HUMAN LIFE

Once again on **Sunday, October 5**, 2014, Citizens Concerned for Human Life will be sponsoring a Life Chain here in Altoona from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM. The Life Chain will form along 17th Street, and we will be praying for an end to abortion. Please plan to attend this peaceful and prayerful demonstration for life. Questions? Call: 946-0681.

FAMILY NIGHT WAS A GOOD TIME FOR ALL!

Everyone enjoyed the food, the games, the atmosphere, and maybe most of all, the people. Thanks to the Planning Committee, Cathedral staff, our teen helpers, and the kitchen workers. Thank you to Steve Yaskow for supplying the music; Roberta Burns for the Photo Booth; and Zach McCloskey for the Balloon Making. And two special raffles were held thanks to the Tea Merchant and Dana Tomlinson. As advertized we held the drawing for our **Annual Summer Raffle** prizes during the evening. **Mike Duffy** was our **Grand Prize** winner of **\$2,000**. Additional winners were: \$1,000, Mary Engelman; \$500, Rebecca Urban; \$250, Stephen & Kate Steinbeiser; \$200, Rita McCloskey; \$150, Kathy Wagner; \$100, Robert Gibbons, Millie Bilski, Lorraine Beck, Rachel Gingrich, Sandy Leo, Paul Dikum, Gail Tomlinson, Benita Jorkasky; \$50, Bill Benson, Jr., Bart Hmel, Lucy Noel, Helen O'Leary, David Thompson; \$25, Kathryn Kantoski and Rick Tomlinson. Our profit from the Summer Raffle was **\$7,690.00**. We sold 2,578 tickets.

ALTOONA CENTRAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

ACCS had a very successful Kid-Palooza Yard Sale on Saturday, September 20. Over \$800 was made to benefit student government and activities. Many thanks to all adults and students who worked.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

September 28. 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 at class. Thank you. **F.I.R.E. Groups** - Meet next on Sunday, October 12 from 6:15 PM - 8:30 PM in Cathedral Hall.

CONFIRMATION PREP

Tenth Grade Parent/Candidate Meeting

Sunday, September 28, in the Seton Suite at 6:15 PM. This meeting will last one hour. All 10th Grade Cathedral Parishioners; our Bishop Guilfoyle High School sophomores, those in Religious Education (F.I.R.E.), and any Home-Schooled students at tenth grade level are asked to be in attendance with a parent or guardian.

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.

Expectant Parents Please Note: Our next Session of **Baptismal Preparation** is scheduled for Tuesday, October 7 at 7:00 PM in the Seton Suite. This required class is offered every other month.

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Sacred Liturgy

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

Liturgical Reflection ...

Servers, readers, commentators, cantors, and members of the choir also exercise a genuine liturgical function. All liturgical ministers are to discharge their office with sincere devotion and decorum. Dress and posture give witness to the sacred ministry exercised by the faithful. It is the expectation of the Church that these ministries be carried out with love and reverence. Catechesis and preparation are necessary for an understanding of the proper function of each liturgical ministry.

Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, Number 29.