

AUGUST 31, 2014

Scripture Reflection

Much modern talk about God tends to reduce the creator to a living doll, who wants to give us a divine cuddle. There is no doubt that the essence of God's being is love, but the experience of that love and of God's being is not always an experience of comfort and ease. God can disturb the relaxed meditations of the satisfied and push believers to the breaking point. The awful power of God can overwhelm.

The language of the prophet Jeremiah reflects this experience of the might of God in language that can trouble people even today. The words of Jeremiah, "You duped me, O Lord., and I let myself be duped; you were too strong for me, and you triumphed," can also be translated, "O Lord, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed."

In the Gospel, Peter discovers that following Jesus will have a cost. He is not pleased; he thought he was on a road to glory. So when Jesus said that he would suffer in Jerusalem, Peter said this was not the positive message the people wanted to hear. Jesus' shocking response is: "Get behind me, Satan!" Jesus is telling Peter to be a disciple, to walk in his (Jesus') shoes. He states clearly that following him on the way of the Cross is more important than life itself.

The will of God is not always the easy path, as Jeremiah and Jesus show, but the soul that thirsts for God will be satisfied only by the water that gives life, that allows us to transform our minds and souls and so to discern the will of God.

• **How do we deal with the fact that Jesus is not giving the positive message that people would rather hear?**

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ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2014

This year the Cathedral Parish goal was set at **\$66,350.00**. We are **\$24,320.00** over goal having raised \$90,670.00 and are now receiving monthly checks back from the Diocese. Additional gifts are still being accepted. Place any envelope marked ACA in the regular Sunday collection. Thank You.

Special Collection for Middle East

Much suffering and death are part of the lives of our Christian brothers and sisters in Iraq, Syria, and Gaza. The Church in the United States has been asked to take a special collection to provide humanitarian relief and pastoral support for our affected brothers and sisters in the Middle East. There will be a special second collection next weekend, **September 6 and 7**, at all the Masses. Please be as generous as you can.

Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass

Bishop Mark Bartchak and the Family Life Office cordially invite all couples celebrating their 1st, 25th, 40th, 50th, and 60+ Wedding Anniversary in 2014 (and their families) to attend the **Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy**. Couples may attend **Sunday, September 14** at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament at **2:00 PM**. Bishop Mark will be the celebrant and homilist. Punch and cookies will be available after the Mass for anniversary couples and their families.

ANNUAL SUMMER RAFFLE

Twenty cash prizes totaling over \$5,000.00 in prizes ranging from \$2,000 to \$25 will be awarded on **Saturday, September 20th** at **Family Night** in Cathedral Hall, but you need not be present to win. **Each ticket is \$5.00** and every family is asked to purchase four tickets. Tickets are sold at Cathedral Square door after weekend Masses and are available at the Parish Office during the week.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS PLEASE NOTE:

A new liturgical ministry schedule for October and November 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.

Please remember our sick in your prayers.

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

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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.

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
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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Readings: Jer 20:7-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

Mass Intentions


- September 1, Monday: Labor Day
Readings: 1 Cor 2:1-5; Lk 4:16-30
9:00 AM Bess Greinader, Anniversary (Sally & Beth)
- September 2, Tuesday: Weekday
Readings: 1 Cor 2:10-16; Lk 4:31-37
6:45 AM Donald Huber (Dick Huber)
8:00 AM Patrick Hallinan (Family)
12:00 PM Robert Smithmyer (Don & Diane Carnell)
- September 3, Wednesday: Saint Gregory the Great
Readings: 1 Cor 3:1-9; Lk 4:38-44
6:45 AM Alice Ann Martynuska, Birth (Sons)
8:00 AM Eileen Lytle (Debbie & Bo Kuntz)
12:00 PM Kathleen Duffy, Birth (Husband, Jack)
- September 4, Thursday: Weekday
Readings: 1 Cor 3:18-23; Lk 5:1-11
6:45 AM Barbara Moran (Cathedral Parish)
8:00 AM Jack Leiden (Cathedral Parish)
12:00 PM Jennie Calabrese, Birth (Sister, Josephine)
- September 5, Friday: Weekday
Readings: 1 Cor 4:1-5; Lk 5:33-39
6:45 AM Kevin Hanlin (McAndrew Family)
8:00 AM Joan Azzarello (Bill & Grace Smith)
12:00 PM Rob Beiswenger (UPMC Friends)
- September 6, Saturday: Weekday
Readings: 1 Cor 4:6-15; Lk 6:1-5
8:00 AM Jim Roland (Lois & Eddie Simanski)
12:00 PM Margy McConnell (Pat Rabine & Family)
Vigil: Twenty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time
Readings: Ez 22:7-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20
5:00 PM Health of Joyce Rourke McNeal (M.V.K.)

Communion Calls This Week

Our clergy visit the sick and homebound of the parish each month. Call the Parish Office at 944-4603 to arrange a visit for yourself or a loved one.

Nocturnal Adoration

The Nocturnal Adoration Society will meet here in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament from 8:00 PM until 11:00 PM on **Friday, September 5th**. New members are always welcome.



Liturgical Reflection ...

Monday, September 1, is a special day of prayer in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown. It is a **Day of Prayer for Human Rights and Equality**. Please join the Local Church in praying the following:

O God, who through human labor never cease to perfect and govern the vast work of creation, listen to us and grant all men and women work that befits their dignity, joins them more closely to one another and enables them to serve their neighbor. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen

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

Anniversaries

Next **Sunday, September 7**, the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament will celebrate its **83rd Anniversary of Dedication**. At that time the Parish has invited two Jubilarians to join us for the celebration. Msgr. Paul Panza, former Rector of the Cathedral, is celebrating his 60th anniversary of priesthood. Sister Beverly Hmel, IHM, is celebrating her 60th anniversary of profession as a religious woman. Both Msgr. Panza and Sister Beverly will join us at the **10:00 AM Mass** on September 7. Msgr. Panza will give the homily and Sister Beverly will renew her vows of profession. There will be a social following on the portico of the Cathedral. Plan to join us on this day of memorable anniversaries.

Annual Calendar of Prizes 2014

Don't Forget! **Our Grand Prize** will be awarded next **Sunday, September 7th**. The Pennsylvania Lottery 7:00 PM drawing of the Straight, Three Digit, Daily Number will determine our winner of a **\$5,000.00** Prize. Good luck!

BLUE AND WHITE MASS

Saturday, **September 13**, will be our annual Blue and White Mass remembering September 11, 2001. Bishop Bartchak will celebrate Mass at 5:00 PM. This special Mass is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. All are encouraged to attend.

Family Night - Plan to Play

The Parish is planning **FAMILY NIGHT** on **Saturday, September 20** from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM in the Cathedral Hall. There will be a dozen activities for children and adults. Different booths and activities will invite players to take chances and win, others will be for our amusement. This event will provide families with entertainment similar to the summer festival. So bring a few dollars to play the different games. There will be food for purchase. This is a family friendly function. Parishioners of all ages are welcome to attend.

Casino Night

The Parish is planning Casino Night on **Saturday, October 18** from 6:00 PM to 11:00 PM in the Cathedral Hall. This is a fundraising 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.

Constitution **Liturgical Reflection ...**

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Sacred Liturgy

The Church earnestly desires that all the faithful be led to that full, conscious, and active participation in liturgical celebrations called for by the very nature of the liturgy. Such participation by the Christian people as a "chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people" (1 Peter 2:9) is their right and duty by reason of their baptism. In promoting the liturgy, this full and active participation by all the people is the aim to be considered before all else. When gathered at Mass, believers fully participate in the mystery of faith.

Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, Number 14.

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OFFERTORY COLLECTION
Sunday, August 24 - \$8,806.00

Annual September Tours of Cathedral

September is the month our Cathedral celebrates its anniversary of dedication. Again this September the Cathedral will offer four tours of this singular structure. The one hour tours are scheduled for: Sunday, September 7th at 1:00 PM; Thursday, September 18th at 7:00 PM; Sunday, September 21st at 1:00 PM; and Tuesday, September 30th at 7:00 PM. Plan to attend one of the four dates.

Marriage Congratulations!

Kerri Hallinan and Ryan McCartney began their new life as husband and wife here in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament on Saturday, August 23.. May they be blessed with many years of love and happiness, and may they find support and affirmation among the Christian family.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Classes for (Pre K- 8) begin on **Sunday, September 7, 11:15 AM - 12:30 PM** in Cathedral Hall. Pre-K and Kindergarten gather in the Music Room. All returning families: If you have not returned your Pre-Registration form, please contact Chris Laraia at 312-7317. New families: Please contact Chris for information.
F.I.R.E. - Sunday, September 7 at 6:15 PM - 8:30 PM in Cathedral Hall. This is for all Cathedral Religious Education and Home-schooled students in **9th, 10th, and 11th** grades and parents.

Rest In Peace - Please remember in prayer, Margy McConnell and Father Joseph Strittmatter, who died and were buried from the Cathedral this past week. May they rest in the peace of Christ.