

AUGUST 24, 2014

Scripture Reflection

The readings explore what it means to be a leader of God's people. In the First Reading, Isaiah is speaking to Shebna, a man who in times of trouble has not thought of the people, but of his own wants. The kingdom of Judah is being pressed by many enemies, and the people are in need of help. Shebna has responded by allocating funds to build an ostentatious burial chamber for himself. Isaiah proclaims the downfall of Shebna in favor of Eliakim, who is given the tokens of authority to rule in God's name.

While in the region where the pagan Greek god Pan is worshipped, Jesus asks his disciples who the people say that he is. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, Peter proclaims Jesus the Messiah, Son of the living God. In response, Jesus appoints Peter as the leader, the rock on whom he will build the Church. We, who know the story, realize that Peter still has much to learn, but here we witness the insight and devotion that will enable Peter and the popes, his successors, to make the necessary decisions for the direction of the Church. They are assured of God's continuing presence, supporting them in their essential service of governance.

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks Peter, "Who do you say that I am?" That is the most profound and intimate question any person can address to another. Responding to it calls for honesty, love, and commitment. • Allow Jesus to ask you the same question. Make two columns. In one, write at least five responses. In the second, write what commitment that description of Jesus calls forth.

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ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2014

An update on this year's Appeal shows **348** gifts have been received. This year the Cathedral Parish goal was set at **\$66,350.00**. We have raised **\$90,670.00** to date. We are **\$24,320.00** over goal and are now receiving monthly checks back from the Diocese.

Please continue to make pledge payments to help with our **special project** of replacing the sidewalk along the side and front of the Cathedral. Additional gifts are still being accepted. Place any envelope marked ACA in the regular Sunday collection. Thank you.

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. **Reservations must be made through the parish by this Thursday, August 28.**

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 dates unavailable 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.

The Church of Al toona-Johnstown
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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.
- 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
- Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak, Bishop
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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Readings: *Is 22:19-23; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20*

Mass Intentions

August 25, Monday: Saint Louis/Saint Joseph Calasanz

Readings: *2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Mt 23:13-22*

6:45 AM Msgr. Thomas Madden (Estate)
8:00 AM Mike Smith (Fred & Diane Gibbons)
12:00 PM Joseph C. Prendergast (Kay Wesner Family)

August 26, Tuesday: Weekday

Readings: *2 Thes 2:1-3, 14-17; Mt 22:23-26*

6:45 AM James Roland (Jim & Elaine Weaver)
8:00 AM Leroy & Irmina Helfrich (Estate)
12:00 PM Camille McMullen (Patti & Geoff Gelsey)

August 27, Wednesday: Saint Monica

Readings: *2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Mt 23:27-32*

6:45 AM Donald Huber (Dick Huber)
8:00 AM Ray & Jane Greiner (Nieces, Nancy & Skip)
12:00 PM Joseph Pagliaro, Birthday (Wife & Family)

August 28, Thursday: Saint Augustine, bishop, doctor

Readings: *1 Cor 1:1-9; Mt 24:42-51*

6:45 AM Verna Bell (Family)
8:00 AM Louise Mincin, Birthday (Susan Galant)
12:00 PM Cindy Gardella (Lois & Eddie Simanski)

August 29, Friday: Passion of Saint John the Baptist

Readings: *1 Cor 1:17-25; Mk 6:17-29*

6:45 AM George Vassel, Jr. (Tom & Pat Forr)
8:00 AM Eileen Lytle (Connie Blontz Family)
12:00 PM Benedict Kedzuf, Anniv. (Wife, Maureen)

August 30, Saturday: Weekday

Readings: *1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 25:14-30*

8:00 AM Matthew Burns (Family)
12:00 PM Genevieve Moloney, Birthday (M. Vogel Fam.)
Vigil: Twenty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time
Readings: *Jer 20:7-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27*
5:00 PM Atillio Stefanon (Kathy Grove)

Please remember our sick in your prayers.

Rest In Peace

Please remember in prayer, Jack Leiden, who died and was buried from the Cathedral this past Friday. May he rest in peace and may Sally and all his family and friends be comforted in the faith.

ANNUAL SOCIAL CALENDAR AT CATHEDRAL

January - downtime from Christmas
February - Mardi Gras, Saturday, February 14, 2015, Cathedral Hall
March/April - Friday Fish Luncheons, Cathedral Hall
April - Holy Thursday Dinner, April 2, 2015, Cathedral Hall
Easter Sunday, April 5, 2015, Bottles of Easter Water and Candy for Children
April - Basket Bingo, Sunday, April 26, 2015, Cathedral Hall***
May - Communal Anointing of Sick - Distribution of Prayer Shawls and Social on Portico
June - Parish Feast Day, Sunday, June 7, 2015, Body and Blood of Christ, Social on Portico
Annual Eucharistic Day, Adoration of Blessed Sacrament throughout afternoon
June - Vacation Bible School, Cathedral Hall
July/August - Annual Summer Raffle***
September - Family Night, Saturday, September 20, 2014, Cathedral Hall
October - Casino Night, Saturday, October 18, 2014, Cathedral Hall***
November - Marriage Social, Saturday, November 8, 2014, 6:00 PM, Cathedral Hall
November/December - Calendar of Prizes 2015

***Events to replace Annual Cathedral Festival

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.

Meeting For Basket Bingo

There will be a planning meeting on **Thursday, August 28** in the Seton Suite at 6:30 PM. Anyone interested in helping with this fund-raising activity (April 26, 2015) is asked to come to this meeting. The agenda includes delegating different responsibilities: volunteering to seek donations from local businesses; selling chances and door prizes; advertising; admission tickets; creating baskets with various themes. If willing to volunteer for a particular task or unable to make the meeting, please call Paula Truby at 943-3563 or Roberta Burns at 946-0238. This is an annual event that replaces the festival. Parishioners are asked to come forward to volunteer their time and talent. Thank you.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Religious Education Program needs help to carry items from the old school building to the Parish Hall. We will meet this **Saturday, August 30**, at **10:00 AM** at the school building. Please help us with this "heavy" task. Teens needing service hours and strong young adults would be appreciated.

BACK TO SCHOOL FOOD DRIVE Saturday and Sunday, September 19 and 20

See posters at Church doors. Collection bins will be placed at all doors that weekend. Ask friends, neighbors, and relatives to help out too. Benefits the Gloria Gates Foundation. Questions? Please call Karen at 889-7500.

Liturgical Reflection ...

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Anniversary

Sacred Liturgy

By a tradition handed down from the apostles and having its origin from the very day of Christ's resurrection, the Church celebrates the paschal mystery every eighth day, which, with good reason, bears the name of the Lord's Day or Sunday. For on this day Christ's faithful must gather together so that, by hearing the word of God and taking part in the Eucharist, they call to mind the passion, the resurrection, and the glorification of the Lord Jesus and may thank God for the gift of new life received through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Hence the Lord's Day is the first holy day of all, a day of joy and freedom from work.

Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, Number 106

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

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, August 17 - \$7,709.00

Feast of the Assumption of Mary - \$2,315.00

Upcoming Anniversaries

On **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.

MUSIC MINISTRY

The Cathedral Parish Choir will resume its regular rehearsal schedule beginning this Thursday, August 28th at **7:30 PM**. All remaining rehearsals will be from **7:00 PM to 9:00 PM** on Thursdays. New members would be most welcome! If interested in joining the choir contact Kevin Luke at 944-2044.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Ministry to Homebound and Elderly

Tuesday, August 26, 6:30 PM in the St. John Room. Interested individuals are encouraged to attend.

ACCS School Council

Wednesday, August 27, 6:30 PM in the St. John Room.

Parish Liturgy Committee

Thursday, August 28, 12:45 PM, in the Seton Suite.