

AUGUST 10, 2014

Scripture Reflection

The First Reading marks a transition in the Bible from experiencing God's revelation in the mighty forces of nature to the believer's attentive listening to God's voice in his or her heart. Like Elijah, the center of God's presence on earth is found in the believer who listens heart to heart with God.

In the Gospel according to Matthew, we find the disciples in the middle of a storm on the Sea of Galilee. All that they have between themselves and disaster is their skill. Then they see Jesus coming across the water, a sure sign of his divinity, as only God controls the sea. As Elijah wants to approach God, so Peter calls out to Jesus, bidding him to come. Jesus invites him out on the water. Peter steps out and sinks. The Greek word used here means indecision. Picture stepping from a boat to the dock and hesitating in between, ending up in the water. Jesus admonishes Peter for his little faith.

Most of us have not experienced God's divine presence as profoundly as the apostles, and they were overcome by doubt and fear. They feared that their senses were deceiving them and that what they were witnessing was just a terrifying ghost. God does not always come to us in the flesh, or in the storm, or in chaos. God is revealed in numerous ways. Elijah came to a cave on Mount Horeb, the mountain of God, to encounter God, but God was not present in the windstorm, or the earthquake, or in the fire, but in "a tiny whispering sound". After Elijah heard this sound, he "went and stood at the entrance of the cave" to be attentive to God's presence. It was in the calm after the storm that God was revealed in the quietness.

• When have you experienced God's presence in the storm or in the calm?

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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.

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 your parish by Monday, August 18.**

Please note: all Cathedral jubilarians are invited to submit your names and wedding dates to the Parish Office so we can arrange for you to receive a special gift from the Parish to mark this wonderful occasion.

New Ministry to Homebound and Elderly

Anyone interested in being a part of a ministry to our elderly and homebound parishioners is invited to a meeting to discuss the beginnings of an outreach program. At the outset perhaps this would be a telephone ministry where there is regular contact with someone who is no longer able to get out and around. Anyone interested in starting this new ministry is invited to a meeting on Tuesday, August 26 at 6:30 PM in the Saint John Room.

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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.

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

Saturday: 8:00 AM

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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NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 10, 2014

Readings: 1 Kgs 19:9, 11-13; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-23

Mass Intentions

August 11, Monday: Saint Clare, virgin
Readings: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28; Mt 17:22-27
6:45 AM Jean Wilk (Joe & Sue Korinchak)
8:00 AM Mary Dombrowski, Birthday (Family)
12:00 PM Amandus Gallagher (Virginia & Daniel DiLeo)

August 12, Tuesday: Saint Jane Frances de Chantal
Readings: Ez 2:8--3:4; Mt 18:1-5,10,12-14
6:45 AM Cecelia Hollern (M/M James Kilcoyne Fam.)
8:00 AM Joyanna Dennis, Anniv. (Family)
12:00 PM Bill Geis, Birthday (Patti Geis & Family)

August 13, Wednesday: Saints Pontian and Hippolytus
Readings: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22; Mt 18:15-20
6:45 AM Don McConnell (Leonard & Susan Kijorski)
8:00 AM Ellen Burkey (Jack & Barb Calka)
12:00 PM Jacqueline Sheehan, Ann, (R.&J. Sheehan)

August 14, Thursday: Saint Maximilian Kolbe, martyr
Readings: Ez 12:1-12; Mt 18:21--19:1
6:45 AM Rose Quartz (Bob & Florence Eckenrode)
8:00 AM Leo Winkowsk (Joseph Wiedemer)
12:00 PM Camille McMullen (Essie Auker)

Vigil of Assumption (Holy Day of Obligation)
Readings: 1Chr 15:3-4,15-16;16:1-2;
1Cor 15:54-57; Lk11:27-28
5:30 PM Edgar L. Johnston, Birthday (Wife)

August 15, Friday: **The Assumption of Mary**
Readings: Rv 11: 19; 12:1-6,10; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
8:00 AM For the Young and Lonely (Susan Bauer)
12:00 PM People of God
5:30 PM Eileen Lytle (Steve & Sheila Webber)

August 16, Saturday: Saint Stephen of Hungary
Readings: Ez18:1-10, 13, 30-32; Mt 19:13-15
8:00 AM Inten. of Annie Dombrowski (Parents)
12:00 PM Erla Stombough, Birth (Gerri Rose)
Vigil: Twentieth Sunday In Ordinary Time
Readings: Is 56:1,6-7; Rom 11:13-15,29-32; Mt 15:21-28
5:00 PM Jim Roland, Birthday (Wife, Diane & Family)

Please remember our sick in your prayers.

HOLY DAY

Liturgical Reflection ...

This Friday is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a holy day of obligation in the United States of America. In celebrating the annual cycle of Christ's mysteries, the Church honors with special love Mary, the Mother of God. The Blessed Virgin Mary is joined by an inseparable bond to the saving work of her Son. This feast of the Assumption was celebrated as early as the fifth century in both the east and west. She who bore the Eternal Word in her womb would not experience decay. Rather, Mary is the first to share in the resurrection of her Son. The Vigil Mass is at 5:30 PM on Thursday, and Masses on Friday are at 8:00 AM, 12:00 Noon, and 5:30 PM.

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WELCOME

Bishop Guilfoyle High School Class of 1984 is celebrating their 30th Year Anniversary with us at 10:00 AM Mass today. We pray for all members both living and deceased.

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Our Religious Education Program has openings for a **first grade teacher** and for **substitute teachers**. Please consider this opportunity for stewardship of time and talent to help our children. For more information, contact Chris Laraia at 312-7317.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Prince Gallitzin Court #2625 will meet on Monday, August 11 at 6:30 PM for a social followed by a 7:00 PM meeting in the St. Rose of Lima Social Hall. New members welcome!

ANNUAL CHOPPER DROP

It's time for the 3rd Annual Marauder Chopper Drop to be held on **September 27th** at 4:00 PM at Tom Irwin Field. Chance to win \$10,000. Tickets are one for \$20 or three for \$50. Only 1,300 will be sold. For more details call: 944-3987.

ANNUAL SUMMER RAFFLE

The Annual Cathedral Raffle takes the place of the summer festival raffle. This annual raffle will replace the quarterly raffles also. There will be twenty cash prizes with over \$5,000.00 in prizes ranging from \$2,000 to \$25. **One ticket is \$5.00** and each family is asked to purchase four tickets.

This is in place of the festival donations of soda, paper products, baked goods, and hours of service. Chances have been mailed to active parishioners. The drawing will be **Saturday, September 20th** at **Family Night** in Cathedral Hall. You need not be present to win. Tickets are now being sold after weekend Masses and are available at the Parish Office during the week.

Charismatic Prayer - The Charismatic Prayer Group will meet this Monday at 7:00 PM in the church for Praise and Worship and a spirit filled talk. Please join us! All are welcome!

Liturgical Reflection ...

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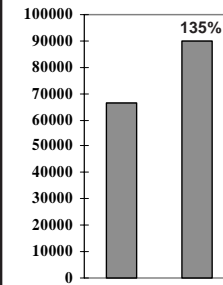
The Church earnestly desires that Christ's faithful, when present at the mystery of faith, should not be there as strangers or silent spectators. On the contrary, through a good understanding of the rites and prayers at Mass, the faithful should take part in the sacred service conscious of what they are doing, with devotion and full involvement. All are instructed by God's word and nourished at the table of the Lord's body. All gather to give thanks to God. By offering the immaculate Victim, not only through the hands of the priest, but also with him, they learn to offer themselves as well. Through Christ the faithful should be formed day by day into an ever more perfect unity with God and with each other, so that finally God may be all in all.

Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, Number 48.

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

OFFERTORY COLLECTION
Sunday, August 3 - \$14,882.00

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2014



This year the Cathedral Parish goal was set at \$66,350.00. We are now **\$23,450.00** over our goal having raised **\$89,800.00** and are 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. If you have yet to participate in this year's Appeal, it is not too late. Place any envelope marked ACA in the regular Sunday collection. Thank you.

Gratitude to Charismatic Prayer Group

During the four Mondays of the **FIRE RALLY (Faith, Intercession, Repentance, and Evangelization)** in July, Barb Rossi oversaw book sales on-line and on the book table. The Parish has been gifted **\$1,201.65**. We are grateful to the Cathedral Charismatic Prayer Group for this generous gift. May the Lord continue to bless their Monday evening gatherings where the Holy Spirit is invoked giving honor and praise to God.

ACCS Open House/Picnic, August 20 at 6:00 PM in Father Kelley Hall! First Day of School, August 25.