

AUGUST 3, 2014

Scripture Reflection

Today's readings show us God as a nurturer, feeding us and caring for us. His words of forgiveness and renewal in the First Reading are proclaimed to the people in exile, encouraging them to come and receive all that he offers. Being invited to God's banquet is a sign of reconciliation and peace.

God's love is a spiritual reality. Paul claims that hardship, distress, persecution, famine, nakedness, peril or sword will not "separate us from the love of Christ." Paul boldly proclaims "that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." This is a promise of God's eternal love for humanity and demonstrates the core reality that love is the heart of God's being and the promise of our future regardless of our current situation.

The historian of Rome, Michael Grant, has written about how the poor were despised in Jesus's time. He points out that there is not one Roman writer who had anything but contempt for those in need. The poor were subjected to insult, blamed for their poverty and lived without hope. Imagine how they felt when they heard that when Jesus saw the crowd, "his heart was moved with pity for them." Jesus gave them a banquet and all ate until they were satisfied. If we seek the heart of Jesus, we will discover it in the heart of the poor.

• **When you think of the poor, what thoughts come to mind? What things have influenced your attitudes to the poor? How does Jesus affirm or challenge those attitudes?**

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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 during the month of August, 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.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Marriage - Julie Page and Troy Sharbaugh began their new life as husband and wife here in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament on Saturday, July 26th. May they be blessed with many years of love and happiness, and may they find support and affirmation among the Christian family.

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

ONE CATHEDRAL SQUARE, Al toona, Pennsylvania 16601-3315
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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) 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

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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 3, 2014

Readings: *Is 55:1-3; Rom 8:35, 37-39; Mt 14:13-21*

Mass Intentions

August 4, Monday: Saint John Vianney, priest

Readings: *Jer 28:1-17; Mt 9:35--10:1*

6:45 AM Alice Martynuska, Anniv. (Greg & Ange)

8:00 AM Msgr. Robert Mazur (Parishioner)

12:00 PM Irene Kelly Wood, Birthday (Maureen)

August 5, Tuesday: Ded. of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

Readings: *Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Mt 14:22-36*

6:45 AM Etta Pastore (Cathedral Parish)

8:00 AM Audrey Krause (Peggy McLucas Family)

12:00 PM Edgar L. Johnston (Kathy Ray/Mary Thomas)

August 6, Wednesday: The Transfiguration of the Lord

Readings: *Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9*

6:45 AM Joseph A. Keirn (Mom & Dad)

8:00 AM George & Betty Lang (Nieces, Nancy & Skip)

12:00 PM Joseph C. Pagliaro (Stanley J. Krish Family)

August 7, Thursday: Saint Sixtus II, pope/Saint Cajetan

Readings: *Jer 31:31-34; Mt 16:13-23*

6:45 AM Bill Hoff (Jim & Elaine Weaver)

8:00 AM Vi Franchio (Fran Prospero)

12:00 PM Tom Byrne (John & Alice Joyce)

August 8, Friday: Saint Dominic, priest

Readings: *Na 2:1,3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Mt 16:24-28*

6:45 AM Kevin Hanlin (Joe Wiedemer)

8:00 AM Father Robert Yestko, TOR (Cathedral Parish)

12:00 PM Jennie Calabrese (Rosemary Zenone)

August 9, Saturday: Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

Readings: *Hb 1L12--2:4; Mt 17:14-20*

8:00 AM Amandus Gallagher, Birthday (Daughters)

12:00 PM Mildred Flick (Daughters)

Vigil: Nineteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

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

5:00 PM In Thanksgiving (B.G.H.S. Class of 1977)

Please remember our sick in your prayers.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

To be held the first Wednesday of every month starting August 6, 2014 at Catholic Charities, Altoona Office, 1300 12th Avenue, from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM. To register call: 944-9388, Ext. 205.

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, 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, Cathedral Hall

November/December - Calendar of Prizes 2015

***Events to replace Annual Cathedral Festival

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Our Religious Education Program has openings for a **first grade teacher** and for **substitute teachers**. Here is your opportunity to pass on the Catholic faith to future generations. Please consider this opportunity for stewardship of time and talent to help our children. For more information, contact Chris Laraia at 312-7317.

ANNUAL SUMMER RAFFLE

The Annual Cathedral Raffle takes the place of the summer festival raffle. This annual raffle will replace the quarterly raffles. 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. **Please note:** Would the holder of tickets #1968-#1971 call Sue at the Parish Office as soon as possible? The wrong part of the tickets was turned in and we need contact information for Amy, Anne, Joe and you.

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.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Our next Baptismal Preparation Class will be held this **Tuesday, at 7:00 PM** in the Seton Suite. To register call the Parish Office: 944-4603.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, July 27 - \$7,825.50

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2014

This year the Cathedral Parish goal was set at **\$66,350.00**. We are **\$22,095.00** over goal having raised **\$88,445.00** 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.

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.

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.

Liturgical Reflection ...

The bishop is to be looked upon as the high priest of his flock. Therefore all should hold in great esteem the liturgical life of the diocese centered around the bishop, especially in the cathedral church. The preeminent manifestation of the Church is present in the full, active participation of all God's holy people, especially at Mass, in a single prayer, at one altar at which the bishop presides, surrounded by his college of priests and by his ministers. As the bishop cannot be present over the whole flock of the Church, local parishes are established under the pastor taking the place of the bishop. Therefore both in attitude and in practice the liturgical life of the parish and its relationship to the bishop must be fostered among the faithful and clergy.

Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, Number 41.

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