

**JULY 27, 2014**

*Scripture Reflection*

Ask for anything in the world and it will be yours! Usually, in fairy tales and legends, three wishes are granted. Then after poor choices, the truth is discovered about what really matters. Lessons are learned the hard way. The First Book of Kings presents us with a somewhat similar scenario, but with the storied wisdom of young king Solomon on display. He identifies himself, in a humble way, as a mere youth in need of counsel. He asks God to give him "an understanding heart," literally "a listening heart." The heart in the Old Testament refers not to the organ circulating the blood, but to the seat of the intellect and the ability to discern good and evil.

The Gospel uses concrete images---buried treasure, the search for a precious pearl, a net full of fish. Jesus is describing the actions of those who have an "understanding heart," who recognize the value of what they have heard, and who have made a decision and a firm commitment for the Kingdom of Heaven. The disciples have been chosen by God, sifted out to separate them from those who do not choose to follow God. In this way, they enter into his glory.

Like wisdom, but unlike riches, honor or a lengthy human life, the kingdom of heaven can be shared without lessening or diminishing it. There is always more of the kingdom of heaven to share, to offer, to purchase, which is why the image of buying it is both shocking and humorous. There is no less of the kingdom of heaven after you sell all you have to buy it, and anyone else can still buy it too. And most shocking of all, after you buy the kingdom of heaven, the joy of the purchase never diminishes.

• **How can you develop a "listening heart"? What attitude towards things must you let go of in order to find the treasure of the Kingdom?**

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**Parishioners at Camp Zacchaeus**

Every year the Diocese sponsors a youth camp for our children in both the elementary (Camp Zacchaeus) and secondary grades (Camp Timothy). Ashton Truby attended Camp Timothy. Victoria Johnson, Josh Welteroth, Joseph Ball Christopher Ball, Caleb Crawford, Samantha Long, and Helena Shivas will be attending Camp Zacchaeus. It is a week full of activities, fun, good food, Mass with the Bishop, and time to reflect on Jesus our Lord and the faith.

**Cathedral Parish Calendar of Events**

Plans were initially set for the second half of this year. (1) In July and August, **Summer Raffle Tickets** will be sold replacing the Annual Festival. There will be twenty money prizes ranging from twenty-five dollars to a Grand Prize of \$2,000. Each ticket will cost \$5.00 and each family is asked to sell or purchase four tickets. (2) A **Family Night** is scheduled Saturday, September 20th for children, families and adults. (3) A **Casino Night** is scheduled for Saturday, October 18th. (4) The **Married Couples Social** is scheduled in November. (5) And the **Calendar of Prizes 2015** is scheduled for sale in November and December.

**ANNUAL 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: (1) \$2,000.00; (2) \$1,000.00 (3) \$500.00; (4) \$250.00; (5) \$200.00; (6) \$150.00; (7) \$100.00; (8) \$100.00; (9) \$100.00; (10) \$100.00; (11) \$100.00; (12) \$100.00; (13) \$100.00; (14) \$50.00; (15) \$50.00; (16) \$50.00; (17) \$50.00; (18) \$50.00; (19) \$25.00; (20) \$25.00. **One ticket will cost \$5.00. 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 this week to active parishioners. The drawing will be held Saturday, September 20th at **Family Night** in the Cathedral Hall. You need not be present to win. Tickets will be sold after weekend Masses and are available at the Parish Office during the week.

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.

**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 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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## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Readings: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52

### Mass Intentions

July 28, Monday: Weekday

Readings: Jer 13:1-11; Mt 13:31-35

6:45 AM Deceased Relatives of Sisters of IHM  
8:00 AM Yolanda & Mundo Damiano (Susan Bauer)  
12:00 PM Edward 'Pete' Rhoa, Anniversary (Family)

July 29, Tuesday: Saint Martha

Readings: 1 Jn 4:7-16; Jn11:19-27

6:45 AM Michael Zurilla, Birthday (Family)  
8:00 AM David Lysinger, Birthday (Wife & Family)  
12:00 PM Mary Ellen Kelly, Birthday Wishes

July 30, Wednesday: Saint Peter Chrysologus, bis., doc.

Readings: Jer 15:10, 16-21; Mt 13:44-46

6:45 AM Fred Martynuska, Anniv. (Greg & Ange)  
8:00 AM Frances Shepherd (Nancy & Skip)  
12:00 PM Inten. of Jerry O'Brien (Blazewicz Family)

July 31, Thursday: Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

Readings: 1 Cor 10:31--11:1; Lk 14:25-33

6:45 AM Harold Knob, Sr. (Dave & Karen Rhoa)  
8:00 AM In Mem. Msgr. Thomas O'Shea (Kate Burr)  
12:00 PM Vi Franchio (Colette & Tom Evangelisto)

August 1, Friday: Saint Alphonsus Liguori, bis., doc.

Readings: Rom 8:1-4; Mt 5:13-19

6:45 AM Rose Quartz (Kathy Eberhardt)  
8:00 AM Gene Capone (Lilia Capone Sprinkle)  
12:00 PM Camille McMullen (Essie Auker)

August 2, Saturday: Saint Peter Julian Eymard, priest

Readings: Jer 26:11-16, 24; Mt 14:1-12

8:00 AM Jim Roland (Jim & Steph Kilcoyne)  
12:00 PM Rob Beiswenger (UPMC Friends)  
Vigil: Eighteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

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

5:00 PM Joseph C. Prendergrast, Birth. (Nepew, Butch)

### Cathedral Charismatic Prayer Group

The **FIRE RALLY** continues this week with our last talk of the series. On Monday evening at 7:00 PM in the Cathedral, **Msgr. Mazur** will be giving a spiritual talk on **Evangelization**. Praise and worship music will precede his presentation and refreshments will follow.

### 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.

### ALTOONA CENTRAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

ACCS is in need of a full-time custodian: 40 hour week (starting time will vary in winter for snow removal); \$10.50 per hour; Blue Cross/Blue Shield/Vision and Dental (employee pays 15%); one week Vacation (first year). Must pass a background check and drug test. Interested persons should send letter of interest/resume with references to: Principals Altoona Central Catholic School, 424 Wopsononock Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601 or email: sbuck06@atlanticbb.net.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Do you enjoy working with children? The 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.

### CATHEDRAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Newly registered Cathedral families and those established families with children ready to enter our Religious Education Program in the fall for the first time are asked to contact Chris Laraia at 312-7317 as soon as possible to pre-register for 2014-1015.

**Please remember our sick in your prayers.**

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, July 20 - \$9,336.50

### Stewardship of Time

Thank you to Janet Belsey, Paula Clemens, Jean Koury, Bill & Grace Smith with Babette Duncan and Theresa Vaughn who helped prepare the Summer Raffle Ticket mailing last week. If you did not receive the tickets you may pick some up at the Cathedral Square door or in the Parish Office weekdays between 9:30 AM and 5:30 PM.

### Baptism Congratulations

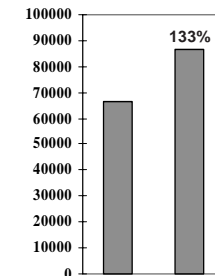
Greer Margaret McCaulley daughter of Justin and Carlee McCaulley was baptized and welcomed into our Cathedral Parish Family on Saturday, July 19. Congratulations also to godparents, Brendan and Sara. Greer will grow in her Christian identity to the degree that family and friends model the faith.

**Expectant Parents Please Note:** Our next Session of Baptismal Prep is scheduled for Tuesday, August 5 at 7:00 PM in the Seton Suite

### FREE BGCHS FOOTBALL CLINIC

August 5th 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Tom Irwin Field, Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School. Camp is run by Bishop Guilfoyle's Head Varsity Football Coach - Justin Wheeler, Players and Staff. Any and all Students entering grades 2-8 are welcome! Cost - FREE Awards, prizes, and ice cream. Players should wear shorts, t-shirts and spikes. They should also bring their own water bottle. Registration can be found on BG's website [www.bishopguilfoyle.org](http://www.bishopguilfoyle.org) or pick up registration forms at the Parish Office.

### ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2014



An update on this year's Appeal shows **340** gifts have been received. This year the Cathedral Parish goal was set at **\$66,350.00**. We have raised **\$89,020.00** to date. We are **\$21,670.00** over goal and have received **\$5,541.00** 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.

### 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 to our homebound and elderly parishioners. 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.

### Matthew Kelly's Living Every Day with Passion & Purpose Saturday, September 27.

Cathedral Parishioners call the Parish Office to register at a reduced rate: \$20.00 per adult and \$10.00 per student. See poster at Cathedral doors for more information.

### Constitution

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Anniversary

### Sacred Liturgy

### Liturgical Reflection ...

Zeal for the promotion of the liturgy is rightly held to be a sign of the providential dispositions of God in our time. The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, celebrating its fiftieth anniversary, states that the promotion of the liturgy within the Catholic Church is seen as a movement of the Holy Spirit. In fact, the distinguishing mark of the Church in our day is zeal for our public worship. When Catholics gather for Mass, our identity as followers of Jesus Christ is apparent. Our reverence, love, and participation in the liturgy give witness to our lives.

*Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, Number 43.*

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