

JULY 13, 2014

Scripture Reflection

There is more than one reason that Jesus spoke in parables, but one of the crucial reasons is that people remember stories better than they do definitions. Stories attract people of all ages and allow us to visualize vital scenes. Stories pass on meaning with their simple characters and everyday events. Let me tell you a story. Listen. When the disciples ask Jesus why he speaks to the crowds in parables, he explains, "The reason I speak to them in parables is that 'seeing they do not perceive, and hearing they do not listen, nor do they understand'". This prophetic explanation indicates meaning. Yet Jesus stresses that his listeners must "look with their eyes, and listen with their ears, and understand with their heart and turn--and I would heal them." Meaning is present for those who diligently seek it out.

Jesus makes meaning present when he interprets the parable of the sower and so offers a model of diligent seeing, hearing and seeking. The seed is the "word of the kingdom," and the places where it is sown represent the condition of the human heart that receives the word of the kingdom. Some seed is snatched away from those who lack understanding: others receive it joyfully, but the seed grows quickly and withers; while others receive it but are later drawn away by the "cares of the world and the lure of wealth." But the seed, the word of the kingdom, which falls "on good soil" bears fruit and yields "in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

Jesus unveiled the parable of the sower and offered the disciples an interpretation only when the disciples approached him to ask why he taught in parables. The interpretation of the parable of the sower coincides with the broad range of hearers to whom he was just speaking. Jesus is performing the parable. Are you rocky ground? Thorny ground? Good soil? How can you tell? Listen: Who comes asking questions and seeking meaning?

Annual Cathedral Festival

Having met with the Parish Pastoral Council and the Parish Finance Council to discuss the annual parish festival, it is the unanimous opinion not to continue this fund-raiser. Thank you to all who over the years have given your time, talent, and treasure to the Annual Cathedral Festival. We will work to create annual parish events for families, children, and adults.

Replacing the Annual Festival

A Committee gathered to begin planning an annual calendar of events for the Parish. Some of these events are purely social; others are social along with the purpose of fund-raising. 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 in September for children, families and adults. (3) A **Casino Night** is scheduled in October. (4) The **Married Couples Social** is scheduled in November. (5) And the **Calendar of Prizes 2015** is scheduled for 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 will be mailed later this month. The drawing will be held Saturday, September 20th at **Family Night** in the Cathedral Hall. Raffle Tickets will soon be available.

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

ONE CATHEDRAL SQUARE, Al toona, Pennsylvania 16601-3315
Church Office: 814-944-4603

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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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 13, 2014

Readings: *Is 55:10-11; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23*

Mass Intentions

July 14, Monday: Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, virgin

Readings: *Is 1:10-17; Mt 10:34--11:1*

6:45 AM Jeff Hanlon (Linda Orlasky)

8:00 AM Linda VanOrmer (Alley Cats)

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

July 15, Tuesday: Saint Bonaventure, bishop, doctor

Readings: *Is 7:1-9; Mt 11:20-24*

6:45 AM Harold Knob (BMA Duncansville Office Staff)

8:00 AM Billy Stellabotte (Lois & Ed Simanski)

12:00 PM Joseph Pagliaro (Dave Donoughe)

July 16, Wednesday: Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Readings: *Is 10:5-7, 13-16; Mt 11:25-27*

6:45 AM Cory Lynn (M/M Francis Dambeck)

8:00 AM Vi Franchio (Fran Prospero)

12:00 PM Diane M. Johnston, Anniversary (Mother)

July 17, Thursday: Weekday

Readings: *Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Mt 11:28-30*

6:45 AM Kevin Hanlin (Patrick Hrzic)

8:00 AM Gene Capone (Harry R. Pellegrine)

12:00 PM Edgar L. Johnston (Steve & Janice Johnston)

July 18, Friday: Saint Camillus de Lellis, priest

Readings: *Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Mt 12:1-8*

6:45 AM Rose McConahy (J. DeAntonio/M. Misitano)

8:00 AM Linda Rhodes (John Davis Family)

12:00 PM Amandus Gallagher (Marge Moschella)

July 19, Saturday: Weekday

Readings: *Mi 2:1-5; Mt 12:14-21*

8:00 AM Jim Roland (Jim & Steph Kilcoyne)

12:00 PM Jennie Calabrese (Sabrina Pieranunzio)

Vigil: Sixteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Readings: *Wis 12:13, 16-19; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43*

5:00 PM Charles Roberts (Joe & Denise Craft)

Rescheduling of Meeting

The Committee to plan an annual calendar of parish events will meet Thursday, July 17 at 6:00 PM in the Saint John Room. This project seeks the creation of a schedule of annual events throughout the year in light of the cancellation of the annual festival. Interested parishioners are welcome to participate.

WELCOME BISHOP MARK

The Diocese was established in 1901 with the appointment of Bishop Garvey as our first Bishop. Bishop had his residence built on Thirteenth Street at the corner of the alley (directly across from today's Catholic Charities). Bishop McCort had the present Cathedral rectory built after the construction of the new Cathedral in 1931. Bishop had a Chapel Room placed, presuming that the new rectory would also be the Bishop's Residence. Because of the Great Depression and the inability to complete the Cathedral project, Bishop McCort stayed in the residence on Thirteenth Street as did his successor, Bishop Guilfoyle. With Bishop Carroll, a new residence was purchased in Logan Township. Bishop McCormick, Bishop Hogan, and Bishop Adamec resided at that location.

Now in July of 2014 Bishop Bartchak has moved into the Cathedral Rectory. This is an historic moment in diocesan history. This is our first Bishop in one hundred thirteen years to take residence in the Cathedral rectory. We welcome our shepherd, Bishop Mark Bartchak.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS PLEASE NOTE:

A new liturgical ministry schedule for August and September 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.

BISHOP GUILFOYLE NOTE:

Bishop Guilfoyle introduces its *Professors in Residence Program* for the 2014-15 school year. The following college-level courses are offered to BG students: Business 101, History 195 and Statistics 101. The courses will be taught by Saint Francis University professors. To learn more about Bishop Guilfoyle's *Professors in Residence Program*, contact Amanda Walker, Director of Marketing and Enrollment at 946-3636.

Cathedral Charismatic Prayer Group

The **FIRE RALLY** continues this Monday at 7:00 PM in the Cathedral. Father Bob Hilz will be giving a talk on Intercession. All are welcome! Join us for Praise and Worship, Father Bob's talk, refreshments and fellowship. Come and be blessed!

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, July 6 - \$10,583.00

Gifting the Cathedral Parish

As wills and insurance policies are established with your attorney, remember the Cathedral Parish as a beneficiary of your estate. Perhaps you would like to direct your gift to a particular ministry or project at the Parish. Please realize that Mass Stipends go directly to fulfilling that canonical wish and do not aid the financial life of the Parish.

Garvey Manor Ministry Opportunity

Eucharistic Ministers are needed for the 9:30 AM Sunday Mass to take Holy Communion to the residents in our home when the Mass is over. We need your help on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month. We also would like to have someone for every Friday at our 10:00 AM Mass. Please call Debbie Dorazio at 695-5571 ext. 40009.

Mass for Vocations - Masses are offered at the Our Lady of the Alleghenies Outdoor Shrine in Loretto at 7:00 PM on Sundays through Labor Day Weekend for the increase of Diocesan priests within our Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown.

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.

Liturgical Reflection ...

Constitution

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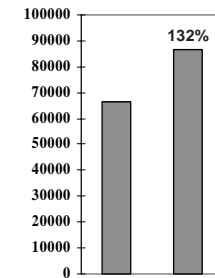
Sacred Liturgy

With zeal and patience pastors must promote the liturgical instruction of the faithful and also their active participation in the liturgy both internally and externally. When promoting the liturgical life of the faithful pastors are fulfilling one of their chief duties as faithful stewards of the mysteries of God. The Church directs that pastors must lead their flock in active participation not only by word but also by example. Following the example of our priests, all are invited to pray in the shared acclamations, prayers, and songs, and to prayerfully join in those periods of silence throughout the Mass.

Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, Numbers 14, 19, and 30.

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

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2014



An update on this year's Appeal shows **338** gifts have been received. This year the Cathedral Parish goal was set at **\$66,350.00**. We have raised **\$87,720.00** to date. We are **\$21,370.00** over goal and last week we received our first monthly

check, **\$5,541.00**, back from the Diocese as we continue to make our pledge payments to help us 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.

MATTHEW KELLY EVENT:

'LIVING YOUR FAITH WITH PURPOSE AND PASSION' SPONSORED BY THE ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN DIOCESE.

AN EVENT YOU WILL WANT TO EXPERIENCE.

Internationally known speaker and author, Matthew Kelly, will be coming to Saint Francis University on **Saturday, September 27**, to speak on *"Living your Faith with Passion and Purpose"*.

This one day event has helped tens of thousands of Catholics around the world discover a passion and purpose for their lives to become a better version of themselves. Cathedral Parishioners call the Parish Office to register at a reduced rate: \$20.00 per adult and \$10.00 per student.