

JULY 6, 2014

Scripture Reflection

The Gospel lets us listen as Jesus talks with God, revealing his intimate relationship to his *Abba-Father*. *Abba* is the affectionate name a child uses for a beloved father. Jesus tells us that only if we approach God in humility, ready to learn, trusting that our Father is kind and compassionate, can we experience the rest that Jesus offers us.

Jesus teaches that "unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." This suggests that while literal children are the model disciples, the adult followers of Jesus are able to "change and become like children" in order to enter the kingdom. What is it that children have that the wise and intelligent lack in Jesus' equation? Children are vulnerable, open, trusting, reliant, weak, inferior and must depend upon those with power to protect and care for them. Such reliance opens children to the revelation from the Son. Jesus' way is revealed to infants because the "little ones" model the necessary trust, dependence and reliance upon God the Father that the Son has revealed to them. It is this reliance that the adult disciples of Jesus must demonstrate if they are to become "little ones." Jesus directs us all to become like them and to adopt the proper stance toward God and God's kingdom.

In today's Gospel, we hear of Jesus's joy that the mysteries of the Kingdom have been revealed to the humble. On this holiday weekend, the reading reminds us that what is most important comes not from our own strength but as a free gift from God, who loves us and asks only for our love. **• This weekend make a list of the blessings God has freely bestowed on you and give thanks for them.** These may include being born into your country or family, privileges you may take for granted like education, electricity, food, and running water in our homes.

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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 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.

The Committee meets again on Thursday, July 10th at 6:00 PM in the Saint John Room. If interested, please attend.

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.

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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	Saturday:	8:00 AM 12:00 Noon
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Reverend Father Dennis M. Kurdziel, Parochial Vicar
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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 6, 2014

Readings: Zec 9:9-10; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt11:25-30

Mass Intentions

July 7, Monday: Weekday

Readings: Hos 2:16, 17-18,21-22; Mt 9:18-26

- 6:45 AM Patty Hmel (Bart & Eileen Hmel)
- 8:00 AM Mike Smith (Mary Lysinger)
- 12:00 PM Eileen Moyer (Mother, Joyce)

July 8, Tuesday: Weekday

Readings: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Mt 9:32-38

- 6:45 AM Joseph A. Keirn (Mom & Dad)
- 8:00 AM Jim Roland (Jana Sidler)
- 12:00 PM Joseph Pagliaro (Roberta & Brian Burns)

July 9, Wednesday: Saint Augustine Zhao, martyr

Readings: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8,12; Mt 10:1-7

- 6:45 AM Deceased Sisters of I.H.M.
- 8:00 AM Eileen Lytle, Birth (Children & Grandch.)
- 12:00 PM Mildred Flick (Daughters)

July 10, Thursday: Weekday

Readings: Hos 11:1-4, 8-9; Mt 10:7-15

- 6:45 AM No Mass
- 8:00 AM No Mass
- 12:00 PM Amandus Gallagher (Val & Karla Moschella)

July 11, Friday: Saint Benedict, Abbot

Readings: Hos 14: 2-10;Mt 10:16-23

- 6:45 AM Maureen Wolf (Husband & Daughters)
- 8:00 AM Charles Murawsky (Henry Wolf)
- 12:00 PM Wed. Anniv. Remem. (Gibbons/Weakland)

July 12, Saturday: Weekday

Readings: Is 6: 1-8; Mt 10: 24-33

- 8:00 AM Rose Quartz (M/M Larry Sprouse)
- 12:00 PM John Vogel, Anniv. (Madeline Vogel Family)
- Vigil: Fifteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time
- Readings: Is 6: 1-8; Mt 10:24-33
- 5:00 PM Edwin Huber (Dick Huber)

CATHEDRAL MEETINGS THIS WEEK!

Parish Finance Council - Wednesday, July 9 in the Saint John Room at 6:00 PM.

Parish Events Planning Committee - Thursday, July 10, in the Saint John Room at 6:00 PM. New members welcome.

The Liturgy Committee of the Parish Council has recommended that on the first Sunday of the month the bulletin contain a blessing for those couples celebrating their wedding anniversaries during that particular month. If your wedding anniversary is this month of July, 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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL THIS WEEK!

July 7 - July 11 Plans are set for our Cathedral Parish Vacation Bible School **Gangway to Galilee** in the Parish Hall for children ages 3 through grade 8. Sessions will run from 9:00 AM until 11:00 AM Monday through Friday. Don't miss the boat! Set sail with us to sing fun songs, do crazy crafts, eat yummy snacks, play awesome games, and more. Plus, you will learn all about Jesus our Savior and his amazing grace! To volunteer to help with this fun week contact Chris Laraia at 312-7317 or Jean Koury at 934-7316.

Special Mass Schedule Thursday

The priests of the Diocese will join the Bishop for a summer day trip to the Conewago Chapel, Sacred Heart Basilica, where the Servant of God Demetrius Gallitzin lived before coming to Loretto. Bishop and the priests will celebrate Mass at the Basilica. Later they will go and enjoy historic Gettysburg along with dinner. NOTE the Mass schedule for Thursday, July 10; there is only the Noon Mass on that day.

Please remember our Military in prayer as we celebrate Independence Day Weekend.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, June 29 - \$8,209.00

Bequest to Cathedral Parish

The Cathedral received a gift this week from the Estate of Viola A. Franchio. We are most appreciative of her stewardship to the parish.

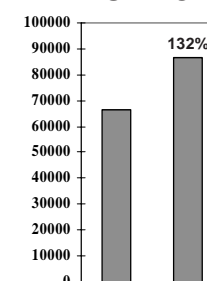
BISHOP MARK BARTCHAK TO RESIDE AT CATHEDRAL RECTORY

The Bishop has decided to reside here in the Cathedral Rectory. The move will occur during the summer. In consultation with the Diocesan Finance Council and the College of Consultors, the Bishop's residence in Frankstown Township will be sold. Proceeds from the sale of that property will be used for pastoral needs in the Diocese, including care for victims in sexual misconduct cases. This is an historical moment in the life of the Diocese. While Bishop McCort built the Cathedral rectory in the early 1930s to be used as the Bishop's Residence, that did not occur because of the Great Depression that struck our country. This is the first Bishop in our one hundred thirteen years as a Diocese to reside here at the Cathedral. We warmly welcome our shepherd, Bishop Mark Bartchak.

Cathedral Charismatic Prayer Group

This Monday at 7:00 PM starts the first talk of our FIRE RALLY on "Faith" with Bob and Marci Sutton. We will begin with Praise and Worship. Come expecting to be blessed! There will be refreshments and fellowship afterwards. Everyone is encouraged to come and ALL are welcome!

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2014



An update on this year's Appeal shows **337** gifts have been received. This year the Cathedral Parish goal was set at **\$66,350.00**. We have raised **\$87,420.00** to date. We are **\$21,070.00** over goal and this 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.

Liturgical Reflection ...

Constitution

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Anniversary

Sacred Liturgy

Before people can come to the liturgy they must be called to faith and to conversion. Faith is a great gift which allows the believer to profess belief in a loving God who sent us his only Son, Jesus Christ. And once gathered at Mass, the Catholic believer professes that the liturgy is the summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed. At the same time the liturgy is the fount from which all the Church's power flows. The aim and object of apostolic works is that all who are made children of God by faith and baptism should come together to praise God in the midst of the Church, to take part in the sacrifice, and to eat the Lord's Supper.

Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, Numbers 9 and 10.

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