

SEPTEMBER 9, 2018

Scripture Reflection

After his conflict with the Pharisees and scribes, Jesus headed north from the traditional lands of Israel. His journeys took him to Phoenicia, Syria and the Decapolis, areas that today make up the countries of Lebanon, Syria and Jordan. Jews and Gentiles lived side-by-side in these areas, and archaeological evidence reveals a certain level of religious openness in both cultures. The Gentiles in this region had a special respect for Jewish healers, who enjoyed a reputation for power over illness and demonic forces. This religious culture provided fertile ground both for Jesus' own ministry and later for the early church.

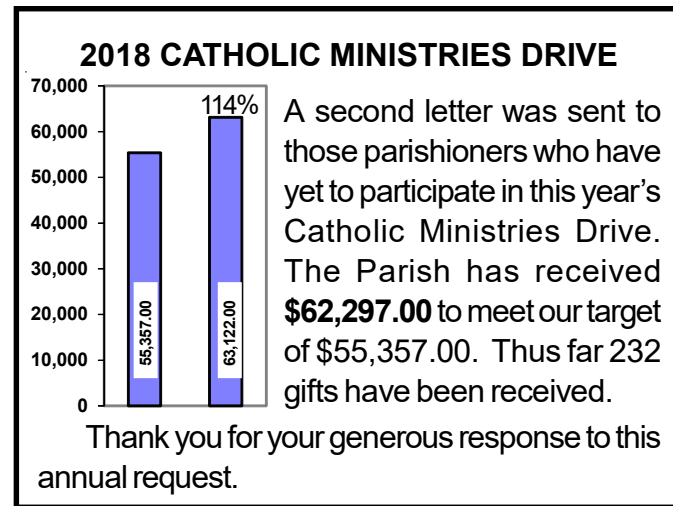
The Gospel shows us the fulfillment of Isaiah's vision in Jesus' ministry with the healing of the deaf and mute man. Mark's account describes Jesus performing the miracle in realistic detail. Jesus treats the man with respect by taking him aside from the crowd and showing him special concern. Looking up to heaven as he performs the healing, Jesus demonstrates his unity with the Father.

In this Sunday's first reading, Isaiah prophesied that the age to come would arrive with miraculous healings of the deaf and mute. Jesus' action fulfills this prophesy and symbolizes the arrival of the messianic age. The healing had an instant multiplier effect; the entire crowd found its voice when they heard the healed man speak. Jesus opened them to a new perception of God's grace, and they gave voice to their new awareness with vigor.

This mission continues today. Just as Christ may have taken vivid and unique actions to get our attention, so we must learn how to show ourselves trustworthy to even the most obstructed heart. If we do so, we can free the tongues of man and listen in wonder as they find their voices.

- **Seeing and speaking are basic human gifts. How does your perception and your voice give witness to Jesus Christ?**

AT HOME with the WORD 2018, Archdiocese of Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, pg. 127. AMERICA MAGAZINE, "How has Jesus restored your voice?" Michael R. Simone, S.J., August 24, 2018.



Benefit Dinner

Our brother, Jim Luther, has stage-four cancer. There will be a benefit Spaghetti dinner at Saint Patrick Catholic Church Hall, Newry, on Sunday, September 30, 2018, from 1:00 PM until 5:00 PM. Tickets are \$10.00 per person; you may eat in or take out. Please join us for a great time while we raise money to help Jim with his fight. All proceeds will aid Jim's expenses. Please reach out with any questions to: Theresa Chandler at 502-7316 or Ann Makowiecki at 329-6927. Monetary gifts may be sent: Jim Luther, 1071 Mill Road, Duncansville, Pennsylvania 16635.

Insert in Today's Bulletin

ARISE will begin this October. Registration forms are enclosed in this week's bulletin. Please become part of this important spiritual process to take place over the next two and half years here at the Cathedral Parish. Return the green form in the collection basket or drop off at the Parish Center.

Cathedral Charismatic Prayer Group

The Cathedral Prayer Group meeting will be this Monday, September 10, at 7:00 PM. "Come to his gates with thanksgiving; enter his courts with praise" (Ps 100:4). Father Jonathan St. André, TOR, will be our speaker. All are welcome!

The Friar's Nook Gift Shop - Garage Sale

Please join us for our second annual Garage Sale held at The Friar's Nook Gift Shop, 793 Monastery Road, Hollidaysburg, on Saturday, September 15 at 10:00 AM. The Garage Sale will include a variety of items including clearance items from the gift shop, and refreshments will also be available for purchase.

THE CHURCH OF ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN

THE CATHEDRAL OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

ONE CATHEDRAL SQUARE, ALTOONA, 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.

Charismatic Prayer - Monday 7:00 PM.

Eucharistic Adoration - First Wednesday - 12:30 PM - 8:00 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 8:30 AM - 9:45 AM

Pre-Kindergarten thru 8.

Sunday afternoon 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Grades 9 thru 12.

WEB: WWW.ALTOONACATHEDRAL.ORG

FAX: 814-942-4337

E-MAIL: ALTACATHEDRAL@DIOCESEAJ.ORG

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

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Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak, J.C.D., Bishop

Reverend Monsignor Robert C. Mazur, Rector

Reverend Father Dennis M. Kurdziel, Parochial Vicar

CHRISTIAN INITIATION TEAM - 944-4603

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME - 944-4603

MAIL MINISTRY TO ELDERLY, HOMEBOUND,
SERIOUSLY SICK, AND GRIEVING - 944-4603

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Web: www.holytrinitycatholic.school

Altoona Campus (Pre-K thru Grade 4) - 381-7011

Hollidaysburg Campus (Pre-K thru Grade 4) - 695-6112

Middle School Campus (Grades 5 thru 8) - 942-7835

BISHOP GUILFOYLE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Web: www.bishopguilfoyle.org - 944-4014

DIRECTORS OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Chris Laraia - Pre-K thru 8 - 312-7317

Jean Koury - 9 thru 12 - 949-2777

Religious Education Office: Sundays - 943-7424

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY

Leslie C. Thayer, MM, CAGO

Music Ministry Office - 944-2044

E-mail: lthayer@dioceseaj.org

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 9, 2018

Readings: *Is 35:4-7; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37*

MASS INTENTIONS

September 10, Monday: Weekday

Readings: *1 Cor 5:1-8; Lk 6:6-11*

6:45 AM Bob Schmitt (Cathedral Parish)

8:00 AM Maxine Itle (Betsy Cote)

12:00 PM Anna Marie Jacobs (Lennie Johnson)

September 11, Tuesday: Weekday

Readings: *1 Cor 6:1-11; Lk 6:12-19*

6:45 AM Lori Crilley (Sister, Pam Leasure)

8:00 AM Christina Flanagan (Bear & Patty McCloskey)

12:00 PM Joanna Tetanich (Peggy Bieniek)

September 12, Wednesday: Most Holy Name of Mary

Readings: *1 Cor 7:25-31; Lk 6:20-26*

6:45 AM AliceAnn Martynuska (Family)

8:00 AM John Bauer (Rosemarie Fedeli)

12:00 PM Rick Cowan, Karen Cowan Dougherty (Skip Cowan)

September 13, Thursday: St. John Chrysostom, Bp. & Dr.

Readings: *1 Cor 8:1-7, 11-13; Lk 6:27-38*

6:45 AM Paul Weible (Frank and Judy DeStefano)

8:00 AM BeBe Milliron (Paul Kowalski)

12:00 PM M. Virginia Jones (MaryAnn & Linda Wharton)

September 14, Friday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Readings: *Nm 21:4-9; Phil 2:6-11; In 3:13-17*

6:45 AM Rev. Msgr. Paul D. Panza, Ann. (Cathedral Parish)

8:00 AM Leroy and Irmina Helfrich (Estate)

12:00 PM Jim Davidson (Charlie and Augie Ehredt)

September 15, Saturday: Our-Lady of Sorrows

Readings: *1 Cor 10:14-22; Jn 19:25-27*

8:00 AM Bill Clemens, Anniversary (Daughter)

12:00 PM Herbert Kutruff (Bill and Grace Smith)

Vigil: Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: *Is 50:5-9; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35*

5:00 PM Jenny Calabrese, Birth. (Daughter/Family)

Pray For Our Sick

Remember our sisters and brothers who are weakened by illness in your prayers. Prayers are sometimes the best prescribed medicine.

Did You Remember?

Did you remember to bring non-perishable food items and paper products for the needy of our community? Bins are located at the three doors of the Cathedral.

Interested in the Catholic Church?

Do you know someone who is interested in learning more about the Catholic Church? Perhaps you have considered becoming Catholic. Maybe you pray regularly with your spouse at Sunday Mass. Maybe you have felt a leaning toward the Catholic faith. Perhaps you have some questions that need to be discussed. You are invited to join others this September to enter into *Inquiry* into the Catholic faith. No commitments are made at the beginning of this *Inquiry*. Know that you are most welcomed to join us this fall when we meet every Sunday following the 10:00 AM Mass. The first gathering for *Inquiry* will be **Sunday, September 16th at 11:00 AM in the Seton Suite** (below the Rectory; entrance from Fourteenth Street).

Christian Initiation Team

The Christian Initiation Team will meet on Monday, September 10th at 5:30 PM for dinner.

Confirmation Preparation

Confirmation Preparation is a three year process that begins with our ninth grade students and continues through tenth and eleventh grades. This includes all our Catholic school, public school and home schooled students coming together as a parish Community. Meeting date is Sunday, September 9. Times for various grades are as follows:

Ninth Grade: All BGCHS, Religious Education and Home schooled students and a parent will meet at **11:00 AM in the Church Hall.**

Tenth Grade: All BGCHS, Religious Education and Home schooled students and a parent will meet at **1:00 PM in the Church Hall.**

Eleventh Grade: All BGCHS, Religious Education and Home Schooled students and a parent will meet at **6:00 PM in the Church Hall.**

F. I. R. E. Classes are as follows:

Religious Education Students -

September 16th, 2018, 2:00 - 4:00 PM.

September 30th, 2018, 2:00 - 4:00 PM.

Annual Missionary Cooperative

On the weekend of September 1st and 2nd Father Benjamin Franklin, OCD spoke at all Masses about the Carmelite mission to northern India and Sri Lanka. As is our custom, an envelope was attached to last week's bulletin. If you forgot it today, please remember to bring it next week, or drop it off at the Parish Office. Thank you.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, September 2, 2018 - \$7,355.00

Fatima Devotions - September 13, 2018

The Franciscan Friars, T.O.R., from Loretto, invite you to participate with them in celebrating the Fatima devotions on Thursday, September 13th, at 6:30 PM in the Sunken Gardens. (In case of inclement weather, the devotions will be at the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel). The singing will be led by the Holy Name Men's Choir and the sermon will be delivered by Fr. Ananias Buccicone, OSB of Queen of Peace Church in Patton. We would like to extend a cordial welcome to all.

Annual September Tours

Again this year the Cathedral will offer one-hour tours on four separate dates in September of the magnificent Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. September 7 marked the 87th anniversary of the formal dedication of the Cathedral. The tour dates are: this Tuesday, September 11 at 7:00 P.M.; Sunday, September 16 at 1:00 P.M.; Tuesday, September 25 at 7:00 P.M.; and Sunday, September 30 at 1:00 P.M. Light refreshments will be provided. Please call the Parish Office (944-4603) to make reservations.

Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic adoration will be the first Wednesday of next month, **October 3** from 12:30 PM until 8:00 PM. Please note this in your schedules and plan to spend some quality time in prayer before the Sacrament in exposition.

Cemetery Plots

An out of town family is inquiring to sell five (5) cemetery plots here in Altoona at Calvary Cemetery. If interested please call the Parish Office for additional information.

Liturgical Reflection - September 11, 2001

This Tuesday, September 11, is the anniversary of the tragic events that took place in our country on September 11, 2001. Many lives were lost, many were injured, and still many continue to mourn the events of that painful September day. Take time for prayer: participate at Mass, pray the rosary, read scripture, take time before the Blessed Sacrament. It is a day to remember firefighters, police officers, and emergency medical technicians who serve the local community. We are grateful for their service to us.

Altoona Catholic Daughters Meeting

Altoona Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Prince Gallitzin will have their monthly meeting on Monday, September 10, at 7:00 PM with a social at 6:30 PM, at the Saint Rose of Lima Social Hall. New members are welcome.

Annual Cathedral Raffle

Parishioners are asked to help with the annual late summer/early fall raffle. Each ticket costs \$5.00. There are twenty cash prizes: first prize - \$1,000.00; second prize - \$500.00; third and fourth prizes - \$250.00; fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth and tenth prizes - \$100.00; eleventh, twelfth, thirteenth, fourteenth, fifteenth, and sixteenth prizes - \$50.00; seventeenth, eighteenth, nineteenth, and twentieth prizes - \$25.00. The drawing will be after the 10:00 AM Mass on Sunday, October 7th on the Cathedral Portico. If you did not receive your tickets in the mail, please stop by the Cathedral Square Door after all Masses. If, able, please sell additional tickets to family, friends and co-workers. You need not be present to win.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN FUNERALS

Liturgical Reflection ...

The body of the deceased Catholic Christian is the body once washed in baptism, anointed with the oil of salvation, and fed the Bread of Life. The body of the deceased brings forcefully to mind the Church's conviction that the human body is in Christ a temple of the Holy Spirit and destined for future glory at the resurrection of the dead. A further expression for the reverence for the body is the care traditionally taken to prepare the bodies of the deceased for a burial that befits their dignity, in expectation of their final resurrection in the Lord. Order of Christian Funerals, Cremation, 1998, Introduction, Number 412.

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