

SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

Scripture Reflection

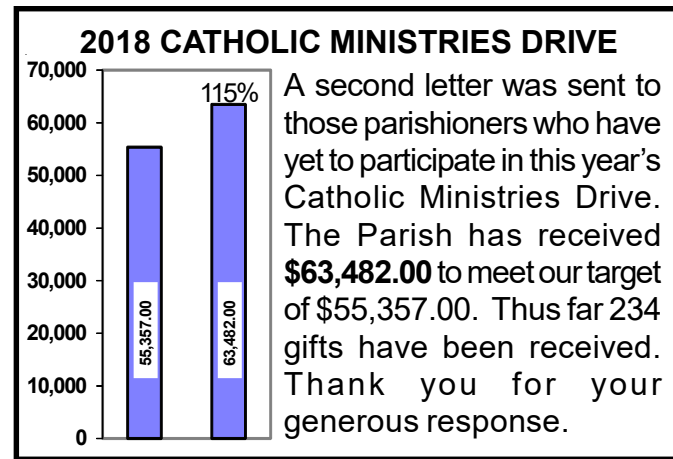
God's work in the world cannot be the exclusive domain of only one group of people. The reading from the Book of Numbers relates that some Israelites wanted Moses to stop outsiders from prophesying. Similarly, the disciples in today's Gospel ask Jesus to stop an outsider from driving out demons. Both Moses and Jesus, however, welcome the good actions of these outsiders. As Jesus says, "Whoever is not against us is for us!" It is not for us to decide where and how God works. We are called to embrace the good no matter its origin.

The Gospel reading continues to offer significant wisdom advice for avoiding the destructive power of sin. Speaking metaphorically, Jesus says that whatever becomes an obstacle to following God's will must be eliminated -- "If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off." And anyone who causes a new, vulnerable Christian to sin deserves the worst punishment. Good and evil are realities in our world. The readings in the liturgy call us to stand united with those who are on the side of goodness.

God is constantly at work in the Spirit, preparing a people for the Son to lead. Our job as disciples is relatively minor; we teach the words of the Gospel to affirm and build up the work God has already initiated. When we live our discipleship for any other reason -- status, security, power over others, wealth, a need for affection -- we run the risk of hindering God's work just as surely as did the quarreling disciples.

- **Can you recall a time when you felt excluded from a group? Can you recall a time when you invited an "outsider" into your group?**

AT HOME with the WORD 2018, Archdiocese of Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, pg. 133. AMERICA MAGAZINE, "Do your actions help or harm the work of the Spirit?" Michael R. Simone, S.J., September 7, 2018.



Plan Ahead for Family Night

Cathedral Parish will again celebrate Family Night in the Cathedral Hall on Saturday, October 27th, beginning at 6:00 P.M. There will be a Halloween theme to the social – children and adults are invited to come in costume. Games will be played – Fishing Pond, Chuck-a-Luck, Turtles, Animal Wheel, Penny Pinch, Money Plate, Painting Pumpkins, Photo Booth, and Religious Booth. Food and refreshments will also be available. There will be a 50/50 drawing. There will be a freewill offering for food. Plan to join in the fun on October 27th!

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 remaining tour is today, Sunday, September 30 at 1:00 P.M. Light refreshments will be provided.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH

The annual commemoration of the sixth and final apparition of Our Lady of Fatima will be held at Our Lady of Fatima Parish on Saturday, October 13th, from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM. There will be Exposition, Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Each hour the Rosary will be prayed for peace in the world and for vocations to the priesthood followed by the Chaplet of Divine Mercy for the souls in purgatory. The remainder of the hour will be in silent prayer.

Cathedral Charismatic Prayer Group

The Cathedral Prayer Group Healing Mass will be on Monday, October 8, at 7:00 PM. "Come to his gates with thanksgiving; enter his courts with praise" (Ps 100:4). Mass will be celebrated by Father Bill Kiel. All are welcome to attend!

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.

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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

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

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SERVING THE PEOPLE OF GOD IN THE CITY OF ALTOONA SINCE 1851

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

Readings: Nm 11:25-29; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43,45,47-48

MASS INTENTIONS

October 1, Monday: St. Therèse of the Child Jesus

Readings: Jb 6:1-22; Lk 9:46-50

6:45 AM Joe Tomlinson (Tom and Patricia Forr)

8:00 AM Special Intention (Mary)

12:00 PM Hattie R. Zaczek, Birthday (Family)

October 2, Tuesday: The Holy Guardian Angels

Readings: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Mt 18:1-5, 10

6:45 AM Anna Matthew (Cathedral Parish)

8:00 AM Colleen Sheehan, Birthday (C. Smith)

12:00 PM Louise Talko (Mary Russo)

October 3, Wednesday: Weekday

Readings: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Lk 9:57-62

6:45 AM Adelaide Kipple (Dave & Maureen Hannekamp)

8:00 AM Carrie Detwiler (Tom and Vicky McGraw)

12:00 PM Dale Evans (Mary and Ellen)

October 4, Thursday: Saint Francis of Assisi

Readings: Jb 19:21-27; Lk 10:1-12

6:45 AM Regina Osmolinski (Henry)

8:00 AM Kimberly Kokolis Moran, Birthday (Parents)

12:00 PM Andrew Kurdziel, Anniversary (Family)

October 5, First Friday: Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos

Readings: Jb 38:1, 12-21, 40:3-5; Lk 10:13-16

6:45 AM Loretta Batkiewicz (Jeff and Monica Souza)

8:00 AM Angela Cronin Chadwick (Kathy Grove)

12:00 PM Delphina Rutolo, Anniversary (Family)

October 6, Saturday: Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin

Readings: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Lk 10:17-24

8:00 AM Evelyn Adams (Great Grandchildren)

12:00 PM Dorothy Maucieri, Anniversary (Family)

Vigil: Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Gn 2:18-24; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16

5:00 PM Edgar A. Johnston, Ann. (Wife, Mother, Family)

Please remember our sick in your prayers.

Eucharistic Adoration This Week

Eucharistic adoration will be this Wednesday, **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. Please remember to pray for vocations to the priesthood during your time before the Blessed Sacrament. A sign-up sheet is on the table at the cross aisle.

ARISE

Cathedral Parish will begin the **ARISE Together in Christ** process the second week of October. **ARISE** is a spiritual process to renew us while providing opportunities for us to develop a closer relationship with Jesus Christ, grow in community, and reach out in service to others.

The heart of this process will be gathering in small groups here in the parish and in homes to read and pray the Scriptures. The process guides participants through five distinct periods or seasons, each of which last six weeks. The first of the five seasons begins this October. The theme of this season is **Encountering Christ Today**.

Each small group will be determined the last weekend of September and the first weekend of October. At this time there will be sign-up sheets for each group at the Cathedral Square door. Cathedral Parish has fifteen group leaders to guide each group through discussion and prayer.

Parishioners are encouraged to join a group for prayer and renewal. Each of us desires a close relationship with Jesus Christ which will be strengthened in community and send us forth to serve others in the name of the Lord Jesus. Please make a commitment to this opportunity for spiritual renewal and growth.

ARISE - Group Leader Meeting

Leaders for the ARISE small groups, both Cathedral Parish and Our Lady of Fatima Parish, will meet on Wednesday, October 3rd at 6:30 PM in the Seton Suite.

Special Collection

There is a green envelope in our monthly packet marked, *Retired Priests Medical Collection*. An insert is provided in today's bulletin explaining the needs of this collection. Know that your generous response will aid our retired priests and address the modest retirement pensions provided for our priests. Thank you.

Liturgy Committee Meeting

The Parish Liturgy Committee will meet on Tuesday, October 9, at 12:45 PM in the Seton Suite.

First Reconciliation Meeting

There will be a First Reconciliation meeting on Wednesday, October 10, from 6:30 PM until 8:30 PM in the Seton Suite.

Scouting Mass with Bishop Mark

On Saturday, October 13, at Noon Bishop Mark will celebrate a Scouting Mass.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, September 23, 2018 - \$7,822.00

Generous Gift

The Estate of Catherine Nagle has left an extremely generous gift to the Cathedral Parish. As a parishioner of the Cathedral, Catherine was the librarian at McNelis School and Altoona Central Catholic School for many years. When Catherine died she was widowed and her three sons had preceded her in death. She left her Estate to her parish family. These monies will help towards the creation of Charity Hall on the bottom floor of the Cathedral Parish Center. Charity Hall will bear a plaque recognizing Catherine's generosity to the Cathedral Parish. We are grateful.

Baptismal Retreat

Ninth grade students will attend a Baptismal Retreat in the Church Hall on October 13, from 1:30 until 6:00 PM.

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

Religious Education Students -

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

Patriotic Rosary

The annual Patriotic Rosary, sponsored by the Diocesan Courts of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas throughout the diocese, will be Saturday, October 20th at 2:00 P.M. in the Cathedral. Bishop Barchak will preside and give a reflection on the scripture. The rosary will be prayed followed by Benediction. All are welcome to attend.

Life Chain

On Sunday, October 7th, Citizens Concerned for Human Life will be sponsoring the annual Life Chain here in Altoona from 2:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. The Life Chain will form along 17th Street and 9th Avenue, and prayers will be offered for an end to abortion. Any questions, please call 946-0681.

Annual Cathedral Raffle

Parishioners are asked to help with the annual 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 next Sunday, October 7th on the Cathedral Portico. 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. To date we have received monies to cover the twenty prizes. All sales will now profit the Parish.

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 next gathering for *Inquiry* is today, **Sunday, September 30th at 11:00 AM in the Seton Suite** (below the Rectory; entrance from Fourteenth Street).

Rest in Peace

This past week George Strobert and William McConahy died and were buried. May they know peace as they journey to the kingdom of God. The Parish supports those who mourn with our prayers and our shared faith in the resurrection.

Liturgical Reflection ...

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN FUNERALS

The Catholic Church commends its deceased members to the mercy of God by means of its funeral rites. It likewise asks that the Christian faithful continue to offer prayer for deceased family members, friends, and fellow parishioners. The annual celebration of All Souls Day, the commemoration of all the faithful departed on November 2, attests to this honorable practice. Masses celebrated for the dead, on the anniversaries of death or other significant times, continue the Church's prayer and remembrance. For Catholic Christians, cemeteries, especially Catholic cemeteries, call to mind the resurrection of the dead.

Order of Christian Funerals, Cremation, 1998, Introduction, Number 416.

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