

OCTOBER 7, 2018

Scripture Reflection

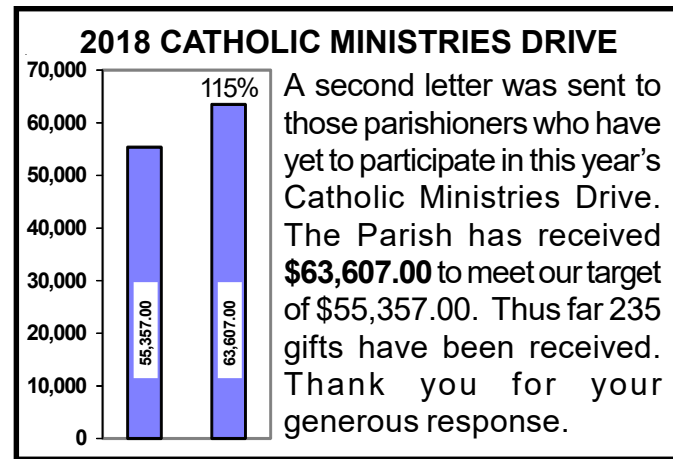
Marriage was part of God's plan from the very beginning of creation. Today's First Reading from the Book of Genesis opens with a religious reflection on the creation of woman. The context for her creation is the simple proclamation that "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a suitable partner for him." Through the specific body imagery of this story, a clear message emerges that man and woman complement each other. Through the bond that joins them together they "become one body." In the Gospel, some scholars of the Jewish Law pose a question to Jesus about divorce. In the Book of Deuteronomy 24:1, Moses allowed a man to divorce his wife if "he is later displeased with her and finds in her something indecent."

We know little about the practice of divorce in Jesus' day. The Dead Sea Scrolls rarely mention it and generally forbid it. The culture of the day was patriarchal, and the Torah was vague about grounds for divorce. Although some Jewish scholars insisted that a man could divorce his wife only if she were sexually unfaithful, others argued that he could do so for any reason. The one Jewish divorce contract that survives from this period speaks only of the division of assets and the freedom of both parties to remarry. With such thin evidence, it is not clear how divorce functioned in Jewish society in Jesus' time.

Jesus returns to God's original intent in creating man and woman by quoting the passage in the First Reading. God intends "the two to become one flesh." In effect Jesus says that from the creation of the world marriage is meant to establish absolute permanency and deep unity. This bond is never to be broken. In doing so Jesus makes a commitment to the equality of man and woman. While his own Jewish tradition allowed a man to divorce his wife, by returning to God's original plan for man and woman to become "one flesh," Jesus rejects divorce and raises the status of the woman, who is an equal partner to the man.

- **How does staying true to others help you stay true to God?**

AT HOME with the WORD 2018, Archdiocese of Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, pg. 135. AMERICA MAGAZINE, "What is God's covenant for you?" Michael R. Simone, S.J., September 21, 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, Turtles, Animal Wheel, Penny Pitch, Money Plate, Painting Pumpkins, 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!

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.

Thank You to the 2018 Tour Guides

Four tours were given throughout the month of September here at the Cathedral. September is the anniversary month of our dedication in 1931. We are grateful to our tour guides: Jane Doyle, Mary Ellen Kelly, Stephanie Kilcoyne, Jean Koury, Bill Smith, and Mary Gene Vogel. Special thanks to Grace Smith who provided hospitality to our visitors with drinks and snacks.

Appreciation

Thank you to all who continue to make regular payments towards your pledges for the capital campaign. Your generosity helps us meet our obligations to repay our loan to the diocese.

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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E-MAIL: ALTCATHEDRAL@DIOCESEAJ.ORG

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
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

Religious Education Office: Sundays - 943-7424

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY

Leslie C. Thayer, MM, CAGO

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

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 7, 2018

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

MASS INTENTIONS

October 8, Monday: Weekday Columbus Day

Readings: Gal 1:6-12; Lk 10:25-37

6:45 AM Prayer and Thanksgiving (Grove Family)
8:00 AM Betty Capouellez, Birthday (Family)
12:00 PM John Hupert (Family)

October 9, Tuesday: St. Denis, Bishop, Companions, Martyrs

Readings: Gal 1:13-24; Lk 10:38-42

6:45 AM Poor Souls
8:00 AM Joe Wiedemer (Murphy & Patty Montler)
12:00 PM Tom Byrne, Wedding Ann. (Wife & Family)

October 10, Wednesday: Weekday

Readings: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Lk 11:1-4

6:45 AM Wilma Weimert (M/M Francis Dambeck)
8:00 AM John Bauer (Rosemarie Fedeli)
12:00 PM Nancy Genesi (Janet Getzcy Hart)

October 11, Thursday: Saint John XXIII, Pope

Readings: Gal 3:1-5; Lk 11:5-13

6:45 AM Kryder & Elizabeth Miller (Irwin Family)
8:00 AM Anna Mercer (Gary & Lori Moschgat)
12:00 PM Mary Kantoski, Anniversary (Family)

October 12, Friday: Weekday

Readings: Gal 3:7-14; Lk 11:15-26

6:45 AM Tim Nagle (Mike & Nancy Nagle)
8:00 AM Anna Matthew
12:00 PM Myra Mangiacarne (Penny Lafferty)

October 13, Saturday: Weekday BVM

Readings: Gal 3:22-29; Lk 11:27-28

8:00 AM Herbert Kutruff (Cindy & Larry Nevling)
12:00 PM Loretta Batkiewicz (Peg Horrell) Scouting Mass
Vigil: Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Readings: Wis 7:7-11; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30
5:00 PM Edgar Anna (Jim Kelly)

Charismatic Healing Mass

There will be a Healing Mass on Monday, October 8th at 7:00 PM in the Cathedral. Father Bill Kiel, from the Diocese of Greensburg, will be the presider at Mass. All are welcome, especially those in need of physical, emotional, or spiritual healing, and those who support and care for them as well. Come to his gates with thanksgiving; enter his courts with praise" (Psalm 100:4). Music for the Mass will be led by the Cathedral Charismatic Prayer Group Music Ministry.

ARISE

Cathedral Parish begins the **ARISE Together in Christ** process this 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**.

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.

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

Religious Education Students -

Sunday, October 7, 2018, 2:00-4:00 PM.

Sunday, October 14, 2018, 11:30 PM-3:30 PM.

(Feeding the needy in our community)

Confirmation Preparation

Eleventh Grade Confirmation Candidates/ Parents/Sponsors. Our first session we will meet on Sunday, October 21, in the Cathedral Hall following the Sunday 5:00 PM Mass. Please bring your paper about your sponsor.
SHYCON: Sunday, October 28, 2018. Registrations need to be in by October 13. We will be taking a bus which will leave Bishop Guilfoyle parking lot at 10:00 AM, returning by 6:15 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 Bartchak will preside and give a reflection on the scripture. The rosary will be prayed followed by Benediction.

Holy Trinity Catholic School News

Join the school family to recite the rosary during the month of October; Middle School, October 12, 8:00 AM and October 15, 1:30 PM; Altoona Campus, October 16 and 30, 1:50 PM; Hollidaysburg Campus, October 8, 22, and 29, 1:30 PM. All are welcome.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, September 30, 2018 - \$8,125.00

Cathedral Choir

The Cathedral Choir is currently seeking new members for the 2018-2019 liturgical seasons. Choir membership is open to men and women high school age and above. Youth needing verified service hours for Confirmation or various school or college requirements are especially welcome. The purpose of Cathedral Choir is to assist the assembly to participate fully, consciously, and actively at mass and other prayer services, performing choral music related to the season or celebration of the day. Additionally, they participate in the Diocesan Festival Choir that serves as the music ministers for Diocesan celebrations such as Ordinations, RCIA rites, and Chrism Mass. The Choir sings regularly at the 10:00 AM Sunday Mass. Rehearsals are held Thursday evenings, 7:00-9:00 PM. Feel free to contact Leslie Thayer, Director of Cathedral Music Ministry with questions or for further information: 944-2044 or lthayer@dioceseaj.org.

Baptismal Retreat

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

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.

Please remember our sick in your prayers.

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 today after the 10:00 AM Mass on the Cathedral Portico. Please stop by the Cathedral Square Door before the 11:00 AM drawing.

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. 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, October 7th at 11:00 AM in the Seton Suite (below the Rectory; entrance from Fourteenth Street).

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.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN FUNERALS

Liturgical Reflection ...

The cremated remains of a body should be treated with the same respect given to the human body from which they come. This includes the use of a worthy vessel to contain the ashes, the manner in which they are carried, the care and attention to appropriate placement and transport, and the final disposition. The cremated remains should be buried in a grave or entombed in a mausoleum. The practice of scattering cremated remains or keeping the cremated remains in the home of a relative or friend are not the reverent disposition the Church requires. Whenever possible, appropriate means for recording with dignity the memory of the deceased should be adopted, such as a plaque or stone which records the name of the deceased Christian.

Order of Christian Funerals, Cremation, 1998, Introduction, Number 417.

2018, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 South Logan Boulevard, Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania 16648.