

OCTOBER 14, 2018

Scripture Reflection

Some who spend their lives pursuing wealth find it very satisfying. The accumulation of goods can provide comfort, status, privilege and pleasure. People who amass fortunes by applying their talents can find their lives especially fulfilling; prosperity is their reward for the unique genius they share. Nonetheless, when death comes, everything they worked for is taken away.

To his credit, the young man in the Gospel did not explicitly equate his wealth with divine favor. Instead, he justified himself by pointing out his scrupulous adherence to God's commandments. The works of the law are a tricky path to holiness, however. If an encounter with divine wisdom and love remains one's steadfast goal, then the biblical law leads to God, as indeed it did for Jesus. Nevertheless, human vanity threatens this project at every turn. The temptation was ever present to follow God's law to gain the approval of others.

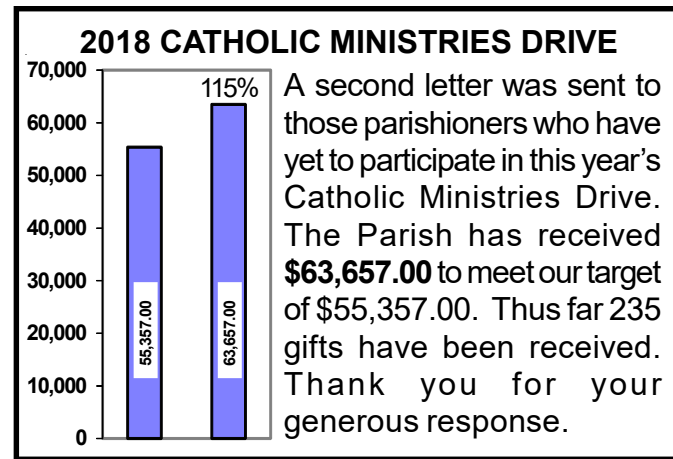
Looking into this man's heart, Jesus says in effect: "You consider that leading a good life entails not harming others. Instead, spend your resources in doing good for others." Unfortunately, the eager young man could not accept Jesus's challenge, and he walked away.

Eternal life requires more than just a pattern of good behavior; it requires a conscious commitment to God. This is the example Jesus gives. In every interaction, Jesus remains attentive to God's presence and action. He follows wherever God leads, and, in every interpersonal encounter, acts only according to the divine will.

A life of pursuing wealth ends at death. A life of pursuing good works for their own sake can do so as well. Only a life spent, like Jesus', pursuing the love of God regardless of the consequences, will leave something that survives the encounter with death. Our own resurrection is assured when we show God the same commitment to divine love that Jesus showed first.

- **Is there some attachment that obscures your awareness of God?**

AT HOME with the WORD 2018, Archdiocese of Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, pg. 137. AMERICA MAGAZINE, "How do we listen to Jesus' call?" 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!

Liturgical Ministers Workshop

All Cathedral Parishioners involved in liturgical ministries – altar servers, readers, commentators, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, cantors, choir, and ushers – will have an annual meeting on **Saturday, November 10th from 9:00 A.M. to 11:00AM**. We will gather in the Cathedral sanctuary for Morning Prayer to begin the day. Following prayer, each liturgical ministry we meet to review that particular ministry and how that ministry is exercised here at the Cathedral.

PLEASE clear your schedules to be present for this important gathering of liturgical ministers. Your presence assures our continued service not only to the cathedral family but also to the wider community that joins us regularly for Liturgy. Note: all readers will receive their annual workbook for preparation for the Sunday readings.

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.

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: 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

Music Ministry Office - 944-2044

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TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 14, 2018

Readings: Wis 7:7-11; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30

MASS INTENTIONS

October 15, Monday: St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin, Doctor

Readings: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1; Lk 11:29-32

6:45 AM Mike Zeak (Mr. & Mrs. Francis Dambeck)
8:00 AM John Bauer (Mr. & Mrs. Richard Tragon Jr.)
12:00 PM Barbara Byers (Trisha & Mark Whittaker)

October 16, Tuesday: St. Hedwig, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

Readings: Gal 5:1-6; Lk 11:37-41

6:45 AM Souls in Purgatory
8:00 AM Joyce McNeal (Kathy Ryan)
12:00 PM Ronnie Geis (Geis Family)

October 17, Wednesday: St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr

Readings: Gal 5:18-25; Lk 11:42-46

6:45 AM BeBe Milliron (Theresa Heasley)
8:00 AM Dave Baronner (McNelis All-Stars)
12:00 PM Bob McCabe (Kathleen & Jess Winter)

October 18, Thursday: Saint Luke, Evangelist

Readings: 2 Tm 4:10-17; Lk 10:1-9

6:45 AM Joseph A. Keirn (Mom and Dad)
8:00 AM Earnest & Catherine Raskanskas (Johnson Family)
12:00 PM Patrick Cooney (Cathedral Parish)

October 19, Friday: Sts. John & Isaac, Priests & Companions

Readings: Eph 1:11-14; Lk 12:1-7

6:45 AM Roberta Lamont (Dave & Maureen Hanekamp)
8:00 AM Eugene Duncan (Wife, Lois)
12:00 PM Janet Tomlinson (Frank & Betty Seymour)

October 20, Saturday: Saint Paul of the Cross, Priest

Readings: Eph 1:15-23; Lk 12:8-12

8:00 AM Edward Hallinan (Family)
12:00 PM Marian Clemens, Anniversary (Daughter)
Vigil: Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Readings: Is 53:10-11; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45
5:00 PM Joseph Pagliaro, Anniversary (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.

Cathedral Charismatic Prayer Group

The Cathedral Prayer Group meeting will be on Monday, October 22, at 7:00 PM. "Come to his gates with thanksgiving; enter his courts with praise" (Psalm 100:4). Deacon Michael Anna will be our speaker. All are welcome!

Housekeeping

The Parish is in need of someone to weekly clean the rectory, care for the laundry, and clean the Parish Center offices. The job usually involves three days a week, twelve to fifteen hours each week, with flexible scheduling. The person needs to be responsible and professional. If interested, if you know someone who is interested, please call the Parish Office for an interview.

ARISE

Groups are meeting each week, for six weeks, for one hour to discuss their relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ. This session, the first of five six-week sessions, is centering on *Encountering Christ Today*. If interested in joining any group during the week, please call the Parish Office and you will be given the varying schedules so you may choose the most convenient for you.

Parishioners are encouraged to become part of this spiritual renewal. Grounded in Scripture, these groups strengthen their faith in Christ, receive strength to go out and share their faith with others, and receive strength to reach out in service to others in Jesus. These weekly meetings ground one in our identity as Christians. Claimed for Christ in baptism, we renew our commitment and reach out to others in faith.

Holy Trinity Catholic School News

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

Patriotic Rosary

The annual Patriotic Rosary, sponsored by the Diocesan Courts of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas throughout the diocese, will be this 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.

Eucharistic Adoration

Plan ahead! Cathedral will have monthly adoration before the Blessed Sacrament here in the Cathedral on Wednesday, November 7th from 12:30 PM to 8:00 PM. Make time to pray for the Sacrament in exposition, and remember to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, October 7, 2018 - \$9,541.00

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.

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.

F. I. R. E. Classes

Religious Education Students -

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

(Feeding the needy in our community)

2018 Annual Raffle

Thank you to all who participated in our yearly raffle. The twenty winners for the Annual Raffle are:

Denis Navarro -	\$25.00
Dianne Anderson -	\$25.00
Bob and Kathy Ford -	\$25.00
Susan Jones -	\$25.00
Janet Saxman -	\$50.00
John McGregor -	\$50.00
Walter Elder -	\$50.00
Lorraine Beck -	\$50.00
Phyllis Barnes -	\$50.00
Andrew Clapper -	\$50.00
Steve and Laurie Miller -	\$100.00
Brian and Mellissa Irwin -	\$100.00
Joseph Anthony -	\$100.00
Ben Tomchick -	\$100.00
Mary Lou Moffitt -	\$100.00
Jennifer Weaver -	\$100.00
Justina McCaulley -	\$250.00
Joseph Anthony -	\$250.00
Tom and Debbie Swires -	\$500.00
Frank Young -	\$1000.00

The Cathedral Parish made a profit of \$5,234.00 with this fundraiser. Thank you!

Inquiry

Anyone interested in the Catholic Faith is invited each Sunday morning at 11:00 A.M. to meet in the Seton Suite. Maybe you pray regularly with us each Sunday. Perhaps your spouse is Catholic. Maybe you have some questions that need to be discussed. Perhaps you have felt a leaning toward Catholicism. *At Inquiry* no commitments are made. Know you are most welcome to join the Christian Initiation Team along with the Inquirers Sunday morning.

Liturgical Reflection ...

When the choice has been made to cremate a body, the Church recommends that the cremation take place after the Vigil for the Deceased, the Funeral Mass, and Rite of Final Commendation and Farewell. When cremation takes place, the cremated remains of the body of the deceased person are reverently taken to the cemetery for burial and the Rite of Committal. The official prayers of the Church are prayed as the cremated remains of the Christian are then formally buried. It is usually a matter of a few days between the Funeral Mass and the availability of the cremated remains for the Rite of Committal. The Rite of Committal is celebrated as soon as possible following the Funeral Liturgy.

Order of Christian Funerals, Cremation, 1998, Introduction, Numbers 418-420.

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

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN FUNERALS