

OCTOBER 21, 2018

Scripture Reflection

The Gospel opens with two of Jesus' closest disciples, James and John, responding to what Jesus had said by asking him: "Grant that in your glory we may sit one at your right and the other at your left." They are thinking in human terms and are looking for glory. Jesus instructs them that they have misunderstood his whole message. Discipleship entails embracing suffering and service just as he is doing. The hallmark of a disciple is humble service.

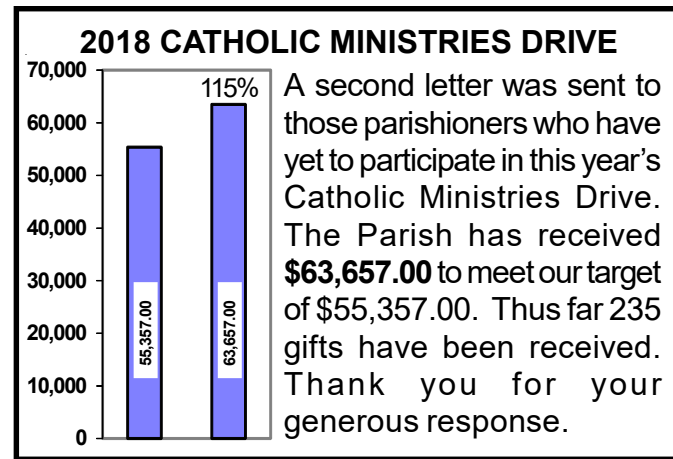
In their Gospels, Matthew and Mark gave extended thought to authority because this Jesus who came in history bore little outward resemblance to Daniel's predicted being. Jesus lived a simple life and died an ignominious death. The Evangelists had come to believe, in spite of appearances, that Jesus was indeed the bearer of divine authority. Mark encountered this authority in Jesus' healings, exorcisms and care for the least.

Living in a time of turmoil, Mark made a habit of seeking grace in the least expected places. He imagined the kingdom of God to be quite opposite to the chaotic and violent world he saw around him. He found in Jesus' humility, life of service and shameful death a powerful counterexample to the vanities of human power. Jesus spent his life conforming himself to love of God and neighbor; any who would lead in his stead must do the same.

Speaking about himself, Jesus demonstrates that his life's mission embraces giving his life in service, "as a ransom for many." In a metaphorical way, Jesus states very simply and clearly that the salvation of humanity comes at the cost of his life. Out of love for humanity and at the cost of his life, Jesus brought humanity from sin into a bond of love with his Father. Humanity's salvation cost him his life. Jesus teaches us a new path to greatness: humble service. True discipleship means following the model of Jesus' own path of suffering and service.

- **Everyone likes to be recognized and affirmed. Does this ever stand in the way of your genuine service to others?**

AT HOME with the WORD 2018, Archdiocese of Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, pg. 139. AMERICA MAGAZINE, "Are you a servant leader?" Michael R. Simone, S.J., October 5, 2018.



Plan Ahead for Family Night

Cathedral Parish will again celebrate Family Night in the Cathedral Hall next 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 AM to 11:00 AM**. 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.

F. I. R. E. Students Feed the Needy

On Sunday, October 14, our Religious Education Students fed the needy in our community. Over 100 people were served in the Cathedral Hall.

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

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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

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CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME - 944-4603

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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-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 21, 2018

Readings: *Is 53:10-11; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45*

MASS INTENTIONS

October 22, Monday: Saint John Paul II, Pope

Readings: *Eph 2:1-10; Lk 12:13-21*

6:45 AM Bishop Eugene Garvey, Anniv. (Cathedral Parish)
8:00 AM Loretta Batkiewicz (Josephine Skelin)
12:00 PM Ruth Conley (Janet Ayel)

October 23, Tuesday: Saint John of Capistrano, Priest

Readings: *Eph 2:12-22; Lk 12:35-38*

6:45 AM Charlotte McCall (Greg and Karen Querry)
8:00 AM Mim Pufka (Shirley Siedlarczyk)
12:00 PM Delphina Rutolo, Birthday (Family)

October 24, Wednesday: Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

Readings: *Eph 3:2-12; Lk 12:39-48*

6:45 AM Msgr. Thomas Madden, Anniv. (Cathedral Parish)
8:00 AM David Conrad (Paul and Brenda Rose)
12:00 PM Rose Ciavarella (Joseph Plutko Family)

October 25, Thursday: Weekday

Readings: *Eph 3:14-21; Lk 12:49-53*

6:45 AM Rev. Morgan Sheedy, Anniv. (Cathedral Parish)
8:00 AM Jack Bell, Anniversary (Mary Ann Bell)
12:00 PM Alma Reismeier (Cathedral Parish)

October 26, Friday: Weekday

Readings: *Eph 4:1-6; Lk 12:54-59*

6:45 AM Timothy Nagle (Debbie Ball)
8:00 AM Charles Brady (Dee and Joe Shellenberger)
12:00 PM Wanda Watkins (Tom and Beth Moore)

October 27, Saturday: Weekday

Readings: *Eph 4:7-16; Lk 13:1-9*

8:00 AM Lori Crilley (Sisters, Pam and Vicki)
12:00 PM Herbert J. Kutruuff (Mary O'Leary Boslet)

Vigil: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: *Jer 31:7-9; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52*

5:00 PM Anna Marie Jacobs (Strayer 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 this 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.

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.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION Sunday, October 14, 2018 - \$9,129.00

Special Collection

Thousands of people have lost their homes and their places of employment due to the recent natural disasters of Hurricane Florence and Hurricane Michael, that have impacted especially Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, and North Carolina. There has also been the loss of human life. There will be a special second collection next weekend, **October 27 and 28**, at all Masses. Please be generous in response to a Special Hurricane Relief Collection being taken up in all parishes throughout the Diocese. All donations will be forwarded to Catholic Charities USA which administers the funds directly to those in most need. We remember our sisters and brothers in our prayers.

Baptismal Prep Class

Our next Baptismal Prep Class will be held on November 5, in the Seton Suite at 7:00 PM.

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.

Benefit Dinner Thank You

Thank you to the Cathedral Parish family for your wonderful support of our Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser for Jim Luther, from the Family and Friends of Jim.

Liturgical Reflection ...

In the face of death, the Church confidently proclaims that God has created each person for eternal life and that Jesus, crucified and risen Lord, has broken the chains of sin and death that bound humanity. At the death of a Christian, whose life was begun in the waters of baptism and strengthened at the Eucharistic table, the Church intercedes on behalf of the deceased because of its confident belief that death is not the end nor does it break the bonds forged in life. The human body is to be treated with the utmost respect throughout the funerary rites. Ultimately, the body or cremated remains are to be placed in a grave, that is, a cemetery or mausoleum.

Order of Christian Funerals, 1998, General Introduction, Numbers 1 and 4.

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

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Rosary

The remaining dates for the public recitation of the rosary at Holy Trinity are: Hollidaysburg Campus at 1:30 PM on October 22 and 29, and Altoona Campus at 1:50 PM on October 30. All are welcome.

Holy Trinity Bingo -- All Year Round

Do you like to play Bingo? Calling all Bingo players to Holy Trinity Bingo held in Saint Rose Social Hall (Sixth Avenue and Fifty-Sixth Street) every Tuesday and Friday. Holy Trinity Bingo supports Holy Trinity students! Doors open at 5:00 PM with early bird games at 6:00 PM, regular games start at 7:00 PM. Admission package only \$35.00 which includes: 18 cards, all 24 regular games, 5 cards for all jackpots except blitz. Early bird and bonanza games sold separately. Kitchen is open serving hot and cold foods. Visa and MasterCard credit and debit cards accepted.

Weekly Mass Schedule

You are always welcome to join our students and faculty each week for Mass. The regular weekly Mass schedule is as follows: Altoona Campus every Wednesday at 9:00 AM; Hollidaysburg Campus every Thursday at 8:30 AM; and the Middle School Campus every Friday at 8:30 AM.

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.