

OCTOBER 28, 2018

Scripture Reflection

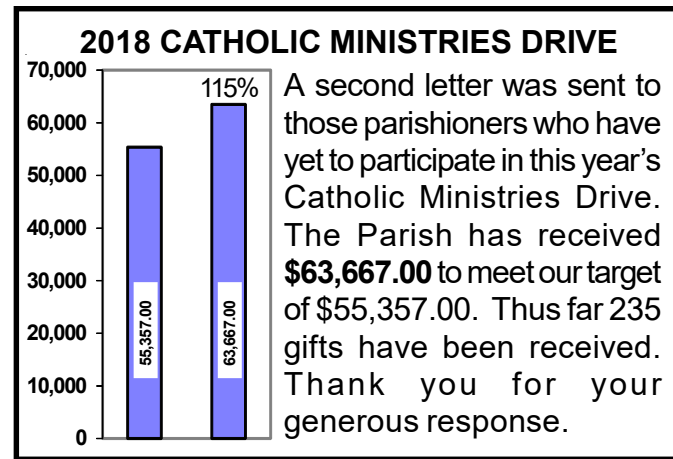
As Jesus passes through Jericho (some fifteen miles from Jerusalem), Bartimaeus, who is blind, is among the crowd lining the street. He shouts out: "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me." The scene is vivid and contains significant aspects. Bartimaeus is *persistent* - he is desperate and knows that Jesus can help him. Jesus calls Bartimaeus over, and the man's *response is immediate* -- he rushes over to Jesus. Jesus asks him simply: "What do you want me to do for you?" His reply is direct: "Master, I want to see." Jesus sends him away telling him, "Your faith has saved you." Bartimaeus regains his sight and *follows Jesus*. Bartimaeus demonstrated the characteristics of a true disciple: *persistent request, immediate response, faith, and dedication*.

Versions of this healing of blindness also appear in Matthew 20:29-34 and Luke 18:35-43. Mark includes details the other Evangelists omit, and these reveal his unique theological insights. When Jesus sends someone to call Bartimaeus over to him the person tells Bartimaeus, "Take courage!" Matthew and Luke leave these words out, and also omit Bartimaeus's actions once he was called: "He threw aside his cloak, sprang up, and came to Jesus." Bartimaeus is an eager participant, and his faith is obvious.

The task of evangelizing never ends. Jesus' disciples today can take example from today's Gospel. How often in our daily journeys do we encounter individuals who long to encounter divine grace but are blind to the way? A simple word of encouragement and a brief pointer to the right direction might be all it takes to bring an anguished soul to the source of healing.

- **Whose faith have you stirred with words of encouragement?**

AT HOME with the WORD 2018, Archdiocese of Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, pg. 141. AMERICAMAGAZINE, "Do you encourage others to follow Jesus?" Michael R. Simone, S.J., October 5, 2018.



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.

Pierogie, Ravioli, and Gnocchi Sale

Our Lady of Fatima Parish is sponsoring a Pierogi, Gnocchi, and, 6-Cheese Ravioli sale. Orders can be made at the Parish Office at 2010 Twelfth Avenue, phone 942-0371, or email: olfoff10@hotmail.com no later than November 14. Pickup is November 28.

Cathedral Charismatic Prayer Group

The Cathedral Prayer Group meeting will be on Monday, November 5, at 7:00 PM. "Come to his gates with thanksgiving; enter his courts with praise" (Psalm 100:4). All are welcome!

Please remember our sick in your prayers.

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

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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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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

MASS INTENTIONS

October 29, Monday: Weekday

Readings: Eph 4:32-5:8; Lk 13:10-17

6:45 AM NO MASS

8:00 AM David Conrad (Jim and Steph Kilcoyne)

12:00 PM Catherine Beech Fredrick Birth (Debbie Ball Family)

October 30, Tuesday: Weekday

Readings: Eph 5:21-33; Lk 13:18-21

6:45 AM Tom Orr (Cathedral Parish)

8:00 AM NO MASS

12:00 PM Trudy Eicher (Family and Friends)

October 31, Wednesday: Weekday

Readings: Eph 6:1-9; Lk 13:22-30

6:45 AM NO MASS

8:00 AM Dennis Blackie, Anniv. (Friend)

12:00 PM David A. Baronner (John Moran)

Vigil Solemnity of All Saints

Readings: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12

5:30 PM James Davidson (Louise and Bernie Joyce)

November 1, Thursday: Solemnity of All Saints

Readings: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12

8:00 AM Donald Godish, Anniversary (Friend)

12:00 PM John Moloney/Joan Nedimyer, Birth. (Family)

5:30 PM John Bauer (Patricia Rhoa)

November 2, Friday: Commemoration of All Souls

Readings: Wis 3:1-9; Rom 5:5-11; Jn 6:37-40

6:45 AM Poor Souls

8:00 AM Carrie Detwiler (Tom and Beth Moore)

12:00 PM Bernadine Garcia (Dan and Lisa Brennan)

5:30 PM Janet Tomlinson (Dave and Karen Rhoa)

(In Crypt Chapel)

November 3, Saturday: St Martin de Porres, Religious

Readings: Phil 1:18-26; Lk 14:1, 7-11

8:00 AM Bishop J. Carroll McCormick, Ann. (Cathedral Parish)

(In Crypt Chapel)

12:00 PM Joyce McNeal (Carol Makdad)

Vigil: Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Dt 6:2-6; Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28-34

5:00 PM Marian & Robert Drass (Bart & Eileen Hmel)

NOTE Daily Mass Schedule

Please note there are only two (2) Masses Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of this week. There will be no 6:45 AM Mass on Monday and Wednesday; there will be no 8:00 AM Mass on Tuesday.

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*. 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.

ARISE groups meet on the following days and times: Monday 9:00 AM, 2:00 PM and 6:30 PM; Tuesday 9:00 AM, 4:30 PM and 7:00 PM; Wednesday 9:00 AM and 6:00 PM; Thursday 6:00 PM; and, Saturday 10:00 AM. Please call the Parish Office to join any group this week.

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 on Sunday mornings.

Note: Saturday Masses during November

The 8:00 AM Saturday morning Mass throughout the month of November will be celebrated in the **Crypt Chapel**. You may enter through the Cathedral Square door (steep steps) or through the alley entrance to the Church Hall. Also, on All Souls Day the 5:30 PM Mass will be in the **Crypt Chapel**.

Annual Christian Mothers Collection

Christian Mothers will collect for the poor and needy of our Community the weekend of November 10th and 11th.

Daylight Savings Time Ends

Do not forget to turn you clocks back one hour on **Saturday night, November 3.**

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, October 21, 2018 - \$8,980.00

Special Collection

There is a special second collection today for the thousands of people who have lost their homes and 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. All donations will be forwarded to Catholic Charities USA which administers the funds directly to those in most need.

HOLY DAY

This Thursday, November 1, is a Holy Day of Obligation. Catholics are expected to participate at Mass on the Solemnity of All Saints. The Church celebrates with all the men, women, and children who have entered the kingdom of God and are seated as saints in glory. It is our humble prayer that someday this will also be our feast day. Check the Mass schedule for Thursday's solemnity. Remember on Friday, November 2, the Church commemorates All Souls Day.

Name Your Favorite Saint

Before each of the Masses for the Solemnity of All Saints, you are invited to write the name of your patron or favorite saint in the notebook placed on a stand at the cross aisle. Take time to reflect on the saints who have special meaning in your life. Perhaps you would like to name a deceased parent, grandparent or friend - first names only please. These will be mentioned during the litany of saints as our opening song at each Mass.

Liturgical Reflection ...

The Church through its funeral rites commends the dead to God's merciful love and pleads for the forgiveness of their sins. At the funeral rites, especially at the Funeral Mass, the Christian community affirms and expresses the union of the Church on earth with the Church in heaven in the one great communion of saints. Though separated from the living, the dead are still at one with the community of believers on earth and benefit from their prayers. The Church recognizes the spiritual bond that still exists between the living and the dead. In addition, the Church proclaims its belief that all the faithful will be raised up and reunited in the new heavens and new earth, where death will be no more.

Order of Christian Funerals, 1998, General Introduction, Number 6.

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

The Names of Our Dead

Throughout November the names of all those who have died and were buried from the Cathedral Parish this past liturgical year will appear in the front of the Cathedral. The month of November is the traditional time we Catholics remember our dead with special prayer. Throughout this month take time to pray for our deceased brothers and sisters. Visit the cemetery and pray for those who have gone before us. May all the faithful departed know a place of light, peace and happiness. Thank you to Jean Koury who created this year's board.

Baptismal Prep Class

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

One Stop Gift Card Shop

Join **Holy Trinity Catholic School** for our first One Stop Gift Card Shop on November 17 from 10:00 AM until 12:00 PM at the Middle School Gym located on the Saint Rose of Lima Campus. Buy gift cards for everything from Christmas shopping, gifts and even your groceries for Christmas parties. We will have small denomination cards which are great stocking stuffers. There will be gift cards from several local specialty shops and restaurants on hand. Shopping for family members spread across the country, we can order gift cards from hundreds of retailers and have them for you by November 30. For every \$100 you spend, you will get a chance to win 1 of 3 \$25 Amazon gift cards.

While you are there, enjoy entertainment by the Holy Trinity Performing Arts ensemble, the artistic talents of our students and refreshments.

If you have any questions or want additional information, please call the school at (814) 942-7835 or email HolyTrinityScrip@gmail.com.