

NOVEMBER 11, 2018

Scripture Reflection

True generosity is portrayed through the lives of two widows, the most vulnerable people in society. In the First Reading a widow, in the middle of a great famine, shares the last of her resources with the prophet Elijah. In the Gospel, Jesus observes a widow in the Temple who provides an authentic example of sacrificial giving. Jesus draws attention to her putting “two small coins worth a few cents” into one of the thirteen collection boxes. The coin referred to here as “a mite” is the lowest denomination of a coin that has ever been struck by any nation in history! And yet she is giving to the treasury what in fact she could not afford.

Both readings illustrate the genuine self-sacrificing nature of giving. The widows gave to the extent of hurting! These acts of self-sacrifice by the poorest and most vulnerable offer a beautiful fore-shadowing of the genuine self-sacrifice of Jesus whereby he gave his very life for our salvation. To give God everything and receive no human honor in return is challenging for many people in every age. Such radical dependence is the example Jesus left us. Whatever we give — time, resources, skills, attention — the offering ought to be like the widow’s; complete, courageous and with total trust in grace.

The widow who fed Elijah with the last food she had and the widow who contributed her whole livelihood to the Temple treasury inspire us. “If they can do that, I can at least do something!” The Church has reemphasized stewardship as an approach to life, not just a matter of giving money. It is centered on living out of gratitude. When we receive gifts, we naturally want to respond. Take a look at your giving practices — in terms of money, time, and talent. Meditate on the gifts God has given you and consider a fitting response.

- **What have you given to God? Would you describe yourself as a grateful person?**

AT HOME with the WORD 2018, Archdiocese of Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, pg. 145. AMERICA MAGAZINE, “Are you radically dependent on God?” Michael R. Simone, S.J., October 19, 2018.

November is the Month of the Saints

These are the newest saints most recently canonized at the Vatican by Pope Francis on October 14, 2018. There are seven new saints. **Saint Maria Catherine Casper** (1820-1898) from Germany founded the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ. Her congregation of religious women are dedicated to the poor and the ill. Houses are presently in the Netherlands, the United States, Mexico, and India. There are 690 religious in 104 houses. **Saint Francesco Spinelli** (1853-1913) a priest from Italy founded the Sisters Adorers of the Blessed Sacrament. Devoted to the Eucharist and to Eucharistic Adoration, the congregation now operates in nations such as Argentina and Senegal; there are 436 religious in 59 houses. **Saint Oscar Romero** (1917-1980) a bishop from El Salvador was martyred while celebrating Mass in the chapel of the Hospital of Divine Providence in San Salvador. Saint Oscar Romero actively denounced violations of the human rights of the most vulnerable people and defended the principles of protecting lives, promoting human dignity and opposing all forms of violence. **Saint Nazaria Ignacia March Mesa** (1889-1943) from Spain and then Mexico is the first superior of the Missionaries of the Crusade. A religious congregation dedicated to re-Christianizing the world. Her order now operates in places such as Portugal and Equatorial Guinea; there are 415 religious in 79 houses. **Saint Nunzio Sulprizio** (1817-1836) is a layman from Italy. Saint Nunzio is a model for workers; he himself was an apprentice blacksmith. Difficulty connected to his strenuous work lead to his death. **Saint Paul VI** (1897-1978) succeeded Saint John XXIII as he continued the Second Vatican Council which he closed in 1965, implementing its various reforms. Saint Paul VI issued three Marian encyclicals; he named Mary as the Mother of the Church. **Saint Vincent Romano** (1751-1831), an Italian parish priest, worked tirelessly with the poor and the social needs of his people under his care. He was nicknamed “The Worker Priest,” showing great care of orphans.

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

**THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY
ORDINARY TIME
NOVEMBER 11, 2018**

Readings: 1 Kgs 17:10-16; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44

MASS INTENTIONS

November 12, Monday: St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr

Readings: Ti 1:1-9; Lk 17:1-6

6:45 AM Joe Tomlinson (Greg and Chrissy McCullough)
8:00 AM Derek Behe, Birthday (Mom and Dad)
12:00 PM John Bauer (Gina Romani)

November 13, Tuesday: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

Readings: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Lk 17:7-10

6:45 AM Lorretta Batkiewicz (Bill and Joan Kaylor)
8:00 AM Leroy and Irmina Helfrich (Estate)
12:00 PM Tom Byrne, Birthday (Wife and Family)

November 14, Wednesday: Weekday

Readings: Ti 3:1-7; Lk 17:11-19

6:45 AM Jim Davidson (Cathedral Parish Council)
8:00 AM Lori Crilley (Cathedral Catechists)
12:00 PM Joanna Tetanich (Ray and Mary Lutchko)

November 15, Thursday: St. Albert the Great, Bishop & Dr.

Readings: Phlm 7-20; Lk 17:20-25

6:45 AM Dick Anthony (Kathleen Winters)
8:00 AM Joe Wiedemer (John Palma)
12:00 PM Thomas and Mary Irwin (Irwin Family)

November 16, Friday: St. Margaret of Scotland, St. Gertrude

Readings: 2 Jn 4-9; Lk 17:26-37

6:45 AM Lavelle Family (Phyllis Sheetz)
8:00 AM Alice and Andy Sussa (Dan and Wendy Cowan)
12:00 PM Myra Mangiacarne (Gary and Roseann Rhone)

November 17, Saturday: St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Relig.

Readings: 3 Jn 5-8; Lk 18:1-8

8:00 AM Peggy and Bernie Joyce (Family)
(In Crypt Chapel)
12:00 PM Herbert Kutruff (Duffy Family)

Vigil: Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Dn 12:1-3; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32
5:00 PM Millie Boyle (Rose Family)

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.

Please remember our sick in your prayers.

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*.

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.

Liturgy Committee Meeting

The Parish Liturgy Committee will meet on Tuesday, November 13, at 12:45 PM in the Seton Suite.

Calendars of Prizes 2019 Are Here!

Calendars of Prizes 2019 are being sold at the Cathedral Square door after all Masses. Each calendar costs \$20.00. There is a \$10.00 daily prize; an additional \$1,000.00 in special monthly prizes awarded throughout the year; and a grand prize of \$5,000.00. Due to the state regulations for small games of chance, it is necessary that all one thousand tickets be sold. Otherwise, the parish will lose money on unsold tickets. If you have a favorite three digit number, call the Parish Office (944-4603) weekdays between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM to check on availability or stop at the Cathedral Square door after Mass. These make great Christmas gifts that last all year!

2018 Catholic Ministries Drive

To date the Cathedral Parish has received pledges of **\$63,692.00**. Our target amount was set at \$55,357.00. Thank you for your generous response.

Hurricane Relief Special Collection

Cathedral Parish received **\$3,561.00** to be sent to Catholic Charities USA. Lives were lost; homes and possessions destroyed; places of employment no longer exist. Thank you for your generosity.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, November 4, 2018 - \$9,005.00

Hurricane Relief - \$3,561.00

Annual Christian Mothers Collection

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

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

HTCS Cash Raffle

Ticket sales start on Wednesday, November 14th. They are \$2.00 per ticket. You can purchase tickets by contacting any HTCS student or call any of our schools to purchase tickets. Winning tickets will receive \$1,000, \$750 and \$500. Winners will be pulled on December 13th at the Middle School Christmas Concert.

One Stop Gift-Card Shop (scrip)

Join Holy Trinity for their first One Stop Gift Card Shop on Saturday, November 17th from 10:00 AM until Noon at the Saint Rose of Lima - Maria Parish Center (Gym). Support HTCS and watch our Performing Arts Ensemble practice while you shop for gift cards. Cookies and coffee will be available.

First Reconciliation Schedule

First Reconciliation is scheduled at the Parish Advent Penance Service on Wednesday, December 19, 2018, at 6:30 PM. There will be a meeting on December 5 in the Seton Suite from 6:30 PM until 8:00 PM. All students must be accompanied by an adult. Please bring a **COPY** of your child's baptism certificate. Call Chris Laraia at 814-312-7317 if you are unable to attend.

Religious Education - F.I.R.E.

On Sunday, November 18th, there will be a **F.I.R.E. Class** from 2:00 PM until 4:00 PM. The class will be held in the Church Hall.

The Friar's Nook Pre-Black Friday Sale

The Friar's Nook Gift Shop, located at 793 Monastery Road, Hollidaysburg, will be holding a Pre-Black Friday Sale November 10th thru 17th, with all Christmas and fall items 20% off. The shop hours are Monday to Saturday 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM, with special shopping hours Wednesday, November 14th from 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM. Please call the shop with any question at 814-695-3802.

Confirmation Preparation

All tenth grade students including Bishop Guilfoyle, Homeschooled and Religious Education will meet in the Cathedral Hall for **Gifts of the Holy Spirit & Parables Retreat** on November 17th from 10:45 AM until 6:00 PM.

Eucharistic Adoration

Plan ahead! Cathedral will have monthly adoration before the Blessed Sacrament here in the Cathedral on Wednesday, December 5th 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.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Meeting

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Prince Gallitzin #2625 is looking for new members! Our next meeting is November 12 at Saint Rose of Lima Parish social hall. There is a social at 6:30 PM and meeting at 7:00 PM. New members are always welcome!

Cathedral Charismatic Prayer Group

The Cathedral Prayer Group meeting will be on Sunday, November 18, at 6:30 PM at Saint Michael Basilica, Loretto, PA. "Come to his gates with thanksgiving; enter his courts with praise" (Psalm 100:4). All are warmly welcome for this Festival of Praise!

Liturgical Reflection ...

**ORDER OF
CHRISTIAN
FUNERALS**

Since in baptism the body was marked with the seal of the Trinity and became the temple of the Holy Spirit, Christians respect and honor the bodies of the dead and the places where they rest. Created in the image and likeness of God, Catholics strongly believe in the sacredness of the human body. For the final disposition of the body, it is ancient Christian custom to bury or entomb the bodies of the dead. While cremation is permitted, the ashes of the deceased believer are to be buried or entombed like the body.

Order of Christian Funerals, 1998, Number 19.