

# SEPTEMBER 29, 2019

## Scripture Reflection

"Woe to the complacent," shouts the prophet Amos in the First Reading. Indifference to the needs and plight of those around us, challenges the prophet Amos and Jesus in today's readings.

Luke tells the parable in the Gospel in three scenes. In the first, a contrast is drawn between the sumptuous lifestyle of a rich man (who remains unnamed) and the poor man (named Lazarus) covered with sores and lying at the entrance to the rich man's estate. There Lazarus dies, forgotten, with no mention of burial. The rich man also dies and is buried.

The next scene takes place in the afterlife, where the roles are reversed and Lazarus is with Abraham while the rich man is in torment. In the final scene, the rich man begs that his brothers be warned about their fate for overlooking the poor. Like the rich man and his brothers, we have the teachings of Scripture, but we also have the example from this parable and most importantly that of Christ, to remind us of our responsibility to care for the needs of others. Christians can never be indifferent to the needs of injustices done to others. Pope Paul VI said in *Populorum progressio*, 23, "It is well known how strong were the words used by the Fathers of the Church to describe the proper attitude of persons who possess anything towards persons in need. To quote Saint Ambrose: "You are not making a gift of your possessions to the poor persons in need. You are handing over to him what is his. For what has been given in common for the use of all, you have abrogated to yourself."

- **How has your life been touched or changed when you have responded to someone in need?**

## Silver Rose Pilgrimage

The Pilgrimage of the Silver Rose sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, is stopping here at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament Monday September 30th at 7:00 PM for a program. The Rose travels from Canada through the United States on to its final destination of Mexico City, to honor Our Lady of Guadalupe on her feast day December 12th. Please plan to attend this program to honor all life.

## Youth Protection Program

A live Safe Environment Training session will be held on October 19th from 8:30 AM -12:30, at St Rose of Lima Parish Hall, 5514 Roselawn Avenue, Altoona PA 16602. Training begins promptly at 8:30 AM. To register visit: [Virtuonline.Org](http://Virtuonline.Org) or call Justin Kirkland at 814-317-2606 or email: [jkirkland@dioceseaj.org](mailto:jkirkland@dioceseaj.org).

## Arise

Season 3, "In the Footsteps of Christ" will focus on the key themes of Catholic social teaching.

There will still be sign up sheets at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament doors. Together in Christ will begin their group next week, October 6th.

## Organ Concert

There will be an Organ Concert at Mount Carmel Church, 8th Avenue and 11th Street, Altoona, on Sunday October 6th at 3 PM. The Guest Organist is Gail Archer. Ms. Archer is Professor of Organ at the Manhattan School of Music at Vassar College. A free will offering will be taken to benefit the Mt. Carmel Pipe Organ Campaign.

## Pie and Soup Sale

Saint Benedict Church, 100- Main Street, Carrolltown Pa. The Altar Society of St. Benedict Church is sponsoring a fall pie sale and homemade chicken noodle soup sale, in the church hall Saturday October 12th from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Over six hundred homemade pies (apple, peach, pumpkin, cherry and raisin) and apple dumplings will be available. A snack bar will also be available. Everyone is welcome.

## Friar's Nook Gift Shop

Located at 793- Monastery Road, Hollidaysburg, will hold their annual pet blessing and yard sale Saturday Oct. 5 at 10:00 AM. The sale will include new, deeply discounted items from the gift shop. Refreshment available for purchase.

# 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 -

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 Evening 6:15 PM - 8:15 PM

Grades 9 thru 12.

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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  
12:00 Noon  
Saturday: 8:00 AM  
12:00 Noon

Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak, J.C.D., Bishop

Reverend Monsignor Stanley Carson, Administrator

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](http://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](http://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-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 29, 2019

Readings: Am 6:1, 4-7; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31

### MASS INTENTIONS

September 30, Monday: St. Jerome, PR & DR. Church

Readings: Zec 8:1-8; Lk 9:46-50

6:45 AM Beverly Woodring (Jerry Fleck)

12:00 PM John Vogel (Mary Gene & Maureen Vogel)

October 1, Tuesday: St. Therese of the Child Jesus

Readings: Zec 8:20-23; Lk 9:51-56

6:45 AM John Adams Sr. Anniversary (Family)

12:00 PM Bishop Joseph Adamec (Pat & Tom Forr)

October 2, Wednesday: The Holy Guardian Angels

Readings: Neh 2:1-8; Mt 18:1-5, 10

6:45 AM Bernie McLucas (Family)

12:00 PM Richard Anthony (Dave & Karen Reimer)

October 3, Thursday: Weekday

Readings: Neh 8:1-4, 5-6, 7-12; Lk 10:1-12

6:45 AM Adelaide Kipple (M&M Dave Hanekamp)

12:00 PM Robert Wojcik (M/M Mike Byrne)

October 4, Friday: Saint Francis of Assisi

Readings: Bar 1:15-22; Lk 10:13-16

6:45 AM Jane Davidson (Mike Davidson & Jan Young)

12:00 PM Delphina Rutolo Anniversary (Family)

October 5, Saturday: Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos

Readings: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Lk 10:17-24

8:00 AM Agnes Shaffer (Family)

12:00 PM Deacon John Szwarc (Family)

Vigil: Twenty-Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

Readings: Hb 1:2-3, 2:2-4; 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-10

5:00 PM Edgar A. Johnston Ann (Wife & Mother).

**Please remember our sick in your prayers.**

### Catholic Ministry Drive

We are most grateful to those who have so generously responded to the 2019 Catholic Ministries Drive. As of the end of July we have pledged totaling **\$38,535.00**. Our goal for 2019 is **\$50,706.00**. Thank you for your generosity. It is most important that we receive your response as soon as possible. Monies received over our diocesan goal will help us to complete Charity Hall in The Cathedral Parish Center.

### Religious Education Pre K-8

Donations of tissues, paper towels, hand sanitizer/wipes, and Lysol cleaning products are needed with the start of flu season.

### First Reconciliation Prep

Students and parents will meet for the first session on October 2nd at 6:30 PM in the Seton Suite. Please bring your child's copy of baptism and registration form if you have not already sent those in. Call Chris Laraia, 312-7317, if you have any questions.

### Confirmation Prep Class- Fall Session

Sunday September 29th, **ALL** 10th graders will meet in the Cathedral Hall from 6:15-7:30 PM

### SHYCON

Sunday October 20th, 2019. Registrations are due in office by October 6th. For more information call Jean Koury 934-7316.

### Rest in Peace

This past week Bill Boslet who died and was buried from the Cathedral. May he rest in the peace and the love of the risen Christ; may his family be comforted in faith.

### Young Adult Ministry

The Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament will be starting a "Young Adult Ministry", Age 18 – 30. Our first gathering, for those not yet Confirmed or those young adults feeling the need to learn more about the Catholic Religion, will be on Sundays, after the 10:00 AM Mass in the St. John's Room. Any young adult interested in joining our Young Adult Ministry or being a part of this new endeavor (TEAM) please call Tammy Dattris at 934-2441. There will be younger individuals organizing this group on a monthly basis.

### The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

RCIA is a process (a journey) through which people enter the Catholic Church. This includes people who have not been baptized (called catechumens) and people who have been baptized in another Christian Church now seeking full Communion with the Catholic Church (referred to as candidates). If you are interested in learning more about RCIA, join us Sunday from 11:00am - Noon in the Seton Suite. Please reach out to Tammy Dattris, Director of RCIA at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. We look forward to you joining us!

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, September 22, 2019 - \$7,250.00

### Save the Date!

"Concerts Under the Dome" Performance!

The world-famous **Vienna Boys Choir** will be passing through Pennsylvania from Allentown to West Virginia on their US tour in October, and will present a concert in the Cathedral on Sunday, October 27, 7:00 pm. The concert is free, but a free-will donation would be appreciated.

The Touring Choir consists of 25 boys, ages 10-14, who spend 6 months of the year on tour worldwide before returning to Vienna, Austria, and then another group of 25 leave for their 6-month experience. The Choir School is made up of only 100 boys who audition at age 8 and live full-time at the school until their voices change. In addition to the obvious musical skills they must hone, their academic study is equally important and they tour with instructors who hold "school" each day, even as they travel.

Please be aware that the Cathedral has to be emptied out after the Sunday 5:00PM Mass. The doors will reopen at 6:30 PM.

### Charismatic Prayer Group Dates

Cathedral Charismatic Prayer Group and Alive in the Spirit student group. Sunday, October 6th, Sunday, November 3rd, and Sunday, December 1st, all will be held at Bishop Guilfoyle High School from 6:00PM - 7:00PM.

On Sunday, November 17th at 6PM, join us at The Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel, Loretta PA for a Festival of Praise. Praise and Worship, prayer ministry and witness talks.

### Stewardship Reflections

Our culture makes it easy to be like the rich man. It is easy to "walk by" those asking for a handout. On our electronic devices, it is easy to watch the basest human tendencies play out as entertainment. Charity begins by seeing others through God's eyes, as persons made in God's image and worthy of our love and care.

We are called to live as stewards in our homes, our neighborhoods, and our community. Our gifts are needed by those around us. Our acts of sharing are our witness of our belief in Jesus.

**Pray For Our Sick** - Remember our sisters and brothers who are weakened by illness in your prayers. Prayers are sometimes the best prescribed medicine.

### Helpers Needed

We are still in need of helpers to clean the Cathedral we meet every Wednesday at 9:00 AM. We are so blessed that so many have come forward to help. Please bring buckets and rags and join us.

### Welcome

Monsignor Stanley Carson. Monsignor Carson has had many years of experience as a priest and pastor. He has served admirably as Vicar General of our Diocese, and he has respect of Bishops, Priests, and Deacons. Please give him your prayerful support.

### Annual Cathedral Raffle

All parishioners are asked to help with the annual late summer/early fall 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 after the 10:00 AM Mass on Sunday, October 6th on the Cathedral Portico. You need not be present to win. Tickets are available after all Masses and at the Parish Office.

### Life Chain

Please join us for our annual LIFE CHAIN Sunday, October 6, 2019 from 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM meet at 17th Street and 9th Ave., Altoona (at the Station Medical Center). Call 814-946-0681. The Preborn Have a Right to Life! This is Why We "Life Chain."

### The Catholic Faith

Thursday, October 10th, from 7-8 PM at the BG library. Mr. Bob Sutton will host a faith formation opportunity for adults at Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School entitled "The Catholic Faith in One Hour." This presentation summarizes what the most basic teachings and beliefs of Catholicism are, and answer some of the basic questions that both Catholics and non-Catholics have. It is free to attend and is opened to all interested adults Catholic or non-Catholics. You can contact Bob Sutton at rsutton@bguilfoyle.org