

OCTOBER 6, 2019

Scripture Reflection

“The just one, because of his faith, shall live,” says the prophet Habakkuk some six hundred years before Jesus’ birth. These words are taken up by St. Paul in his thesis, “In the gospel is revealed the righteousness of God from faith to faith, as it is written, “The one who is righteous by faith will live” (Romans 1:17). The prophet cried out to God to intervene to help his people in their desperation. His cry expresses his faith that God cares for his people and will respond.

Today’s readings offer a deeper insight into the nature of Christian faith. In Paul’s letter to Timothy, the Apostle encourages his disciple to “stir into flame the gift of God that you have through the imposition of my hands.” Timothy has been entrusted with protecting the faith of his community. Paul reminds him of the gift of the Spirit he received that brings with it a gift of boldness that provides strength to overcome obstacles.

In the Gospel, when the Apostles tell the Lord, “increase our faith,” they are not asking for the content of their faith to be increased but for the quality of their faith to be enhanced. In other words, the faith they refer to is their relationship with Jesus Christ. Jesus and the disciples are concerned with the depth of their faith relationship. It is not the quality of faith that is significant but the quality of the relationship with Christ. After all, as Jesus said, faith the size of a mustard seed could move a tree. Genuine faith, the depth of our genuine relationship with Christ, enables us to perform the impossible.

- **Why is the quality of faith more important than the quantity?**

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: Virtusonline.Org or call Justin Kirkland at 814-317-2606 or email: jkirkland@dioceseaj.org.

Arise

The following days and times for Arise groups and their locations are:

- Mondays, 2:00 PM, Education bldg.
- Mondays, 6:00 PM, Education bldg.
- Tuesdays, 9:00 AM, Former Baptistry
- Tuesdays, 4:30 PM Education bldg.
- Wednesdays, 9:00 AM, Former Baptistry
- Wednesdays, 6:00 PM, Former Baptistry
- Thursdays, 6:00 PM, Education bldg.

Groups will begin to meet Monday, October 6th for 6 weeks. Please feel free to join a group even if you have not signed up.

Homemade Italian Trio Dinner

There will be a Italian Dinner of Lasagna, Spaghetti & Meatballs with salad, Roll & butter & dessert, served at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church, 628- West 1st Street, Sunday November 3rd. TAKEOUTS ONLY 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM, \$11.00 each. Sunday, November 3rd, 2019. Please call Jim at 832-2139 or Sandy at 658-3600.

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.

Night at the Races

St Demetrius Church is sponsoring a “Night at the Races” on October 19, 2019. Doors open at 5:00 PM and races will start at 6:00 PM. Location: The Parish Social Hall, 714- Foster Street Gallitzin. \$25.00 donation will get you a horse while they last for one race and admission for you and a guest. In addition, eat-in-meal and refreshments will be available to patrons. To reserve you horse call Brenda Smithmyer at 207-5894.

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.

WEB: WWW.ALTOONACATHEDRAL.ORG

FAX: 814-942-4337

E-MAIL: ALTCATHEDRAL@DIOCESEAJ.ORG

EUCCHARIST:

Sunday:	5:00 PM (Vigil)	Holyday:	5:30 PM (Vigil)	Weekday:	6:45 AM
	8:00 AM		8:00 AM		12:00 Noon
	10:00 AM		12:00 Noon	Saturday:	8:00 AM
	12:00 Noon		5:30 PM		12:00 Noon
	5:00 PM				

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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

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Chris Laraia - Pre-K thru 8 - 312-7317

Jean Koury - 9 thru 12 - 949-2777

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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 6, 2019

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

MASS INTENTIONS

October 7, Monday: Our Lady of the Rosary

Readings: Jon 1:1-2:2, 11; Lk 10:25-37

6:45 AM David (Butch) Hollern (Sister Pat & Family)

12:00 PM Ella Stambaugh (Gerri Rose)

October 8, Tuesday: Weekday

Readings: Jon 3:1-10; Lk 10:38-42

6:45 AM Jim Davidson (Sharon & Tony Ciccarella)

12:00 PM John Hupert, Anniversary (Family)

October 9, Wednesday: Sts. Denis Bp Martyr, John Pr.

Readings: Jon 4:1-11; Lk 11:1-4

6:45 AM Poor Souls

12:00 PM Tom Byrne, Wedding Ann. (Pat & Family)

October 10, Thursday: Weekday

Readings: Mal 3:13-20; Lk 11:5-13

6:45 AM M. Virginia Jones (Ron & Eileen Porta)

12:00 PM Ida Prosperi (Don & Mary Ann Stoops)

October 11, Friday: Saint John XXIII, Pope

Readings: Jl 1:11-15; 2:1-2; Lk 11:15-26

6:45 AM Joe Tomlinson (Jim & Stephanie Kilcoyne)

12:00 PM Mary Kantoski Anniversary (Family)

October 12, Saturday: Weekday

Readings: Jl 4:12-21; Lk 11:27-28

8:00 AM Herbert Kutruff (Kelly Mercer)

12:00 PM Jim Roland, Wedding Anniv. (Wife)

Vigil: Twenty-Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Readings: 2 Kgs 5:14-17; 2 Tm 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19

5:00 PM Michael Dionis (Mom & Dad)

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 August 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.

F.I.R.E

There will be class on **Sunday October 6th** in the Cathedral Hall from 6:15 PM - 8:15 PM.

Confirmation Prep Fall Session

All 9th Grade students seeking Confirmation there will be Confirmation Prep class on Sunday October 13, 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.

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 Datriis at 934-2441. There will be younger individuals organizing this group on a monthly basis.

Visit Historic Churches

Father Aron Maghsoudi will be sponsoring a daytrip to visit five historic ethnic parishes in Cleveland, Ohio on Sunday October 27th. They include architecturally significant churches that serve German, Irish, Hungarian, Slovenian, and Polish communities. The bus has pick up locations in Central City, Boswell, and Latrobe. The cost per person is \$50.00. For more information or to register for the trip please call the parish rectory at 814-754-5224. All are welcome.

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."

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, September 22, 2019 - \$8,069.00

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.

MASS CHANGE

The 5:00 PM Mass on Sunday, October 27th will be celebrated at Our Lady of Fatima Church, due to the Vienna Boys Choir Concert. Please make note of this.

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 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM.

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

Catholic Charities Donations Needed

Everyday people walk into the Catholic Charities Altoona Office seeking help - help with a bill or a place to stay, a cup of coffee and a listening ear, or just a place to sit out of the summer heat or winter cold. All are welcome. Right now we are out of several items which are in most demand:

Toilet Paper, Shampoo & Conditioner, Toothpaste, Canned Soup with pull tops, Poptarts / Toaster Pastries, Canned Beefaroni / Spaghettios / Raviolis / Lasagna, Cleaning Supplies - Spray Cleaners / Disinfectant Wipes.

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.

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.

Infant Baptismal Preparation

There will be a baptismal preparation session for infant baptism on **Tuesday, October 8, at 7:00 PM** in the Seton Suite. Parents need not wait until your baby is born to attend the class. All parents are expected to attend this informative meeting regarding your baby's baptism. Please call the Office at 944-4603.

The Catholic Faith

Thursday, October 10th, from 7:00 PM - 8:00 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

Rest in Peace

This past week Elizabeth Consalvo who died and was buried from the Cathedral. May she rest in the peace and the love of the risen Christ; may her family be comforted in faith.

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