

OCTOBER 13, 2019

Scripture Reflection

Today's readings offer two examples of people whose lives were transformed through miraculous healings and return to give thanks. In the First Reading, the leper, Naaman, is an army commander who was healed of his disease. Despite his initial reluctance, he followed the Prophet Elisha's instructions and bathed in the Jordan River seven times. Instead of returning home, he first sought out Elisha to thank him and offer him a reward. Elisha declined his gift but allowed Naaman to take home some earth to build a shrine to the God of Israel. Naaman found faith as well as healing.

In a similar way, in the Gospel, Jesus heals ten lepers (nine Israelites and one Samaritan) but only one returns to give Jesus thanks, "Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" Not only does this foreigner, a Samaritan, find healing, he finds faith.

In both readings, a foreigner returns to give thanks. In both readings, their healing leads to thankfulness that generates faith. Their physical healing is an external manifestation of their spiritual healing. Jesus deliberately drew attention to the faith of this Samaritan to illustrate that faith and salvation in Jesus Christ extend beyond the borders of Israel to all people. As Paul states in the Second Reading, "The word of God is not chained."

Faith, salvation, thanksgiving, all are intimately connected in today's readings as they are in the Eucharist that we celebrate.

- **While imprisoned, Paul says that the "word of God is not chained." What does he mean?**

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.

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 Duncansville, 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.

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.

Choral Program at Mount Carmel

The Choral Ensemble from Juniata College under the direction of Dr. Russ Shelly will be performing "Miss Criolla" on Saturday, November 2nd, at 7:00 PM, at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 1100- 8th Avenue, Altoona Pa 16602. Featured in the program will be a duo on Andes instruments. This program is part of the Concert Series. A free will offering will be taken to benefit the Mount Carmel Pipe Organ Campaign. All are welcome to attend.

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) 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
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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

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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TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 13, 2019

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

MASS INTENTIONS

October 14, Monday: St. Callistus I, Pope & Martyr

Readings: Rom 1:1-7, 1; Lk 11:29-32

6:45 AM Msgr. Paul Panza(Ann Plutko & Family)

12:00 PM Herb Kutruff (Skip Cowan & Family)

October 15, Tuesday: St Teresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor

Readings: Rom 1:16-25; Lk 11:37-41

6:45 AM Leroy & Irma Helfrich (Estate)

12:00 PM Sally Colledge (Pete Colledge & Family)

October 16, Wednesday: Sts. Hedwig, Margaret Mary

Readings: Rom 2:1-11; Lk 11:42-46

6:45 AM Sheila Wojick (McNelis All Stars)

12:00 PM Dan Minielli & John Bauer (Their Wives)

October 17, Thursday: St Ignatius Of Antioch,

Readings: Rom 3:21-30; Lk 11:47-54

6:45 AM Kryder & Elizabeth Miller(Tom & Mary Irwin)

12:00 PM Loretta Batkiewicz(Dr. Frank & Mary Aigner)

October 18, Friday: Saint Luke Evangelist

Readings: 2 Tm 4:10-17; Lk 10:1-9

6:45 AM Helen Lesko (M/M Francis Dambeck)

12:00 PM Joseph A. Keirn (Mom & Dad)

October 19, Saturday: Sts. John de Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues

Readings: Rom 4:13, 16-18; Lk 12:8-12

8:00 AM Edward Hallinan (Family)

12:00 PM Barbara Byers (Greg & Sandy Dulla)

Vigil: Twenty-Ninth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Readings: Ex 17:8-13; 2 Tm 3:14-4:2; Lk 18:1-8

5:00 PM Marti Stefanon (Bob & Kathy Ford)

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 September we have pledges 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.

F.I.R.E

Sunday October 27th, our High School Students will be serving a hot meal to those less fortunate in the church basement from 1:30 PM to 2:30 PM. (This will replace our evening FIRE Class).

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.

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 Datrix 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 Datrix, Director of RCIA at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. We look forward to you joining us!

Stewardship Reflections

Only one leper acknowledged Jesus as the source of his cure and returned to thank him. The happiness that God wants for us starts with our recognition that everything in life is a gift from Him. His gifts bring us happiness only when we use our time, talents and abilities, and possessions gratefully and generously.

Let us give thanks to our generous God for all the blessings we receive each and every day. "Everyone must give according to what he or she has inwardly decided; not sadly, not grudgingly, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2Corinthians 9:7)

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, October 6, 2019 - \$8,344.00

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.

Finance Council Meeting

Our parish's Finance Council will be meeting on Monday, October 14, at 4:00 P.M. in the conference room of the Cathedral Parish Center.

Parish Council Meeting

There will be a restructuring meeting of our parish's Pastoral Council on Monday October 28th, at 6:30 P.M. in the conference room of the Cathedral Parish Center.

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.

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, Williamsburg 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.

Summer Raffle Winners 2019

1) Elizabeth Boyles	\$1,000.00
2) Nancy Knob	\$ 500.00
3) Kathreen Winter	\$ 250.00
4) Kevin McCloskey	\$ 250.00
5) Lee Anne Ehredt	\$ 100.00
6) Robert Laraia	\$ 100.00
7) Barbara Shoemaker	\$ 100.00
8) Jane Burrows	\$ 100.00
9) Natalie Fischer	\$ 100.00
10) Bob & Kathy Ford	\$ 100.00
11) Madeline Kling	\$ 50.00
12) Suzi Behe	\$ 50.00
13) Francis McCloskey	\$ 50.00
14) Jason Burkle	\$ 50.00
15) Susan Crouse	\$ 50.00
16) Jaclyn Stere	\$ 50.00
17) Sara Maloskey	\$ 25.00
18) Daniel Bender	\$ 25.00
19) Joyce Kogler	\$ 25.00
20) Norm Callan	\$ 25.00

Congratulations!

Saturday, September 7th, was the annual date for the drawing of the Grand Prize of the *2019 Calendar of Prizes*. This date is the annual anniversary of the dedication of our magnificent Cathedral on September 7, 1931. This year's winner is our parishioner M. Bistline Congratulations!

Charismatic Prayer Group Dates

Cathedral Charismatic Prayer Group and Alive in the Spirit student group. 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.

For Sale Mausoleum Crypt

Located at the Calvary Cemetary / Chapel Crypt. Includes Pre-Paid Open/Close, Crypt Front Lettering, C47 Silver Rose Casket. Cost \$8,500.00. If interested call Margaret at 814-935-1717.