

OCTOBER 15, 2017

Scripture Reflection

The early Christian movement attracted fallen-away Jews and Gentiles but not Israel's leadership. This was a great mystery to Matthew. The parable tells us only when the chief priests and elders rejected Jesus, then did God turn to sinners and Gentiles to populate his kingdom.

The parable has a surprise ending with a guest showing up without the proper wedding garment and is thrown out. Biblical scholars have not reached consensus over the meaning of the wedding garment. Wedding celebrations especially were ceremonial events involving the appropriate participation of the guests. The invitation issued by the servants was indiscriminate but not compulsory. Anyone who said yes to it would have known that they were going to an affair that required appropriate dress and courteous interaction. The etiquette added to the joy; dancing, drinking and feasting each had their own ritual action and these added to the memorable qualities of the day (similarly today, the ritual of the best man's toast can be one of the most memorable parts of a wedding celebration).

Patristic authors found the wedding garment to be a symbol of Christian love. They derived this from literary cues like the king's generosity, the wedding and the tokens of respect due a host. They also taught that the wedding garment makes us resemble Christ, the divine bridegroom. Gregory the Great, for instance, argued that the wedding garment was not baptism, which was symbolized simply by entering the feasting hall. To participate in the feast, one must be clothed like the bridegroom in compassion, generosity, forgiveness and love. Similarly today, many call themselves Christians. Only those attired with a love like Christ's will experience the joy of God's feast.

● **Do you see yourself as clothed in Christ? Are you wearing the garment of hospitality, compassion, forgiveness, and love?**

AMERICA MAGAZINE, "Clothing Ourselves in Love", Michael R. Simone, S.J., September 21, 2017.

Baptism Congratulations!

On Sunday, October 8, Colleen Jessica and Maureen Margaret Roland were baptized and welcomed into our Cathedral Parish Family. Congratulations to parents, James and Jessica and big sister, Lola. May the graces of the Sacrament of Baptism strengthen Colleen and Maureen and the adults who care for them.

Holy Trinity School News

HTC Basket Bingo

Call to reserve your tickets now for our Basket Bingo, Sunday, November 12 at Father Kelley Hall. Call or stop by any of our 3 campuses for order forms. Middle School (814)942-7835; Altoona (814)381-7011; Hollidaysburg (814)695-6112.

NO School

There will be NO school on Friday, October 27. Teacher In-Service.

October Rosary

We will be saying the Rosary at each campus during the month of October at 1:30 PM. Please follow the schedule below for each site: Altoona Site: October 17 and 31; Middle School: October 18; Hollidaysburg: October 19.

"Like" us on our FACEBOOK page!! Holy Trinity Catholic School AND remember to check our school website for important school information. holytrinitycatholic.school

Confirmation Preparation

October 15, 2017

* All Ninth Grade Students will meet in the Cathedral Hall, Sunday Afternoon, 1:15 - 2:30 PM.

* All Tenth Grade Students will meet in the Cathedral Hall, Sunday Afternoon, 3:15 - 4:30 PM.

SHYCON: Senior High Youth Conference

October 22, 2017 at Saint Francis University

Registrations due in Office by October 8th.

Religious Education

F.I.R.E. CLASS - October 29, 2017,

6:15 - 8:15 PM, Cathedral Hall

Rest In Peace

Please remember in prayer, Maline Ciambotti, Dottie Maucieri, Annette Dobson, Helen Settlemeyer, and Patrick Settlemeyer, Sr., who died and were buried this past week. May they rest in the peace and love of the risen Christ; may their families be comforted in the faith.

THE CHURCH OF ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN
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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.

ANOINTING 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.
Rosary - Wednesday 6:00 PM.
Charismatic Prayer - Monday 7:00 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 - 8:30 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		8:00 AM
	10:00 AM		12:00 Noon		12:00 Noon
	12:00 Noon		5:30 PM	Saturday:	8:00 AM
	5:00 PM				12:00 Noon

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Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak, 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

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-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 15, 2017

Readings: *Is 25:6-10; Phil 4:12-14,19-20; Mt 22:1-14*

MASS INTENTIONS

October 16: Monday: Sts. Hedwig & Margaret Mary Alacoque

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

6:45 AM BeBe Milliron (John & Lisa Karl)

8:00 AM John Bauer (Jim & Steph Kilcoyne)

12:00 PM Patty Geis (Diane & Bill Blylos)

October 17, Tuesday: St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bp. & Martyr

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

6:45 AM No Mass

8:00 AM No Mass

12:00 PM Anthony Kibelbak, Health (Family)

October 18, Wednesday: Saint Luke, Evangelist

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

6:45 AM No Mass

8:00 AM No Mass

12:00 PM Jim Davidson (Mary Ann Bell)

October 19, Thursday: Sts. John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues

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

6:45 AM Terrance Shea, Anniv. (Mary & James Farrell)

8:00 AM Bernadette Weakland (M/M Thomas Heasley, Jr.)

12:00 PM Millie Boyle (Mike & Sherry Byrne)

October 20, Friday: USA: St. Paul of the Cross, Priest

Readings: *Rom 4:1-8; Lk 12:1-7*

6:45 AM Marian Clemens, Anniv. (Daughter, Carole)

8:00 AM Edward Hallinan (Family)

12:00 PM Alma Reismeier (Husband, Fred)

October 21, Saturday: Weekday, BVM

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

8:00 AM Fr. Paul Turnbull (Maureen & Dave Hanekamp)

12:00 PM Herbert Kutruff (M/M Joe Knott)

Vigil: Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: *Is 45:1,4-6; 1 Thes 1:1-5; Mt 22:15-21*

5:00 PM Frances Pagliaro (Beezie Crum)

Priests and Deacons Fall Clergy Gathering

On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, October 16, 17, and 18, 2017, the priests and deacons of the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese will gather with Bishop Mark Barchak, J.C.D., for their Fall Clergy Gathering at Seven Springs in Champion, Pennsylvania. In order to make it possible for all active priests and deacons to attend this important meeting, **Rev. Christopher Panagoplos, T.O.R., Phone: (814)207-5847**, will celebrate Noon Mass at the Cathedral on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and will be available to provide emergency coverage throughout Blair County.

Date of Blessing and Dedication Scheduled

Bishop Mark Barchak will officially bless and dedicate the Cathedral Parish Center on **Sunday, October 29**. Bishop will celebrate the 10:00 AM Mass. We will all gather at Cathedral Parish Center following Mass for the official prayers of dedication, including a short ceremony of recognition. A social will follow in the gathering space of the Religious Education second floor. There will be an Open House to see the new building following the dedication, and the Open House will continue until 4:00PM on October 29.

Annual Cathedral Raffle

There are about one hundred tickets remaining for this year's raffle. There are \$5,000.00 in cash prizes; \$5.00 a ticket; and you need not be present to win. We have collected the monies needed for prizes, and we now have over \$3,000.00 profit. All parishioners who received their four tickets in the mail are asked to return them as soon as possible. The drawing for the raffle will be Saturday, October 28, at Family Night in the Cathedral Hall at 7:30 P.M. Thank you for your participation in this parish fundraiser.

Carmelite Community of the Word

The CCW's offer Fall Opportunities for enrichment. **Anxious for Nothing: Finding Calm in a Chaotic World** - A Four Week Book Study. We live in a time of great turmoil. Anxiety over what is happening in our world, our country, our church, our homes and family can be overwhelming. **Anxious For Nothing** invites readers to delve into Philippians 4:6-7. Join us for a prayerful reflection and conversation. Program will be held on Mondays: Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27, 2017, from 9:00-11:30 AM, or 6:00-8:30 PM. Program will be offered in both time frames only if sufficient registrations are received. Pre-registration is required by October 30, 2017. Cost of program: \$25.00; Study Guide: \$7/00; Optional Cost of Book \$15.00.

Charismatic Healing Mass

There will be a **Healing Mass** on **Monday, October 23, 2017**, at **7:00 PM** here in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. Father Bill Kiel, from the Diocese of Greensburg, will be the main celebrant. All are welcome, especially those in need of physical, emotional, or spiritual healing, and those who support and care for them as well. Music for the Mass will be led by the Cathedral Charismatic Prayer Group Music Ministry. For more information, please call 814-941-3832.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, October 8, 2017 - \$8,023.00

Special Second Collection Today

Bishop has asked us to take up a collection for our sisters and brothers devastated by Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico. Please see Bishop's letter inserted in last week's bulletin. Cathedral Parish will take up our collection this weekend, October 14 and 15. There is great need on this very Catholic island - infants, those in need of hospitalization, lack of water and food, no electricity. Please be as generous as you are able.

Christian Initiation - Inquiry Sessions

Are you interested in the Catholic Church? Do you know someone who might be interested in seeking information about our Catholic faith? Today the Cathedral Christian Initiation Team will meet in the Seton Suite at 11:00 AM with all those seeking information on the Catholic Church. No commitments are made at this time. Inquiry Sessions discuss aspects of our faith with anyone who might be thinking of joining the Catholic Church.

Saints Tour 2017 - Saints of Local Interest

Saint Francis University in Loretto, PA is hosting "Saints Tour 2017: Saints of Local Interest" on October 27 & 28. Entertainment, education, local history, and a bit of Halloween spookiness - this event has it all! Tours will depart from the office of Campus Ministry every 20 minutes from 6 PM - 10 PM and lasting approximately 1 hour. Please note that it is not handicap accessible. Cost is \$9 per adult and \$7 per student. Proceeds will be donated to SFU Dorothy Day Outreach Center. Please dress for the weather, as tours continue rain or shine. Bring a nonperishable item in exchange for a free drink (coffee, hot chocolate, soda). Hot food is available for purchase. For more information, please contact marielink@verizon.net or call the SJU Dorothy Day Outreach Center at 814-472-3347.

Pierogie, Ravioli, and Gnocchi Sale

Our Lady of Fatima Parish is sponsoring a sale: Pierogi (potato, w/cheddar, w/pepper jack cheese, w/white American and w/sauerkraut, also sweet fruit w/apple, blueberry, or prune) and Gnocchi are \$7.00 for a 15 oz. package; and, 6-Cheese Ravioli are \$8.00 for a 15 oz. package. Orders can be made at the Parish Office at 2010 Twelfth Avenue, phone 942-0371, or email: olfoff10@hotmail.com. Orders are due Wednesday, November 1; and, orders are picked up November 15 at the Rectory between 1:00 PM and 6:00 PM.

Cathedral Choir

Cathedral Choir is currently seeking new members for the 2017-2018 liturgical seasons. Choir membership open to men and women high school age and above. Youth needing verified service hours for Confirmation or various school or college requirements are especially welcome. The purpose of Cathedral Choir is to assist the assembly to participate fully, consciously, and actively at Mass and other prayer services, performing choral music related to the season or celebration of the day. The Choir sings regularly at the 10:00 AM Sunday Mass. Rehearsals are held Thursday evenings, 7:00-9:00 PM. Feel free to contact Leslie Thayer, Director of Cathedral Music Ministry with questions or for further information: 944-2044 or lthayer@dioceseaj.org.

Saint Jude Triduum

Saint Mark Catholic Church, 416 Sixth Avenue, Altoona will hold its Annual Saint Jude Triduum with Mass at 5:30 PM, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, October 25, 26, and 27 in the church. Father Ronald V. Osinski will be celebrant and homilist at the Masses. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered prior to each Mass. Triduum Prayers will be prayed at each Mass followed by veneration of the relic of Saint Jude.

Liturgical Reflection ...

ORDER OF CELEBRATING MATRIMONY

At Mass celebrating Matrimony, the rite concludes with the solemn blessing provided in the ritual. There is no dismissal. Another local custom which is popular in the Diocese is to introduce the newly married couple to those gathered in the church. The priest presents the new husband and new wife to the Christian assembly. Now married in Christ, this man and woman assume mutual fidelity, as Christ, the Bridegroom, is ever faithful to his bride, the Church. The Church celebrates and supports this couple as they begin their new life together.

2017, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 South Logan Boulevard, Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania 16648.