

OCTOBER 8, 2017

Scripture Reflection

Today's Gospel describes Jesus using a vineyard parable to condemn the chief priests and elders who were supposed to be taking care of God's people. The landowner's son represents Jesus, who would be put to death because of the jealousy and greed of the religious leaders.

Our Gospel reading today is tied to the first reading. In Isaiah's allegory, the vineyard Israel, which was meant to produce the "good grapes" of justice and righteousness, instead produced "wild grapes" of bloodshed and outcry. In Isaiah's prophecy, God threatens to abandon the vineyard to drought, weeds and marauding animals unless Israel starts to yield good fruit.

Jesus modifies this imagery in his remarks against the chief priests and elders. As in Isaiah's prophecy, the vineyard is Israel, and the vines are the people. Jesus introduces a group of "tenants" who represent Israel's leadership. They are the ones who produce "wild grapes," not the nation as a whole. These tenants have attempted to seize the vineyard from its rightful owner and use it for their own ends.

The fact remains that we are tenants in a vineyard that belongs to God. All of the fruit that we bear in this life belongs to God, because ultimately it comes from God, who is the source of all good gifts. If we, as God's servants, give up the delusion of being our own masters and hold fast to what is true and honorable, lovely and gracious, then we will discover that God is not an angry taskmaster calling us to account, but the God of peace who, Paul tells us in the second reading, will guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

- **How have I tried to live as my own master, rather than as one who lives to serve God?**
- **Do I see God as a God of peace who guards me, or as a God who is constantly making demands on me?**

AT HOME WITH THE WORD, 2017 Archdiocese of Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, pg. 129. AMERICA MAGAZINE, "Truth to Power", Michael R. Simone, S.J., September 21, 2017. Living the Word, World Library Publications, 2012, pg. 187-188.

Baptism Congratulations!

On Saturday, September 30, Zoe Abigail Kantoski was baptized and welcomed into our Cathedral Parish Family. Congratulations to parents, Luke and Sarah, and big sister, Olivia. May the graces of the Sacrament of Baptism strengthen Zoe Abigail and the adults who care for her.

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.

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 3, 17 and 31; Middle School: October 4 and 18; Hollidaysburg: October 5 and 19.

"APL" Night

Our football players and cheerleaders will be recognized at the BG football game. Come see the "Mini Marauders" as they cheer alongside the HS cheerleaders.

"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 8 and 29, 2017, 6:15 - 8:15 PM, Cathedral Hall

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.

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.

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) 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, 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

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SERVING THE PEOPLE OF GOD IN THE CITY OF ALTOONA SINCE 1851

**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 8, 2017**

Readings: Is 5:1-7; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

MASS INTENTIONS

October 9: Monday: St. Denis, Bp. and Comp., Martyrs

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

6:45 AM Prayer & Thanksgiving (Grove Family)

8:00 AM Chester Kowalski (Jeff Brown)

12:00 PM John Hupert, Anniversary (Family)

October 10, Tuesday: Weekday

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

6:45 AM Norma Conte (Maureen & David Hanekamp)

8:00 AM Christina Flannagan, Health (M/M J. Ianniello)

12:00 PM Tom Byrne, Wedding Anniv. (Wife, Pat)

October 11, Wednesday: Weekday

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

6:45 AM Jack Douglass (Pat Byrne/Family)

8:00 AM Mary Kathryn Kantoski, Anniv. (Family)

12:00 PM Poor Souls

October 12, Thursday: Weekday

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

6:45 AM Alan Brennan (M/M Francis Dambeck)

8:00 AM Jerry Smith (Tom Riggleman Family)

12:00 PM Catherine Burr, Birth, (Mike & Sherry Byrne)

October 13, Friday: Weekday

Readings: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Lk 11:15-26

6:45 AM Michael & Ella Gibbons Fam. (Irwin Family)

8:00 AM Anna Mercer (Paul & Family)

12:00 PM Patrick J. Cooney (Wm & Nancy Wolfe & Fam)

October 14, Saturday: St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr)

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

8:00 AM Joanna Tetanich, Anniv. (Paula, John & Johnny)

12:00 PM Barbara Byers (Tom Columbus)

Vigil: Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

5:00 PM John Bauer (Bill & Lynann Adams)

Cathedral Charismatic Prayer Group

The Cathedral Prayer Group will meet this Monday, October 9th, at 7:00 PM, here at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. Karen Wood will give a presentation entitled "Prayer Ministry: How to Pray for Others." All are welcome!

Saint Leonard's Home, Hollidaysburg

Basket Bingo to support St. Leonard's Personal Care Home Charity Care Fund will be held on Saturday, October 14 from 1:00-3:00 PM at St. Catherine Church Hall in Duncansville. Beautiful themed baskets for 20 bingo prizes and silent auction. Lunch available at noon. Tickets are \$25. For more information, call 695-9581.

Date of Blessing and Dedication Scheduled

Bishop Mark Bartchak 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, followed by 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 less than two 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 a \$2,580.00 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.

2017 Altoona Public Square Rosary Rally

Join in the praying of the Rosary on the 100th Anniversary of the "Miracle of the Sun" at Fatima on Saturday, October 14th, 2017 at Noon at the Heritage Plaza, 11th Avenue and 14th Street, Altoona. This event is celebrated in over 20,000 cities around the world on this same day. Invite a friend. We will be praying for our nation, veterans and troops.

Movie Night

The Cathedral Christian Mothers invite the Parish family to a special showing of the movie "The 13th Day" on **October 13th at 6:30 PM in the Seton Suite**. This movie dramatizes the story of the miracles of Fatima 100 years ago and is based on the memoirs of Sister Lucia Santos, one of the three children who experienced "the Lady from Heaven." This movie is appropriate for the entire family (ages 8+) and is 80 minutes in length. Light refreshments will be served.

Following the movie, the Rosary will be prayed.

Please join us on this special day.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Prince Gallitzin Court #2625 will meet on Monday, October 9th for a social at 6:30 PM followed by the meeting at 7:00 PM at the Saint Rose of Lima Social Hall. New members welcome!

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, October 1, 2017 - \$8,936.00

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.

Sacrament Preparation - First Reconciliation

There will be a meeting with students and parents on Wednesday, October 11, 2017 from 6:30-8:00 PM in the Seton Suite. All students must present a copy of their Baptismal Certificate.

Fatima Devotions - St. Michael the Archangel

The Franciscan Friars, T.O.R. from Loretto invite you to participate with them in celebrating the Fatima Devotions on Friday, October 13th, at 6:30 PM at the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel, Loretto. The singing will be led by the choir from St. John the Evangelist of Altoona and the sermon will be delivered by Bishop Mark Bartchak. We extend a cordial welcome to all.

Special Second Collection

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 this week's bulletin. Cathedral Parish will take up our collection next 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.

2017 Catholic Ministries Drive

The Cathedral Parish was targeted the amount of **\$55,121.00** for this year's Catholic Ministries Drive. To date we have raised **\$66,278.00**. We are to receive \$11,157.00 towards the paving of the upper parking lot (covering one-fourth of the cost). 224 Cathedral households have been part of this drive. If you have yet to participate, you can place your gift in the regular collection marked "2017 Catholic Ministries Drive". Thank you for your generous response to this year's annual drive.

Cathedral Choir

The 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. Additionally, they participate in the Diocesan Festival Choir that serves as the music ministers for Diocesan celebrations such as Ordinations, RCIA rites, and Chrism Mass. 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.

Pray For Our Sick

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

Liturgical Reflection ...

**ORDER OF
CELEBRATING
MATRIMONY**

Following the Prayer after Communion, the bride may wish to take a flower before the image of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is a popular local custom in the diocese. Assisted by her husband, the bride goes before the image of Our Lady and prays for Mary's aid in her new marriage. As Mary was the mother of God and Saint Joseph was the spouse of the Virgin Mary, this new bride prays to be a holy wife and that God bless her marriage with children so she may love them as deeply as Mary loved her family. Following the placement of the flower before the image of God's mother, the bride and groom may give flowers to their mothers.

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