

JUNE 19, 2016

Scripture Reflection

Luke often describes Jesus in prayer, staying close to the Father, seeking to know the Father's will, and discerning the focus of his ministry. Today's Gospel begins with Jesus "praying in solitude" just before he opens a probing conversation with the disciples, a conversation that takes the disciples into frightening new territory.

Jesus asks, "Who am I?" The disciples report that the crowds see Jesus as a prophet. But Jesus is also the Messiah--a challenge to the crowds, religious leaders, and his own disciples. Many expected the Messiah to overthrow the political oppressors of Israel. Jesus understands his mission differently; he wants to know if the disciples have come to that awareness. Peter responds correctly, but Jesus proceeds to describe exactly what that will mean in the days ahead. Jesus' Death and Resurrection are hard for the disciples to fathom, and harder still to accept is the news that in following Jesus, they too will be asked to endure their own cross.

Our cross may not be the literal suffering and death that Jesus endured; it is found in many ways throughout life when we deny our own comfort and place ourselves at the service of others. In this Jubilee Year of Mercy we practice the corporal works of mercy: feeding the hungry; giving drink to the thirsty; clothing the naked; sheltering the homeless; caring for the sick; visiting the imprisoned; and burying the dead. We are also busy practicing the spiritual works of mercy: converting sinners; instructing the ignorant; advising the doubtful; comforting the sorrowful; bearing wrongs patiently; forgiving injuries; and praying for the living and the dead.

• What do you consider to be your cross in life? How does prayer sustain you? Is your life filled with service to others in the name of the Lord?

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ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

This year the Cathedral Parish goal was set at **\$43,522.00**. We have raised **\$54,226.00**. Our cash gifts and pledge payments now total **\$45,401.38** and we can expect our first check **(\$1,300.00)** back from the diocese to arrive soon! It is not too late to participate. New gifts received now will come directly back to the Cathedral.

THANK YOU FROM CATHOLIC CHARITIES

The \$2,000 gift from our Daily Lenten Collection and the \$597 gift from our Confirmation Group of high school students will be used with great stewardship to serve individuals and families in our community with care and compassion.

IN OTHER PARISHES

Outdoor Summer Masses 2016

Mass is celebrated at the beautiful Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies, in Loretto, each **Sunday evening at 7:00 PM** through Labor Day weekend, September 4. Bring your own lawn chair. In the event of rain, Mass will be celebrated inside the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel.

St. Joan of Arc Church Parish Festival

St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, Route 53, Frugality, PA will be holding their annual Festival, **Sunday, July 17th from 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM** featuring a Turkey and Noodle Dinner served Family Style from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Adults \$10, Children 5 to 12, \$5. Music by D.J., Bob Taylor begins at 11:30 AM and the Basket Auction that begins at 5:00 PM. Also, Games, Bingo, Bake Sale, Refreshments and lots more.

FREE BG YOUTH FOOTBALL CLINIC

On Tom Irwin Field at Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School. Camp is run by head varsity coach Justin Wheeler, his staff and the 2X State Championship Players. Any and all students entering grades 1-8 are welcome! Awards, Prizes, plus FREE ICE CREAM! **July 11, from 5:00-8:00 PM**. Players should wear shorts, T-shirts and spikes. Please bring your own water bottle. Call Kim Irwin @312-2323 for registration.

Camp Zacchaeus - Our diocesan summer camp for youth in grades 4 though 9 at Camp Sequanota in Jennerstown may still have some spots left for Week 2 - July 24-29 but registration deadline is June 20th. Contact the Youth Ministry Office 814 317-2646 tomorrow if interested.

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

EUCHARIST:

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

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

ALTOONA CENTRAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Web: www.altoonacentralcatholic.com
Elementary - Pre-K thru Grade 5 - 381-7011

BISHOP GUILFOYLE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Web: www.bishopguilfoyle.org - 944-4014

DIRECTORS OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Chris Laraia - Pre-K thru 8 - 946-3475
Jean Koury - 9 thru 12 - 949-2777
Religious Education Office: Sundays - 943-7424

MUSIC MINISTRY

Nina M. Tedeschi
Choir Director and Head Organist - 944-2044
Kevin J. Luke - E-mail: kluke@dioceseaj.org
Administrative Duties and Organist - 944-2044

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

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JUNE 19, 2016

Readings: Zec 12:10-11; 13:1; Gal 3:26-29; Lk 9:18-24

MASS INTENTIONS

June 20, Monday: Weekday

Readings: 2 Kgs 17:5-8,13-15,18; Mt 7:1-5

6:45 AM Cory Lynn (Francis & Christina Dambeck)
8:00 AM Eleanor Bettwy, Anniversary (Tim & JoAnn)
12:00 PM Paul Koegler (Wife, Joyce)

June 21, Tuesday: Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

Readings: 2 Kgs 19:9-11,14-21,31-35,36; Mt 7:6,12-14

6:45 AM Eleanor Toth (Pipetti Family)
8:00 AM Health of Mike McGraw (McNelis All-Stars)
12:00 PM David Conrad (Suzanne Thomas)

June 22, Wednesday: Saints John Fisher & Thomas More

Readings: 2 Kgs 22:8-13;23:1-3; Mt 7:15-20

6:45 AM Bill Crouse (Jim and Elaine Weaver)
8:00 AM Bernard J. Joyce (Family)
12:00 PM Eldreda Donahue, Birth. (Ed & Lois Simanski)

June 23, Thursday: Weekday

Readings: 2 Kgs 24:8-17; Mt 7:21-29

6:45 AM George Dean Barry (Green, Tyler, Mary, Barrys)
8:00 AM S. Lorraine/D. Ferrero (Skip Cowan Family)
12:00 PM Moose Plutko (Criss and Dave Behe)
7:00 PM Fortnight For Freedom Holy Hour

June 24, Friday: Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

Readings: Is 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66,80

6:45 AM Deceased Members of McGreal Family
8:00 AM Jerry Smith (Wally and Connie Tomassetti)
12:00 PM Ruby Doyle (Jim and Rose Wesner)

June 25, Saturday: Weekday

Readings: Lam 2:2,10-14,18-19; Mt 8:5-17

8:00 AM Betty Capouellez, Anniversary (Family)
12:00 PM Deacon John Rys (Kathie and Ken Civils)
Vigil: Thirteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Readings: 1 Kgs 19:16,19-21; Gal 5:1,13-18; Lk 9:51-62

5:00 PM Lori Blackie, Health of Body and Soul (Friend)

Father's Day Weekend - Cereal Collection

On this weekend of **June 18-19** we were encouraged to bring boxes of cereal to help stock the shelves of the Saint Vincent DePaul Food Pantry for the summer months. Perhaps we could ask relatives and friends to join in the collection occurring throughout Blair County this weekend. If you forgot today, donations will be accepted at the Parish Office throughout the week. Thank You.

FORTNIGHT FOR FREEDOM THIS WEEK

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops will once again sponsor a **Fortnight for Freedom** between June 21 and July 4, a time when our liturgical calendar celebrates a series of great martyrs who remained faithful in the face of persecution by political power-- St. Thomas More and St. John Fisher, St. John the Baptist, SS. Peter and Paul, and the First Martyrs of Rome. The theme this year is **"Witnesses to Freedom"**. And we will look at the lives of more than 14 women and men of faith, from all over the world, who bear witness to authentic freedom in Christ.

In observance of this fortnight, Bishop Mark Bartchak will preside at a **Holy Hour** this **Thursday, June 23**, at **7:00 PM** here in the Altoona Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. The Holy Hour will include; Evening Prayer, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, a Homily by Bishop, and Benediction. Plan to join in our unified prayer for the preservation of religious liberty.

Vacation Bible School Thank You

Cave Quest was a huge success. Just ask any of the forty some kids who attended: Julia Buttergaugh, Kelan Chirdon, Tyler Davis, Hailie Dufrene, Alexa Gallardy, Aubrey Gallardy, Hannah Gregg, Grace Gregg, Sophie Heverly, Katelyn Koller, Clair McCloskey, Logan Settle, William Stadtmiller, and Gemma Winkler; Ronan Chirdon, Brian Dufrene, Aleia Eckenrode, Shannon Hoyne, Tyanna Pattillo, and Xavier Rhodes; Vivienne Compton, Kaitlin Davis, Noah McCaulley, Hayden Settle; Lilly Buttergaugh, Jack Compton, Vincenzo Figurelle, Lucas McGeary, Merric Miller; Makayla Silver and Grace Stadtmiller; Marvin Dufrene, Emily Koller, Evan McCaulley, Carmella Figurelle, and Mara Stadtmiller.

Thanks to all the many team members and helpers: Planning Team - Kathy Hughes, Jean Koury, Chris Laraia, Nina Tedeschi, Paula Truby, Ashton Truby and Butch Winkler; Set-up/Maintenance Team - Dwight Drexler, Fred Drexler and Pat Duffy; Kitchen Team - Tony and Anna Rose Eckenrode, Janet Hammond, Beth Moore; Student Helpers - Karen Duffy, Elliott and Sami Long, Katie McCloskey, Eliza and Zoe Wilson; Adult Helper Anna Bistline and Grandma Jeanne Thompson. Thank you also to those who made donations to help pay for the t-shirts and the yummy snacks.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, June 12, 2016 - \$7,251.00

Parish Council/Finance Council Social Monday
Barbeque on the Rectory Loggia at 6:00 PM, June 20.

Peter's Pence Collection Next Weekend

Be a pilgrim of charity and support the works of the Holy Father through the Peter's Pence Collection **June 25 and 26**. This collection provides emergency assistance to those most in need, including victims of oppression, natural disaster, and war. A special blue envelope labeled HOLY FATHER is provided in our June offertory set or you may mark any other with your intention. If you will be away next weekend, you may drop it off at the Parish Office during the week.

MINISTRY TO OUR ACTIVE SENIORS, OUR ELDERLY AND THE HOMEBOUND

We are in our second year of this life-giving outreach ministry. A sincere thank you to the 32 volunteer committee members who continue to provide cards and stamps, send mail, make phone calls and visits, to our parishioners and some of their family members. Our mailing list has grown to over 135 men and women. If you have the name of someone who you feel would benefit from this ministry, or if you would like to become a committee member, please contact the Parish Office at 944-4603 or Jeanne Thompson at 317-3672.

Vocations Event at Saint Francis University
Sunday, July 17 to Wednesday, July 20, 2016

Quo Vadis Days, or "Where are you going", is a retreat for men (18 and above) that covers talks on prayer, discernment, marriage, priesthood, and religious life with plenty of time for recreation and prayer. Call 695-5579 ext. 2681 for more information.

Charismatic Prayer - The Charismatic Prayer Group will not meet this week. The next prayer meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 27.

Liturgical Reflection ...

JUBILEE
YEAR OF
MERCY

How do you answer Jesus' question, "Who do you say that I am?" Our answers are known more by how we live than by words alone. So the question today may be, "Who do people say that you are?" Do they see Christ clearly enough to answer, "One of the baptized?" Can people see that we take up our cross to live the values of the gospel? When people see us do they see the compassion, the love, and the mercy of God? This Jubilee Year we are invited to refrain from judgment and to live the mercy of God. Is there someone you need to offer mercy to this week?

2016, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 South Logan Boulevard, Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania 16648.

Happy Father's Day

Thank you, Dad. You provide for us, share your wisdom, and gave us life. We remember all fathers, living and dead, with the following prayer:

God our Father, in your wisdom and love You make all things. Bless these men, that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

FAITH DAY AT DELGROSSO'S 2016

Come! Join Catholics from across the Diocese to celebrate our faith and enjoy a day of rides and slides!! Or just come and enjoy America's best amusement park food!! **SUNDAY, JUNE 26 - DelGrosso's Amusement Park in Tipton, PA.** Highlights of the day include: **Liturgy at 3:00 PM** with Bishop Mark; a **Picnic** in the diocesan pavilion at **5:00 PM**; and over 30 different park rides and games. New for 2016 the opening of **LAGUNA SPLASH** with a wave pool, the Lazy River, and a variety of other water features and of course the Tipton Rapids and Waterslides! At the **Parish Office** you may reserve (1) Diocesan Faith Day Vouchers which when presented at the park will allow you to purchase **All-Day Ride & Slide Passes** for a reduced price of \$20 (a \$29.95 value)! Additionally, \$3 for each pass sold will be donated to the Angel Fund for Camp Zaccheaus and Camp Timothy; (2) Tickets for the Picnic after Mass. Please bring a free-will offering for Catholic Charities. For more information, contact Francine Swope the in the Diocesan Youth Ministry Office at 317-2646 or on the web www.dioceseaj.org.