

JULY 3, 2016

Scripture Reflection

Only the Gospel of Luke includes the narrative of the sending of the seventy-two disciples to prepare the way for Jesus. When Jesus sends the disciples to “every town and place he intended to visit” they became both migrants and missionaries. In some places they were unwelcome and their message not well received.

We can identify. Often our individual efforts to bring the Word of God to bear on a situation, a relationship, or a course of action can seem fruitless. And yet Jesus sends the disciples ahead of him. At other times disciples follow, and in a sense we always follow him. In another sense, he comes after us, gathering up the results of our labor to present to the Father.

The seventy-two are sent totally dependent upon God and mutually dependent upon others, carrying only their experience of Jesus and the power to heal. If rejected, they are to shake the dust off their feet but still announce that God’s kingdom is at hand. Some say this means that if the message will be received it will happen when people are ready. When they return, they learn to boast not in themselves, but that their “names are written in heaven.” Their boast is God and the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ.

Pope Francis reminds us that as Church we are to proclaim the good news of Jesus, “so that faith in him might spread to every corner of the earth”. We are missionaries whose lives proclaim the joy of the gospel. We are dependent upon God for everything: faith, talents, the ability to develop our talents, and live. We are mutually dependent upon one another. No one is an island, even in our highly individualistic society. When sick, I need someone to help me. When in need, people turn to others for assistance. God’s comfort is known by how we accept our mission to live the gospel and share the gifts God has given us.

Living the Word, Laurie Brink and Paul Colloton, World Library Publications, 2015, page151.

AT HOME WITH THE WORD 2016. (C) 2015 ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO, LITURGY TRAINING PUBLICATIONS, 3949 South Racine Avenue CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60609. REPRINTED WITH PERMISSION.

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 **\$46,850.38**. We received our first check (\$1,300.00) back from the diocese in June, and our check in July (June pledge payments) will be over **\$2,200.00**. It is not too late to participate. New gifts will come directly back to the Cathedral.

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL FOOTBALL EXTRAVAGANZA

Holy Trinity Catholic School is selling tickets for the NFL Football Extravaganza. The cost of the ticket is \$20. Each week of the regular NFL season, tickets will be assigned a combination of three NFL teams. The final score for each team is then added up and the ticket with the highest score wins \$500, 2nd highest \$250, 3rd highest \$100, and the lowest score \$50. Ticket scores are also cumulatively tracked for the entire season with the highest scoring ticket receiving \$3,000, 2nd highest \$2,000, 3rd highest \$1,000 and the lowest score \$500. If a team does not play, for any reason, the score for the last game played will be used for the week the team does not play. All ties split the prize money. Results will be posted on Facebook under the title Holy Trinity Catholic School Altoona PA and the School’s Web Site (holytrinitycatholic.school). To purchase these tickets please contact in the morning, Monday through Thursday, Holy Trinity Catholic Middle School Campus at 942-7835 or Holy Trinity Catholic School Altoona Campus at 381-7011.

Volunteers Needed

Do you enjoy working outside? The church property (several lots) on the opposite side of the alley above the parking lot is in need of care. Weeds need to be cut and gathered. And garbage needs to be bagged. This could become a project for any individual or the whole family. This is a need in the parish that involves a commitment throughout the summer and fall months. This is one of those opportunities for stewardship of time and talent. If interested, please call the Parish Office at 944-4603.

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 GULFOYLE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
Web: www.bishopgulfoyle.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

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 3, 2016

Readings: *Is 66:10-14; Gal 6:14-18; Lk 10:1-12, 17-20*

MASS INTENTIONS

July 4, Monday: Independence Day

Readings: *Job 31:16-20, 24-25, 31-32; Mt 22:15-21*

9:00 AM Catherine Frederick, Anniversary (Family)

July 5, Tuesday: Saint Elizabeth of Portugal

Readings: *Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Mt 9:32-38*

6:45 AM Roberta Lamont (Maureen Hanekamp)

8:00 AM Patty Wiedemer, Birth (Husband, Joe & Fam.)

12:00 PM Sam Fonzi, Anniversary (Family)

July 6, Wednesday: Saint Maria Goretti, Virgin, Martyr

Readings: *Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Mt 10: 1-7*

6:45 AM George Dean Barry (Green, Tyler, Maryl, Barry)

8:00 AM Jerry Smith (Kirk and Donna Kling)

12:00 PM Patty Geis (Barbara and Rick Matthews)

July 7, Thursday: Weekday

Readings: *Hos 11:1-4, 8-9; Mt 10:7-15*

6:45 AM Myron Yeager (Dave and Karen Rhoa)

8:00 AM Health of Dave Seidel (M/M Bernard Behe)

12:00 PM Julia Febbo (Mary Gene Vogel)

July 8, Friday: Weekday

Readings: *Hos 14:2-10; Mt 10:16-23*

6:45 AM Esther M. Dorazio (Esther Ann and Connie)

8:00 AM Paul Cassarly (Jim & Jeanine Cassarly)

12:00 PM Dommick Thomas, Birth (A. Thomas/R. Purcell)

July 9, Saturday: St. Augustine Zhao Rong/Chinese Martyrs

Readings: *Is 6:1-8; Mt 10:24-33*

8:00 AM Herbert J. Kutruff (John and Judy Isenberg)

12:00 PM Joe Tomlinson (Kathie Kantoski)

Vigil: Fifteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Readings: *Dt 30:10-14; Col 1:15-20; Lk 10:25-37*

5:00 PM Mary Patricia Grove

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

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

A Bereavement Support Group meets on the first Wednesday of every month at Catholic Charities, next to the Cathedral, from **6:00 PM - 7:00 PM**. Call 944-9388, ext. 205 to register for the **July 6** session.

Recruiting: Loving Hearts & Caring Hands

Garvey Manor and Our Lady of the Alleghenies Residence has many opportunities for volunteers, call Kathy LaVelle at 695-5571 ext: 4009.

The Holy Doors for the Jubilee Year of Mercy ...

The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown is commemorating the Holy Doors associated with the Jubilee of Mercy with three parishes in our local church celebrating their two hundredth anniversary. Servant of God Demetrius Gallitzin was pastor of these parishes in 1816. This is the bicentennial anniversary of these faith communities and the Diocese recognizes this milestone of our shared history in these Allegheny Mountains.

The Holy Doors are located at **Saint Patrick Church, Newry, Saint Thomas the Apostle Church, Bedford, and Holy Name Church, Ebensburg**. You may visit any or all of the three churches on these Sundays: July 10 and July 24; and August 14 and August 28, from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Prayers are publicly prayed on the half hour: 1:30 PM, 2:00 PM, 2:30 PM, 3:00 PM, 3:30 PM, and 4:00 PM.

A Plenary Indulgence is available to anyone walking through these three holy doors. An indulgence is a divinely recognized remission or removal of temporal punishment for sins whose guilt has already been forgiven. One prays the Apostles' Creed, Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be for the intentions of the Holy Father; one also prays the Jubilee Prayer created for this Holy Year of Mercy. (Pamphlets are provided.) And the Sacraments of Penance and Eucharist are received within an appropriate time of passing through the designated doors.

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

CATHEDRAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Newly registered Cathedral families and those established families with children ready to enter our Religious Education Program in the fall for the first time are asked to contact Chris Laraia at 312-7317 as soon as possible to pre-register for 2015-2016.

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.

Cathedral Christian Mothers Meeting

Wednesday, July 13th at 6:30 PM in the Seton Suite. All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend.

Charismatic Prayer Group

The Charismatic Prayer Group will not meet this Monday, July 4th. We will meet again on Monday, July 11th at 7:00 PM in the Cathedral. Sr. Celeste Ciesielka, CCW will be giving a witness talk. Please come and join us! All are welcome!

Did Your Remember to bring a non-perishable food item or paper product for the needy?

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.

Gluten Sensitivity

There may be parishioners who have found that they have physical disorders related to gluten intolerance. The spectrum of illnesses includes celiac disorder, wheat allergy, bloating, abdominal discomfort, diarrhea, muscular disturbances, and bone or joint pain. The ordinary hosts distributed at Communion contain gluten. If you have found that you are gluten sensitive, special bread is available that possess a very low gluten content. Please tell the priest before Mass, and he will consecrate the low-gluten host for you to receive at Communion.

Liturgical Reflection ...

JUBILEE

YEAR OF

MERCY

At that time the Lord appointed seventy-two others whom he sent ahead of him. Into whatever house they entered they said, "Peace to this household." Whatever town they entered, they said, "The kingdom of God is at hand for you." We are the seventy-two sent out to bring greetings of peace and the arrival of the kingdom of God in our time. How do we best fulfill this gospel challenge? We are instruments of God's mercy. When we see someone or enter their community, we are to enfold the mercy of God. We are patient, compassionate, loving, and full of forgiveness - all in the name of the Lord.

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

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, June 26, 2016 - \$8,348.50

Cathedral Capital Project - Update

The parish is expecting the completed permanent drawings for the new building within the next ten days. At that time the Building Committee will meet to move ahead with the practical implementation of the specifications. Demolition within the building is to begin later this month. Also, the parish is hiring a design professional to complete appropriate drawings for the new (lower) parking lot as required by the City of Altoona.

Thank you to all who continue to make regular payments towards your pledge for the project. The Cathedral Parish has collected close to \$400,000.00 to date. Your generosity is making this project a reality. God's blessings to all!

Congratulations

Marriage: Christine Probst and Brent Hughes celebrated their marriage surrounded with family and friends here in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament on Saturday, June 25. May they be blessed with many years of love and happiness.

Baptism: Mya Elizabeth Lee was baptized and welcomed into our Cathedral Parish Family at 10:00 AM Mass on Sunday, June 26. Congratulations to parents, Jesse Lee and Rose Settle, along with sister, Alayna, Godparents, Grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins. Mya will grow in her Christian identity to the degree that family and friends model the faith.

Next Session of Baptismal Preparation

Monday, August 8 at 7:00 PM in the Seton Suite. Attendance at Baptismal Prep is required before a baptism is scheduled at Cathedral Parish. Class is offered every other month. Call the Parish Office at 944-4603 to register.