

AUGUST 7, 2016

Scripture Reflection

“Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom.” By qualifying “flock” with “little,” Jesus is saying something about the unassuming nature of his disciples, who might be little in number, little in power, little in social standing or some combination of all of them. The unassuming, insignificant flock cannot rely on their power, strength or wealth to create a kingdom but must depend only on their faith in God.

Faith is following Jesus by attending to all the “little” things that seem unimportant or insignificant, as well as paying attention to all the “little” people we are tempted to forget or overlook. The faith of the “little flock” is a rejection of a sense of entitlement about what we deserve or have earned, replaced by a robust sense of God’s grace and mercy for those who trust in God. Faith is this mixture of gladness, trust and hope as we allow God’s steadfast love to transform us.

This faith manifests itself in a way of life that leads to a proper relationship to earthly possessions. A right relationship to things reflects that one’s hopes are not just earthly but heavenly, “for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” Yet detachment from possessions, especially seen in giving alms and other acts of generosity, transforms us by creating greater attachment to God and other people.

Today’s Gospel is an urgent instruction to the disciples to be prepared for their own task of preaching the Good News of the Kingdom of God. Their plans for this future ministry are to rely more on their spiritual treasure than any material resource. Jesus asks them to be as vigilant as the servant who prepares for the return of the master of the household. And this vigilance is not merely *waiting* around for the master, it is time spent *doing* the will of the master.

● **Jesus told his followers to cast aside fear because fear is not useful in the Kingdom. List two situations you dread, plus strategies for overcoming fear.**

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ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

This year the Cathedral Parish goal was set at **\$43,522.00**. We have raised **\$54,526.00**. Our cash gifts and pledge payments now total **\$49,356.64**. It is not too late to participate. New gifts will come directly back to the Cathedral.

Cathedral Choir Notes

Rehearsals will resume after our summer break on **Thursday, September 1**, in the Music Room from **7:00 PM - 9:00 PM**. Cantors and Psalmists are asked to gather at **6:30 PM**. New members are welcome. Call 944-2044 for more information or to arrange an informal audition. No experience is necessary, come if you simply love to sing. High School students are encouraged to give the choir a try also. Not sure its for you, just sit in for a few times and see.

Charismatic Prayer - The Charismatic Prayer Group will meet this Monday at 7:00 PM in the Cathedral. Amy Kanich will be giving an inspiring witness talk. Please come and be blessed by her sharing! All are welcome!

YEAR OF MERCY SUMMER ROAD TRIPS

August is the final month of pilgrimage

August 14 and August 28 are the dates to pass through our diocesan designated sites for the **Holy Doors of the Jubilee of Mercy**. A Plenary Indulgence is available and prayers will be led in half hour intervals beginning at 1:30 PM and closing with prayer at 4:00 PM Holy Name, Ebensburg; St. Patrick, Newry and St. Thomas the Apostle, Bedford all are celebrating their 200th Anniversary and were founded by Servant of God Demetrius Gallitzin

Looking Ahead To September: TOURS OF THE CATHEDRAL

Sunday, September 4th at 1:00 PM
Thursday, September 15th at 7:00 PM
Sunday, September 25th at 1:00 PM
Thursday, September 29th at 7:00 PM

Plan to take the tour yourself and bring a family member or friend. Spread the word and sell a raffle ticket or two while you are at it.

Rest In Peace

Please remember in prayer our parishioner, Josephine Dillon, a resident of Garvey Manor who died on July 22 and Todd Craig, brother of Duke, who was buried from the Cathedral on Saturday. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

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)	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

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

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

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 7, 2016

Readings: Wis 18:6-9; Heb 11:1-2,8-19; Lk 12:32-48

MASS INTENTIONS

August 8, Monday: Saint Dominic, Priest
Readings: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28; Mt 17:22-27
6:45 AM Clementine Kawtoski (Cathy & Joe Koehle)
8:00 AM Davidson/Hallinan Families (Janie & Jim)
12:00 PM Robert Smithmyer, Anniv. (Wife & Family)

August 9, Tuesday: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
Readings: Ez 2:8--3:4; Mt 18:1-5,10,12-14
6:45 AM Verna Bell (Maureen Hanekamp)
8:00 AM Rick Cowan/Karen Cowan Dougherty (Mom)
12:00 PM Fr. Louis J. Mulvehill (Tom, Pat, & Marita Forr)

August 10, Wednesday: Saint Lawrence, Deacon, Martyr
Readings: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26
6:45 AM William Crouse (Bernie & Rita Yetsko)
8:00 AM Sam Coen (Patty & Bear McCloskey)
12:00 PM Betty McCabe (John & Alice Joyce)

August 11, Thursday: Saint Clare, Virgin
Readings: Ez 12:1-12; Mt 18:21--19:1
6:45 AM Michael Febbo (Pete and Erica Russo)
8:00 AM Rosemarie Simanski, Birth (Husband, Bob)
12:00 PM Bill Geis, Birthday (Patty and Family)

August 12, Friday: Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Relig.
Readings: Ez 16:1-15,60,63; Mt 19:3-12
6:45 AM Eleanor Toth (Marie Maracco)
8:00 AM M. Virginia Jones (Carl R. Colyer, Sr.)
12:00 PM Jack Leiden, Birthday (Family)

August 13, Saturday: Saints Pontian and Hippolytus
Readings: Ez 18:1-10,13,30-32; Mt 19:13-15
8:00 AM Deacon John Rys (T. & A.R. Eckenrode)
12:00 PM Joe Tomlinson (Mark & Michelle Lynam Family)
Vigil: Twentieth Sunday In Ordinary Time
Readings: Jer 38:4-6,8-10; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53
5:00 PM Edgar L. Johnston, Birth (Wife & Family)

Please remember our sick in your prayers.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Registration for all **NEW** and **RETURNING** students in grades Pre-K through 11 will be held before and after all Masses next weekend, August 13-14, in the Seton Suite. A Baptismal Certificate must be provided for all new students. Students **MUST** be registered before the Start of Religious Education on Sunday, September 11th. For more information please call Chris Laraia at 312-7317.

Liturgical Reflection ...

**ASSUMPTION
OF THE
BLESSED
VIRGIN MARY**

The solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is not a holy day of obligation this year as the feast falls on a Monday. Nonetheless, the Church will observe this great solemnity on Monday, August 15, and all are invited to participate at this Mass. We believe the body that bore the Incarnate Word was immaculate at the moment of her conception. This sacred vessel could not corrupt and turn to dust like others. The Blessed Virgin Mary was the first to share in her Son's new life of resurrection. She was assumed into heaven and is seated with her risen and ascended Lord.

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OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, July 31, 2016 - \$8,479.50

Capital Campaign

Demolition began last week on the newly purchased building on Thirteenth Avenue. Also, any parishioner interested in submitting a bid for the work on the new building is asked to have their offer into the Parish Office (944-4603) by Friday, August 26th. Keller Engineers met this week to discuss the layout of the new lower parking lot in line with city codes. Thank you for your continued support of this historic project for the oldest Catholic parish in the city of Altoona. Your regular pledge payments are most appreciated.

ANNUAL SUMMER RAFFLE - CATHEDRAL

All parishioners were sent four (4) raffle tickets. If you did not receive this letter, please call the Parish Office (944-4603) and this mailing will be forwarded to you. This fund-raiser substitutes the annual Cathedral festival; the profit replaces the profit of the festival. Everyone is asked to participate in this summer event. Additional tickets will be available at the Cathedral Square door after Masses and at the Parish Office.

There will be twenty cash prizes: (1) \$2,000.00; (2) \$1,000.00 (3) \$500.00; (4) \$250.00; (5) \$100.00; (6) \$100.00; (7) \$100.00; (8) \$100.00; (9) \$100.00; (10) \$100.00; (11) \$50.00; (12) \$50.00; (13) \$50.00; (14) \$50.00; (15) \$50.00;(16) \$50.00; (17) \$25.00; (18) \$25.00; (19) \$25.00; (20) \$25.00. **One ticket will cost \$5.00. Each family is asked to purchase four tickets.** The drawing will be **Sunday, October 7, 2016**, after the 10:00 AM Mass on the Cathedral Portico.

Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy

Bishop Mark and the Family Life Office of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown invite couples marking their 1st, 5th, 10th, 25th, 40th 50th, 55th and 60th+ wedding anniversary in 2016 (and their families) to attend the **Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy** to be held **Sunday, September 11th** here in the **Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament**. The Liturgy begins at 2:00 PM and light refreshments will follow. Parishioners are encouraged to call the Parish Office to register by Tuesday, August 23.

Baptism Congratulations! - On Saturday, July 30, Kandace Anne Peppetti was baptized and welcomed into our Cathedral Parish Family. Congratulations to parents, Joel and Melissa, along with brothers, Nikolas and Lukas. May the graces of the Sacrament of Baptism strengthen both our children and the adults who care for them.

Next Session of Baptismal Preparation

This **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. Classes are offered every other month. Call the Parish Office at 944-4603 to register. Our next session is scheduled for Monday, October 10.

Liturgical Reflection ...

**JUBILEE
YEAR OF
MERCY**

For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be. In the Gospel the Evangelist Luke calls the church to think of itself as a community of servants, taking care of one another, with one eye on the door for the Master's return. Do you see in your life the signs of a faithful and prudent servant? The day-to-day demands of life can so easily gain our attention and efforts. The gospel challenge is to make sure we have our eyes set on the bigger picture. Can I name my treasure? What is most important to me? Where is my heart centered today? The gospel challenges us to make sure our treasure is surrounded with love and mercy. Much will be required of the ones who are baptized and claimed for Christ.

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HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

We have our **Meet The Teacher Day** scheduled for **Sunday, August 21**. The Elementary campuses will be open from 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM and the Middle School campus from 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM.

Boys in Grades 3-6 who will be participating in football are reminded there is a **"Weigh In"** scheduled for **Monday, August 22 at 6:00 PM**. The "Weigh In" will be held at Central High School, Ebensburg, because of the league we are in this school year.

Our School Supply list is available on the Holy Trinity Catholic Website (see front cover of bulletin.)

We still have **Football Extravaganza** tickets available. Cost is \$20.00 a ticket. This fund-raiser is based on the NFL regular season games. Each ticket will receive 17 unique combinations of three NFL teams for each week of the regular season. Each NFL week begins on Thursday and ends on Monday. Every week you will add up the final score of the team in your combination for that week. The ticket with the highest total score wins the grand prize for the week. Four positions will be paid each week. Winners will be notified weekly. Contact any of the three campus as listed on the front of the bulletin to purchase tickets.

Holy Trinity Catholic School Golf Tournament is scheduled for **Saturday, August 20** at King Valley Golf Course. Start time 1:30 PM with registration and lunch starting at 12:30 PM. If you are interested in entering a four member team or would like to be a fairway sponsor, hole sponsor; or to donate a prize, please call the Middle School Office (942-7835) for more information, or e-mail Kraig Kiesewetter, kraigk@em-powered.com, phone: 215-6012.

Friends of Holy Trinity Catholic, we are excited to team up with **Hoss's Steak and Sea House** for a fund-raiser. Please consider visiting the Hoss's location in Duncansville on **Wednesday, August 24**. Coupons available at all three campuses.