

OCTOBER 9, 2016

Scripture Reflection

In today's Gospel, Jesus is on a journey to Jerusalem. The ten lepers approach Jesus as he is entering a village. They are required to stay outside the community, but they call to Jesus, asking for healing. Jesus does indeed heal them, and Luke says he does so not when he hears them call to him, but when he sees them. In the Scriptures, when ever Jesus "sees" it means that he sees deep within the person; he sees who they really are. He sees with the heart of compassion and understands where their (our) cry is coming from. This encounter with Jesus is the beginning of new life.

But only the Samaritan (the foreigner) turns back to praise God. Jesus addresses the healed Samaritan: "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well." But was not the Samaritan already well even before he came back praising God and giving thanks to Jesus? Jesus had healed him as well as the nine others who had leprosy. It was only the Samaritan who returned to thank Jesus for his healing.

But how is that evidence of faithfulness instead of thankfulness? Faithfulness is demonstrated in two ways. One, the Samaritan recognizes that mercy has come from Jesus, and returning to thank Jesus is a form of faithfulness to the mercy of God that has been made manifest; and two, the Samaritan's thankfulness for his physical healing shows evidence of deeper, spiritual healing, which is our true salvation. The boundary lines between who might be saved, leper or clean, Samaritan or Jew, have been breached. The Samaritan's return allows Jesus to demonstrate that no one, not a leper, nor a Samaritan, is beyond God's mercy. Anyone can experience God's salvation, shout with joy for it, praise God for it and walk along the same road Jesus is traveling.

• **Consider the ten lepers. All were healed physically, but only one returned to thank Jesus. Have you given thanks for God's mercy in your life? How have you shown your faithfulness to God? Have you reached out to those people today who might be considered beyond God's mercy and salvation?**

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Catholic Life Day of Prayer - October 22nd
Mount Aloysius College, Bertschi Center, Cresson, 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM. The Diocesan Catholic Life Day of Prayer is an opportunity for faithful adults of the diocese to participate in a day of spiritual growth and enrichment featuring Sister Janet Fuffing, R.S.M. Cost: \$20 per person. Registration forms, available at Cathedral Parish Office, are due by Friday, October 14. Perhaps we can car-pool from Cathedral parking lot.

Apple Dumpling Sale - Back by special demand. Our Lady of Fatima is having an Apple Dumpling Sale on October 19th. The dumplings sell for \$3.75 each, they are made locally. Call in your orders to Our Lady of Fatima at 942-0371 by Noon on Wednesday, October 12. Pick up at the Our Lady of Fatima office between 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM or between 3:00 PM and 5:00 PM on Wednesday, October 19th.

PILGRIMAGE TO NATIONAL SHRINE

As the *Jubilee Year of Mercy* comes to an end, the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese will be making pilgrimage to the National Shrine of the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. The pilgrimage is scheduled for **Saturday, November 12**. Cathedral Parish will provide a bus for those making pilgrimage - this includes those wishing to sing in the choir and any parishioner planning to attend this day as a pilgrim. The cost is \$25 for Cathedral parishioners and \$40 for those of neighboring parishes. Members of the Diocesan Festival Choir will not be charged. (Call Cathedral Music Ministry @ 944-2044.) The tentative schedule for the day is as follows. Plans will be finalized in the near future:

11:00 AM - Arrival
12:00 PM - Midday Prayer
12:45 PM - Lunch
1:30 PM - Reconciliation Opportunity
3:00 PM - Mass with Bishop Mark as celebrant and homilist
4:30 PM - Departure

The Plenary Indulgence attached to the Jubilee Year will be available with our visit to the Basilica. We will also be stopping in Hagerstown, MD for dinner on the return trip. Please call the Parish Office @ 944-4603, weekdays between 9:30 AM and 5:30 PM, to reserve a seat on the bus. Checks should be made payable to Cathedral Parish. Other parishes invited to join us are: Our Lady of Fatima, Holy Rosary, Saint Mark, and Saint Catherine of Siena.

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

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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

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 9, 2016

Readings: 2 Kgs 5:14-17; 2 Tm 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19

MASS INTENTIONS

October 10, Monday: Weekday

Readings: Gal 4:2-24,26-27,31--5:1; Lk 11:29-32

- 6:45 AM Nozzi, Jennie, & Sandy Calabrese (Family)
- 8:00 AM Pat Rabine (Mary Lysinger)
- 12:00 PM Danyll Rougeux (Sandy & Sal Randazzo)

October 11, Tuesday: Saint John XXIII, Pope

Readings: Gal 5:1-6; Lk 11:37-41

- 6:45 AM Mildred Maucieri (Kathleen Davis)
- 8:00 AM Susie Elmers (Duane and Nancy)
- 12:00 PM Mary Kathryn Kantoski, Ann. (Mom & Dad)

October 12, Wednesday: Weekday

Readings: Gal 5:18-25; Lk 11:42-46

- 6:45 AM Salvatore M. Moffa (Estate)
- 8:00 AM Michael Febbo (Ed Stoltz)
- 12:00 PM Lois Riley (McCabe & Languth Families)

October 13, Thursday: Weekdays

Readings: Eph 1:1-10; Lk 11:47-54

- 6:45 AM BeBe Milliron (Monica Gimo)
- 8:00 AM Trudy Eicher, Birthday (Husband, Ike)
- 12:00 PM John Casanave (Shawn and Sue Sullivan)

October 14, Friday: Saint Callistus I, Pope, Martyr

Readings: Eph 1:11-14; Lk 12:1-7

- 6:45 AM M. Virginia Jones (Navarro Family)
- 8:00 AM Deacon John Rys (Pete & Carol Rodgers)
- 12:00 PM Edward Moloney (Madeline Vogel Family)

October 15, Saturday: Saint Teresa of Jesus, Doctor

Readings: Eph 1:15-23; Lk 12:8-12

- 8:00 AM Rose Ann Himmelein (J. Cuzzolina Family)
- 12:00 PM Paul Engelman (Daughter and Family)

Vigil: Twenty-Ninth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Readings: Ex 17:8-13; 2 Tm 3:14--4:2; Lk 18:1-8

- 5:00 PM Bernie Frederick (Bob & Patty Frederick)

Please remember our sick in your prayers.

CONCERTS UNDER THE DOME

On **Saturday, October 15th at 2:00 PM**, *Concerts Under the Dome* will present Hans Uwe Hielscher, Hans is the organist at the Lutheran Cathedral in Wiesbaden, Germany. He has performed thousands of recitals, many of which included performances on Steinmeyer organs. Come hear Hans perform on our own German built Steinmeyer organ. Free-will offerings accepted.

FOOD FOR THE POOR

Deacon Dennis Bennin is visiting our parish this weekend, **October 8 and 9**, to speak at all Masses asking for our assistance with the work of **Food For The Poor, Inc.** Brochures will be distributed at Mass to further explain their mission. Please be as generous as you are able. Thank you.

Expectant Parents Please Note:

Our next Session of **Baptismal Preparation** is scheduled for **Monday, October 10 at 7:00 PM** in the Seton Suite. This required class is offered every other month and you don't have to wait until your child is born to attend class. Godparents are encouraged to attend as well. Next date, Monday, December 5. Call the Parish Office at 944-4603 to register.

Cathedral Christian Mothers Meeting

Wednesday, October 12 at 6:30 PM in the Seton Suite. All ladies of the parish are welcome.

ALTOONA PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY RALLY HERITAGE PLAZA (11th Avenue and 14th Street)

Join in the praying of the Rosary on the 99th Anniversary of the 'Miracle of the Sun' at Fatima on **Saturday, October 15th, 2016 at NOON** at the Heritage Plaza, Altoona. This event is celebrated in over 15,000 cities around the world on this same day. Invite a friend. We will be praying for our nation, veterans and troops. Go to www.anf.org

CHARISMATIC PRAYER

The Charismatic Prayer Group will meet this Monday, October 10 at 7:00 PM in the Cathedral. Jason Morse will be giving a witness talk. On **October 17** there will be a **HEALING MASS** with Father Bill Kiel from the Diocese of Greensburg. Mass will begin at 7:00 PM with music by the Cathedral Prayer Group's Music Ministry. All are welcome! Come feel the healing touch of our Lord!

FIRST RECONCILIATION PREPARATION

Our second meeting of Reconciliation Prep will be held in the Seton Suite on **Tuesday, October 25th** from 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM. Each student must be accompanied by a parent, grandparent or other responsible adult. Participation in all three sessions is required of all parents and second grade students in Cathedral Parish and Our Lady of Fatima whether attending Holy Trinity Catholic School, our Religious Education program, or being Home Schooled. Our third and final session of preparation required before the reception of Reconciliation in Advent is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 29th**.

Inquiry Sessions Continue!

Are you interested in the Catholic Church? Do you know someone who might be interested in seeking information about our Catholic faith? Our Cathedral Christian Initiation Team offers weekly meetings in the Seton Suite on **Sunday mornings** from 11:00 AM until 12:00 Noon with all those seeking information on the Catholic Church. This is an informal Inquiry Session to discuss aspects of our faith with anyone who might be thinking of joining the Catholic Church. No commitments are made at this time. All are welcome; bring a friend.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (Pre K-Grade 8)

Religious Education Classes are held in the Parish Hall on Sunday mornings from **8:30 AM - 9:45 AM** for Grades 1- Grade 8, Pre-K and Kindergarten in the Music Room.

HIGH SCHOOL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

F.I.R.E. - Family Intergenerational Religious Education for Parents and Students in Grades 9-11 (Religious Ed and Home-schooled) meet in Cathedral Hall from **6:15 PM - 8:30 PM** next **Sunday, October 16th**.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION - October 30
1:30-2:30 PM Fall Session 9th Grade Session I
3:00-4:00 PM Fall Session 10th Grade Session II

Baptism Congratulations

On Sunday, October 2, with the permission of his Pastor of St. Joseph Parish, in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, Evan Richard Bennati, son of Adam and Betsy Bennati and brother of Sienna Rose, was baptized here in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. Congratulations also to Godparents, Devin Bennati and Lindsie Welteroth, along with grandparents, Brian and Connie Bennati, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends who will give good example of their Christian faith to Evan.

Insert - The Pennsylvania Catholic Conference has supplied pertinent information on the candidates running in the upcoming elections next month. Please take time to review these important pages.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, October 2, 2016 - \$8,440.50

ANNUAL SUMMER RAFFLE WINNERS!

The following were the winners of the twenty prizes awarded last Sunday, October 2, after the 10:00 AM Mass:

- 1ST PRIZE: \$2,000 - Mary Plummer Tippery
- 2ND PRIZE: \$1,000 - Wanda Watkin
- 3RD PRIZE: \$500 - Maureen Haller
- 4TH PRIZE: \$250 - Dave Rossbach
- 5TH PRIZE: \$100 - Francis Dambeck
- 6TH PRIZE: \$100 - Richard Howard
- 7TH PRIZE: \$100 - Ann Vellone
- 8TH PRIZE: \$100 - Mary Jo Pearson
- 9TH PRIZE: \$100 - Janie Davidson
- 10TH PRIZE: \$100 - Hilda Conrad
- 11TH PRIZE: \$50 - Tom McGraw
- 12TH PRIZE: \$50 - Amelia Johnston
- 13TH PRIZE: \$50 - Deb O'Conner
- 14TH PRIZE: \$50 - Janie Davidson
- 15TH PRIZE: \$50 - Dana Iapaluchi
- 16TH PRIZE: \$50 - Maria Rossman
- 17TH PRIZE: \$25 - Kay Wesner
- 18TH PRIZE: \$25 - Doug Irwin
- 19TH PRIZE: \$25 - Sam Kokolis
- 20TH PRIZE: \$25 - Emily and Ellie Walter

Thank you to all who sold and purchased these tickets. 2395 tickets were sold and our profit is **\$7,225.00** minus the cost of printing and mailing the tickets.

Our next parish event:

Family Night Social

Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament

All Hallows Eve/All Saints Party

Saturday, October 29th, 6 PM-9 PM

RSVP by October 26th, Rectory @ 944-4603
or Chris Laraia @ 312-7317

Liturgical Reflection ...

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YEAR OF

MERCY

Our God is filled with mercy. Ten lepers are healed. Their brokenness has been made whole. Many tend to run away or turn their backs on those in need. We become uncomfortable or lack the time to give assistance. We follow Jesus who reached out and showed pity to those ten persons. There are those among us who are eager to be made whole. In our families, neighborhoods, and church communities, we have sisters and brothers who wish to have their brokenness healed. In mercy may we reach out to them, as did our Lord in today's Gospel. Mercy can make dramatic changes in the lives of others.

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