

# NOVEMBER 6, 2016

## Scripture Reflection

The readings for the next three Sundays focus on the mystery of the resurrection of the dead. Today's First Reading, the grisly story of the martyrdom of the seven brothers in Maccabees, opens a conversation on belief in the resurrection. The covenant between God and the Chosen People included God's promise of care and salvation and a life of faithfulness by the Israelites. The issue in the text is whether this relationship extended after death. The responses of the seven brothers indicate that they firmly believe God will raise them up. Their hope and trust in God will give them the strength to endure their death.

The scenario outlined in the Gospel presents the unlikely situation of seven brothers marrying the same woman and all dying without offspring. The question of the Sadducees is based on the premise that life on earth carries on in a similar way after death. Jesus' response indicates that the social conventions and relationships of this life are changed after death. He does not explain what life after death will be like, other than that it will be different; the limitations of this life will be transformed. The resurrection of the dead is a matter of faith in the God of the living.

This week's Gospel addresses our own curiosity about what heaven will be like, and whether we will know the ones we love and be with our spouses, and what if we've been married seven times? Jesus says it's about relationships and not about bodies to be with; it's about our deepest hungers to be united, even beyond marriage, friends, neighbors and communities of any sort. That's what resurrection is about, Jesus replies, and then reminds us one more time (as if we'd been deaf all the other times) that God has promised it and God is faithful. God "is not God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive". All of our relationships of loving and caring, especially those of marriage, are but hints of real and full life, and the best is yet to come. So what you've found in marriage, even if you've been married seven times, is just the beginning.

• **Make a list of all the relationships you treasure. In eternity these relationships take on even greater depth in the presence of the Divine.**

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## CATHEDRAL PARISHIONERS

There is a need for additional ministers at our weekly Sunday liturgies. Cathedral Masses are scheduled every Saturday at 5:00 PM, and on Sunday at 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, Noon, and 5:00 PM. Your stewardship of time and talent will greatly serve the needs of our Parish.

These are the various opportunities available to you and your family.

**Ushers:** These are men and women who extend hospitality to all; are available for emergencies; help take up the collection; and give bulletins at the end of Mass.

**Altar Servers:** Children (fourth grade and up) and adults who assist the priest at Mass. Servers process in and out with cross and candles; light the candles; hold the Roman Missal; dress and undress the altar; and help with the preparation of the gifts.

**Readers:** Adults and youth, male and female, who proclaim the first and second reading at Mass. Your ability to proclaim God's revealed Word nourishes all gathered for worship.

**Choir:** Men, women, and youth volunteer their voices in praise of God. Choir rehearsals are every Thursday evening. The choir regularly sings at the Sunday 10:00 AM Mass and at special diocesan events.

**Cantors:** Men, women, and youth who lead the assembly in song, giving praise and thanks to God. Cantors are song leaders who invite all gathered to fully participate in the Mass.

**Commentators:** Men, women, and youth who pray the Universal Prayer (General Intercessions) following the Creed at Mass. This ministry voices the petitions of the Church.

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Fully initiated Catholics who have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist help distribute the consecrated elements of Bread and Wine to the assembly. These ministers help give the Body and Blood of Christ in the absence of the ordained priest and deacon.

Prayerfully consider your possible call to serve in any of these ministries. You may choose more than one liturgical ministry. The Parish Liturgy Committee decided not to have the usual fall workshop for all ministries, but rather to meet individually with each ministry. Before those meetings are scheduled, there is a need for additional volunteers to come forward and offer your time and talent. Please call the Parish Office at 944-4603 and let us know of your interest in any particular ministry. Your time and talent serve God, the parish community, and your own relationship with our Lord. Thank you!

# 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.

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### 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

### HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Web: [www.holytrinitycatholic.school](http://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](http://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](mailto:kluke@dioceseaj.org)  
Administrative Duties and Organist - 944-2044

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

**THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**NOVEMBER 6, 2016**

Readings: 2 Mc 7:1-2,9-14; 2 Thes 2: 16--3:5; Lk 20:27-38

**MASS INTENTIONS**

November 7, Monday: Weekday

Readings: *Ti 1:1-9; Lk 17:1-6*

6:45 AM Deceased Sisters, IHM  
8:00 AM Angela Cronin Chadwick (J. and S. Kilcoyne)  
12:00 PM Danyll Rougeux (Tom and Patricia Forr)

November 8, Tuesday: Weekday

Readings: *Ti 2:1-8, 11-14, Lk 17:7-20*

6:45 AM Elizabeth Karl (Bob and Joan Lozinak)  
8:00 AM John Bauer (Denis and Connie Navarro)  
12:00 PM Paul Rose (Helen Hamberger)

November 9, Wednesday: Ded. of Lateran Basilica

Readings: *Ez 47:1-2,8-9,12; 1 Cor 3: 9-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22*

6:45 AM Bill Crouse (Jack and Shirley Donoughe)  
8:00 AM Jerry Smith (Banalzer & Wagner Families)  
12:00 PM Sam Fonzi, Birth. (A. Thomas/R. Purcell)

November 10, Thursday: Saint Leo the Great, Pope

Readings: *Phlm 7-20; Lk 17:20-25*

6:45 AM Eleanor Toth (Nick and Sandy Genovese)  
8:00 AM Pat Rabine (Milliron Family)  
12:00 PM Philip Petrunak, Birthday (Family)

November 11 Friday: Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop

Readings: *2 Jn 4-9; Lk 17:26-37*

6:45 AM Virginia Jones (Carl Colyer, Sr.)  
8:00 AM Chester Kowalski (Barbara Wozniak)  
12:00 PM Jim Davidson (Susan Bauer & Family)

November 12, Saturday: Saint Josaphat, Bishop

Readings: *3 Jn 5-8; Lk 18:1-8*

8:00 AM Herb Kutruff (Kathy Grove) - Crypt  
12:00 PM Joe Tomlinson (Mark Lynam Family)  
Vigil: Thirty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

Readings: *Mal 3:3-19; 2 Thes 3:7-12; Lk 21:5-19*

5:00 PM Dave Lysinger Sr., Anniv. (Mary & Family)

**Thanksgiving Day Mass**

Our Thanksgiving Day Mass will be Thursday, November 24, at 9:00 AM. Please remember to bring a non-perishable food item, paper product, or monetary gift to be carried to the altar during the Offertory procession. All donations will be distributed to the needy during the holiday season. Families who would like to take active parts in this Mass, serving at the altar as a family, doing the readings, bringing up the Offertory gifts or carrying banners in procession please call Chris Laraia at 312-7317 or the Parish Office at 944-4603.

**Mass In The Crypt Chapel**

On the Saturdays of November all are invited to the Crypt Chapel, accessible from the Cathedral Square (steps) or the alley entrance (street level) for the celebration of the 8:00 AM Mass. Last year at this time we were still putting on the finishing touches of the renovations to this special worship space (below the main altar) that features the beautiful marble crucifix that originally hung in the chapel of the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth at the former Mercy Hospital Convent chapel here in the city. New arches were created within the chapel to complement the arched windows on the exterior walls. If you have not been down to see the renovations, this is a great time to visit and a peaceful spot to reflect on the lives of those who have gone before us. The souls of the just are in God's hands. We remember and we celebrate in this special space during November.

**The Names of Our Dead**

Throughout November the names of all those who have died and were buried from Cathedral Parish this past liturgical year will appear in the front of the Cathedral. The month of November is the traditional time we Catholics remember our dead with special prayer. Throughout this month take time to pray for our deceased brothers and sisters. Visit the cemetery and pray for those who have gone before us. May all the faithful departed know a place of light, peace and happiness. All Souls envelopes are placed in front of the names of our beloved dead.

**Official Close of the Jubilee Year of Mercy**

Bishop Bartchak will celebrate Mass here at the Cathedral on **Saturday, November 19th** at the 5:00 PM Mass to formally bring to a close the *Jubilee Year of Mercy*. Check your calendars and plan ahead to attend this special Liturgy.

**Carmelite Community of the Word - "Thank You"**

The CCW's will NOT be holding our Pre-Christmas Festival and Spaghetti Dinner that has traditionally been held in November. We wish to express our deepest gratitude to all who have attended over the years and to all who have helped us in any way for your tremendous support. Thank You!

**Rest In Peace** Please remember in prayer our parishioners, Lori Crilley and Barry Betz, who died and were buried from the Cathedral this past week. Lori was a Master Catechist who taught the sixth grade Religious Education class for over 10 years here at Cathedral. May they rest in peace. And may their families be comforted in the faith.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

**Sunday, October 30, 2016 - \$7,973.50**

**CATHEDRAL Meetings - Tuesday, November 8**

**Building Committee:** Seton Suite, 4:45 PM, discuss choice of windows, commemorative bricks, and update on review of all contracts.

**Ministry to Homebound and Elderly:** Saint John Room, 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM, to review this ministry over the past months, share successes and plan for the upcoming year. Parishioners who are interested in becoming involved in this ministry are invited to attend, but should call the Parish Office at 944-4603 or Jeanne Thompson at 327-2672 before Tuesday.

**Christian Mothers Planning Meeting**

**Wednesday, November 9 - 6:00 PM** in Seton Suite.

**Cathedral Christian Mothers**

The Cathedral Parish Christian Mothers will conduct their annual drive to help the poor and needy of our parish and community during the holidays - Thanksgiving and Christmas - on the weekend of **November 12 and 13**.

**Charismatic Prayer**

The Charismatic Prayer Group will meet again on **Sunday, November 13** at The Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel in Loretto, for a Festival Of Praise. We will be joining with area Confirmation Students and the prayer group's Music Ministry will be leading the music. All ages are welcome!

**Catholic Daughters of the Americas**

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Prince Gallitzin #2625 will meet on Monday, November 14th at 6:30 PM for a social followed by a 7:00 PM meeting in the Saint Rose of Lima social hall. New members are welcome!

**SAVE THE DATE!!** Sunday, July 2, 2017

**FAITH DAY 2017** at DelGrosso Park in Tipton, PA.

**Inquiry Sessions Continue!** Our Cathedral Christian Initiation Team offers weekly meetings in the Seton Suite on **Sunday mornings** from **11:00 AM until 12:00 Noon** 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.

**Baptism Congratulations!**

On Saturday, October 29 at 5:00 PM Mass the Miller children, Devlin Michael, Tamara Irene and Phalen Richard, were baptized and welcomed into our Cathedral Parish Family. Congratulations to parents, Brandon and Kimberly. May the graces of the Sacrament of Baptism strengthen both our children and the adults who care for them.

**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.

**F.I.R.E. Tonight!**

**(High School Religious Education) Family Intergenerational Religious Education** for Students in Grades 9 -11 with parent or guardian, meet in the Seton Suite from 6:15PM until 8:30 PM on **November 6 and 20**.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION For Teens**

**Saturday, December 10, at St. Mark Parish, Altoona**

Join Bishop Mark at 10:00 AM and spend some time in the presence of Jesus. Food and social time in the parish hall after

**Please Note:** If families, adults, teens or children, would like to join any of the various liturgical ministries described on the back of this bulletin, please call the Parish Office at 944-4603. Many volunteers are needed, at least fifty-eight on an ordinary weekend. Training will be provided at your convenience.

**Liturgical Reflection ...**

**JUBILEE**

**YEAR OF**

**MERCY**

What will resurrection be like for us? Jesus is not specific in the Gospel, but he does state that life will be different. The limitations of this life will be transformed; the social conventions and relationships we know here are changed after death. Nonetheless, our faith tells us that those who practice mercy will be greatly rewarded. We who feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, care for the sick, visit the imprisoned, and bury the dead will know the new life of resurrection. To those who convert sinners, instruct the ignorant, advise the doubtful, comfort the sorrowful, bear wrongs patiently, forgive injuries, and pray for the living and the dead, theirs is the kingdom of God. Mercy will bring us home to the Lord.

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