

NOVEMBER 13, 2016

Scripture Reflection

Today's Scriptures continue to focus on the end-times, the fulfillment of God's plan of salvation. At that time God appears in power and majesty, completing the mission of Jesus Christ. Descriptions of this time appear in several places in Scripture, including today's passage from Malachi. It is important to note that such depictions use metaphorical language; they are not literal scenarios. Malachi uses the image of a blazing fire, an image often used as a sign of God's intervention in human affairs; for example, the pillar of fire that led the Israelites to freedom.

In the Gospel, Jesus speaks of the destruction of the Temple---a magnificent structure revered by the Jewish people. Jesus then speaks about the "signs" that will precede the end-time. Again, many of these events came about in later years; we experience some of them in our own time. But Jesus cautions that these cosmic events must be understood carefully; they are not to be seen as literal indications of the end-time.

In the midst of both descriptions there is a strong element of hope and redemption. Malachi proclaims that the sun of justice will arise for those who fear (are in awe of) the name of the Lord. And Jesus promises those who are persecuted that not "a hair on your head will be destroyed."

Our response to the coming end is simple, Paul suggests not "living in idleness," being "mere busybodies, not doing any work." Paul exhorts "in the Lord Jesus Christ" for the Christians "to do their work quietly and to earn their own living." Perhaps working at being a faithful Christian is less fascinating than idly calculating when the end will come, but part of our vocation as Christians is modelling the good life for others by taking joy in our daily work, engaging in relationships with others and demonstrating our love of God. Loving God and our neighbor prepares us for the end. When will that be? God knows.

• **Are these readings about the end-time encouraging or frightening to you?**

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Update on New Building

The new roof is complete. The exterior finishes at roof level are awaiting the external demolition of the elevator tower and loading dock on the alley side, and the removal of the interior staircase on the fourteenth street side of the building. It was decided that there will be nine (9) stained glass windows from the convent chapel throughout the building; there will be eighteen (18) clear glass windows with etchings of Eucharistic symbols of the Blessed Sacrament. This decision was made to allow natural light into the space. Thank you for your support of this major project. And thank you for maintaining your pledge payments.

Charismatic Prayer Our Cathedral Charismatic Prayer Group will meet today, **November 13** at The Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel in Loretto, at 6:30 PM for a *Festival Of Praise* joining with area Confirmation Students. Cathedral Prayer Group's Music Ministry will be leading the music.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Prince Gallitzin #2625 will meet on **Monday, November 14** 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!

Calendars of Prizes 2017 Are Here!

Calendars of Prizes 2017 are being sold at the Cathedral Square door after all Masses. Like last year, each calendar costs \$20.00. There is a \$10.00 daily prize; an additional \$1,000.00 in special monthly prizes awarded throughout the year; and a grand prize of \$5,000.00 Family Trip or Cash Option. Due to the state regulations for small games of chance, it is necessary that all one thousand tickets be sold. Otherwise, the parish will lose money on unsold tickets. If you have a favorite three digit number, call the Parish Office (944-4603) weekdays between 9:30 AM and 5:30 PM to check on availability or stop at the Cathedral Square door after Mass. These make great Christmas gifts that last all year!

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• **Annual Marriage Social/Winterfest** •

• **Saturday, December 10, 2016** •

• **Cathedral Hall, 6:00 PM** •

• **Food, Prizes, Music and Dancing** •

• All married and widowed are welcome •

• Please bring a picture of your wedding to display. •

• **RSVP to Chris by Nov. 27th at 312-7317** •

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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

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CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME - 944-4603

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Web: www.holytrinitycatholic.school

Altoona Campus (Pre-K thru Grade 4) - 381-7011
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Middle School Campus (Grades 5 thru 8) - 942-7835

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DIRECTORS OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Chris Laraia - Pre-K thru 8 - 312-7317
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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

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
NOVEMBER 13, 2016

Readings: Mal 3:19-20; 2 Thes 3:7-12; Lk 21:5-19

MASS INTENTIONS

November 14, Monday: Weekday

Readings: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Lk 18:35-43

6:45 AM Janet Pufka (Dan, Brenda, Kate Altiero)
8:00 AM Lori Crilley (Cathedral Parish)
12:00 PM Danyll Rougeux (Skip Cowan & Family)

November 15, Tuesday: St. Albert the Great, Bis., Doc.

Readings: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Lk 19:1-10

6:45 AM Roberta Lamont (D. & M. Hanekamp)
8:00 AM Dec. Family/Friends (McNelis All-Stars)
12:00 PM Kathleen Walcutt (Sibold Family)

November 16, Wednesday: St. Margaret/St. Gertrude

Readings: Rv 4:1-11; Lk 19:11-28

6:45 AM Lavelle Family (Phyllis Lavelle Sheetz)
8:00 AM Vince Farabaugh, Sr. (Jeanie & Family)
12:00 PM Paul Good (Blazewicz Family)

November 17, Thursday: St. Elizabeth of Hungary

Readings: Rv 5:1-10; Lk 19:41-44

6:45 AM Clementine Kawtoski (Jeanie Koehle)
8:00 AM Peggy and Bernie Joyce (Family)
12:00 PM Moose Plutko (Dick & Cindy Lascoli)

November 18, Friday: Ded. Basilica SS Peter & Paul

Readings: Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Mt 14:22-23

6:45 AM Nozzie, Jennie, Sandy Calabrese (Family)
8:00 AM Pat Rabine (Jim, Steph, Kate Kilcoyne)
12:00 PM Walt Beech, III, Anniversary (Family)

November 19, Saturday: Weekday

Readings: Rv 11:4-12; Lk 20:27-40

8:00 AM Herb Kuttruff (Alice & Leo Winkler) - Crypt
12:00 PM Joe Tomlinson (Elaine Vogel Dombrowski)
Vigil: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Readings: 2 Sm 5: 1-3; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43
5:00 PM People of the Parish (Altoona C.D. of A.)

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

Second Collection for Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities has helped our neighbors throughout Central Pennsylvania regardless of faith or background for over 75 years. 100% of contributions received next weekend **November 19 and 20** will directly help your neighbors in need. Thank you for helping Catholic Charities of Altoona-Johnstown to reduce poverty in communities throughout the Diocese. A special envelope is provided this month.

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.

Cathedral Christian Mothers

The Cathedral Parish Christian Mothers are conducting their annual drive to help the poor and needy of our parish and community during the holidays - Thanksgiving and Christmas - this weekend. Please be as generous as you are able.

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.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS PLEASE NOTE:

Please provide dates of unavailability and any changes of address, phone number, or email address to Sue at the Parish Office at 944-4603 or scronin@dioceseaj.org by **Tuesday, November 15**. New schedules will be sent out on Wednesday, November 16 for Advent and the Christmas Season (November 26 through January 8). **Lectors** may pick up their copy of the Workbook for Lectors 2017 at the Parish Office during the week or in the main Sacristy next weekend.

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. 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. 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 they rest in peace.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, November 6, 2016 - \$8,403.50
All Saints Day, November 1, 2016 - \$1,687.00

Gifts To The Parish - This week \$650.00 was received "*In Memory of Marian Clemens*" for the Cathedral Music Ministry Endowment with the Independent Catholic Foundation for the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown. A gift "*In Memory of John Bauer*" was also received by the Parish this week. We are most appreciative of these Memorials.

Stewardship of Time - Help is needed on **Tuesday morning, November 15**, to prepare the Parish Advent/Christmas mailing. If you are available to help, please drop by the Seton Suite between 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM. Thank you.

Meetings With Liturgical Ministers

Altar Servers: Monday, November 14 at 4:00 PM in the Cathedral, all those wishing to become new servers are invited to a practice. Individuals of all ages, fourth grade and up, are welcome.

Cantors/Psalmists: Thursday, November 17 at 6:30 PM in the Music Room to review and discuss these important ministries.

Baptism Congratulations!

On Sunday, November 6, Darrin and Jennifer Canaan presented their children Aunyah Oriah Kennedy, and Daron Maurice Canaan for Baptism here in the Cathedral. May the graces of the Sacrament of Baptism strengthen both our children and the adults who care for them.

Expectant Parents Please Note:

Our next Session of **Baptismal Preparation** is scheduled for **Monday, December 5** 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. Call the Parish Office at 944-4603 to register.

Rite of Welcoming and Acceptance

Those seeking baptism and full membership in the Catholic Church will celebrate the *Rite of Welcoming and Acceptance* at the **10:00 AM Mass** next **Sunday, November 20**. The Cathedral Parish celebrates with these individuals who are seeking the Sacraments of Initiation in the Church. Please join the Parish at this Mass as we welcome those on journey to the Easter Sacraments.

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.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

NINTH GRADE: ALL, BGCHS, Religious Ed and Home Schooled students with a Parent or Sponsor for each are to attend our *Ninth Grade Baptismal Retreat*, on **Saturday, November 19** from 1:30 PM-4:30 PM in Cathedral Hall, followed by attendance at 5:00 PM Mass in the Cathedral.

ELEVENTH GRADE: Looking ahead - your next Session is scheduled for **Sunday, December 11**, following the 5:00 PM Mass, in Cathedral Hall. Please note: your paper about the Sponsor you choose is due at this session.

Parents of Reconciliation Class Please Note:

Our third and final Session of Preparation is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 29**, in the Seton Suite from 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM. All students **MUST** be accompanied by an adult. *First Reconciliation will be held at the Advent Penance Service on Wednesday, December 14 at 6:30 PM. A light reception will follow in the Cathedral Hall.

Families Needed - If your family would like to carry the Advent candles on a particular Advent Sunday, please call Amelia at 944-3674 or the Parish Office.

Liturgical Reflection ...

**JUBILEE
YEAR OF
MERCY**

We are directed to think of the end of time, that day when God appears in power and majesty, completing the mission of Jesus Christ with justice and righteousness. How would you live today differently if you knew it was to be your last? This past Jubilee Year of Mercy invited all of us to state that mercy needs to be practiced in our lives. When Jesus comes again in all his glory, may we be mercifully judged as a people who showed great mercy to our sisters and brothers. Compassion, love, forgiveness, gentleness, and kindness mark the believer in the name of the Lord. Mercy shared is showing the face of God to another.

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