

JUNE 25, 2017

Scripture Reflection

On this Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time we learn to find hope in the face of evil - through God's grace. As Jesus tells the Twelve, "fear no one." Jesus commands two simple things: fear no one and preach boldly. These themes appear throughout early Christian literature.

Today's gospel is part of the second of the Matthean discourses, usually called the Mission Discourse. Before the disciples are sent out to share the mission of Jesus, they must dare to listen to him explain the tough demands of that mission. Three times Jesus tells them not to be afraid: not to fear who malign them, or disregard them as worthless, or can injure and even kill them. Jesus has gathered them as a community of disciples and sown his word in the soil of their hearts so that it may push through this darkness and bear fruit by their proclamation of the gospel.

Just as Jesus trusts his Father, so it is to be with his disciples. Their one Father is so aware of the creation born from his love that he is even aware of the death of the insignificant and dispensable little sparrows that are the cheapest food of the poor. Everyone who hears these words of Jesus, each one is called to fearless proclamation of the gospel, to acknowledge Jesus openly and without embarrassment in our families, communities, workplaces, and wider social situations. If we do this, Jesus assures us of an acknowledgement by his Father when we come to our final judgment. But if we deny Jesus, we will also be denied.

In today's Gospel, Christ calls us to share his Good News - to speak what we hope, and to not be afraid, for he watches over us. We are, in effect, called to do as Jesus did. The Gospel is meant for all. In word and deed, we disciples are sent to spread the Good News! Reflect on the gifts you have been given for sharing the love of Christ. Are you a "doer"? Do you have a gift for practical service? For discerning people's needs? For conversation? For hospitality? How can you use your gifts to share the Good News?

Building on Rock, Verna A. Holyhead, Liturgical Press, 2007, page 124.

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Congratulations, Father Athanasius, F.H.S.

Richard Fornwalt, a parishioner of the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, was ordained to the priesthood on June 3 by Bishop Thomas Olmsted of the Phoenix Diocese. Richard has taken the name Athanasius. Father Athanasius is among seven founders of the Franciscan Friars of the Holy Spirit. The new community ministers to the Native American communities in the Phoenix Diocese. Even though he is a religious, because the community is directly under the Bishop, Fr. Athanasius was ordained for the Diocese of Phoenix.

Father Athanasius will be moving to Detroit this fall to earn a degree in sacred theology on pastoral theology in the New Evangelization from Sacred Heart Seminary. He has also taken on an assignment as prefect of studies for the Friars, meaning he will oversee the formation of the Friars' seminarians.

Warm congratulations to our parishioner who now serves the church as a religious and as a priest. Cathedral Parish hopes Father Athanasius, F.H.S. will be able to come home and celebrate Mass with us.

New Beauty in Courtyards

New shrubbery has replaced the former shrubs in the front courtyard between the Cathedral and the rectory. The former shrubbery was old and dying. New night lighting has been installed in both the front and back courtyards. The former lights were either broken or destroyed over time. Dark mulch has been placed along the sides of both courtyards. And the lawn has been reseeded, creating a beautiful green blanket of grass.

Thank you to Dwight along with Fred Drexler. Thank you to Tim Seasoltz of Gulish Nursery for the discount on the shrubbery. Thank you to Quality Services for the installation of the mulch. Take time to appreciate the hard work to make our complex more attractive and beautiful. We are grateful to all who shared their time, talent, and treasure.

**Saint Francis "Red Flash" Basketball Camp
June 26 - June 30, 2017 for boys ages 5-17.**

Register at camps.jumpforward.com/sfubasketball, or call Luke McConnell at 814-471-1114. Red Flash Basketball Camp creates an environment that is competitive, challenging and fun to help develop the skills of each player.

**THE CHURCH OF ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN
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**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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Altoona Campus (Pre-K thru Grade 4) - 381-7011

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

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TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JUNE 25, 2017

Readings: Jer 20:10-13; Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33

MASS INTENTIONS

June 26, Monday: Weekday

Readings: Gn 12:1-9; Mt 7:1-5

6:45 AM Prayers and Thanksgiving (Grove Family)

8:00 AM Betty Capovellez, Anniv. (Family)

12:00 PM John Hanlon (Josette Vallei)

June 27, Tuesday: Weekday

Readings: Gn 13:2,5-18; Mt 7:6,12-14

6:45 AM Prayers and Thanksgiving (Grove Family)

8:00 AM Josephine Hicks, Birth. (Daughter, Jacqueline)

12:00 PM James J. Adams, Birth. (Family)

June 28, Wednesday: Saint Irenaeus, Bishop & Martyr

Readings: Gn 15:1-2,17-18; Mt 7:15-20

6:45 AM Dec. Richard & Dorothy Irwin Fam. (Irwin Fam.)

8:00 AM Ventura Mincin, Anniv. (Daughter, Susan)

12:00 PM In thanks-favors rec'd. St. Anthony (Sylvia & Pat)

June 29, Thursday: Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

Readings: Acts 12:1-11; 2 Tm 4:6-8,17-18; Mt 16:13-19

6:45 AM Bebe Milliron (Stanley Krish Family)

8:00 AM Phil Sky (Bernie & Suzi Behe)

12:00 PM Barry Kelly, Decd. (Kimberly Hanlon)

June 30, Friday: Weekday - First Martyrs of Rome

Readings: Gn 17:1,9-10,15-22; Mt 8:1-4

6:45 AM Audrey Krause (Phyllis Sheetz)

8:00 AM Derek Behe (Joe & Patty Pufka)

12:00 PM Lori Blackie, Birthday (Friend)

July 1, Saturday: Weekday - St. Junipero Serra, Priest

Readings: Gn 18:1-15; Mt 8:5-17

8:00 AM Lori Crilley (Fred & Becky Buckreis)

12:00 PM Dick Cowan (Skip Cowan)

Vigil: Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kgs 4:8-11,14-16; Rom 6:3-4,8-11; Mt 10:37-42

5:00 PM Richard & Cheryl Williams 45th Wed. Anniv.

Please remember our sick in your prayers.

Cathedral Charismatic Prayer Group

Looking for a spiritual life? The Cathedral Prayer Group will meet this Monday, June 26th, at 7:00 PM, here at the Cathedral. Praise and worship music will be followed by a witness talk from Dorris Britton. All are welcome!

Parish Secretary on Road to Recovery

Sue Cronin, the Cathedral Parish Secretary, has undergone surgery for both knee replacements. The operation was a success. She has completed intensive rehabilitation at Health South and has returned home. She will be away from the office for approximately eight weeks. Keep Sue in your prayers. She is eager to get well and return to the business of the Parish. If you would like, cards may be sent to the rectory and they will be given to Sue as she recuperates.

Faith Day at DelGrosso's - Sunday, July 2

Come! Join Catholics from across the Diocese to celebrate our faith and enjoy a day of Great rides, slides and the waterpark!! **Highlights of the day include** - Liturgy at 3:00 PM with Bishop Mark; a picnic in the diocesan pavilion at 5:00 PM; More than 30 different park rides and games. The Water Slides and LAGUNA SPLASH, including a wave pool, and Lazy River, and a variety of water features like the Leaning Tower of Pisa, tipping buckets and vases. All day Fun Passes are available for a reduced price of \$20 (a \$29.95 value) with a diocesan Faith Day voucher! \$3.00 of each pass purchased will be donated back to the Angel Fund for Camp Zacchaeus and Camp Timothy. Meal tickets are also available for a Diocesan Picnic in Pavilion #2 at 5:00 PM.

Update on Capital Campaign

Work continues at high speed. All entrance doors have been installed. The interior walls are being painted on the second floor in the classrooms for religious education. The dry wall is about completed on the top floor for offices. Installment of exterior walls, beginning on the alley side, has begun. The building is taking on a whole new look. Heating/air-conditioning, plumbing and electrical work are all on schedule; the general contractor is overseeing the progress of the project.

The lower parking lot continues to progress. Storm drains, present on the property, are to be installed. Lighting, paving and landscaping will follow. Guardrails are to be installed on the upper parking lot on the side which overlooks the new lower parking lot. New lights are to be installed in the upper parking lot also.

Thank you for your commitment to this capital project. Your pledge payments are making this historic moment possible. Thank you for your continued support!

OFFERTORY COLLECTION Sunday, June 18, 2017 - \$7,140.00

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Registration for all NEW and RETURNING students in grades PreK-11 will be held before and after all Masses on August 13 and 14 in the Seton Suite. Parents of all new students are asked to bring a copy of their child's Baptism certificate. Students MUST be registered before the start of Religious Ed on Sunday, September 10. For more information please call Chris Laraia at 312-7317.

Teachers Needed - The Religious Education Program is searching for parishioners to volunteer their time and talent as substitute teachers this year. Pennsylvania State and Diocesan clearances are required.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

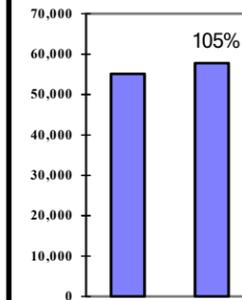
This week 32 students travelled to ancient Rome where they visited Paul and the Underground Church. They also experienced dramas, crafts, and games of the time including a chariot race!

We want to thank all who contributed their time, talent, and stewardship to our Vacation Bible School 2017:

- Monsignor Mazur as Paul
- Dwight, Fred and George Drexler - decorations
- Butch Winkler, Janet Hammond and Tony Eckenrode - Kitchen crew
- Jean Koury and Chris Laraia - Directors of Religious Education
- Kathy Hughes, Paula and Ashton Truby and Beth Moore - VBS team
- Katie McCloskey, Gretta Levine, Corey and Brendan Aikens, Nicki and Karen Duffy, Mara Stadtmiller, Carmella Figurelle, Melinda Summers, Elliott and Sami Long - (actors and group leaders)

Thankus Maximus!!!

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE



Our Cathedral Parish Target for the Diocesan 2017 Catholic Ministries Drive is **\$55,121.00**. All Parishioners, whether you can give a lot or just a little, are encouraged to be part of this drive which will support the vital ministries offered throughout our eight county diocese. Our donations will go directly to supporting three areas of ministry: (1) strengthening families and caring for the poor; (2) nurturing our youth; and (3) forming clergy and laity. Many members of our Cathedral Parish Family are touched by these caring ministries. Funds over goal return to the Parish and will help us with our Cathedral project of repaving the upper parking lot. Thus far we have received gifts from 178 households and are 105% of the way to our target having raised **\$57,775.00**. All monies now received will come directly to the Cathedral Parish. We are **\$2,654.00** over the target amount set by the Diocese. Please prayerfully consider making your gift within the next few weeks. You may return your gift to the Diocesan Development Office by mail in the envelope provided, return it to the Parish Office during the week or drop it in the Sunday collection. All additional monies will help the cost of repaving the upper parking lot which is scheduled for this summer. Thank you for your continued generosity to parish and community.

Liturgical Reflection ...

ORDER OF CELEBRATING MATRIMONY

When celebrating Matrimony within Mass or without Mass, the Introductory Rites direct that the priest or deacon informally address both the bride and groom, warmly greeting them and telling them that the Church shares their joy on their wedding day. This greeting is informal, personal and welcoming. Microphones are not on for this ritual act. The bride and groom are acknowledged and affirmed by the Church. They are about to celebrate a great sacrament. Jesus Christ is the bridegroom, as this man assumes to be the groom to his bride; and the Church is the bride, as this woman assumes the role of bride to her husband. (Order of Celebrating Matrimony, Numbers 45 and 80, 49 and 84.)

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