

SEPTEMBER 14, 2014

Scripture Reflection

Jesus possessed the humility of the Son to follow willingly a path of pain, to become "obedient to the point of death---even death on a cross." Some wonder what sort of obedience this was, given that Jesus is God incarnate. Would not Jesus know that God's response to this obedience would result in him being "highly exalted" and given "the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father"?

While theologians are divided about what Jesus' divinity meant in practical terms during his incarnate existence, it is important to insist that Jesus became truly human, a person like us but without sin. This means his obedience to God's path was a genuinely human choice, not part of an act put on us. Paul understood that Jesus willingly humbled himself, for he "did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness."

We share neither Jesus' divinity nor his sinlessness, but his emptying of himself by taking on human form and then obediently taking up the cross offers us a guide along our own paths. We know that his act of humble sacrifice led to his exaltation. We have the example of the reward for the one who remained faithful even to death on the cross, who was raised up and ascended to God, who will be acknowledged by every tongue as Lord. We ought then to trust that when we walk humbly along our paths, we have the promise before us that "everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life." Humility does not mean never asking questions of God or accepting all suffering along our paths silently, but it does mean trusting that God has as our final goal eternal life with the exalted Son.

• **In the Cross we find our identity as Christians. How is the Cross part of your daily life?**

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ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2014

This year the Cathedral Parish goal was set at **\$66,350.00**. We are **\$24,695.00** over goal having pledged **\$91,095.00** and are now receiving monthly checks back from the Diocese. Additional gifts are still being accepted. Place any envelope marked ACA in the regular Sunday collection. Thank You.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

September 14, Classes for Grade 1 through Grade 8 meet from 11:15 AM - 12:30 PM in Cathedral Hall. Pre-K and Kindergarten gather in the Music Room. **F.I.R.E. Groups** - Grades 9 through 11 meet next on **Sunday, September 21**. Students are asked to help with Family Night activities, **Saturday, September 20**. Call Jean Koury at 949-2777.

Back To School Food Drive

September 20 and 21 - See posters at Church doors for list of items needed. Bins will be placed at all doors next weekend. Ask friends, neighbors, and relatives to help out too. Benefits the Gloria Gates Foundation. Questions? Please call Karen at 889-7500.

McNelis Catholic sets All-Class Reunion October 11, 2014

- An all-class reunion will be held on October 11 for former elementary students of Cathedral, St. Leo the Great, Saints Peter and Paul and McNelis Catholic schools. Former elementary students are invited to the all-class reunion from 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 1508 12th Avenue, Altoona. The cost is \$10 per person and pre-registration is required by September 27. Classmates are encouraged to bring memorabilia from their elementary school days. Join us on Facebook at "McNelis Pride - Cathedral Elementary School" or e-mail questions to Lisa Vinglish at lmving@aol.com. Registration forms are available at the Cathedral Parish Office or in the main entrance at Our Lady of Fatima Church.

CASINO NIGHT AT CATHEDRAL

The Parish is planning a Casino Night on **Saturday, October 18** from 6:00 PM to 11:00 PM in the Cathedral Hall. This is a fund-raising event. There will be ten different activities to gamble. Food and drink will be available for purchase. This is an adult function. Plan to attend and bring friends along for an enjoyable evening.

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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.

ANOIDING 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 11:15 AM - 12:30 PM
Pre-Kindergarten thru 8.
Sunday evening 6:15 PM - 8:30 PM
Grades 9 thru 12.

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

Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak, Bishop
Reverend Monsignor Robert C. Mazur, Rector
Reverend Father Dennis M. Kurdziel, Parochial Vicar
Reverend Father John J. Slovickovski, In Residence
Deacon John E. Rys
Deacon James F. Leap, Senior Deacon
Deacon John J. Szwarc, Senior Deacon

CHRISTIAN INITIATION TEAM - 944-4603

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME - 944-4603

ALTOONA CENTRAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL
Web: www.altoonacentralcatholic.com
Elementary - Pre-K thru Grade 5 - 381-7011

BISHOP GUILFOYLE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
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Chris Laraia - Pre-K thru 8 - 312-7317
Jean Koury - 9 thru 12 - 949-2777
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THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

SEPTEMBER 14, 2014

Readings: Nm 21:4-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Mass Intentions

September 15, Monday: Our Lady of Sorrows

Readings: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Jn 19:25-27

6:45 AM George Vassel (Lois & Eddie Simanski)
8:00 AM Mike Smith (Greg & Joan Luciano)
12:00 PM Int. Jerry & Kelly O'Brien (Blazewicz Family)

September 16, Tuesday: Saints Cornelius & Cyprian

Readings: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31; Lk 7:11-17

6:45 AM Msgr. Thomas Madden (Estate)
8:00 AM Rose Quartz (Irene Lynch & Rose Erculiani)
12:00 PM Jack Leiden (Jim & Betty Carrieri)

September 17, Wednesday: Saint Robert Bellarmine

Readings: 1 Cor 12:31--13:13; Lk7:31-35

6:45 AM Joseph A. Keirn (Mom and Dad)
8:00 AM Spec. Int. Patricia McCloskey (Husband, Bear)
12:00 PM J. J. Adams, Anniversary (Family)

September 18, Thursday: Weekday

Readings: 1 Cor 15: 1-11; Lk 7:36-50

6:45 AM Etta Pastore (Saint Anthony Society)
8:00 AM H. Cricket & G. Schilling (Nieces, Nancy & Skip)
12:00 PM Fr. Joseph Strittmatter (Cathedral Parish)

September 19, Friday: Saint Januarius, bishop, martyr

Readings: 1 Cor 15: 12-20; Lk 8:1-3

6:45 AM Maureen Wolf (Husband & Daughters)
8:00 AM Vi Franchio (Joe & Laurie Hogan)
12:00 PM Good Health of David Axinn (Family)

September 20, Saturday: Saint Andrew & Korean martyrs

Readings: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Lk 8:4-15

8:00 AM Bernie McLucas, Anniversary (Family)
12:00 PM Rob Beiswenger (M/M Edward Lapczykosi)
Vigil: Twenty-Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Readings: Is 55:6-9; Phil 1:20-24, 27; Mt 20:1-16

5:00 PM Lottie Gajewski (Patricia Grove)

Please remember our sick in your prayers.

Rest In Peace - Please remember in prayer our parishioner, Anne Marie Lindeman, who died and was buried this past week. May she rest in the peace of Christ, and may her family find comfort in faith.

Wedding Anniversary Day Celebration

Seven couples from our Cathedral Parish Family will participate when Bishop Mark Bartchak celebrates a special Mass this afternoon, **September 14th**, at **2:00 PM** here in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament with area couples observing their 1st, 25th, 40th, 50th, 55th, and 60+ Wedding Anniversaries during 2014. Carl and Regina Boland, Jim and Suzanne Kenawell, Bill and Colleen Lumadue, John and Barbara Shoemaker, and Deacon John and Grace Szwarc are celebrating their 50th anniversaries. Peter and Barbara Rossi are celebrating their 40th anniversary and Patrick and Diane Himes are among those celebrating 25 years of marriage. A reception for all participating couples and their families will follow this special Liturgy in Cathedral Hall. Congratulations and God's blessings.

Family Night At The Cathedral

The Parish is holding **FAMILY NIGHT** this **Saturday, September 20** from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM in Cathedral Hall. There will be dozens of activities for children and adults. Altoona Curve's "Steamer" will be here from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Bring the entire family for a family fun night out. Music, face painting, caricature drawing, photo booth, and scavenger hunt! This event will provide families with entertainment similar to the summer festival. So bring a few dollars to play the different games. There will also be food for purchase. No admission fee! This is a family friendly function. Parishioners of all ages are welcome and encouraged to attend.

REMINDER: Our **Annual Summer Raffle** prizes will be awarded at **FAMILY NIGHT:** twenty cash prizes totaling over \$5,000 ranging from top prize of \$2,000 to \$25. The drawing is scheduled for 7:30 PM but you need not be present to win. These \$5 tickets are still available at the Parish Office. Perhaps you may want to get one for a favorite charity.

Matthew Kelly's Living Every Day with Passion & Purpose Saturday, September 27. Parishioners who pre-ordered tickets may pick them up at the Parish Office 9:15 AM - 5:15 PM.

Winner of Calendar of Prizes 2014

The grand prize of \$5,000.00 has gone to Sister Suzanne Thibault, C.A., a sister of Jeanne Thompson. Sister Suzanne and her community minister at the Bethany Retreat Center in Frenchville, Pennsylvania in the Erie Diocese. The community has been praying for funds to execute a new program for the poor. Sister Suzanne is ecstatic and thanks God for this timely gift.

Missionary Cooperative

Next Sunday, **September 21**, the Parish will host our annual Missionary Collection. Fr. Jose Erlito Ebron from the Diocese of Lucena in the Philippines will be speaking at all Masses. Father will be asking us to help support the new seminary in their diocese. An envelope will be attached to next week's bulletin.

The Diocese Observes "The Light is On"

Throughout the Local Church the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available on **September 22, 23, and 24**. Here at the Cathedral Parish confessions will be available from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Monday, September 22, Tuesday, September 23 and Wednesday, September 24. Check the recent edition of the *Catholic Register* for the diocesan-wide schedule of confessions.

Charismatic Prayer

The Charismatic Prayer Group will meet this Monday, September 15, at 7:00 PM in the Cathedral. Jason Morse will be giving a witness talk. All are welcome! We will NOT meet on September 22 due to the diocesan wide observance of "The Light Is On".

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, September 7 - \$12,070.00

Collection for the Middle East - \$3,063.00

Gratitude

Last Sunday, September 7, on the 83rd anniversary of the Cathedral's dedication, Monsignor Panza who gave the homily at Mass commemorating his 60th anniversary of priestly ministry and Sister Beverly who renewed her vows of profession commemorating her 60th anniversary of religious profession, express their appreciation to all who joined them in the beautiful celebration at the 10:00 AM Mass.

CATECHITICAL SUNDAY

Next **Sunday, September 21**, is Catechitical Sunday throughout the United States. Here at the Cathedral Parish at the 10:00 AM Mass, all catechists will be blessed for the year ahead. We are grateful for their commitment of time and talent.

Inquiry Sessions Begin Today!

Anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic Church is invited to Sunday morning Inquiry Sessions between 11:00 AM and 12 Noon in the Seton Suite. No commitments are made at this time. This is an opportunity for questions and discussions about the Catholic faith. Have you thought about joining the Catholic Church? Are there questions you have about Catholicism? This is the time to join all those making inquiry into the Catholic faith. Please accept this as a warm and open invitation.

Annual September Tours of Cathedral

The remaining one hour tours are scheduled for: Thursday, **September 18** at 7:00 PM; Sunday, **September 21** at 1:00 PM; and Tuesday, **September 30** at 7:00 PM. If you have never taken a tour of this magnificent building, plan to attend bring a friend.

Constitution

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Sacred Liturgy

Liturgical Reflection ...

Regulation of the liturgy depends solely on the authority of the Church, that is, on the Apostolic See and, accordingly, as the law determines, on the bishop. In virtue of power conceded by the law, the regulation of the liturgy within certain defined limits belongs also to various kinds of competent territorial bodies of bishops lawfully established. Therefore, no other person, not even the priest himself, may on his own add, remove, or change anything in the liturgy.

Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, Number 22.

2014, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 South Logan Boulevard, Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania 16648.