

NOVEMBER 4, 2018

Scripture Reflection

“Love God and love your neighbor” captures the essence of Jesus’ message. Today’s First Reading contains a passage known as the Shema Israel (“Hear, O Israel,” Deuteronomy 6:4), the central statement of belief of the Jewish people. A high point in the synagogue service still today is the recitation of these words. There is only one God, and God alone is Israel’s God. This belief calls forth a total dedication to God with “your heart, your soul, and your strength” — God must be loved with our entire being.

Throughout the Hebrew Scriptures, the primary characteristic of love is loyalty. Whereas English usage tends to stress love’s affective qualities, Hebrew emphasizes fidelity. Today’s Gospel passage can confuse any who wonder how Jesus could demand an affective kind of love. This is not what he meant. Jesus drew on the biblical meaning of love, commanding unwavering loyalty to God and neighbor. Jesus shared this kind of loyal love with the Father and wished his disciples to experience it in the Spirit.

Jesus’ great insight was to organize his preaching of the kingdom around the loyal love God offered Israel in the covenant. Divine love was steadfast; human love must be the same. Jesus could have combed the Scriptures and found other organizing principles for his program, as indeed other so-called messiahs did. Zealots focused on God’s power. Gnostics focused on divine wisdom. Others focused on righteousness, justice or holiness. Jesus focused on the covenant and the eternal love that it symbolized. The kingdom’s arrival will be complete when human love is as reliable as God’s.

Jesus offers us today a path to follow in life: love of God and love of neighbor should direct every action. When faced with decisions in life, our first question must always be: How does the law of love of God and neighbor influence this situation?

- **How do you live the commandment of love in your life? As a follower of Jesus Christ, is your love grounded in fidelity?**

AT HOME with the WORD 2018, Archdiocese of Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, pg. 143. AMERICA MAGAZINE, “How can our love be loyal?” Michael R. Simone, S.J., October 19, 2018.

Altoona Symphony Concert at the Cathedral

Next Saturday, November 10, at 7:30 PM, there will be a concert at the Cathedral. The Altoona Symphony Orchestra will present “On Wings of Songs.” It will feature Genaro Medina, Violin and Frances Duffy, Harp. Music written by Ottorino Respighi, *The Birds*; Frederick Delius, *Summer Night on the River*; Ralph Vaughan Williams, *The Lark Ascending* (Genaro Medina, Violin); Claude Debussy, *Dances sacrée et profane* (Frances Duffy, Harp); and, Franz Joseph Haydn, *The Hen*, will fill the Cathedral with beautiful sounds.

Liturgical Ministers Workshop

All Cathedral Parishioners involved in liturgical ministries – altar servers, readers, commentators, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, cantors, choir, and ushers – will have an annual meeting on **Saturday, November 10th from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM**. We will gather in the Cathedral sanctuary for Morning Prayer to begin the day. Following prayer, each liturgical ministry we meet to review that particular ministry and how that ministry is exercised here at the Cathedral.

PLEASE clear your schedules to be present for this important gathering of liturgical ministers. Your presence assures our continued service not only to the cathedral family but also to the wider community that joins us regularly for Liturgy. Note: all readers will receive their annual workbook for preparation for the Sunday readings.

Did You Remember?

Did you remember to bring non-perishable food items and paper products for the needy of our community? Bins are located at the three doors of the Cathedral.

Pierogie, Ravioli, and Gnocchi Sale

Our Lady of Fatima Parish is sponsoring a Pierogi, Gnocchi, and, 6-Cheese Ravioli sale. Orders can be made at the Parish Office at 2010 Twelfth Avenue, phone 942-0371, or email: olf10@hotmail.com no later than November 14. Pickup is November 28.

Cathedral Charismatic Prayer Group

The Cathedral Prayer Group meeting will be this Monday, November 5, at 7:00 PM. “Come to his gates with thanksgiving; enter his courts with praise” (Psalm 100:4). All are welcome!

THE CHURCH OF ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN

THE CATHEDRAL OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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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.

Charismatic Prayer - Monday 7:00 PM.

Eucharistic Adoration - First Wednesday - 12:30 PM - 8:00 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 afternoon 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Grades 9 thru 12.

WEB: WWW.ALTOONACATHEDRAL.ORG

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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, J.C.D., Bishop

Reverend Monsignor Robert C. Mazur, Rector

Reverend Father Dennis M. Kurdziel, Parochial Vicar

CHRISTIAN INITIATION TEAM - 944-4603

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME - 944-4603

MAIL MINISTRY TO ELDERLY, HOMEBOUND, SERIOUSLY SICK, AND GRIEVING - 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

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THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 4, 2018

Readings: Dt 6:2-6; Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28-34

MASS INTENTIONS

November 5, Monday: Weekday

Readings: Phil 2:1-4; Lk 14:12-14

6:45 AM Steve Kruse (Cathedral Parish)
8:00 AM Dorothy Mauceri, Birthday (Family)
12:00 PM Msgr. Paul Panza (Tomlinson Family)

November 6, Tuesday: Weekday

Readings: Phil 2:5-11; Lk 14:15-24

6:45 AM Joe Tomlinson (Mike and Sherry Byrne)
8:00 AM Barry and Brian Elmers (Skip Cowan)
12:00 PM M. Virginia Jones (Jacobs Family)

November 7, Wednesday: Weekday

Readings: Phil 2:12-18; Lk 14:25-33

6:45 AM Paul Weible (Cathedral Parish)
8:00 AM Dick and Martha Tragon (Bauer Family)
12:00 PM Thomas and Mary Irwin (Irwin Family)

November 8, Thursday: Weekday

Readings: Phil 3:2-8; Lk 15:1-10

6:45 AM George Dean Barry (Green, Tyler, Margl & Barry Fam.)
8:00 AM Anna Mercer (Bob Belair & Ruth Westley)
12:00 PM Bea Mannion (Larry and Elaine Burk)

November 9, Friday: Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

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

6:45 AM Poor Souls
8:00 AM Mary Kay Pufka Billman (Jim & Steph Kilcoyne)
12:00 PM Madeline Vogel (Schnaubelt Family)

November 10, Saturday: St Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor

Readings: Phil 4:10-19; Lk 16:9-15

8:00 AM Philip Petrunak, Birthday (Family)
(In Crypt Chapel)
12:00 PM David Axxin, Anniv. (Beth, Allan, and Katie)
Vigil: Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Readings: 1 Kgs 17:10-16; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44
5:00 PM Donald Godish, Anniv. (Mary Lysinger)

Note: Saturday Masses during November

The 8:00 AM Saturday morning Mass throughout the month of November will be celebrated in the **Crypt Chapel**. You may enter through the Cathedral Square door (steep steps) or through the alley entrance to the Church Hall.

Vote This Week

Tuesday, November 6th is Election Day. Exercise your right to vote!

Liturgy Committee Meeting

The Parish Liturgy Committee will meet on Tuesday, November 13, at 12:45 PM in the Seton Suite.

Religious Education - F.I.R.E.

On November 4 and 18, there will be a F.I.R.E. class from 2:00 PM until 4:00 PM. The class will be held in the Church Hall.

Baptismal Prep Class

Our next Baptismal Prep Class will be held on Monday, November 5, in the Seton Suite at 7:00 PM.

ARISE

Groups are meeting each week, for six weeks, for one hour to discuss their relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ. This session, the first of five six-week sessions, is centering on *Encountering Christ Today*. Grounded in Scripture, these groups strengthen their faith in Christ, receive strength to go out and share their faith with others, and receive strength to reach out in service to others in Jesus.

ARISE groups meet on the following days and times: Monday 9:00 AM, 2:00 PM and 6:30 PM; Tuesday 9:00 AM, 4:30 PM and 7:00 PM; Wednesday 9:00 AM and 6:00 PM; Thursday 6:00 PM; and, Saturday 10:00 AM. Please call the Parish Office to join any group this week.

Inquiry

Anyone interested in the Catholic Faith is invited each Sunday morning at 11:00 A.M. to meet in the Seton Suite. Maybe you pray regularly with us each Sunday. Perhaps your spouse is Catholic. Maybe you have some questions that need to be discussed. Perhaps you have felt a leaning toward Catholicism. At *Inquiry* no commitments are made. Know you are most welcome to join the Christian Initiation Team on Sunday mornings.

Rest in Peace

This past week Madeline Vogel died and was buried. May she know peace as she journeys to the kingdom of God. The Parish supports those who mourn with our prayers and our shared faith in the resurrection.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, October 28, 2018 - \$8,863.00

Annual Christian Mothers Collection

Christian Mothers will collect for the poor and needy of our Community the weekend of November 10th and 11th.

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

HTCS Cash Raffle

Ticket sales start on Wednesday, November 14th. They are \$2.00 per ticket. You can purchase tickets by contacting any HTCS student or call any of our schools to purchase tickets. Winning tickets will receive \$1,000, \$750 and \$500. Winners will be pulled on December 13th at the Middle School Christmas Concert.

One Stop Gift-Card Shop (scrip)

Join Holy Trinity for their first One Stop Gift Card Shop on Saturday, November 17th from 10:00 AM until Noon at the Saint Rose of Lima - Maria Parish Center (Gym). Support HTCS and watch our Performing Arts Ensemble practice while you shop for gift cards. Cookies and coffee will be available.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Terrence Eugene Smith who became a full member of the Catholic Church on Saturday, October 6, 2018. At the 5:00 PM Mass, Terry was baptized, confirmed, and received the Holy Eucharist. As a fully initiated member of the Church, Terry now joins us at Sunday Mass and daily Mass to participate fully in the life of the Church. Terry made a commitment through the summer months and into autumn to study and discuss the Catholic faith. Congratulations, Terry Smith!

Please remember our sick in your prayers.

Remembering our Dead in November

The following men and women died and were buried from the Cathedral Parish during the Year of Grace 2018. Please remember the following in prayer who are listed on our board of the deceased in the front of the Cathedral. We pray for the following: David Axinn, Dwight Dittsworth, Blondina Thornsberry, Myra Mangiacarne, Laurence Bauer, Paul Leiden, Juan Bickel, Bernadine Garcia, Bernadine Yarnell, Michael Dionis, Matthew Schraf, Deborah Barr, Clyde Kirsch, Scott Askey Sr., Steven Kruse, Joseph Wiedemer, John Bettwy, Anna Marie Jacobs, Susan Conahye, Joseph Mangiacarne, Cecelia Losardo, Debora Ferguson, Margaret Kristofco, Robert Jones, Paul Wojcik, Robert Schandelmeier, Donna Stoltenberg, Catherine Hardin, Kristina Giblock, Monica Gimo, Walter Martz, Benita Jorkasky, Carrie Kibler Detwiler, Michael Costlow, Harold Sutton Sr., David Baronner, George Strobert, William McConahy, Brandon Gearhart, Carl Saska Sr., and Madeline Vogel.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And may perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

First Reconciliation Schedule

First Reconciliation is scheduled at the Parish Advent Penance Service on Wednesday, December 19, 2018, at 6:30 PM. There will be meetings on November 7 and December 5 in the Seton Suite from 6:30 PM until 8:00 PM. All students must be accompanied by an adult. Please bring a **COPY** of your child's baptism certificate. Call Chris Laraia at 814-312-7317 if you are unable to attend.

Liturgical Reflection ...

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN FUNERALS

In planning and carrying out the funeral rites everyone should keep in mind the life of the deceased and the circumstances of death, taking also into consideration the spiritual and psychological needs of the family and friends of the deceased to express grief and their sense of loss, to accept the reality of death, and to comfort one another. The Church is present to those who mourn bringing solace and hope. Throughout the funeral rites there is to be great respect and care taken with the body of the deceased.

Order of Christian Funerals, 1998, Number 16.