

September 5, 2010

Scripture Reflection

Great crowds who were being healed and fed by Jesus were following him as he traveled. He addresses them in very sober terms about what it takes to stay with him for the whole way. He names three of the greatest stumbling blocks: attachment to family, to possessions and to life itself. None of these in themselves is wrong, but for disciples these attachments cannot take priority over attachment to Jesus.

The saying about hating one's own family members is jolting to our ears, as it was to Jesus' first followers. In Jesus' time, people did not conceive of themselves as individuals but derived their identity and their social standing from their family, clan, village and religious group. It would be unimaginable to cut oneself off from family; this would be tantamount to losing life itself.

Looking at other passages in the Gospel of Luke, we see that Jesus himself does not renounce his family. Unlike Mark (3:20-34), Luke (8:21) leaves open the possibility that Jesus' blood kin can also be disciples. In fact, Luke portrays Jesus' mother as one who faithfully hears the word of God and obeys; and in the story of Pentecost (Acts 1:14), Luke notes that Jesus' mother and siblings are among the disciples in the upper room. What Jesus asks, however, is that a disciple be willing to embrace as kin others who are not related by blood. Disciples must act as brother and sister toward those who are different, whether by physical ability or any other status marker. For some disciples, this new family will cause tension and even rupture in one's biological family.

• **When did you become a committed disciple? Or perhaps, is today's Gospel challenging me to become that committed disciple?**

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SEPTEMBER AT THE CATHEDRAL

September 5 - Tour of the Cathedral 1:00 PM.

September 6 - Labor Day Mass 9:00 AM.

September 8 - ACCS All-School Mass 10:00 AM.

September 9 - Slovak Mass 9:30 AM. Bishop Joseph Adamec, hosts this annual celebration followed by a luncheon. All are welcome to Mass.

September 11 - Blue & White Mass 5:00 PM.

September 12 - Mass of Celebration 4:00 PM.

Bishop Joseph Adamec celebrates 50 years of Priesthood and his 75th Birthday here in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome to attend. There will be **no 5:00 PM Mass.**

September 14 - Tour of the Cathedral 7:00 PM.

September 19 - Catechetical Sunday Blessing for All Cathedral Catechists at 10:00 AM Mass.

Tour of the Cathedral 1:00 PM.

Diocesan Boy Scout Awards Mass 2:00 PM.

September 21 - Ecumenical Prayer 6:30 PM celebrating *International Day of Prayer For Peace.*

September 26 - Anniversary Day Mass 2:00 PM.

Bishop Joseph Adamec and the Diocesan Family Life Office celebrate special Wedding Anniversaries with many area couples. Reception in Parish Hall.

September 28 - Tour of the Cathedral 7:00 PM.

Prayer Shawl Ministry - Cathedral Parish Prayer Shawl Ministry will gather on **Wednesday, September 15th**, in the **Seton Suite** at 6:00 PM.

Breaking Open the Word - Need some spiritual refreshment? Get together to informally discuss the Word of God on **Thursday, September 16th** at **6:00 PM** in the **Seton Suite**. This time of reflection and sharing lasts one hour.

CATHOLIC LIFE CONFERENCE 2010

September 18 - Mount Aloysius College

The theme for the conference this year is, *"Becoming Who GOD Calls You to Be - Living Out the Virtues of Our Catholic Faith"*. Bishop Joseph will be the main celebrant at the 8:00 AM opening Mass. Two of the workshops this day will address **Parish Councils**. Members of the **Cathedral Parish Council** are asked to attend these presentations. Also, Msgr. Mazur will be giving workshops on the newly revised and translated *Roman Missal*. Please call the Parish Office to register; fees will be covered by the Parish.

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

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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Most Reverend Joseph V. Adamec, Bishop

Reverend Monsignor Robert C. Mazur, Rector

Reverend John M. Gibbons, Parochial Vicar

Reverend Monsignor Roy F. Kline, Senior Priest

Deacon John E. Rys

Deacon James F. Leap, Senior Deacon

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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 5, 2010

Readings: Wis 9: 13-18; Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14: 25-33

Mass Intentions

September 6, Monday: **Labor Day**

Readings: 1 Thes 3: 6-12, 16; Mt 6: 31-34
9:00 AM For Human Rights and Equality

September 7, Tuesday: **79th Anniversary**
Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament Dedication

Readings: Is 56: 1, 6-7; Eph 2: 19-22; Lk 19: 1-10
6:45 AM Jim Conrad (Jim & Elaine Weaver)
8:00 AM Paul Koegler (Clare & Carrie Robertson)
12:00 PM Donald G. Rabine (Don & Lorraine Shuma)

September 8, Wednesday: Nativity of Blessed Virgin

Readings: Mi 5: 1-4; Mt 1: 1-16, 18-23
6:45 AM Souls in Purgatory (Judy Monahan)
8:00 AM Peggy Joyce (Cathedral Parish)
12:00 PM Dan Burns, Birthday (Family)

September 9, Thursday: Peter Claver, priest

Readings: 1 Cor 8: 1-7, 11-13; Lk 6: 27-38
6:45 AM Dick Beck (Mary Seymour)
8:00 AM Marjorie Evangelisto (Husband, Jeldo)
12:00 PM Mildred Flick (Sam & Deb Marino)

September 10, Friday: Weekday

Readings: 1 Cor 9: 16-19, 22-27; Lk 6:39-42
6:45 AM Joseph A. Keirn (Mom & Dad)
8:00 AM Joseph Merle, Jr. Birthday (Family)
12:00 PM Jane Horne (Monica Pinkey)

September 11, Saturday: Weekday

Readings: 1 Cor 10: 14-22; Lk 6: 43-49
8:00 AM Joseph Moran (Vinny Johnson)
12:00 PM Msgr. George Flinn (Flinn Family)
Vigil: Twenty-Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time
Readings: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15: 1-32
5:00 PM Civic & Medical Personnel/Blue & White Mass

Mass Schedule Notice - There will be **NO 5:00 PM Mass on Sunday, September 12th**. Bishop Joseph Adamec will be celebrating **Mass at 4:00 PM** on that day commemorating his fiftieth anniversary of priesthood ordination and his seventy-fifth birthday. All are invited to attend this special Mass. This Liturgy will fulfill the Sunday obligation.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND EQUALITY

This Monday, September 6, is a special day of prayer in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown. It is a Day of Prayer for **Human Rights and Equality**. As people seek labor with just wages, and as all God's people strive to celebrate equality in the eyes of the Creator, we take time to pray that basic human rights will be protected and that equality will exist among God's people. Please join the Local Church in praying the following prayer:



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God our Father, give all people work that enhances their human dignity. Draw your people closer to each other in the service of their brothers and sisters. Rescue those unjustly deprived of liberty and restore them to that equality you wish for all your sons and daughters. Help us in any way to build up your Kingdom of justice and right within our midst. We pray this in the name of Jesus, who is Master and Lord of our lives, for ever and ever. Amen.

INQUIRY - The Catholic Church is a marvelous and beautiful treasure. Have you thought about joining the Church? Is your spiritual journey leading you to ask about the Catholic Church and her teachings? *Inquiry Sessions* will begin **Sunday, September 19th**. Plan to join the Christian Initiation Team on Sunday mornings following the 10:00 AM Mass at **11:00 AM in the Seton Suite**.

Tour of Cathedral Today!

Our annual September tours begin today in anticipation of the celebration of our Anniversary of the Dedication of our Cathedral this Tuesday. This is a Solemnity (three readings, Glory to God, and Creed) in the Cathedral Church.

ALTOONA CENTRAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

No School - Monday, September 6th - Labor Day
Back to School Liturgy - Wednesday, September 8th at 10:00 AM in the Cathedral.
School Dance for 6th, 7th and 8th grade on Friday, September 10th from 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM.
Family and School Association Meeting - Thursday, September 16th at 7:00 PM in San Damiano Hall, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel basement.

BLUE AND WHITE MASS

Next Saturday, **September 11**, Bishop Joseph will celebrate the **Blue and White Mass** at the 5:00 PM Saturday Vigil Mass here in the Cathedral. This Mass is scheduled on the anniversary of September 11, 2001. This Liturgy honors the work of all public safety personnel -- police and fire departments, elected officials, and also EMS professionals, nurses and doctors, who watch over, protect and care for us. All are invited to participate in this special Mass.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION
Sunday, August 29, 2010 - \$7,767.50

Major Parish Project

The parish needs to remove and replace the steps coming up to the Cathedral from Thirteenth Street and the side steps onto the alley. The concrete is completely deteriorated in many areas. All new heating pads need to be installed because many have broken. The estimated cost of this project is **\$55,000.00**. The Parish has received and is promised \$35,000.00 (this includes this year's Annual Catholic Appeal and two private gifts). The remaining balance is **\$20,000.00** in order to complete this needed project. Beginning on September 18th and 19th, we will begin a second collection to meet the projected expenses. Work is scheduled to begin at the end of September and be completed by the end of October. Thank you to Steve McCloskey and Tim Bettwy for sharing their time, talent, and treasure.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
September 13, 7:00 PM, St. John Room.

Please remember our sick in your prayers.

Roman
Missal

Liturgical Reflection ...

Preparations for the newly revised and translated *Roman Missal* are underway. What is the *Roman Missal*? This is the official book of the Catholic Church from which the priest prays the various prayers for Mass. New English translations will accompany the rite already familiar to us. The acclamations will be newly translated which will include the dialogues, Glory to God, Creed, Holy, Holy, Memorial Acclamation, and the like. English speaking Catholics await the newly translated *Roman Missal*.

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CATHEDRAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Sunday, September 12 - Pre-K through Grade 8
Classes begin in the Cathedral School Building, 11:15 AM - 12:30 PM.

Sunday, September 19 - Pre-K through Grade 8, 11:15 AM - 12:30 PM in the School Building.
F.I.R.E. - Our High School Religious Education program begins on Sunday evening, September 19, at 6:15 PM in the Seton Suite. Two sessions are scheduled each month.

SACRAMENT PREPARATION
Confirmation - All 11th Grade Cathedral Parish Students in BGCHS and F.I.R.E. will have their First Session of Preparation for the reception of Confirmation this Easter Season on **Sunday, September 26 at 7:15 PM** in the Seton Suite. A Parent or Confirmation Sponsor must accompany each candidate.

MUSIC MINISTRY NOTES
The **Cathedral Choir** is currently seeking new members. Previous singing experience is a plus, but not necessary. The Cathedral Choir rehearses weekly on Thursday evenings from 7:00-9:00 PM, and typically sings for the 10:00 AM Mass on Sundays, as well as Diocesan liturgies throughout the year. The **Cathedral Youth Choir** is also recruiting new members. All area youth in grades 2-9 are welcome to join. The Cathedral Youth Choir rehearses in the Music Room on Thursday afternoons from 3:30-4:30 PM and sings roughly once a month for Sunday Mass. The first Youth Choir rehearsal is scheduled for **Thursday, September 16, from 3:30-4:30 PM**. Interested persons should contact Nicholas Will at 944-2044 or nwill@dioceseaj.org. Now is an excellent time to join one of these groups!