

JUNE 7, 2015

Scripture Reflection

Today we celebrate Christ's ongoing presence in the mystery of the Eucharist. Mark's Gospel account emphasizes that communion with Jesus includes sharing in his cup of self-sacrifice. God's various covenants with humanity and the sacrifices and unions inherent in those covenants are the subjects of today's readings. God has a history of reaching out to human beings and offering covenants that create blessings, commitments, and bonds. Be it with Noah, Abraham, Moses, David, or through Jesus, God has initiated covenants.

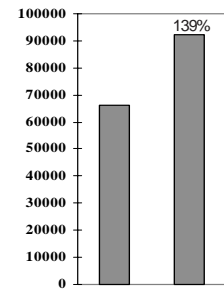
The primary sacrificial context for the Last Supper comes from the Passover feast in which the meal is situated, but the offering of Jesus' body and blood on behalf of the "many"--that is, for all people--takes on and reinterprets much more of the sacrificial imagery of the Old Testament. The bread that he broke is a sign of his body, which he will offer in death, the true bread of the presence. The "blood of the covenant" shares in the imagery of the ceremony in Exodus in which Moses sprinkled blood on the people of Israel as a sign of their obedience to the covenant.

It was not just those who sat at the table with Jesus and ate bread and drank wine with him who are able to share in the atoning power of Jesus' sacrifice; Jesus opened the way for all to share in the eternal inheritance. The Eucharist gives us the ability to share in the power of Christ's atoning death now, and also prepares us for our eternal inheritance to share in the Messianic banquet. Only the true bread of heaven, the perfect high priest, could offer himself once for all and so pave the way for our entry into the Temple made not with hands. So walk with joy toward the Temple prepared for us for eternity, as you are about to share in a foretaste of the unending banquet.

• **Our Parish is under the title of the Blessed Sacrament, how does the great Sacrament of the Eucharist ground your faith? How does the Body and Blood of Christ connect to your every day life?**

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ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2015



Every registered family is asked to participate in the 2015 Annual Catholic Appeal. A gift of any amount will be appreciated. This year the Cathedral Parish goal was set at **\$66,350.00**. We have raised **\$92,540.00** and with

only 353 of our 958 families participating, our cash exceeds goal, so all funds received now will be returned to the Parish to help with our **special Parish Project** of replacing the steps in the front of the Cathedral going down to the alley and the adjoining steps going down the front (alley side) of the Cathedral.

All monies collected for this Annual Appeal go directly to help support the dozens of ministries sponsored by the Diocese. Your participation is vital to the success of ACA 2015.

A second letter was mailed to those who have not yet participated. You may return your gift directly to the Development Office by mail; return it to the Parish Office; or drop it in the Sunday collection. Thank you for your participation in this year's Annual Catholic Appeal.

FAITH DAY AT DELGROSSO'S 2015

Come! Join Catholics from across the Diocese to celebrate our faith and enjoy a day of rides and slides!! Or just come and enjoy America's best amusement park food!! **SUNDAY, JUNE 28 - DelGrosso's Amusement Park in Tipton, PA.**

Highlights of the day include: a collection of nonperishable food items or a free-will offering for Catholic Charities in our Diocese; Liturgy at 3:00 PM with Bishop Mark; a Picnic in the Diocesan Pavilion, #2 at 5:00 PM; and over 30 different park rides, games, Tipton Rapids Waterslides and Tipton Waterworks. At the **Parish Office** you may obtain; (1) **Diocesan Faith Day Vouchers** which when presented at the park will allow you to purchase **All-Day Ride & Slide Passes** for a reduced price of \$12 (a \$19.95 value)! Additionally, \$3 for each pass sold will be donated to the Angel Fund for Camp Zaccheaus and Camp Timothy; (2) **Tickets** for the **Picnic after Mass**; Adults \$8.25, Children \$7.25. For more information, contact Francine Swope the in the Diocesan Youth Ministry Office at 317-2646 or on the web www.dioceseaj.org.

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.

WEB: WWW.ALTOONACATHEDRAL.ORG

FAX: 814-942-4337

E-MAIL: ALTCATHEDRAL@DIOCESEAJ.ORG

EUCCHARIST:

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

SERVING THE PEOPLE OF GOD IN THE CITY OF ALTOONA SINCE 1851

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 Michael A. Anna

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 GULFOYLE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Web: www.bishopguilfoyle.org - 944-4014

DIRECTORS OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Chris Laraia - Pre-K thru 8 - 946-3475

Jean Koury - 9 thru 12 - 949-2777

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

**THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST
(CORPUS CHRISTI)**

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Readings: Ex 24:3-8; Heb 9:11-15; Mk14:12-16, 22-26

MASS INTENTIONS

June 8, Monday: Weekday

Readings: 2 Cor 1:1-7; Mt 5:1-12

6:45 AM No Mass
8:00 AM Henriette Thibault (Mary Louise Ball)
12:00 PM Mildred Flick (Daughters)

June 9, Tuesday: Saint Ephren, Deacon, Doctor

Readings: 2 Cor 1:18-22; Mt 5:13-16

6:45 AM Deacon John Rys (Forr Family)
8:00 AM No Mass
12:00 PM Helen O'Leary (Paul, Pat, Tim, Mary O'Leary)

June 10, Wednesday: Weekday

Readings: 2 Cor 3:4-11; Mt 5:17-19

6:45 AM No Mass
8:00 AM Lena Palma (Joe Wiedemer)
12:00 PM Bishop Richard Guilfoyle, Anniv. (Cathedral)

June 11, Thursday: Saint Barnabas, Apostle

Readings: Acts 11:21-26; 13:1-3; Mt 5:20-26

6:45 AM Pete Moran (Irene Wood Family)
8:00 AM No Mass
12:00 PM Robert Smithmyer (Bob and Jane Lynn)

June 12, Friday: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Readings: Hos 11:1,3-4,8-9; Eph 3:8-12; 14-19; Jn 19:31-37

6:45 AM Nozzie, Jennie, Sandy Calabrese (Family)
8:00 AM Sam Coen (Jan and Doug Stoehr)
12:00 PM Deceased Members of McGreal Family

June 13, Saturday: Saint Anthony of Padua, Priest, Doc.

Readings: 2 Cor 5:14-21; Mt 5:33-37

8:00 AM Eleanor Bettwy (Son, Tim)
12:00 PM Ernie Tomassetti (M/M Ron Sheehan)
Vigil: Eleventh Sunday In Ordinary Time
Readings: Ez 17:22-24; 2 Cor 5:6-10; Mk 4:26-34
5:00 PM Brian McCaulley, Birth (Wife and Sons)

Note Daily Mass Schedule

For the next two weeks your priests will be on their annual retreats, Monday through Thursday. Note there will be only two Masses scheduled on these days each week. Please pray for your clergy as they will be remembering you during this week of reflection and prayer.

Rest In Peace - Please remember in prayer Danyll Rougeux, daughter of Regis and Cathy, who died and was buried this past week. May she rest in the peace of Christ. May her family be comforted in the faith.

PARISH FEAST DAY - SUNDAY, JUNE 7

The **Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ** has particular significance in the Diocese and the Parish as our Cathedral is under the title of the Blessed Sacrament. **Bishop Mark Bartchak** will be Principal Celebrant at our **10:00 AM Mass**. Following Mass there will be a **Parish Social** on the portico. Parishioners are encouraged to participate in this Mass and to share in the hospitality that follows. This is our parish feast day and the Most Blessed Sacrament will be in exposition all afternoon, following the Noon Mass and preceding the 5:00 PM Mass. There will be prayer and devotions at **1:00 PM, 2:00 PM, 3:00 PM, and 4:00 PM**. All are invited to participate in this prayer on our annual Eucharistic Day. Eucharistic devotions will be offered throughout the afternoon as follows:
1:00 PM: Scripture/Chaplet of Divine Mercy
2:00 PM: Scripture/Rosary (Mysteries of Light)
3:00 PM: Scripture/Litany of the Holy Eucharist
4:00 PM: Scripture/Rosary (Glorious Mysteries)
All parishioners are encouraged to be present in the Cathedral sometime during the afternoon.

Ashton Truby Doubly Recognized

Our parishioner, Ashton Truby, was recognized in Blair County's *20-Under-20* as an outstanding young citizen who gives generously to the community. Ashton has been extremely generous with her time and talent here at her Parish. She also was the recipient of Catholic Charities' *Matthew 25 Youth Humanitarian Award*. Ashton was recognized as a young woman who gives generously in the name of the Lord Jesus. Cathedral Parish is proud of her accomplishments. Ashton has been the youth representative on Parish Council over the past years. We will miss her as she prepares to attend Saint Vincent College in Latrobe.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Prince Gallitzin #2625 will meet on Monday, June 8th at 6:30 PM for a social followed by a 7:00 PM meeting in the St. Rose of Lima Social Hall. New members welcome!

Charismatic Prayer Group

The Charismatic Prayer Group will meet this Monday, June 8 at 7:00 PM in the Cathedral. Jimmy Roland will be giving a witness talk. Come and hear a heartfelt and powerful talk! All are welcome

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, May 31, 2015 - \$9,033.00

Save the Date - Monday, June 22 - 6:00 PM

Parish Council Social/Barbeque on the Loggia.

Confirmation Congratulations

Last Saturday evening at the Vigil Mass for the feast of The Most Holy Trinity, May 30, Heather Talley received the Sacrament of Confirmation. With Bishop's permission, Msgr. Mazur confirmed Heather with the name Catherine of Siena. Congratulations as a fully initiated member of the Church!

ANNUAL CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

All men (high school age and older) are encouraged to attend the annual Catholic Men's Fellowship Conference at St. Francis University, Loretto on **Saturday, June 13, 2015**. For 18 years, this day has provided a wonderful way to deepen the faith and fellowship with the men of our diocese. It's truly a great day full of energy and renewal! Presentations by national speakers; opportunity for Sacrament of Penance; closing Mass with Bishop Mark. Call 814-248-1466 or Jeff Philibin, 814-525-1818 to register. Information and online registration - www.thecatholiccall.org.

FORTNIGHT FOR FREEDOM

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops will once again sponsor a **Fortnight for Freedom** from June 21 to July 4. The theme this year is "**Freedom to Bear Witness**" to the truth of the Gospel. In observance of this fortnight, Bishop Mark Bartchak will preside at a **Holy Hour on Thursday, June 25, at 7:00 PM** in the Cathedral. The Holy Hour will include Evening Prayer, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, a Homily from the Bishop, and Benediction. Plan to join in our unified prayer for the preservation of religious liberty.

Liturgical Reflection ...

**General
Instruction
of the
Roman Missal**

The Eucharistic Prayer is the center and high point of the Mass. This is a prayer of thanksgiving and sanctification. With the *institution narrative* and *Consecration* of the Mass, by means of the words and actions of Christ, the Holy Sacrifice is effected which Christ himself instituted at the Last Supper, when he offered his Body and Blood under the species of bread and wine, and gave them to the Apostles to eat and drink. The Apostles received the command to perpetuate this same mystery until the Lord returns in glory. Today we celebrate the gift of the Blessed Sacrament to the Church.

General Instruction of the Roman Missal, Numbers 78 and 79d.

2015, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 South Logan Boulevard, Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania 16648.

Annual Vacation Bible School

Camp Discovery is being held **June 15-19**, from 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM in Cathedral Hall, for children ages 3 - 10. May our children grow in their love of Jesus. There is no charge for Vacation Bible School but monetary donations to purchase shirts and snacks are appreciated.

Baptismal Preparation

Monday, June 15, rescheduled from June 8 in the Seton Suite at **7:00 PM**. Attendance at Baptismal Prep is required before a baptism is scheduled at Cathedral Parish and class is offered every other month. You do not have to wait until your baby arrives to come to class. Godparents are encouraged to attend as well. Call the Parish Office at 944-4603 to register. Next scheduled class, Monday, August 3.

Outdoor Masses

Father Matthew Reese, Diocesan Director of Vocations, celebrates Mass on Sunday evenings at 7:00 PM at the Our Lady of the Alleghenies Shrine in Loretto. Mass intentions are for an increase in vocations in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown. Liturgy will be celebrated every Sunday evening through Labor Day weekend. Bring your own lawn chair. In the event of rain, Mass will be celebrated inside the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel.

Bishop Mark Receives Honorary Doctorate

Saint Vincent Seminary in Latrobe presented Bishop Mark with an honorary doctorate degree during the seminary's commencement on May 8. Bishop serves on the Board of Regents at the seminary. Bishop Mark delivered the commencement address, titled "The Role of the Laity in the New Evangelization." Congratulations, Bishop!