

MAY 31, 2015

Scripture Reflection

On this solemnity, the Church contemplates the very nature of God, and the readings show us that all human knowledge of God comes from God's action for and among us. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are the Three Persons of the Holy Trinity whom we know to be our one God. As we celebrate this revelation of God's very being, we ponder the mystery that is beyond us and yet in our very hearts because God has spoken his Word about himself to us.

It is through the revelation of God as Trinity, the divine family, that all other families of the earth would be invited into the covenant family. For the reality of the Trinity did not emerge for the earliest Christians in the context of complex philosophical discussions but in the experience of God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. As Pope Benedict XVI stated in 2006, "The intimacy of God himself, discovering that he is not infinite solitude but communion of light and love, life given and received in an eternal dialogue between the Father and the Son in the Holy Spirit---lover, beloved and love," revealed the relational nature of God through the guidance of the Holy Spirit and by the incarnation of Jesus Christ.

It was by means of the revelation of God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit that the early Christians came to know themselves as children of God, adopted into the family and covenant of God. We are welcomed into God's family as joint heirs because of the love of the Trinity for us. The Trinity models the nature of the family by allowing us to experience the source of all love. It is because of the Trinitarian model of love for us and our experience of that love that Jesus instructs us to go out and make the family bigger. We belong in the family of God, but so do those who have not yet come home.

• Do you relate to one Person of the Trinity more than the other two? If so, why?

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ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2015

Category	Amount
Goal	\$66,350.00
Actual Raised	\$92,400.00 (139% of goal)

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 **\$92,400.00** and with only 350 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
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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 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: ALT.CATHEDRAL@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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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 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 GULFOYLE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Web: www.bishopgulfoyle.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

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

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

MAY 31, 2015

Readings: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40; Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20

MASS INTENTIONS

June 1, Monday: Saint Justin, Martyr

Readings: Tb 1:3; 2:1-8; Mk 12:1-12

6:45 AM Tom Pozycycki (Andy and David Lidwell)
8:00 AM Mike Smith, Anniversary (Tracie Bossler)
12:00 PM Dick Huber (Cappy Caporuscio)

June 2, Tuesday: Saints Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs

Readings: Tb 2:9-14; Mk 12:13-17

6:45 AM Patty Hmel (Barbara and Mike Chisko)
8:00 AM Leroy and Irmina Helfrich (Estate)
12:00 PM Eileen Lytle (Bonnie Johnson)

June 3, Wednesday: Saint Charles Lwanga and Comp.

Readings: Tb 3:1-11, 16-17; Mk 12:18-27

6:45 AM Joseph A. Keirn (Mom and Dad)
8:00 AM Pat Rabine (Rita Adams and Family)
12:00 PM John Slovikovski, Sr., 80th Birthday (Son)

June 4, Thursday: Weekday

Readings: Tb 6:10-11, 7:1bcde,9-17;1:4-9;Mk 12:28-34

6:45 AM Deceased Sisters of IHM
8:00 AM Hollis and Rachel Garner (Nancy & Skip)
12:00 PM Rose Grillo Skupien (Coen Family)

June 5, Friday: Saint Boniface, Bishop, Martyr

Readings: Tb 11:5-17; Mk 12:35-37

6:45 AM Monsignor Thomas Madden (Estate)
8:00 AM Deacon John Rys, Wed. Ann. (Wife, Linda)
12:00 PM Lisa A. Belsey Pufka, Birth/Ann. (J. & M. Belsey)

June 6, Saturday: Saint Norbert, Bishop

Readings: Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20; Mk 12:38-44

8:00 AM Living Christian Mothers (Cathedral C.M.)
12:00 PM Margaret McConnell (Joe & Patty Pufka)
Vigil: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
Readings: Ex 24:3-8; Heb 9:11-15; Mk 14:12-16,22-26
5:00 PM Joshua Kunkle (Millward Grandparents/Fam.)

Please remember our sick in your prayers.

First Friday Communion Calls This Week

Our clergy visit the sick and home-bound of the parish each month. Call the Parish Office at 944-4603 to arrange a visit for yourself or a loved one. Please also call, or have a family member call, if you are admitted to the hospital so that Father can visit as soon as possible. The hospital does not provide us with the names and room numbers of Cathedral parishioners.

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.

Baptism Congratulations!

Michael Arthur Gority was baptized and welcomed into our Cathedral Parish Family on Sunday, May 24, at the Noon Mass. Congratulations to parents, Michael and Dana ‘Shaffer’ Gority, along with sisters, Anna Marie and Mckayla Margaret, Godparents, Grandparents, other relatives and friends. Michael will grow in his Christian identity to the degree that family and friends model the faith.

Next Session of 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 class, Monday, August 3.

Charismatic Prayer Group

The Charismatic Prayer Group will meet this **Monday, June 1** at **7:00 PM** in the Cathedral for a **Healing Mass**. Father Bill Kiel, from the Diocese of Greensburg, will be the main celebrant. All are welcome, especially those in need of physical, emotional, or spiritual healing, and those who support and care for them as well. Music for the Mass will be led by the Cathedral Charismatic Prayer Group Music Ministry. For more information, please call Tony and Sue Conrad (814) 941-3832.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

A Bereavement Support Group meets on the first Wednesday of every month at Catholic Charities, next to the Cathedral, from **6:00 PM - 7:00 PM**. Call 944-9388, ext. 205 to register for the **June 3rd** session.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, May 24, 2015 - \$7,857.00

Easter Collection 2015 - \$24,579.00

Easter Collection 2014 - \$18,830.00

Easter Flower Memorials 2015 - \$3,174.00

Easter Flower Memorials 2014 - \$2,889.00

Save the Date - Monday, June 22 - 6:00 PM
Parish Council Social/Barbeque on the Loggia.

Nocturnal Adoration

The monthly Vigil of Prayer scheduled by the Nocturnal Adoration Society for **Friday, June 5**, will be held at Mount Carmel Parish, Altoona from 8:00 PM until 11:00 PM. Cathedral hour is 10:00 PM - 11:00 PM. New members are always welcome.

SISTERS OF THE SACRED HEART - TRIDUUM

Tuesday, June 9th - Thursday, June 11th

All are invited for Holy Mass at 7:00 AM, doors are open at chapel for Adoration of Blessed Sacrament at Cresson Convent all day (white house beside John Paul II Manor at 866 Cambria Street), Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3:00 PM, 6:30 PM Rosary, 7:00 PM Sacred Heart Devotion with Benediction.

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.

Liturgical Reflection ...

General Instruction of the Roman Missal

By an ancient tradition of the Church, the *Collect* or Opening Prayer is usually addressed to God the Father, through Christ, in the Holy Spirit, and is usually concluded with a Trinitarian ending, in the following manner: when the prayer is directed to the Father, “Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever”; when the prayer is directed to the Father, but the Son is mentioned at the end, “Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever”; when directed to the Son, “Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.” The people make this prayer their own by means of the acclamation *Amen*.
The General Instruction of the Roman Missal, Number 54.

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

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.

Annual Vacation Bible School

Camp Discovery is being held June 15-19, 2015 in Cathedral Hall. May our children grow in their love of Jesus. Ask God to provide leaders and helpers for this important mission. There is no charge for Vacation Bible School but monetary donations to purchase shirts and snacks are appreciated.

Did Your Remember to bring a non-perishable food item or paper product for the needy?