

MAY 24, 2015

Scripture Reflection

On Pentecost, the disciples of Jesus were all together in a house when the Holy Spirit blew in with a charismatic plan of action that one suspects was not previously on their minds. The ensuing commotion was so loud and raucous that a crowd gathered outside, and some of the crowd suggested that perhaps the disciples of Jesus had been drinking that morning (Acts 2:13). It was not alcohol that fueled them, though, but the Holy Spirit showing them in deed some of the truths about what it meant to be the church.

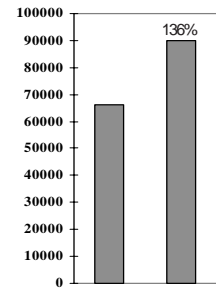
First, the disciples "were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability." These languages, heard by others in their own native tongues, were a clear sign that the church was not simply a phenomenon meant for a small corner of the world, but for all people. The church's mission was to be universal. Second, the Holy Spirit drew an "amazed and astonished" crowd. Some of them sneered at the disciples, but the majority were attracted to this strange witness of God. The crowds were open to the truth because they had witnessed the power of the Holy Spirit in their midst and the joy of the disciples.

But while the truth always shakes up the world, the Holy Spirit does not always come like a violent wind. The charism of tongues and the presence of large crowds clamoring to find out what is going on are not essential to the work of the Holy Spirit; the Holy Spirit can come quietly, gently, like a light breeze.

Some gifts are so subtle that they go unnoticed by the crowd. The Holy Spirit has so infused the lives of some Christians that their kind words, their loving service, their moral support and their listening ear change lives in the quietest of ways. Apart from the din of crowds, their gifts emanate gently to all who encounter them. A kind word can be "the utterance of knowledge," a shoulder to cry on "the utterance of wisdom," and "all these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses."

• **How is the Holy Spirit acting in your life? Name some movements of the Spirit acting in you.**

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 **\$90,025.00** and with

only 342 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.

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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 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

PENTECOST SUNDAY

MAY 24, 2015

Readings: Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3-7,12-13; Jn 20:19-23

MASS INTENTIONS

May 25, Monday: Memorial Day "For Peace and Justice"

Readings: Phil 4:6-9; Mt 5:38-48

9:00 AM Dick Huber (Robert Wiedemer)

May 26, Tuesday: Saint Philip, Neri, Priest

Readings: Sir 35:1-12; Mk 10:28-31

6:45 AM Jennie Calabrese (Tom and Patricia Forr)

8:00 AM Kimberly Kokolis Moran (Peggy McLucas)

12:00 PM Robert Smithmyer (Bob and Kathy Ford)

May 27, Wednesday: Mary, Mother of the Church

Readings: Acts 1:12-14; Jn 2:1-11

6:45 AM Mary Ellen New (Tom Michaels Family)

8:00 AM Deacon John Rys (Isenberg Family)

12:00 PM Nathan Boslet (Bryan and Eileen Starr)

May 28, Thursday: Weekday

Readings: Sir 42:15-25; Mk 10:46-52

6:45 AM Leona Stevens (Residents, Summit Manor)

8:00 AM Sam Coen (Toots Rhoa)

12:00 PM Paul & Josephine Nagle, Wed. Ann. (Ingolds)

May 29, Friday: Weekday

Readings: Sir 44:1,9-13; Mk 11:11-26

6:45 AM Joseph and Bertha Williams (Wayne & Virginia)

8:00 AM Vi Franchio (Karen and Bob Fiore)

12:00 PM Francis Lytle (Joe and Judi Nocito)

May 30, Saturday: Weekday

Readings: Sir 51:12-20; Mk 11:27-33

8:00 AM Benedict Kedzuff (Wife, Maureen)

12:00 PM Rob Beiswenger (Dave and Agnes Kirsch)

Vigil: The Most Holy Trinity

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

5:00 PM Nicholas Hockenberry, Birthday Inten. (Family)

Charismatic Prayer Group

The Charismatic Prayer Group will not meet this Monday, May 25, but will meet again on **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 (814) 941-3832.

THE END OF EASTER SEASON

February 18 was Ash Wednesday. The forty days of Lent, the Three Days of Christ's death and Resurrection (April 5 was Easter Sunday), and the fifty days of Easter conclude with today's celebration of Pentecost. The Sacraments have been celebrated with great joy these fifty days of Easter time - those who received the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil, our children who received their First Holy Communion, those who were anointed in the communal Anointing of the Sick, our high school students who received Confirmation, and our infants who were baptized on the Sundays of Easter. We witnessed two Marriages. And a permanent deacon was ordained for the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown here in the Cathedral. All seven sacraments have been celebrated these Easter days! We are grateful for all the blessings we have received these days of grace.

Custom of Visiting the Cemetery

This Monday is Memorial Day when our country remembers all those who died serving our nation along with all our deceased veterans. This is a day when all are encouraged to make a visit to the cemetery to pray for our dead. As we pray at the grave, we are reminded that death is not the end and new life is promised to all who have been claimed for Jesus Christ.

Wednesday, May 27 - Feast Day in Our Diocese

This is the feast of Mary, Mother of the Church, principal patroness of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, on this day in 1901, Pope Leo XIII established our Diocese. Plan to attend Mass. It is our 114th anniversary.

Next Session of Baptismal Preparation

Monday, June 15, in the Seton Suite at **7:00 PM**. Attendance at Baptismal Prep is required before a baptism is scheduled at Cathedral and class is offered every other month. Call 944-4603 to register.

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.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, May 17, 2015 - \$9,166.00

Ascension Thursday - \$2,183.00

Nepal Earthquake - \$3,821.26

Easter Collection and **Easter Flower Memorial** totals will be reported in next week's bulletin.

Please Note: Cathedral Parish Office will be closed for normal business on Monday, May 25, Memorial Day.

Challenges For The Parish

Last week the Department of Code Enforcement of the City of Altoona officially condemned the former school building. Bricks are falling off the structure. The former convent building is close to follow. As was stated earlier in the bulletin, the Parish Finance Council and the Parish Pastoral Council looked into renovating either structure. Having contacted an engineer, the lower cost was \$1.7 million for each building to be renovated and meet code requirements. Both the former school and convent buildings are slated to be razed. We are presently seeking bids on this project. The future use of the property is for much needed parking.

The Parish is in need of space for religious education, sacramental formation, and parish offices. The former Kopp Building (next to the rectory) has been presented to the Cathedral Parish for sale. In light of our needs, both the Finance Council and Parish Council have unanimously supported proceeding with this purchase. The final papers are presently being drawn together for the sale of this property. This is a former warehouse and there is an immediate need to make classrooms for religious education. Religious Education classes have been taking place in the hall for the past year and a half. This is an historic time for the Cathedral Parish as we plan for the future. Each of us will be called upon to be stewards of our time, talent, and treasure.

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.

Sisters of the Sacred Heart

Semi-Private Retreat Opportunity for Girls

When: June 9th - June 12th during the Sacred Heart Triduum and Feast Day. **Where:** Sacred Heart Convent, 1872 Munster Road, Portage, PA. **For Whom:** any young ladies considering religious life. **Interested:** please contact Mother Jacinta Miryam at (814) 505-2290 or email her at sisterjacinta@gmail.com.

Please remember our sick in your prayers.

General Instruction of the Roman Missal

Liturgical Reflection ...

Fifty days have passed since the celebration of Easter Sunday. Today the Church assigns a *Sequence* to be sung following the second reading. Every Sunday at Mass the Creed is prayed by all gathered in the assembly. The purpose of the Creed or Profession of Faith is that the whole gathered people may respond to the Word of God proclaimed in the readings taken from sacred Scripture and explained in the Homily. Also, the Creed allows believers to honor and confess the great mysteries of the faith. Today the Church particularly confesses belief in the Holy Spirit, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified. It is in the Spirit that the Church gives praise for these fifty days of Easter joy! The General Instruction of the Roman Missal, Numbers 67 and 68.

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