

**MAY 10, 2015**

*Scripture Reflection*

One phrase ties together today's readings, "Remain in my love." In both the Old and New Testaments, God's love is shown to be eternally offered and eternally present. Today's readings invite us to enter, participate, and dwell in that love. As the embodiment of divine love, Jesus speaks of a chain of everlasting love: the Father loves the Son and in the same manner the Son loves us. Thus, we should continue the chain by loving one another. It is a condition or state of love which produces joy and obedience to God's commandments.

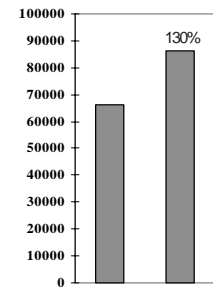
In the First Reading from Acts, Peter speaks about how the love of God is manifest: the Holy Spirit comes to whoever listens to the Word of God, and is confirmed in those whose faith in the name of the Lord Jesus leads them to Baptism. There is an inherent wildness in the Holy Spirit, a sort of untameability or unmanageableness, and the work of the Holy Spirit can challenge old ways of thinking and acting. It certainly challenged the early church, as we see in the extended encounter between Peter and Cornelius in the Acts of the Apostles.

In the Gospel, Christ directs us to love one another in the same way that he has loved us. The ultimate sign of that love is that he laid down his life for his friends, including us. Jesus' relationship with the Father has been shared with us, and thus our bond with him has changed from that of slaves to that of friends. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you"---this love of God and neighbor, the same as it ever was and made completely new in the Holy Spirit.

• **What is your experience of the untamed and unpredictable Holy Spirit in your life? Have you found unexpected joy by remaining in God's love?**

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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 **\$86,345.00** and with

only 306 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 last week 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](http://www.dioceseaj.org).

**THE CHURCH OF ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN**  
**THE CATHEDRAL**  
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**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.

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**FAX: 814-942-4337**

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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
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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](http://www.altoonacentralcatholic.com)

Elementary - Pre-K thru Grade 5 - 381-7011

**BISHOP GULFOYLE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL**

Web: [www.bishopgulfoyle.org](http://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](mailto:kluke@dioceseaj.org)

Administrative Duties and Organist - 944-2044

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## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 10, 2015

Readings: Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48; 1Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17

### MASS INTENTIONS

May 11, Monday: Easter Weekday

Readings: Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26--16:4

6:45 AM Herman and Marie Ceresa (Family)  
8:00 AM Carol Taylor (Sylvia Conrad)  
12:00 PM Eileen Lytle (Joe and Judi Nocito)

May 12, Tuesday: Saints Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs

Readings: Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11

6:45 AM Nozzie, Jennie, Sandy Calabrese (Family)  
8:00 AM Henriette M. Thibault (Colleen Krug)  
12:00 PM Barbara Rhule (Michael and Suzan Kuny)

May 13, Wednesday: Our Lady of Fatima

Readings: Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mk 16:15-20

6:45 AM Richard Drass (Barbara and Mike Chisko)  
8:00 AM Trudy Eicher (Betsy Cote)  
12:00 PM Marjorie Flanagan (Patty and Bear McCloskey)

**Vigil of Ascension (Holy Day of Obligation)**

5:30 PM Sam Coen (Anna Marie Jacobs)

May 14, Thursday: **The Ascension of the Lord**

Readings: Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mk 16:15-20

8:00 AM Deacon John Rys (Pete and Carol Rodgers)  
12:00 PM People of God  
5:30 PM Dick Huber (Irene Wood Family)

May 15, Friday: Saint Isidore

Readings: Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23

6:45 AM Jessica Englebrecht, Ann. (Patty Emigh & Son)  
8:00 AM Kimberly Kokolis Moran, Wed, Ann. (Family)  
12:00 PM John Vogel, Wedding Ann. (Wife, Madelinel)

May 16, Saturday: Easter Weekday

Readings: Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23-28

8:00 AM Bill Brolley (McNelis All-Stars)  
12:00 PM Pat Rabine (Valery Kahley)  
Vigil: Seventh Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 1:15-17; 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 17:11-19

5:00 PM Lottie Gajewski (Patricia Grove)

**Please remember our sick in your prayers.**

**Charismatic Prayer Group** - The Charismatic Prayer Group will meet this Monday, May 11th at 7:00 PM in the Cathedral. Father Christopher Panagolpos, TOR, will be giving an evangelistic talk entitled. "Saint Francis Today - Go and Rebuild My House". All are welcome! Come and be blessed!!

### Liturgical Reflection ...

# HOLY DAY

This Thursday, May 14, is the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. It is a holy day of obligation in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown. Forty days have passed since the glorious resurrection of the crucified Lord from the dead. On this day the Church remembers the return of the Son of God to the Father's right hand. When all things are made new and Christ comes in all his glory, all will be united in the kingdom of God. Please check the Mass schedule for this Thursday's holy day.

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### MOTHER'S DAY

God bless all our mothers, living and dead. The following prayer is offered for all who wish to remember our mothers. Thank you to all who have given us life and shared your love with us.

*Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so You watch over your Church. Bless these women that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen*

**Parish Liturgy Committee Meeting** - Tuesday, May 12 at 12:45 PM in the Seton Suite.

### Basket Bingo Committee

Meeting on **Thursday, May 14 at 7:00 PM** in the Seton Suite. Review of this year's Longaberger Basket and Vera Bradley Bingo, and planning ahead for next year's bingo.

**Ma y Crowning Within Evening Prayer Sunday, May 17, at 6:30 PM.**

As is our custom, all First Communicants are asked to be present wearing their Communion Day clothing as they will be in the opening procession at May Crowning. All who received Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil, families who have had children baptized and all of our parishioners who have been confirmed are also encouraged to attend this parish celebration with their families and friends. Everyone in the assembly is invited to bring a fresh flower to present to the Blessed Mother during this Evening Prayer which will last approximately forty-five minutes. Following May Crowning we will gather in the Cathedral Hall for an Ice Cream Social.

### CATHEDRAL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2015

Registration is open for ages 3-10 who will attend Vacation Bible School from **June 15-19, 2015 from 9:30-11:30 AM**. Come along with us as we sing fun songs, do crazy crafts, eat yummy snacks, play awesome games, and more. Plus, you'll learn all about Jesus our Savior and how he is at work through us! Can't wait to see you there! To register, call Chris Laraia at 312-7317, stop by the Parish Office during the week or call 944-4603. **Please note:** Cut off date for registration is **May 17** as we need to order T-shirts. Registration applications may be completed at the Cathedral Square door after any Mass this weekend. There is no charge for Vacation Bible School. Donations for snacks and T-shirts are appreciated. Please keep our leaders and helpers in your prayers.

### Baptism Congratulations!

On Sunday, May 3, Olivia Mae Kantoski was baptized and welcomed into our Cathedral Parish Family. Congratulations to parents, Luke and Sarah, along with Godparents; Grandparents, Jim and Kathy; uncles, aunts and cousins. Olivia will grow in her Christian identity to the degree that her family and friends model the faith.

### Next Session of Baptismal Preparation

Monday, June 8, in the Seton Suite at 7:00 PM.

### Liturgical Reflection ...

**General  
Instruction  
of the  
Roman Missal**

On Sundays there are three readings and a psalm assigned to the Liturgy of the Word. The first reading is from a Prophet, the sung Psalm follows, the second reading is from an Apostle, and the third reading is always from one of the four Gospels. These scriptural selections instruct the Christian people in the continuity of the work of salvation according to God's wonderful design. These readings are to be followed strictly. In Easter Time, according to the tradition of the Church, instead of being from the Old Testament, the first reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal, Number 357.

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### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, May 3, 2015 - \$9,628.00

**Easter Collection** and **Easter Flower Memorial** totals will be reported at the end of the Easter Season as we continue to receive additional gifts.

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS PLEASE NOTE:

A new liturgical ministry schedule for May 16th through July 5th was mailed this past week. If you did not receive a copy, please call the Parish Office as soon as possible. Please call also, if you need a new phone list for your ministry. We have a real shortage of altar servers, especially for the 5:00 PM evening Masses. Parents, please encourage your children entering fifth grade and above in the fall, to call Father Kurdziel or the Parish Office: 944-4603 to be trained for this important ministry over the summer months.

### CONFIRMATION CELEBRATED

Congratulations to our Eleventh Grade Students who were confirmed by Bishop Mark Bartchak along with young adults of six other faith communities on Thursday evening, May 7, here in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament:

Allan Axinn	Tevin Grove
Tristan Brown	Cassandra Hall
Alexandra Conrad	Darren Hall
Hannah Crawford	Noah Leberfinger
Katarina Flores*	Evan Lingafelt
(confirmed 4/8)	Benjamin McConnell
Amber Genua	Michael Sarbo
Sophia Griffin	Colin Welteroth

### EASTER SCHEDULE FOR THE PARISH

**Ascension Thursday**, Holy Day, May 14

**May Crowning**, Sunday, May 17, 6:30 PM.

Ice Cream Social follows in the Parish Hall.