APRIL 5, 2015

Scripture Reflection

All the Gospels recall that on the second morning after Jesus was laid in the tomb, Mary Magdalene and other women were the first to arrive at the tomb to care for Jesus' body, but his body was not in the tomb. It would be a strange account to concoct. Why? James Dunn says in *Jesus Remembered*, "As is well known, in Middle Eastern society of the time women were not regarded as reliable witnesses: a woman's testimony in court was heavily discounted. And any report that Mary had formerly been demon-possessed (Luke 8:2) would hardly add credibility to any story attributed to her in particular. Why then attribute such testimony to women---unless that was what was remembered as being the case?"

All of those present remember and recount that Mary was there first. According to John's Gospel, "On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved...So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb." The absence of the body does not necessarily mean that Jesus was raised. There are more ordinary explanations that come to mind: the disciples went to the wrong tomb and the body was somewhere else; they lied about the missing body; or someone stole the body and hid it.

In John's Gospel, Mary Magdalene reports the empty tomb to Peter and the other disciple. The other disciple, also known as the beloved disciple, "saw and believed," while Peter and Mary "did not understand the Scripture, that he had to rise from the dead." The beloved disciple alone initially recognizes the spiritual meaning of the empty tomb, but his understanding will soon be the foundation of the whole church, spurred by later encounters with the risen Lord. The resurrection of Jesus became the central message of the new community of disciples.

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EASTER SCHEDULE FOR THE PARISH

First Eucharist, Sunday, April 12, 10:00 AM.
Communal Anointing of the Sick, Sunday,
April 19 at the 10:00 AM Mass.
Parish Social follows on the portico.
Confirmation, Thursday, May 7, 7:00 PM.
Ascension, Holy Day, Thursday, May 14
May Crowning, Sunday, May 17, 6:30 PM.
Ice Cream Social follows in the Parish Hall.

LONGABERGER/VERA BRADLEY BASKET BINGO - Sunday April 26, 2015

Proceeds will assist our children in Catholic Schools, our Religious Education Program and Youth Activities. Want to help? The Committee is in need of the following items: gift cards, theme baskets, new items such as home decor, kitchen items, non perishables and monetary gifts, etc.; also cases of water and soda. Items can be dropped off at the Parish Office during the week. Gift cards etc. may be placed the collection basket in envelopes marked Basket Bingo. Teen help would be appreciated for Set-up and Clean-up. Anyone wishing to donate items for the Basket Bingo on April 26 and needs these items picked up, please contact Paula Truby at 931-2838 or Roberta Burns at 301-741-6467. Items need to be collected by March 31. Tickets are not being sold after Mass but they will be available at the Parish Office during the week.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL Cathedral Social Hall "Camp Discovery" June 15-19, 2015, 9:30-11:30 AM Ages 3-10

Charismatic Prayer Group

The next Prayer Meeting will be held on April 13th at 7:00 PM. Sr. Miriam James, SOLT, will be speaking at this meeting. Sister is a nationally known evangelist and conference speaker and recently appeared on EWTN's *Life on the Rock*. She will be in the diocese for two days speaking at our Catholic high schools. We are blessed to have her with us. All youth and adults from the parish are welcome to attend.

Welcome

To those visiting here this Easter Day and to those who may be returning home to the Catholic family this day, welcome! The Church invites all to be at home with us. If you need to talk to a priest; go to Confession; have your marriage blessed; or just need to be listened to; call the Parish Office at 944-4603. The crucified and risen Lord extends hospitality and welcome to all.

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

EUCHARIST:

 Sunday:
 5:00 PM (Vigil)
 Holyday:
 5:30 PM (Vigil)

 8:00 AM
 8:00 AM

 10:00 AM
 12:00 Noon

 12:00 Noon
 5:30 PM

 5:00 PM

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CHRISTIAN INITIATION TEAM - 944-4603

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ALTOONA CENTRAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Web: www.altoonacentralcatholic.com Elementary - Pre-K thru Grade 5 - 381-7011

BISHOPGUILFOYLE 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

Weekday:

Saturday:

6:45 AM

8:00 AM

12:00 Noon

12:00 Noon

8:00 AM

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

EASTER SUNDAY RESURRECTION OF THE LORD APRIL 5, 2015

Readings: Acts 10:34, 27-43; Col 3:1-4; Mk 16:1-7

MASS INTENTIONS

April 6, Monday within the Octave of Easter Readings: Acts 2:14,22-23; Mt 28:8-15

6:45 AM No Mass

8:00 AM Helen Zurilla, Birthday (Family)

12:00 PM Eileen Lytle, Anniversary (Joe & Judi Nocito)

April 7, Tuesday within the Octave of Easter Readings: Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18

6:45 AM Msgr. Thomas Madden (Estate)

8:00 AM Henriette M. Thibault (Russ & Loretta Wharton)

12:00 PM Amandus Gallagher (Semanchik Family)

April 8, Wednesday within the Octave of Easter Readings: Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35

6:45 AM Jean Wilk (M/M Wayne McElheny)

8:00 AM Pat Rabine (Greg & Kathy Clemens)

12:00 PM Jim Roland (Diana Fanele)

7:00 PM Confirmation

April 9, Thursday within the Octave of Easter Readings: Acts 3: 11-26; Lk 24:35-48

6:45 AM Jennie Calabrese (Simon & Barbara Gray)

8:00 AM Ray & Jayne Greiner (Nancy & Skip)

12:00 PM Mildred Flick (Daughters)

April 10, Friday within the Octave of Easter Readings: Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14

6:45 AM Regina Billetdeaux (J. & M.G. Neugebauer)

8:00 AM Helen O'Leary (Cathedral Parish)

12:00 PM Sara Ann Rhoa (Pat Rhoa)

April 11, Saturday within the Octave of Easter Readings: Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15

8:00 AM William McNelis (Chris & Kim McNelis)

12:00 PM Rob Beiswenger (M/M Robert Chirdon)

Vigil: Second Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 4:32-35; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

5:00 PM Dolores Snyder (Daughter, Kim & Family)

Please remember our sick in your Easter prayers.

Please Note: Cathedral Parish Office will be closed for normal business on Easter Monday, April 6. There will be no Charismatic Prayer meeting this week. On Wednesday evening there are no Confessions or public recitation of the rosary due to Confirmation.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

UNDER BOTH KINDS - The chalice has not been offered to the faithful this past flu season nor was there the shaking of hands at the Sign of Peace. On Holy Thursday, April 2, at the Mass of the Lord's Supper, the distribution of Holy Communion returned under both kinds. And we returned to the practice of shaking hands at the Sign of Peace.

At the Last Supper our Lord took bread and said to eat "for this is my Body", and when supper was ended, he took the chalice and said to drink "for this is the chalice of my Blood." All are encouraged to receive Holy Communion under both kinds, the Bread and the Wine. This is the fullness of the sign of the Eucharist. It is always the option of the individual to choose to receive the precious Blood of the Lord.

Please use common sense and good judgment when deciding to receive from the chalice. Whenever anyone has a cold, cough or sore throat, one should not receive the Precious Blood from the chalice.

Easter Candle 2015

Thank you to Jim Seiler who melted the wax and created our magnificent Easter Candle. Thank you to Stephanie Kilcoyne who created the beautiful needlepoint art adorning the candle.

Easter Water

Parishioners are invited to take Easter Water from the baptismal font. Bottles have been provided at the font. We would ask one bottle per family. Use this water throughout the liturgical year at home. Baptismal water is a central symbol to believers of the Catholic family. We walk through the waters of Baptism to discipleship in Christ. The forty days of Lent have prepared us to renew our baptismal identity at Easter Mass today.

Confirmations Throughout Easter Season

There are four Confirmations scheduled at the Cathedral throughout this Easter Season. The first of these celebrations is scheduled this week during the Octave of Easter. On Wednesday, April 8, members of these Altoona Parishes: Holy Rosary, Saint Mary, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Saint John the Evangelist, Sacred Heart, Our Lady of Lourdes, and Saint Rose of Lima, along with students from Saint Joseph, Bellwood, will be confirmed by Bishop Mark Bartchak at 7:00 PM.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, March 29, 2015 - \$8,660 .00 Daily Lenten Collection 2015 - \$5,862.57

Congratulations to Our Newest Members

At the Easter Vigil the Sacraments of Initiation were celebrated with the following: Jessica Roland, Alexis Williams, Dylan Allen, Benjamin, Michelle, and baby, Baylee Barr, James Farrell, Richard Kerr and Stephane Tonello. As full members of the Church, these sisters and brothers are now welcome to come to the holy table to receive the Body and Blood of Christ, the source and summit of Catholic life.

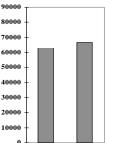
FISH LUNCHEONS - THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who helped make this Annual Lenten Project a success. Many Parishioners took orders at work eack week for lunches; many came to eat and visit with friends; and some took lunches home to shut-ins. All together 1,800 dinners were sold and we raised \$5,005.31. A special *Thank-You* to Butch Winkler and his kitchen crew: Ann and Jim Dixon, Bobbie Dixon, Tony Eckenrod, John Fischer, Janet Hammond, Ronnie Helfrich, Mary Beth Kessler, Jean Koury, Danette Lee, Bob Martino, Gail and John Murphy, Donnie Rabine and Dottie Wachter. Special thanks to Mary Ann Bell for her cakes!

F.I.R.E. CLASS - **Sunday, April 12**, 2015 in the Parish Hall from <u>6:15 PM - 8:30 PM</u>. No class on April 19. Sign-up to work Basket Bingo on April 26 for a good time and Service Hours.

Rest In Peace - Please remember in prayer our parishioners, Helen O'Leary and Peter Moran, who died and were buried from the Cathedral this past week. May they rest in peace and may their families be comforted in the faith.

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 is set at \$66,350.00. We have raised \$67,570.00 and are

over Diocean Goal with 218 of our families participating. Now, as our pledges are met, funds will be returned to the Parish and will 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.

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.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

FIRST EUCHARIST - Practice - Thursday, April 9, at 4:00 PM in the Cathedral. Please be prompt. Families should be present on Sunday, April12 by 9:30 AM to prepare for the Opening Procession of the 10:00 AM Mass.

<u>CONFIRMATION</u> - Sunday, April 19 at 6:15 PM in the Seton Suite. All Eleventh Grade Candidates should be in attendance. Paperwork is due now! <u>BAPTISM</u> - Our next session of Baptismal Prep is scheduled for this, Monday, April 6, at 7:00 PM in the Seton Suite. Class is offered every other month and is required before Baptism is scheduled.

Liturgical Reflection ...

General Instruction

of the

Roman Missal

Today the Church celebrates the resurrection of the Lord from the dead. As the first day of the week was dawning, they found the tomb empty. Dying he destroyed our deathand rising he restored our life. The promise of life from death is the hallmark of Christian faith. Today the Church sings the Easter *Sequence* after the second reading the The Easter *Alleluia* proclaims faith in the risen Christ who gives new life to all who believe. Darkness is shattered. The light of Christ is brilliant.

General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar, Number 18. General Instruction of the Roman Missal, Numbers 62-64

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

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EASTER BLESSINGS 2015

O God, who on this day, through your Only Begotten Son, have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity, may we keep the solemnity of the Lord's resurrection through the renewal brought by your Spirit which rises us up to newness of life. (Easter Sunday, Roman Missal)

Easter peace to you and those you love!

Bishop

Reverend Father Dennis M. Kurdziel

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In Residence

Deacon John E. Rys

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EASTER FLOWERS



We remember the loved ones, living and dead, of the following parishioners who contributed towards our Easter flowers.

James J. Adams Joe & Lucy Alianiello, Anna Reed/ Mary Ann Bankston, Rose Riccio Phillip & Susan Altiero, Walter Sanker/ Earl & Virginia Strohm Melvin Ball W. E. Ball Sr. & W. E. Ball Jr., Dec. of Miller Family, Dec. of Durbin Family/ Friends and Neighbors Mary Ann Bankston/ Ralph & Anna Reed Bartchak & Beck Families Anthony & Christine Bartkowiak Bauer Parents. Relatives & Friends Deceased Family Members/ Bearer & Kirkpatrick Families M/M Walter Beckel Sr., Naomi Long/ Carol Taylor Jack Bell & Deceased of Bell Family/ Deceased of Sanders Families Florence & John Bender, William Sculley, Alice & Sam Marino/ Clara DeLozier Betty Berge William & Eleanor Bettwy/ Daniel & Anna Gioiosa Vivian & Glen Bistline, Peggy & Bernie/ Joyce, Bernie McLucas. Dec. of Joyce & Hallinan Families Mr. & Mrs. Clair A. Boslet Thomas & Isabelle Bover Boyle & O'Connor Family Mildred Brady/ Dave & Pat Shellenberger Robert & Ethel Brandt/ George Jodon, Jr./ Robert A. Vaughn, Sr.

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