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Scripture Reflection

As Peter and the other Apostles stand before the Sanhedrin in the First Reading, we remember Jesus' condemnation by that group. The Apostles' preaching has been effective, and the Sanhedrin fears it will be blamed for Jesus' Crucifixion. Peter boldly asserts that the Apostles are not subject to orders of the court, but only to God, and their preaching is rooted in the tradition of Israel. Surprisingly, they are dismissed with a reprimand and leave "rejoicing that they had been found worthy to suffer dishonor" in Christ's name.

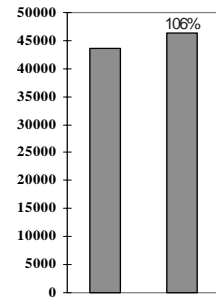
John layers many meanings into his stories. As in other post-Resurrection appearances, the disciples do not recognize Jesus immediately. Still grieving and confused, they have returned to fishing, but Jesus calls them away from their nets once again. That moment of recognition is exciting---for the disciples and for us readers. The encounter must have felt so familiar---a meal, which included both food Jesus had prepared for them and some they provided from their catch.

The conversation with Peter after the meal is a "call" story in which Peter must first pledge his love for the Lord before he is ready for ministry. Jesus begins the conversation with Peter, asking him if he loves Jesus. It is a powerful scene, in which Peter is challenged three times, the same number as his denials, to declare his love for his teacher. The fearful Peter who denied Jesus three times prior to his crucifixion is gone, replaced by a Peter who has been arrested for speaking boldly of the new life to be found in Jesus' name. Already told "not to teach in this name," Peter and the others could only answer, "We must obey God rather than any human authority." It was the experience of the witness of the risen Jesus that inspired Peter to speak with boldness.

• **Imagine yourself sitting on the shore with the risen Lord and the disciples. What do you want to say to Jesus? How would you respond to his question about whether you love him? How would you share his resurrection with others?**

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ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2016



Every registered family is asked to participate in the 2016 Annual Catholic Appeal. A gift of any amount will be appreciated. This year the Cathedral Parish goal is set at **\$43,522.00**. We have raised **\$46,276.00**

and are **over Diocesan Goal** with 164 of our families participating. Now, as our pledges are met, funds will be returned to the Parish and will help with special projects. 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 2016.

Please prayerfully consider making a gift within the next few weeks. You may return your gift 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.

LONGABERGER/VERA BRADLEY BASKET BINGO - Sunday April 24, 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 24 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 April 5. **Tickets are being sold after Mass this weekend and they will be available at the Parish Office during the week.**

Charismatic Prayer - The Charismatic Prayer Group will meet this Monday at 7:00 PM in the Cathedral. We will have a night of Intercessory Prayer for the FIRE RALLY with Praise and Worship. all are welcome Please come and be blessed! All are most welcome!!

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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 8:30 AM - 9:45 AM
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)	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

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Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak, Bishop

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Reverend Father Dennis M. Kurdziel, Parochial Vicar

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 GUILFOYLE 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

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 10, 2016

Readings: Acts 5:27-32,40-41; Rev 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19

MASS INTENTIONS

April 11, Monday: Saint Stanislaus, Bishop, Martyr

Readings: Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29

6:45 AM Doris Green (Greg and Karen Querry)
8:00 AM Brian and Barry Elmers (Skip Cowan)
12:00 PM Moose Plutko (M/M Pete Rodgers)

April 12, Tuesday: Easter Weekday

Readings: Acts 7:51--8:1; Jn 6:30-35

6:45 AM Dick Huber (Maggie and Leo Garlena)
8:00 AM Mary Martha Kilcoyne (Family)
12:00 PM Rose Himmelein (Cynthia Peterman Family)

April 13, Wednesday: Saint Martin I, Pope and Martyr

Readings: Acts 8:1-8; Jn 6:35-40

6:45 AM Clementine Kawtoski (Prorok Family)
8:00 AM Raymond Smith (Bill and Grace Smith)
12:00 PM Losis J. Riley (Cathedral Staff)

April 14, Thursday: Easter Weekday

Readings: Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51

6:45 AM William Crouse (Anna M. Jacobs)
8:00 AM Jerry Smith (Shawn and Patricia Burke)
12:00 PM For the Poor Souls

April 15, Friday: Easter Weekday

Readings: Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59

6:45 AM Jim Kollar (Jim and Elaine Weaver)
8:00 AM Dave Lysinger, Sr., Wed. Anniv. (Mary & Family)
12:00 PM Joe Milliron, Anniv. (John and Lisa Karl)

April 16, Saturday: Easter Weekday

Readings: Acts 9: 31-42; Jn 6:60-69

8:00 AM Herb Kutruff (Skip Cowan Family)
12:00 PM Joe Tomlinson (Tom Byrne)
Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 13:14, 43-52; Rv 7:9, 14-17; Jn 10:27-30

5:00 PM Mary Patricia Grove (Cathedral Parish)

EASTER SCHEDULE FOR THE PARISH

First Eucharist, Sunday, April 10, 10:00 AM.

Communal Anointing of the Sick, Sunday, April 17 at the 10:00 AM Mass. Parish Social follows on the portico.

Confirmation, Thursday, April 21, 7:00 PM.

Concert Under the Dome, Friday, April 22, at 7:00 PM. David Jaronowski on the Organ.

Neophyte Mass, Saturday, April 23, 5:00 PM.

May Crowning, Sunday, May 1, 6:30 PM.

Ice Cream Social follows in the Parish Hall.

Ascension, Holy Day, Thursday, May 5.

JUBILEE OF MERCY INVITATION

Cathedral Parish is invited to participate in an Evening of Reflection on the Spiritual Works of Mercy. These reflection opportunities are scheduled throughout the Diocese during the Jubilee of Mercy. Catholics from the greater Altoona area are invited to **Saint Mark Hall** (below the church), 416 Sixth Avenue, Altoona, on **Tuesday, April 12** from **6:00 PM to 9:00 PM**. There will be prayer, prepared reflections on mercy, and time for group discussion. All are invited to take part in this opportunity to reflect on God's mercy in our lives. Please call the Cathedral Parish at 944-4603 to reserve a place on Tuesday, April 12 at Saint Mark Church.

Cathedral Christian Mothers Meeting

Wednesday, April 13 at 6:30 PM in the Seton Suite. All ladies of the Parish are welcome to attend. Please come and bring a friend.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Our next session of Baptismal Prep is scheduled for this **Thursday, April 14**, at **7:00 PM** in the Seton Suite. Class is offered every other month and is required before Baptism is scheduled. Please call the Parish Office at 944-4603 to register.

Charismatic Prayer Group FIRE Rally Retreat:

There will be a FIRE Rally on **Saturday, April 16**, from **8:00 AM to 3:30 PM**, at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. **Please note: the Rally opens with our 8:00 AM Mass.** Exciting talks and prayer experiences to ignite the flame of the Holy Spirit in your life. Music will be led by the Cathedral and St. Joan's Charismatic Prayer Goups. Cost is \$18. Students are free. Pre-registration is required as lunch will be provided. For more information or to register e-mail tonycond@aol.com or call 941-3832. All ages are welcome.

F.I.R.E. Session Tonight!

Sunday, April 10 in the Parish Hall from **6:15 PM - 8:30 PM**. Sign-up to work Basket Bingo on April 24 for a good time and Service Hours. Our **Last FIRE class** for the year is **Sunday, April 17!**

RITE OF SENDING

Our Eleventh Grade Confirmation Class will celebrate the Rite of Sending Forth on **Saturday, April 16** at the **5:00 PM Mass**. With a special blessing Msgr. Mazur will send our students off to be Confirmed by Bishop Bartchak on April 21.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, April 3, 2016 - \$9,579.00

Good Friday for the Holy Land - \$1,452.63

Report of Parish Lenten Almsgiving

Ash Wednesday Collection - \$2,662.00

Lenten Fish Luncheons - \$3,395.71

Daily Lenten Mass Collections - \$5,649.28

Saint Margaret Mary Parish - \$1,359.50

Holy Thursday For Poor - \$1,350.00

Total - \$14,416.49

Additional gifts of non-perishable food, paper and cleaning products were collected in baskets at the church doors throughout the Lenten season. We are most grateful for your generosity as we continue to receive these items throughout the fifty days of the Easter season. Our May 22nd bulletin will report our totals for Easter and Easter Flower Memorials.

Baptism Congratulations

Audriana Claire and Ariel Sophia Dodson were baptized and welcomed into our Cathedral Parish Family at 5:00 PM Mass on Saturday, April 2. Congratulations to parents, Michael Dodson, II and Misty Hainsey, along with brother, Caden Kalinoski and Godparents/Grandparents Mike and Karon Dodson. Rodney and Stephanie Barr also presented their daughters, Addison Alexis and Khloe Grace for baptism on Saturday evening. And on Sunday, April 3, Paige Elizabeth Sharbaugh, daughter of Troy and Julie Page Sharbaugh was baptized at the Noon Mass. Audriana, Ariel, Addison, Khloe and Paige will grow in their Christian identity to the degree that family and friends model the faith.

Liturgical Reflection ...

This Third Sunday of Easter, we look at the Spiritual Work of Mercy to instruct the ignorant or to **teach the uneducated**. Teaching the basics of life and the faith is everyone's work, but it especially belongs to parents. Such parental teaching extends beyond religious instruction into all of life: how to relate with others; how to handle money; how to be generous, kind and loving toward neighbors; how to have a healthy sexuality; how to be morally upright; and how to listen to one's conscience in decision making. We teach mercy to each other in the coming and going of everyday life. When we live lives of integrity, we teach mercy. When we see injustice, selfishness, mean behavior, or dishonest activity, we teach those around us by our response. People see us turn the other cheek; do the honest thing; treat people with respect; and by watching us, they learn how to be merciful.

Be Merciful, Bill Huebsch, Twenty-Third Publications, 2015, pgs. 9-10.

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ANOINTING OF SICK AT EASTER MASS

On **Sunday, April 17**, at the **10:00 AM Mass**, Cathedral Parish will celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. This is the Parish's annual celebration of Christ's sacramental healing. Catholics of any age (having reached the age of reason - seven years old) who are suffering from serious illness are encouraged to participate in this healing Sacrament of the Church. Only those whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or old age are proper subjects for this Sacrament. Physical illness, addictions such as alcohol and drug abuse, along with psychological illness are reasons to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. If you have questions as to whether you are a proper candidate for this Sacrament, please call the Parish Office (944-4603) and ask to speak to one of the priests. Health care professionals will be in attendance for this healing rite. Cathedral Parish has many brothers and sisters in need of this beautiful Sacrament, please take the opportunity to receive it this Easter Season. Call the Parish Office to register to receive this important Sacrament and to arrange transportation if needed. Also, Prayer Shawls will be blessed and distributed at this special Easter Liturgy. A social follows on the Cathedral portico.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Cathedral Social Hall "**Cave Quest**"

June 6-10, 2016, 8:45 - 11:30 AM Ages 3-10

Join us as we go spelunking through *Cave Quest*, led by the light of Jesus. Registration is \$5.00 per child to cover cost of T-shirt. Adult and teen helpers are needed. Those over 18 must have Diocesan and PA State Child Protection Clearances. Please call Chris Laraia at 312-7317 for more information. Registration deadline is May 16.