

**JUNE 29, 2014**

*Scripture Reflection*

Today's First and Second Readings tell us about Peter's jail experience and Paul's description of "being poured out like a libation." Both suffered martyrdom. Many may not know that the red hats worn by cardinals in the Church symbolize a willingness to undergo martyrdom for the faith. Today's solemnity invites us to consider how we might be called to sacrifice for our faith.

In today's Gospel, the question for the disciples came from Jesus himself, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" When Jesus asked the disciples to answer the question for themselves, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered boldly, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Jesus affirmed Peter in his answer by telling him: "Blessed are you Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven."

Jesus built on the faith of Peter, who had denied him three times, and he would build with the faith of Paul, who had persecuted the church of God. Indeed, Paul continued the work of the Twelve, planting churches throughout the Roman Empire. Paul acknowledged that on human terms he was "unfit to be called an apostle" (1 Cor 15:9), but the Second Letter of Timothy presents Paul offering his last testament, in which he confesses that "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race. I have kept the faith." The faith Peter confessed was the faith that Paul maintained and is the faith handed on to us, by which we are built and by which we build the church today.

- Reflect on the faith of Peter and Paul. How does your confession of Jesus the Messiah allow you to grow stronger in your Christian beliefs?

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**Annual Cathedral Festival**

Having met with the Parish Pastoral Council and the Parish Finance Council to discuss the annual parish festival, it is the unanimous opinion not to continue this fund-raiser. Over the last twenty plus years, the parish never made more than \$8,000.00 to \$10,000.00 profit. For many years the gross income exceeded \$42,000.00, but once all bills were paid, the profit normally totaled \$8,000.00. Many attempts were made to positively affect the profit, especially last year with no tent in the parking lot and only two days for the festival, and yet the profit still did not exceed \$8,000.00. When we saw the hundreds of hours in prep, the festival days themselves, and clean up afterwards, it was agreed the actual profit did not justify the hours of labor.

Thank you to all who over the years have given your time, talent, and treasure to the Annual Cathedral Festival. We will work to create annual parish events for families, children, and adults.

**Replacing the Annual Festival**

A Committee gathered to begin planning an annual calendar of events for the Parish. Some of these events are purely social; others are social along with the purpose of fundraising. Plans were initially set for the second half of this year. (1) In July and August, there will be the **Raffle Tickets** for the prizes normally held at the summer festival. There will be twenty prizes which include quality items and money. Each ticket will cost \$5.00. (2) A **Family Night** is scheduled in September for children and families and adults. (3) A **Casino Night** is scheduled in October. (4) The **Married Couples Social** is scheduled in November. (5) And the **Calendar of Prizes 2015** is scheduled for November and December.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 10th at 6:00 PM in the Saint John Room. If interested please attend.

**Garvey Manor Ministry Opportunity**

Eucharistic Ministers are needed for the 9:30 AM Sunday mass to take Holy Communion to the residents in our home when the Mass is over. We need your help on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month. We also would like to have someone for every Friday at our 10:00 AM Mass. Please call Debbie Dorazio at 695-5571 ext. 40009.

The Church of Al toona-Johnstown  
**THE CATHEDRAL OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

**ONE CATHEDRAL SQUARE, Al toona, 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.

**ANOIDING 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.

**EUCHARIST:**

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

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

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## SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

JUNE 29, 2014

Readings: Acts 12:1-11; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19

### Mass Intentions

June 30, Monday: First Martyrs of Holy Roman Church

Readings: Am 2:6-10, 13-16; Mt 8:18-22

6:45 AM Kevin Hanlin (Patrick Hrzic)

8:00 AM Vi Franchio (Fran Prosperi)

12:00 PM Audrey Krause (Sister)

July 1, Tuesday: Blessed Junipero Serra, priest

Readings: Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12; Mt 8:23-27

6:45 AM David Weaver (Kitty Sullivan)

8:00 AM Rocco & Gil Fedeli (Susan Bauer)

12:00 PM Jim Roland (Cathedral Prayer Group)

July 2, Wednesday: Weekday

Readings: Am 5:14-15, 21-24; Mt 8:28-34

6:45 AM Helen Lesko (M/M Francis Dambeck)

8:00 AM Billy Stellabotte (Lois & Ed Simanski)

12:00 PM Joseph Prendergast, Wed. (Kevin & Becky)

July 3, Thursday: Saint Thomas, Apostle

Readings: Eph 2:19-22; Jn 20:24-29

6:45 AM Elizabeth Wallace (Cathedral Parish)

8:00 AM Amelia 'Molly Haberstroh (Skip Cowan)

12:00 PM Amandus Gallagher (Janet Tomlinson Family)

July 4, Friday: Independence Day

Readings: Am 8:4-6, 9-12; Mt 9:9-13

9:00 AM Catherine Frederick, Anniversary (Family)

July 5, Saturday: Saint Elizabeth of Portugal

Readings: Am 9:11-15; Mt 9:14-17

8:00 AM Eileen Lytle (Debbie & Bo Kuntz)

12:00 PM Mike Smith (Helen O'Leary)

Vigil: Fourteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Readings: Zec 9:9-10; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30

5:00 PM Patricia Wiedemer, Birth. (Husband & Family)

### Communion Calls This Week

Our clergy visit the sick and homebound of the parish each month. Call the Parish Office at 944-4603 to arrange a visit for yourself or a loved one. Because this First Friday is also the Fourth of July holiday, Monsignor Mazur and Father Kurdziel plan to make their visits on **Thursday**. If you will be away please call the Parish Office: 944-4603. The Office will be closed for regular business on Friday, July 4th.

### BISHOP MARK BARTCHAK TO RESIDE AT CATHEDRAL RECTORY

The Bishop has decided to reside here in the Cathedral Rectory. The move will occur during the summer. In consultation with the Diocesan Finance Council and the College of Consultors, the Bishop's residence in Frankstown Township will be sold. Proceeds from the sale of that property will be used for pastoral needs in the Diocese, including care for victims in sexual misconduct cases. This is an historical moment in the life of the Diocese. While Bishop McCort built the Cathedral rectory in the early 1930s to be used as the Bishop's Residence, that did not occur because of the Great Depression that struck our country. This is the first Bishop in our one hundred thirteen years as a Diocese to reside here at the Cathedral. We warmly welcome our shepherd, Bishop Mark Bartchak.

### REGISTER CHILDREN:

**Gangway to Galilee Vacation Bible School** will take us on and around the Sea of Galilee with five accounts of Jesus' ministry there. By grace through faith, Jesus calls us, teaches us, keeps us safe, saves us, and provides all we need now and forever. That's amazing grace!

Registration is open for ages 3 through grade 8 who will attend VBS from . Don't miss the boat! Set sail with us to sing fun songs, do crazy crafts, eat yummy snacks, play awesome games, and more. Plus, you will learn all about Jesus our Savior and his amazing grace! Can't wait to see you there! To register, call: 312-7317, 949-2777, or e-mail [claraia245@gmail.com](mailto:claraia245@gmail.com). Adult and teen help is needed.

### Peter's Pence Collection This Weekend

Be a Pilgrim of Charity and support the works of the Holy Father through the Peter's Pence Collection **June 28 and 29**. This collection provides emergency assistance to those most in need, including victims of oppression, natural disaster and war. A special blue envelope labeled HOLY FATHER is provided in our June offertory set or you may mark any other with your intention. If you forgot today - bring it next week!

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, June 22 - \$9,241.00

### QUARTERLY RAFFLE WINNERS

Last Sunday morning at our Parish Feast Day Celebration the second set of winners of our Quarterly Raffle were drawn. Congratulations to Donna Hall, \$1,000; Chelsea Gaida, \$500; Janet Hamm, \$250; Josef Orosz, \$100; David Rossbach, \$50; Marge Dennis, \$50; Mike Kilcoyne \$25 and Brian Kirkpatrick, \$25. **Catechetical Sunday, September 21.**

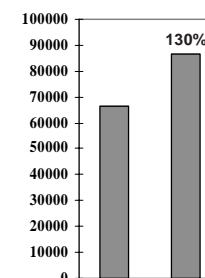
### FAITH DAY AT DELGROSSO'S 2014

**TODAY - SUNDAY, JUNE 29** at **DelGrosso's Amusement Park, Tipton, PA.** Liturgy at 3:00 PM with Bishop Mark. All day Ride & Slide passes are available for a reduced price of \$11 (\$18.95 value) with a **Diocesan Faith Day Voucher** which are available in **Pavilion #2** at the park. Where we will also be collecting non-perishable food items and free will offerings to benefit Catholic Charities. For each pass purchased \$3 will also be donated back to the Angel Fund for Camp Zacchaeus. The Picnic will be held in Pavilion #2 at 5:00 PM for those who have purchased meal tickets. Sorry, no dinner sales on site.

### Cathedral Charismatic Prayer Group

At this Monday's Prayer Meeting, local students who recently attended the Steubenville Youth Conference will be giving a witness talk. Come and hear their stories of faith and support our young folks. All are welcome to come and join with us for an evening of Praise and Worship to our Lord! Also, please see the enclosed flyer for the upcoming FIRE Rally.

### ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2014



An update on this year's Appeal shows **331** gifts have been received thus far. This year the Cathedral Parish goal was set at **\$66,350.00**. We have now raised **\$86,470.00** to date. We are **\$20,120.00** over goal and will now be receiving

monthly checks back from the Diocese as we make our pledge payments to help us with our **special project** of replacing the sidewalk along the side and front of the Cathedral. If you have yet to participate in this year's Appeal it is not too late. Place any envelope marked ACA in the regular Sunday collection. Thank you.

### MATTHEW KELLY EVENT:

**'LIVING YOUR FAITH WITH PURPOSE AND PASSION' SPONSORED BY THE ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN DIOCESE.**

**AN EVENT YOU WILL WANT TO EXPERIENCE.**

Internationally known speaker and author, Matthew Kelly, will be coming to Saint Francis University on **Saturday, September 27**, to speak on "*Living your Faith with Passion and Purpose*".

This one day event has helped tens of thousands of Catholics around the world discover a passion and purpose for their lives to become a better version of themselves. Cathedral Parishioners call the Parish Office to register at a reduced rate: \$20.00 per adult and \$10.00 per student. See poster at Cathedral doors for more information.

### Liturgical Reflection ...

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#### Sacred Liturgy

The saints have been traditionally honored in the Church. In the annual cycle of the liturgical year, the memory of the martyrs is held in devotion. Raised up to perfection by the manifold grace of God and already in possession of eternal salvation, the saints sing God's perfect praise in heaven and offer prayers for us. The Church proposes the saints to the faithful as examples drawing all to the Father through Christ. Today the Church remembers two great saints: Saint Peter, chosen by Christ as spokesman for the Twelve who became "Prince of the Apostles" and Saint Paul, a Pharisee who became the "Apostle of the Gentiles."

*Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*, Numbers 104 and 111.

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