

JUNE 15, 2014

Scripture Reflection

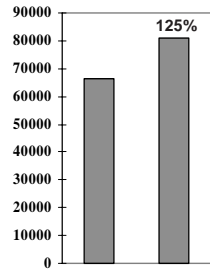
The apostle Paul would not have been able to define the Trinity, yet he was able with ease to describe the activity and presence of the three persons of the Trinity. It is the experience of God that led to the early formulations of Trinitarian thought. What imposed itself upon these early believers was the experience of God in their midst. It was in Jesus that the nature of God was most fully revealed. It would take some time for the disciples to understand what it meant that Jesus was the Son of God.

When the realization of the true nature of the revelation in Jesus Christ dawned on the church, the nature of God became even clearer. Paul having never met the earthly Jesus, nevertheless through his encounter with the Risen Lord and the growing church could speak of his experience of "the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit." Grace, love and communion: this was the nature of God because Paul had experienced God as love, grace and fellowship.

The Councils of Nicaea, Constantinople and Chalcedon would hundreds of years later try to make sense of the reality attested to in Scripture by Jesus, Paul and the other New Testament authors, but it is important to know that in the mystery of the Cross, the Resurrection, the giving of the Holy Spirit and the experience of God in their midst, the earliest Christians were attempting to be faithful to how God had sojourned among them. How God is one and three and how Jesus is both human and divine were witness to the truth of God, who came to dwell among them, who gave his life for them, who remained in their midst as the Holy Spirit. This was who God was because they experienced the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit.

- Reflect on the nature of the Trinity. In what ways has God been revealed to you as Father, Son and Holy Spirit?

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2014



Every registered family is asked to participate in the 2014 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 **\$83,170.00** and are over goal with 328

of our 848 families participating. As our pledges are met funds will be returned to the Parish and will help with our **special project** of replacing the sidewalks along the side and front 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 2014. Please support this annual appeal so the Parish can replace our sidewalks.

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.

REGISTER CHILDREN:

Gangway to Galilee: Vacation Bible School will take us on and around the Sea of Galilee with five accounts of Jesus' ministry. 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 **July 7-11, 9 AM-11 AM**. 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! **Registration forms may be filled out at the Cathedral Square door after Mass.** Call: 312-7317, 944-4603, 949-2777, or e-mail claraia245@gmail.com for more information. Teen helpers and adult volunteers would be appreciated!

PARISH FIRST COMMUNION PHOTOS

Please pick up your photos at the Parish Office during the week between 9:30 AM and 5:30 PM.

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.

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.

EUCHARIST:

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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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

JUNE 15, 2014

Readings: Ex 24:4-6,8-9; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18

Mass Intentions

June 16, Monday: Weekday

Readings: 1 Kgs 21:1-16; Mt 5:38-42

6:45 AM No Mass
8:00 AM John McGough (Greg & Kathy Clemens)
12:00 PM Billy Geis, Birthday (Mom & Family)

June 17, Tuesday: Weekday

Readings: 1 Kgs 21:17-29; Mt 5:43-48

6:45 AM Anne Hoover, Birth. (Nieces, Sally & Beth)
8:00 AM No Mass
12:00 PM Francis A. Goss, Wed. Ann. (Wife, Joyce & Fam.)

June 18, Wednesday: Weekday

Readings: 2 Kgs 2:1,6-14; Mt 6:1-6,16-18

6:45 AM No Mass
8:00 AM Edwin Huber (Dick Huber)
12:00 PM Charles Hagan (Bill & Colleen Lumadue)

June 19, Thursday: Saint Romuald, abbot

Readings: Sir 48: 1-14; Mt 6:7-15

6:45 AM Jim Roland (Tom & Pat Forr)
8:00 AM No Mass
12:00 PM Hollis & Rachel Garner (M/M Duane Elmers)

June 20, Friday: Weekday

Readings: 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20; Mt 6:19-23

6:45 AM Homer C. Poulos (Frank & Angie Lubert)
8:00 AM Fred Fedeli (Susan Bauer)
12:00 PM Rob Beiswenger (Mary & Joe Montler Family)

June 21, Saturday: Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, religious

Readings: 2 Chr 24:17-25; Mt 6:24-34

8:00 AM Bernard J. Joyce (Family)
12:00 PM Jack Houseman (Maureen Wood)
Vigil: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
Readings: Dt 8:2-3, 14-16; 1 Cor 10: 16-17; Jn 6:51-58
5:00 PM Dick Conzo (Fred & Diane Gibbons)

Daily Mass Schedule

This week two priests are on their Annual Retreat sponsored by the Diocese. Therefore, there will be only two Masses Monday through Thursday. Please check the bulletin for daily Mass times.

Please remember our sick in your prayers.

CONFIRMATION OF CATHEDRAL ADULTS

Congratulations to Johnna Bender and Jesse Ickes who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday, June 8, 2014. On May 17, Julio and Elizabeth Jimenez were also confirmed. Bishop Bartchak gave permission for Monsignor Mazur to celebrate this Sacrament with these baptized Catholics who have now completed their Christian initiation into the Church. Congratulations to these newly confirmed!

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.

A committee has been formed to discuss parish events that will replace the annual August festival. We hope to bring in \$10,000.00 to the annual budget. If you wish to be on this committee, please call the Parish Office. The date for the meeting is Thursday, June 26th.

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.

Rectory Seeking Housekeeping and Laundry Services

The Rectory is looking for someone to employ to clean the house and wash the clothes of our priests. The days and hours are flexible: Monday through Friday at times conveniently agreed upon. The salary will be comparable to those employed in the cleaning profession. The following attributes are required: hard-working, responsible and honest. Please call the Parish Office at 944-4603.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, June 8 - \$9,737.00

Easter Collection 2014 - \$18,830.00

Easter Flower Memorials - \$2,889.00

CATHEDRAL QUARTERLY CLUB

Our second series of Quarterly Club tickets are available after weekend Masses at the Cathedral Square entrance to the Cathedral, and at the Parish Office during the week. This is a \$5.00 chance to win one of eight cash gifts totaling \$2,000 - top prize \$1,000; \$500; \$250; \$100; \$50; \$50; \$25; and \$25. Winners need not be present to win. The drawing will be held next Sunday on the Portico during our celebration of our **Parish Feast Day, June 22**, Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi). If you would like tickets sent via the mail, please contact the Parish Office. We have only 75 tickets remaining to sell. This project benefits the annual needs of the Parish Budget.

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 on the freedom to serve the poor and vulnerable in accord with human dignity and the Church's teaching. In observance of this fortnight, Bishop Mark Bartchak will preside at a **Holy Hour on Tuesday, June 24, 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.

Did you bring something for the poor this week?

Constitution

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Anniversary

Sacred Liturgy

2014, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 South Logan Boulevard, Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania 16648.

Liturgical Reflection ...

In the revised Roman Missal the Opening Prayer for Mass always begins with an address to God the Father who is almighty and loving. And this prayer always concludes, "through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever." The Trinitarian address is part of ancient Catholic worship. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, three persons, one God, equal in majesty. This Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity focuses our worship on our God who is a Trinity of persons, yet one eternal God.

Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, Number 5.

PARISH FEAST DAY - SUNDAY, JUNE 22

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. Following the 10:00 AM 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.

Charismatic Prayer Group

Looking for a Spiritual Lift? Andrea Paronish, a young adult from the group, will be giving a talk on "Bring the Light of Christ!" at this Monday's 7:00 PM Prayer Meeting in the Cathedral. All are welcome to come and praise and worship our Lord!

St. Vincent dePaul Annual Doughnut Sale Benefits Food For Families Soup Kitchen

Take a box \$3.00 or two \$5.00 home today!