

JUNE 1, 2014

Scripture Reflection

Who likes to suffer? Who rejoices at the prospect of suffering? Modern psychology would probably reply, "No one with mental and emotional health." And yet, the First Letter of Peter proclaims, "Rejoice . . . that you share in the sufferings of Christ." The key to linking joy and suffering lies in the reason for suffering: because of Christ and in Christ.

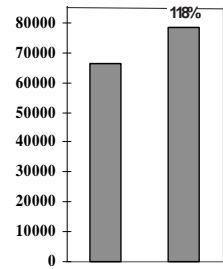
In today's Scriptures, the Church reminds us again that the Paschal Mystery we celebrate is not a single event in time but a continuing passage through suffering and death to glory. Christians of every age are called to enter into this movement, at each particular moment remembering the whole. Throughout our daily lives, all share in the Paschal Mystery. In our joys and sorrows, our hopes and disappointments, we die and rise with the Crucified and Risen Christ.

Today we hear that after witnessing the Ascension, the Apostles gathered in the "upper room" in Jerusalem and "devoted themselves with one accord to prayer." What else can one do when confronted with such an event but praise God and ask for understanding and guidance for what lies ahead? This strategy can also be effective when confronted by the ordinary events of daily life.

- **Suffering is redemptive. Identify your sorrows and sufferings. Know they are tied into the suffering, death, and resurrection of the Lord.**

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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 **\$78,600.00** and are over goal with 301

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.

The Liturgy Committee of the Parish Council has recommended that on the first Sunday of the month the bulletin contain a blessing for those couples celebrating their wedding anniversaries during that particular month. If your wedding anniversary is this month of June, please hold onto this bulletin and pray this prayer as a couple on your anniversary date.

Almighty and eternal God, the unbreakable bond of marriage is the sacramental sign of your Son's union with the Church as his spouse. Look with favor on our marriage as we ask your help and the protection of the Virgin Mary. We pray that in good times and in bad we will grow in love for each other. Lord, in our struggles let us rejoice that you are near to help us; in our needs let us know you are there to rescue us; and in our joys let us see that you are the source of every happiness. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Church of Altoona-Johnstown
THE CATHEDRAL OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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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.

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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Deacon John J. Szwarc, Senior Deacon

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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

JUNE 1, 2014

Readings: Acts 1: 12-14; 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 17: 1-11

Mass Intentions

June 2, Monday: Saints Marcellinus and Peter, martyrs

Readings: Acts 19:1-8; Jn16:29-33

6:45 AM M/M Cally Lei (Steve & Lucy DeLeo Fam.)

8:00 AM Clara Mullen (Duane & Nancy Elmers)

12:00 PM Dot Conrad (Lois Duncan)

June 3, Tuesday: Saint Charles Lwanga and Comp.

Readings: Acts: 20:17-27; Jn 13: 1-11

6:45 AM Kevin Hanlin (David & Tammie Mallow)

8:00 AM Gene Capone (Trish & Joe Antesberger)

12:00 PM Viola Franchio (Kathy & Paul Vincent)

June 4, Wednesday: Easter Weekday

Readings: Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11-19

6:45 AM Pat & Mary Allen (Mother, Patty Swope)

8:00 AM Rebecca Watt (Cathedral Parish)

12:00 PM Health of Rayburg Family (Blazewicz)

June 5, Thursday: Saint Boniface, bishop, martyr

Readings: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26

6:45 AM Guy Huber (Dick Huber)

8:00 AM Dorothy Conrad, Anniv. (Daughter, Mildred)

12:00 PM Donna Moloney Guthrie (M. Vogel Family)

7:00 PM Confirmation (Cathedral Parish)

June 6, Friday: Saint Norbert, bishop

Readings: Acts 25:13-21; Jn 21:15-19

6:45 AM Maureen Wolf (Fred & Gail Martynuska)

8:00 AM Marjorie Weamer (Kathy Scott & Family)

12:00 PM Lisa Belsey Pufka, Bir./Ann. (J. & M. Belsey)

June 7, Saturday: Easter Weekday

Readings: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn 21:20-25

8:00 AM Tom Byrne (Jim & Steph Kilcoyne Family)

12:00 PM Mandy Gallagher (Cathedral Parish)

Vigil: Pentecost Sunday

Readings: Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

5:00 PM Dick Conzo (Tom Murphy)

First Friday 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.

ADULT CONFIRMATIONS

On Pentecost Sunday, June 8, two individuals will be Confirmed at the 10:00 AM Mass.

PARISH CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

The **Rite of Sending** will be celebrated today Sunday, June 1 at 10:00 AM Mass. **Practice** will be held on Wednesday, June 4 in the Cathedral at 6:30 PM (6:00 PM for special ministries) and Cathedral Parish celebrates **Confirmation** on Thursday, June 5, at 7:00 PM. This will be the fifth and final Diocesan celebration of Confirmation here in the Cathedral this Easter Season and in addition to Cathedral Parish will include Our Lady of Fatima, Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, and Holy Rosary, all of Altoona; Saint Thomas the Apostle, Bedford; and Saints Peter and Paul, Philipsburg.

Liturgy Committee Meeting

This Thursday, June 5, the Parish Liturgy Committee, a standing committee of the Parish Council, will meet at 12:45 PM in the Seton Suite. The meeting is preceded with lunch.

Baptismal Prep

Our next Baptismal Preparation Session will be held on **Tuesday June 10**, in the Seton Suite at 7:00 PM. To register, please call the Parish Office at 944-4603.

CATHEDRAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Newly registered Cathedral families and those established families with children ready to enter our Religious Education Program in the fall for the first time are asked to contact Chris Laraia at 312-7317 as soon as possible to pre-register for 2014-1015.

Considering a Catholic school secondary education for your child? Call Amanda Walker, Bishop Guilfoyle's Director of Marketing and Enrollment, at 946-3636 to schedule a shadowing day. Every BG student is equipped with an Apple iPad. Come experience all of the advantages of a Bishop Guilfoyle education.

Matthew Kelly's Living Every Day with Passion & Purpose Saturday, September 27. Cathedral Parishioners, call the Parish Office to register at reduced rate: \$20.00 per adult and \$10.00 per student. See poster at Cathedral doors.

Rest In Peace Please remember in prayer our parishioner, Amandus "Mandy" Gallagher, who died and was buried on Saturday, May 24. May he rest in the peace of the Risen Christ.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, May 25 - \$8,747.00

Easter Collection and **Easter Flower Memorial** totals will be reported in the June 15th bulletin.

CATHEDRAL QUARTERLY CLUB

Our second series of Quarterly Club tickets are available now 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 next drawing will be held on the Portico during our celebration of our **Parish Feast Day, Sunday, 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 1000 tickets to sell. This project benefits the annual needs of the Parish Budget.

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

This annual sale is scheduled for **June 14** and **15** after all Masses or until sold out! The cost is \$3.00 a dozen or \$5.00 for 2 dozen. The Maple Donut Company from York, PA will be supplying us with powdered, coconut crunch, plain, and glazed donuts. Please help those less fortunate!

Charismatic Prayer

The Charismatic Prayer Group will sponsor a Healing Mass this Monday, June 2nd at 7:00 PM in the Cathedral. The Celebrant will be Fr. Bill Kiel. Please come and be blessed! All are welcome!

Liturgical Reflection ...

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Anniversary

Sacred Liturgy

The annual date of Easter was discussed at the Second Vatican Council. The bishops at the Council maintained that the celebration of this day that was both the first and the eighth should be the fundamental points of reference, that is, Easter should always be celebrated on Sunday. In the earliest centuries of Christianity, fixing the date of Easter was grounded in Jewish tradition. By the fourth century the date of Easter was established as falling on the Sunday following the full moon after the vernal (spring) equinox. This has been the custom of the Church to the present.

Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, Number 131; A Pastoral Commentary on *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, "Declaration of the Second Vatican Council on Revision of the Calendar," Corinna Laughlin, pages 189-190, 2013.

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

Catholic Men's Fellowship Conference

Saturday, June 7, JFK Center, St. Francis University, Loretto, PA. Registration Fee (includes lunch) is \$35.00 for adults, \$15.00 for students. Presenters include: Chris Padgett; Father Larry Richards; and Bishop Mark Bartchak for Mass. To register: 814-525-1818 or www.thecatholiccall.org.

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.

REGISTER CHILDREN:

Gangway to Galilee: Vacation Bible School will take us on and around the Sea of Galilee with five accounts of Jesus' ministry on **July 7-11** from **9 AM -11 AM**. Registration is open for ages 3 through grade 8, call: 312-7317, 949-2777 or the Parish Office.

Cathedral Festival 2014

This year the **Annual Parish Festival** will be held on the first weekend of August, Friday and Saturday, August 1st and 2nd. Keep these dates clear and plan to volunteer your time and talent for this annual event.