

MAY 25, 2014

Scripture Reflection

The reality of Jesus's life in God, shared with believers through his Death and Resurrection, appears in the First Reading. Here we see Christ continuing to work in the world through his disciples. Filled with the Spirit, Philip performs works of physical and spiritual healing that reveal the God and Father of Jesus. In the Second Reading divine presence remains at the side of Christians suffering subtle or overt persecution for their faith. They are encouraged by these words, "always be ready to give an explanation for your hope."

It is hope that should shape the Gospel message, for this is the core of evangelization in both the first and the 21st century. Hope is inherent in Jesus' message of triumph over sin and death and also in the outworking of the Holy Spirit in our midst. The Gospel must be preached and evangelization must be shaped anew in every age by the Holy Spirit. Because the questions and concerns, the history and the education differ from age to age, the Gospel must be inculturated and must respond to the situations and realities in which people live. In the history of the Church, there was no golden age when everyone responded to the Gospel with openness and warmth, when all Catholics were able to give an explanation of their hope, when sin was absent from our midst, and everyone was always obedient.

Passing on the Gospel takes hard work by flawed human beings. The Church does, however, have an advantage in its mission: Jesus promised us the Advocate or Holy Spirit, to comfort us and guide us into all truth. Jesus warned that not everyone will believe the truth when we witness to the faith, but he did promise that he will always guide us into the truth. It is this truth we must offer with gentleness, reverence, and love.

- **Think of your friends, family and community. What is the best way for you to witness to hope?**

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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 **\$74,715.00** and are over goal with 280 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.

FAITH DAY AT DELGROSSO'S 2014

Come! Join Catholics from across the Diocese to celebrate our faith and enjoy a day of rides and slides!! Or just come and enjoy America's best amusement park food!! **SUNDAY, JUNE 29 - DelGrosso's Amusement Park in Tipton, PA.**

Highlights of the day include: a collection of nonperishable food items or a free-will offering for Catholic Charities in our Diocese; Liturgy at 3:00 PM with Bishop Mark; a Picnic in the Diocesan Pavilion, #2 at 5:00 PM; and over 30 different rides, games, mini golf, go carts, Tipton Rapids Waterslides and Tipton Waterworks. At the **Parish Office** you may obtain; (1) **Diocesan Faith Day Vouchers** which when presented at the park will allow you to purchase **All-Day Ride & Slide Passes** for a reduced price of \$11 (a savings of \$7.95 each). Additionally, \$3 for each pass sold will be donated to the Angel Fund for Camp Zaccheaus and Camp Timothy; (2) **Tickets** for the **Picnic after Mass**; Adults \$7.95, Children \$6.95. For more information contact the Youth Ministry Office at 693-1401.

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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.

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)	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

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 25, 2014

Readings: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21

Mass Intentions

May 26, Monday: Memorial Day

Readings: Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26

9:00 AM Charles Roberts (Kathy Clapper)

May 27, Tuesday: Mary, Mother of the Church

Readings: Acts 1:12-14; Jn 2:1-11

6:45 AM Rose McConahy (Stanley J. Krish Family)

8:00 AM Patricia Davidson (Josephine & Pete Gallace)

12:00 PM Carl Lutz (Mary Marlett)

6:00 PM Altoona Central Catholic - Graduation

May 28, Wednesday: Easter Weekday

Readings: Acts 17:15, 22--18:1; Jn 16: 12-15

6:45 AM Joseph A. Keirn (Mom & Dad)

8:00 AM Karen Cowan Dougherty (D. & N. Elmers)

12:00 PM Michael Winkler (Aunt Alice & Family)

Vigil of Ascension (Holy Day of Obligation)

5:30 PM Camille McMullen (Sue & Ed Daniele)

May 29, Thursday: **The Ascension of the Lord**

Readings: Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1: 17-23; Mt 28:16-20

8:00 AM Gertrude Huber (Dick Huber)

12:00 PM Tom Byrne (John & Sandy Cuzzolina)

7:00 PM Confirmation

May 30, Friday: Easter Weekday

Readings: Acts 18: 9-18; Jn 16:20-23

6:45 AM Martynuska Family (Fred & Gail)

8:00 AM Mary Heaton (Barbara Karl)

12:00 PM Edgar L. Johnston (George & Pat Koeck)

May 31, Saturday: Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Readings: Zep 3:14-18; Is 12: 2-3, 6-9; Lk 1:39-56

8:00 AM Kevin Hanlin (Elaine, Frank & Annie)

12:00 PM Rob Beiswenger (Todd Sanders & Family)

Vigil: Seventh Sunday of Easter

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

5:00 PM Dick Conzo (Tom Murphy)

Please Note: Cathedral Parish Office will be closed for normal business on Monday, May 26, Memorial Day. The Cathedral Charismatic Prayer Group will NOT meet this week but will gather on Monday, June 2, with Father Bill Kiel for a Healing Mass at 7:00 PM in the Cathedral.

Liturgical Reflection ...

HOLY DAY

This Thursday, May 29, is the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. It is a holy day of obligation in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown and all dioceses in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Forty days have passed since Easter Sunday. Christ takes his place at the right hand of the Father. Included in the annual commemoration of the mystery of Christ is the Lord's ascension into heaven. Catholics are expected to participate at Mass on this day. Check the Mass schedule for Ascension Thursday in the bulletin. Please note: the evening Mass will be at 7:00 PM and will include Confirmation. There will be no 5:30 PM Mass on Thursday.

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Baptism Congratulations

Lucas Frank Donelson, son of Ryan and Kristin Donalson, was baptized and welcomed into our Cathedral Parish Family at 12:00 Noon Mass on Sunday, May 18. Congratulations also to godparents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins. May the graces of the Sacrament of Baptism strengthen both our children and the adults who care for them.

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.

Recipients of Anointing of the Sick

Last Sunday at the 10:00 AM Mass, the following received the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick: Regina Boland, Mildred Burchfield, Charlie and Nancy Craig, Matthew Crawford, Sister Beverly, Shirley Keirn, Herb and Regina Kuttruff, Mary Letrich, Anna and Paul Mercer, Dana Miller, Dorothy O'Rourke, Pat Rabine, Mary and William Robb, Amelia Seiler, Lois Simanski, and Madeline Vogel. May the healing grace of Christ be with these sisters and brothers. Prayer Shawls were given to all who requested this gift.

Confirmations Throughout Easter Season

On Thursday, May 29, at 7:00 PM the celebration of Confirmation will include members of the following faith communities: Saint Aloysius and Saint Francis Xavier, Cresson; Saint Demetrius, Gallitzin, and Our Lady of the Alleghenies, Lilly.

PARISH CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

The **Rite of Sending** will be celebrated on Sunday, June 1 at 10:00 AM Mass. Candidates and Sponsors should be in church no later than 9:40AM. **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.

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 within our community!

Liturgical Reflection ...

Constitution

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Anniversary

Sacred Liturgy

The blessing of baptismal water was changed at the Second Vatican Council from a practice that had been in force since the Middle Ages. It had been the custom to preserve the Easter water blessed on Holy Saturday in the baptismal font for Baptisms during the whole year. The Council provided a new possibility of blessing the water of the font in a shorter prayer during the celebration of Baptism outside of Easter Time. Of course, all water at Baptisms during the fifty days of Easter and water used for the sprinkling rite at Mass during the fifty days of Easter, would come from the baptismal font where the water was blessed at the Easter Vigil.

Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, Number 70; A Pastoral Commentary on *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, "The Other Sacraments and the Sacramentals," Mark Francis, Page 106, 2013.

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OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, May 18 - \$8,986.00

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.

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 adult and \$10.00 student.

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.

REGISTER CHILDREN: *Gangway to Galilee* Vacation Bible School, July 7-11, 9 AM-11 AM. To register, call: 312-7317, 949-2777 or Parish Office.