

MAY 18, 2014

Scripture Reflection

Jesus was a *tekton*, or craftsman, by trade (Mk 6:3), someone who built things with wood, brick and stone. We do not know what types of physical structures he worked on with his father, Joseph, but we can speak of his spiritual legacy as the one who built the house of God. The master builder constructs the church.

The First Letter of Peter tells us that Jesus himself is not just the builder, but the "cornerstone" of the new Temple. The members of God's family are "like living stones" who must let themselves "be built into a spiritual house." The manner in which each stone of the church is shaped and formed is through the ongoing work of holiness. "Like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house." (1 Peter 2:5)

And within the house built by Christ, we are co-contractors with the master builder in this ongoing project. Families grow and expand and so, too, must the house in which they live. This might require additional rooms, or it might require changes and development in relationships. Such work was needed even in the earliest church, as the Acts of the Apostles reports. Among the first members of the church some Greek speaking Jewish disciples (the Hellenists) were upset with the Hebrew-speaking Jewish disciples (the Hebrews), claiming that the widows of the Hellenists were being ignored in the daily distribution of food. The Twelve met with the Hellenists, and the apostles acknowledged that the complaints of the Hellenists had merit. The house needed to be put in order.

The family of God behaves like most families, and at the heart of family life is the sharing of meals that are at once material and spiritual. The table, the source of familial comfort and belonging, can also be the focal point of tension and rancor. Since the apostles needed to devote themselves to the word of God and not to service at table, they chose seven Hellenists to care for the distribution of the food to the growing church.

• **As a "living stone" in the building project of the people of God, how are you shaping and being shaped by the household of faith?**

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ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2014

Category	Amount
Goal	\$66,350.00
Actual Raised	\$68,490.00 (103% of goal)

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 **\$68,490.00** and are over goal with 277 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 sidewalk 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. Imagine the good we can do if the 70% who have yet to pledge would help just a little!

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
 ONE CATHEDRAL SQUARE, Altoona, Pennsylvania 16601-3315
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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

Deacon John E. Rys

Deacon Robert D. Bailey

Deacon James F. Leap, Senior Deacon

Deacon John J. Szwarc, Senior Deacon

CHRISTIAN INITIATION TEAM - 944-4603

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 18, 2014

Readings: Acts 6: 1-7; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn14:1-12

Mass Intentions

May 19, Monday: Easter Weekday

Readings: Acts 14:5-18; Jn14:21-26

6:45 AM Mom and Dad
8:00 AM Kathryn Kurdziel, Anniversary (Family)
12:00 PM Eleanor Hupert, Anniversary (Family)

May 20, Tuesday: Saint Bernardine of Sienna

Readings: Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31

6:45 AM Jim Roland (Tom & Pat Forr)
8:00 AM Audrey Krause (Cathedral Christian Mothers)
12:00 PM Intentions of Amy & Dan Seitz (Jensens)

May 21, Wednesday: Saint Christopher Magallanes

Readings: Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8

6:45 AM Cecelia Hollern (M/M Regis Rougeux)
8:00 AM John Hallinan (Family)
12:00 PM In Thanksgiving (Ed & Lois Simanski)

May 22, Thursday: Saint Rita of Cascia, religious

Readings: Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11

6:45 AM Michael Zurilla, Anniversary (Family)
8:00 AM Leroy & Irmira Helfrich (Estate)
12:00 PM Jerry Smith (Ron & Jean Sheehan)
7:00 PM Baccalaureate Mass - BGCHS

May 23, Friday: Easter Weekday

Readings: Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17

6:45 AM Mike Kling, Birthday (Mom & Dad)
8:00 AM Camille McMullan (Cathedral Parish)
12:00 PM Joseph C. Prendergast (Kevin & Becky)
7:00 PM Graduation - Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic

May 24, Saturday: Easter Weekday

Readings: Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21

8:00 AM John Capouellez, Sr., Birthday (Family)
12:00 PM Don Tomlinson, Birthday (Family)
Vigil: Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

5:00 PM Ann M. Civiello (Debbie Fanale/Pam Swope)

EASTER SCHEDULE FOR THE PARISH

Communal Anointing of the Sick, Sunday,

May 18, at the 10:00 AM Mass.

Parish Social follows on the portico.

Ascension Thursday, Holy Day, May 29.

Confirmation, Thursday, June 5, 7:00 PM.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

At the 10:00 AM Mass this Sunday morning, Monsignor Mazur will bless the newly crafted prayer shawls prepared by members of the Cathedral Prayer Shawl Ministry who would like to distribute shawls to those participating in the Parish celebration of the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick at this Mass. Anyone who knits or crochets is encouraged to join this group. For more information or to request a prayer shawl for yourself or another, please call Lorraine Beck at 942-7774. All parishioners are encouraged to pray for the sick, the home-bound, the lonely, and all those in need of God's comfort.

Concert Under The Dome Tonight!

Concerts Under the Dome will present "**Slide By Slide**" this evening at 7:00 PM here in the Cathedral. This local trombone group will present arrangements of hymns and other sacred music. Kevin Luke will accompany the ensemble on our Steinmeyer Organ. A free-will offering will be taken to support this series. This promises to be a real treat. Bring a friend!

Terry Knob Benefit

A Spaghetti Dinner benefit, and Basket Raffle will be held in Cathedral Hall on Sunday, June 8th from 11:00 AM- 3:00 PM. The benefit is for our parishioner, Terry Knob, who was recently diagnosed with Leukemia and has a long battle ahead. Tickets: \$8.00 for adults, and \$5.00 for children 12 & under will be on sale after Masses May 17 thru June 1. Takeout is available and there will be a limited number of tickets at the door. Please participate.

Charismatic Prayer

The Charismatic Prayer Group will meet this Monday evening at 7:00 PM in the Cathedral. Sister Linda LaMagna, CCW will be giving a spiritual talk on Evangelization. Please join us! All are welcome! We will NOT meet on Memorial Day, Monday, May 26. Father Bill Kiel will be with us for a Healing Mass on Monday, June 2, at 7:00 PM.

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. It could do the same for you. It could very well be the event that can help you find what is missing in your life and faith. This may seem like a long way off, but tickets for this event sell out fast. To inquire or to register go to www.dioceseaj.org and click on the Matthew Kelly Event or you may call Sr. Linda LaMagna at 674-3712 to do a paper registration. Tickets are \$39.00 for adults and \$15.00 for Teens and College students.

PARISH FIRST COMMUNION PHOTOS

Families of our First Eucharist Class may pick up your photos at the Parish Office during the week between 9:30 AM and 5:30 PM.

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.

Liturgical Reflection ...

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Sacred Liturgy

The centrality of Sunday cannot be overestimated. The Second Vatican Council refers to Sunday as the original feast day. In our lived tradition, before there was ever an Easter Sunday, there was Sunday first, and then the Church set one Sunday aside as Easter Sunday. Easter Sunday gets its identity from Sunday. Everything possible must be done to promote the prominence of Sunday as the day that gives the Christian faithful their identity as followers of Christ. It is on Sunday when Catholics gather for Mass. Sunday is a day of joy and freedom from work, a day to reconnect with spiritual values, and to nurture relationships with our family, friends, and community.

Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, Number 106; A Pastoral Commentary on *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, "The Liturgical Year," Joseph DeGrocco, pages 147-148.

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

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, May 11 - \$9,155.00

Easter Collection and **Easter Flower Memorial** totals will be reported at the end of the Easter Season as we continue to receive additional gifts.

Baptism Congratulations

Mason Andrew Stere, son of Zachary and Jaclyn (Davis) Stere, was baptized and welcomed into our Cathedral Parish Family at 12:00 Noon Mass on Sunday, May 11. Congratulations also to brother, Connor; godparents, Jeff and Sara; grandparents, and great-grandma, Ida Davis. May the graces of the Sacrament of Baptism strengthen both our children and the adults who care for them.

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.