

MAY 11, 2014

Scripture Reflection

In Acts, Peter calls his hearers to believe in Christ, be baptized, and repent. To change their lives so radically would mean turning away from the "corrupt generation" of the surrounding society. Similarly, the second reading encourages Christians whose manner of life so differed from the prevailing culture that they often suffered social alienation. Both authors knew well contemporary Roman culture, in which abortion and infanticide were commonly accepted, powerful men boasted of sexual licentiousness, and violence lurked as a daily condition of most people's lives.

In the midst of such a world, Jesus's disciples were called to follow the example of a Good Shepherd who would lay down his life for his sheep. Despite the portrayal of much religious art, sheep are generally dirty, smelly, stupid, stubborn, and wayward. Without a shepherd they wander off, defenseless and unable to find food or water. For such reasons, Palestinian shepherds gathered their sheep into pens at night, sometimes sleeping in the opening of the pen as a "gate" protecting them from predators and thieves.

We are the sheep and the Risen Lord is our shepherd. He calls us by name and laid down his life to save us. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, continues to watch over us and keep us safe from sin. Sheep follow their shepherd. Good sheep trust their shepherd. We follow where the Lord leads us. Sometimes this is easy, and sometimes this is difficult and challenging. Listen closely and hear the Good Shepherd call you by name.

- **Describe ways in which Jesus is like a shepherd for you.**

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ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2014

Category	Amount
Goal	\$66,350.00
Amount Raised	\$69,205.00 (104% 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 **\$69,205.00** and are over goal with 263 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.

Baptism Congratulations!

On Sunday, May 4, Addison Elizabeth Hite was baptized and welcomed into our Cathedral Parish Family. Congratulations to Emily; Godparents, Shane and Shannon; Grandparents, Denny and Patty; and Great-Grandma, Janet Tomlinson. Addison will grow in her Christian identity to the degree that family and friends model the faith.

CONCERTS UNDER THE DOME

Concerts Under the Dome will present "**Slide By Slide**" on **Sunday, May 18th** 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 the Cathedral's Steinmeyer Organ. A free-will offering will be taken to support this series. This promises to be a real treat. You won't want to miss it, bring a friend!

Rest In Peace - This past week Becky Watt died and was buried. May she be at peace, and may her sons and family be at peace.

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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.

EUCCHARIST:

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

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Deacon John J. Szwarc, Senior Deacon

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 11, 2014

Readings: Acts 2: 14, 36-41; 1 Pt 2:20-25; Jn 10:1-10

Mass Intentions

May 12, Monday: Saints Nereus and Achilleus, martyrs

Readings: Acts 11:1-18; Jn10:11-18

6:45 AM Prayers and Thanksgiving (Grove Family)
8:00 AM Vi Franchio (Robert & Donna Hall)
12:00 PM Health of Matthew Brandt (Family)

May 13, Tuesday: Our Lady of Fatima

Readings: Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10: 22-30

6:45 AM David Weaver (Donna Seidel & Family)
8:00 AM Jeff Hanlon (Chuck & Erma Hanlon)
12:00 PM Shirley Rader (Joseph Dzurenko)

May 14, Wednesday: Saint Matthias, Apostle

Readings: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17

6:45 AM Health of Anthony Mastrocola (Grandparents)
8:00 AM Leroy & Irmina Helfrich (Estate)
10:00 AM ACCS All-School Easter Mass
12:00 PM Tom Byrne (Jean Koury)

May 15, Thursday: Saint Isidore

Readings: Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20

6:45 AM Ron
8:00 AM Jessica Engelbrecht, Ann. (Mom & Patrick)
12:00 PM John Luddy (Jean & Ron Sheehan)
7:00 PM Confirmation

May 16, Friday: Easter Weekday

Readings: Acts 13:26-33; Jn14:1-6

6:45 AM Deacon William S. Cronin, Ann. (Wife, Sue)
8:00 AM 60 Years of Marriage, John & Sue Bauer
12:00 PM Vogel Wedding Anniv. (Madeline Vogel Fam.)

May 17, Saturday: Easter Weekday

Readings: Acts 13: 44-52; Jn14:7-14

8:00 AM Jim Roland (Cathedral RCIA Group)
12:00 PM Rob Beiswenger (Dick & Marie Boland)
Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

5:00 PM Leo Winkler (Family)

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Today has been designated as "World Day of Prayer for Vocations." Please keep Bishop Bartchak and our Cathedral clergy in your prayers. We pray for vocations to the priesthood, religious life, and the diaconate.

MOTHER'S DAY

God bless all our mothers, living and dead. The following prayer is offered for all who wish to remember our mothers. Thank you to all who have given us life and shared your love with us.

Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so You watch over your Church. Bless these women that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen

May Crowning Within Evening Prayer

Tonight at 6:30 PM. As is our custom, all First Communicants are asked to be present wearing their Communion Day clothing as they will be in the opening procession at May Crowning. All who received Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil, families who have had children baptized and all of our parishioners to be confirmed are also encouraged to attend this parish celebration with their families and friends. Everyone in the assembly is invited to bring a fresh flower to present to the Blessed Mother during this Evening Prayer which will last approximately forty-five minutes. Following May Crowning we will gather in the Cathedral Hall for an Ice Cream Social.

Confirmations Throughout the Easter Season

On Thursday, May 15, at 7:00 PM the celebration of Confirmation will include members of the following faith communities: Saint Benedict, Carrolltown; Saint Bernard, Hastings; Saint Matthew, Tyrone; Prince of Peace, Northern Cambria; Saint Nicholas, Nicktown; and Queen of Peace, Patton.

Charismatic Prayer

The Charismatic Prayer Group will meet this Monday evening at 7:00 PM in the Cathedral. All are welcome to join us for prayer, praise and worship. On Monday, May 19 at 7:00 PM, Sister Linda LaMagna, CCW will be speaking to us about Evangelization. Mark your calendar!

EASTER SCHEDULE FOR THE PARISH

May Crowning, Sunday, May 11, 6:30 PM.
Ice Cream Social follows in the Parish Hall.
Communal Anointing of the Sick, Sunday, May 18, at the 10:00 AM Mass.
Parish Social follows on the portico.
Ascension, Holy Day, Thursday, May 29.
Confirmation, Thursday, June 5, 7:00 PM.

ANOINTING OF SICK AT EASTER MASS

On **Sunday, May 18**, at the **10:00 AM Mass**, Cathedral Parish will celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. This is the Parish's annual celebration of Christ's sacramental healing. Catholics of any age (having reached the age of reason- seven years old) who are suffering from serious illness are encouraged to participate in this healing Sacrament of the Church. Only those whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or old age are proper subjects for this Sacrament. Physical illness, addictions such as alcohol and drug abuse, along with psychological illness are reasons to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. If you have questions as to whether you are a proper candidate for this Sacrament, please call the Parish Office (944-4603) and ask to speak to one of the priests. Health care professionals will be in attendance for this healing rite. Cathedral Parish has many brothers and sisters in need of this beautiful Sacrament, please take the opportunity to receive it this Easter Season. Call the Parish Office to register to receive this important Sacrament and to arrange transportation if needed. Also, Prayer Shawls will be blessed and distributed at this special Easter Liturgy. There will be a Social on the Cathedral Portico following this Mass.

Liturgical Reflection ...

Constitution

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Anniversary

Sacred Liturgy

In celebrating the annual cycle of Christ's mysteries, the Church honors with special love Mary, the Mother of God, who is joined by an inseparable bond to the saving work of her Son. In Mary the Church holds up and admires the most excellent effect of redemption and joyfully contemplates in her that which the Church itself desires and hopes wholly to be. Mary is celebrated in the liturgical year as she leads us to the saving work of her Son. On this Mother's Day, we honor this most blessed of all women, the Mother of God. May God bless all mothers and grandmothers both living and deceased.

Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, Number 103; A Pastoral Commentary on *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, "The Liturgical Year," Joseph DeGrocco, pages 145-146.

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

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, May 4 - \$10,648.00

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

Stewardship of Time

Help is needed on Thursday morning, May 15, to prepare a parish mailing. If you are available to help, please drop by the Seton Suite between 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM. Thank you.

FIRST HOLY EUCHARIST CELEBRATED

We congratulate the following children who joined us at the Eucharistic table for the first time at the 10:00 AM Mass on Sunday, May 4:

Delaney Barr	Kolin Hite
Holly Butler	Brendan Iachini
Kayla Cox	Alec Jones
Aden Diehl	Christopher Kozminski
Ava Dolphin	Bron Mosley
Kaybia Dufrene	Marklin Myers
Megan Eckels	Marina Myers
Elliott Egan	Matthew Roesch
Brady Gottshall	Francis Saguban
Xavier Grove	Mara Stadtmiller
Chloe Hammond	Melayna Steward

Terry Knob Benefit - A Spaghetti Dinner benefit, and Basket Raffle will be held in Cathedral Hall on Sunday, June 8th from 11AM-3 PM. The benefit is for our parishioner, Terry Knob, who was recently diagnosed with Leukemia. Tickets:\$8.00 for Adults, and \$5.00 for kids 12 & under will be on sale after Masses May 17 thru June1. Please participate.