

**MAY 4, 2014**

*Scripture Reflection*

Continuing the Church's celebration of Easter, today's Scriptures focus on the resurrection life of early Christians. All three readings today stress the enduring presence of the risen Christ among his disciples, radically re-creating their lives. Followers share in Jesus's sufferings, but still more in his Resurrection.

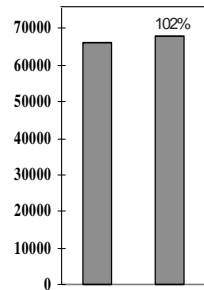
The First Reading presents Peter as a changed man. Peter is described as one who, fearing the same fate as his master, had denied even knowing Jesus. But now, filled with the Spirit of the risen Christ, Peter fearlessly proclaims to fellow Jews, even in the face of their disbelief and rejection. The Second Reading addresses Christian communities that must rely on the continuing presence of Christ as they meet opposition to their faith.

In the Gospel, Luke proclaims the concrete reality of Jesus's Resurrection. Two dejected disciples meet the Risen One, receive his instruction, and share a meal with him. This is the Evangelist's way of reminding early Christians that the crucified and risen Christ remains with them, encouraging, teaching, and giving himself continuously, especially in "the breaking of the bread," the early Church's term for Eucharist.

Today's readings invite us to share our faith with each other so that we can deepen it. • Recall some of the people who have shared their faith with you and give thanks for them; if possible, thank them in person. • The next time you are at Mass, look at the others there and ask how they bolster your faith and how you might contribute to theirs. Share your thoughts with at least one other parishioner. • Find a concrete way to share your faith in the coming weeks of Easter Time.

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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 **\$67,730.00** and are over goal with 252

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, April 27, Adalyn Grace Helsel, daughter of Jason Helsel and Julie Waite, was baptized and welcomed into our Cathedral Parish Family. Adalyn 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 freewill 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!

**UPCOMING BLOOD DRIVE AT BGCHS**

Saturday, May 10, in the school cafeteria from 8:00 AM until 3:00 PM.

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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.

**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

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## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Readings: Acts 2:14, 22-23; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

### Mass Intentions

May 5, Monday: Easter Weekday

Readings: Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29

6:45 AM George Vasel, Jr. (Tom & Pat Forr)  
8:00 AM Camille McMullen (Adeline Disabato)  
12:00 PM Tom Byrne (Kirk & Donna Kling)

May 6, Tuesday: Easter Weekday

Readings: Acts 7:51-8:1; Jn 6:30-35

6:45 AM Cecilia Hollern (M/M Larry Benton Family)  
8:00 AM Rose McConahy (Cathedral Parish)  
12:00 PM Michael Farrell (Helen & Andrew Farrell)

May 7, Wednesday: Easter Weekday

Readings: Acts 8:1-8; Jn 6:35-40

6:45 AM Helen V. McCloskey (Mary Ann Koeck & Sons)  
8:00 AM Vi Franchio (Fran Prospero)  
12:00 PM Edward Moloney, Birth. (Madeline Vogel Fam.)

May 8, Thursday: Easter Weekday

Readings: Acts 8: 26-40; Jn 6:44-51

6:45 AM Etta Pastore (Saint Anthony Society)  
8:00 AM Ken Nedimyer (Bernard Behe)  
12:00 PM Mel Kock (Mark & Diane Moschella)

May 9, Friday: Easter Weekday

Readings: Acts 9: 1-20; Jn 6:52-59

6:45 AM Alice Ann Martynuska (Fred & Gail)  
8:00 AM Mary & Pat Allen (Mother, Patty Swope)  
12:00 PM Mildred Flick (Daughters)

May 10, Saturday: Saint Damien de Veuster, priest

Readings: Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69

8:00 AM Hilda Taylor (Tom & LuAnn Ivory)  
12:00 PM Jim Roland (Jane Doyle)  
Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Easter  
Readings: Acts 2: 14, 36-41; 1 Pt 2:20-25; Jn 10:1-10  
5:00 PM Marilyn Kustaborder (Mary Keller)

### Easter Evening Prayer and Benediction

During this Easter Season we will celebrate Easter Evening Prayer on the following Sundays: May 4, 11 (May Crowning), 25; June 1 and 8. Please join us.

### Charismatic Prayer

The Charismatic Prayer Group will meet this Monday evening at 7:00 PM in the Cathedral. All are welcome.

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 May, 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.**

### First Holy Communion

Today our young parishioners begin a lifelong relationship with the Eucharistic Christ in the weekly celebration of the Mass. For the remainder of their lives they will gather Sunday after Sunday with the community of believers to receive the sacred Food for the journey of life. May the Body and Blood of Christ always be the nourishment needed that feeds the hungers of the human heart.

### May Crowning Within Easter Evening Prayer

**Sunday, May 11, 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. Following May Crowning we will gather in the Cathedral Hall for an Ice Cream Social.

**QUARTERLY RAFFLE** - Our next set of tickets are printed and are available at the Parish Office for the drawing to be held on our **Parish Feast Day, June 22**, The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi). Again we have only 1000 tickets to be sold. Don't be left out, purchase your tickets early. Volunteers are needed to sell tickets after all Masses beginning this weekend.

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, April 27 - \$8,906.50

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

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS

#### PLEASE NOTE:

A new liturgical ministry schedule for the Summer months is being prepared this week! All are asked to contact the Parish Office (Monday or Tuesday) to verify addresses, phone numbers, Mass preferences, summer vacations, dual ministries, substitute status, etc.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**Sunday, May 4** - Our final class of 2013-14 for Pre-K through Grade 8 will be held in Cathedral Hall today from 11:15 AM - 12:30 PM. (Second Grade students and their siblings are excused.) Parents are asked to be sure to complete registration forms for 2014-15, at this time and all Cathedral families are encouraged to sign up for **Vacation Bible School July 7 through July 11**.

**F.I.R.E. TONIGHT - Sunday, May 4,** 6:15 PM - 8:30 PM in the Seton Suite. AAHS Grades 9-11. Final session.

### 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.

### Liturgical Reflection ...

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#### Sacred Liturgy

By a tradition handed down from the Apostles and having its origin from the very day of Christ's resurrection, the Church celebrates the pascal mystery every eighth day, which with good reason bears the name of the Lord's Day or Sunday. The origin of the meaning of Sunday is to be found in nothing less than the fact that it is the very day of Christ's resurrection. The eighth day is the day of New Creation, a new beginning; it goes beyond the seven days of earthly creation and of Jewish tradition. On Sunday believers call to mind the passion, resurrection, and the glorification of the Lord Jesus, and on Sunday we thank God for the new life the followers of Christ received at baptism.

Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, Number 106; A Pastoral Commentary on *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, "The Liturgical Year," Joseph DeGrocco, page 147, 2013.

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