

**APRIL 1, 2018**

*Scripture Reflection*

Alleluia! We are witnesses to the power of God who raised Jesus from the dead. This is the theme of the readings on this holy Solemnity of Easter. Acts of the Apostles presents the Apostle Peter proclaiming to the Roman centurion Cornelius and his household the Good News about Jesus Christ. Peter has witnessed those words and deeds and now realizes he is called to preach not only to fellow Jews but to all peoples for the forgiveness of sins.

Today's Gospel is part of a longer post-Resurrection narrative, which ends with Mary Magdalene being commissioned to preach to Jesus' disciples saying, "I have seen the Lord!" As the scene opens, we learn that Mary Magdalene came to the garden tomb before dawn. In the first-century Greco-Roman world, a night venture would have been considered strange and dangerous for anyone, especially for a woman, but it makes her the first witness of the empty tomb. When Peter and the Beloved Disciple respond to her summons, both witness the signs of Jesus's Death---burial wrappings---but at this moment one "saw and believed."

Today we stand and renew our baptismal promises. We reject sin and evil in our lives. Lent was our opportunity to name those sinful areas of our lives that must change. We renew our commitment to God. We believe in the God who created us and all things. We believe in the Lord Jesus who died and rose for the forgiveness of our sins. And we believe in the Holy Spirit who gives us new life. We are sprinkled with Easter Water, the water of life. For the next fifty days we celebrate the mystery of the Lord's resurrection from the dead. After weeks of drawing near to Christ's suffering and death, we joyously celebrate his resurrection. How blessed we are to belong to Jesus Christ, who knows our pain, suffering, and sin yet offers us hope through mercy, forgiveness and love. Blessed Easter!

- **How will you share the good news of the resurrection of Jesus Christ? What will you say? What will you do?**

AT HOME with the WORD 2018, Archdiocese of Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, pg. 75.

**2018 Catholic Ministries Drive**

The annual Catholic Ministries Drive is underway in the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese. You have received a letter from the Bishop containing your return envelope. Monsignor Mazur has mailed each parishioner a letter requesting your participation in this annual drive. This year's appeal focuses on 14 ministries of *Caring for the Poor and Strengthening Families, Nurturing Our Youth, and Forming Clergy and Laity.*

The Cathedral Parish has been given the target goal of **\$55,357.00** for 2018. Your generosity is being requested. Aware that the Parish is in the midst of a five-year pledge to the capital campaign and that the annual budget relies heavily on your weekly offering to the Cathedral Parish, this is an annual opportunity to assist the Diocese in the ministries offered throughout our eight-county Local Church.

Also, know that all monies that exceed the target goal come back to the Parish. These monies will go to the payment of the paving of the upper parking lot which took place last fall.

Thank you for your generous response to this request. You may place your envelope (marked **2018 Catholic Ministries Drive**) in the weekly collection or drop off at the parish office in the Parish Center. Your past generosity has always seen the Cathedral exceed our goal with monies returning to the Parish.

**CCW 16th Annual "Hands & Hearts Haiti Fèt"**

The Carmelite Community of the Word invites you to our 16th Annual Hands & Hearts Haiti Fèt (Paschal Festival), on Sunday, April 22, 2018, at Our Lady of Loretto Hall, 279 St. Elizabeth St., Loretto, PA 15940. Contact the CCW Incarnation Center at 814-886-4098 for tickets of more information. Ticket deadline is April 16, 2018.

**HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS  
Now Accepting Applications for 2018-2019**

Applications are available at the school office and on the school website (See front of bulletin).

**IOWA Assessments**

The IOWA Assessments for students in grades 4 and 7 will begin Wednesday, April 4, and students in grades 2 through 8 Monday, April 9. Please make sure your children get plenty of rest during this time and eat a healthy breakfast each day.

**Elementary Shadow Day**

Our 4th graders will spend the day at the Middle School this month. HTCS Altoona will visit on Monday, April 23. HTCS Hollidaysburg will visit on Tuesday, April 24.

**THE CHURCH OF ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN**

**THE CATHEDRAL  
OF THE  
BLESSED SACRAMENT**

**ONE CATHEDRAL SQUARE, ALTOONA, PENNSYLVANIA 16601-3315**

**CHURCH OFFICE: 814-944-4603**

**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.

Charismatic Prayer - Monday 7:00 PM.

Eucharistic Adoration - First Wednesday - 12:30 PM - 8:00 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 8:30 AM - 9:45 AM

Pre-Kindergarten thru 8.

Sunday evening 6:15 PM - 8:30 PM

Grades 9 thru 12.

**WEB: WWW.ALTOONACATHEDRAL.ORG**

**FAX: 814-942-4337**

**E-MAIL: ALTCATHEDRAL@DIOCESEAJ.ORG**

**EUCCHARIST:**

Sunday: 5:00 PM (Vigil)  
8:00 AM  
10:00 AM  
12:00 Noon  
5:00 PM

Holyday: 5:30 PM (Vigil)  
8:00 AM  
12:00 Noon  
5:30 PM

Weekday: 6:45 AM  
8:00 AM  
12:00 Noon  
Saturday: 8:00 AM  
12:00 Noon

**Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak, Bishop**

**Reverend Monsignor Robert C. Mazur, Rector**

**Reverend Father Dennis M. Kurdziel, Parochial Vicar**

**CHRISTIAN INITIATION TEAM - 944-4603**

**CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME - 944-4603**

**MAIL MINISTRY TO ELDERLY, HOMEBOUND,  
SERIOUSLY SICK, AND GRIEVING - 944-4603**

**HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

Web: [www.holytrinitycatholic.school](http://www.holytrinitycatholic.school)

Altoona Campus (Pre-K thru Grade 4) - 381-7011

Hollidaysburg Campus (Pre-K thru Grade 4) - 695-6112

Middle School Campus (Grades 5 thru 8) - 942-7835

**BISHOP GUILFOYLE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL**

Web: [www.bishopguilfoyle.org](http://www.bishopguilfoyle.org) - 944-4014

**DIRECTORS OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Chris Laraia - Pre-K thru 8 - 312-7317

Jean Koury - 9 thru 12 - 949-2777

Religious Education Office: Sundays - 943-7424

**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY**

Leslie C. Thayer, MM, CAGO

Music Ministry Office - 944-2044

E-mail: [lthayer@dioceseaj.org](mailto:lthayer@dioceseaj.org)

***SERVING THE PEOPLE OF GOD IN THE CITY OF ALTOONA SINCE 1851***

## EASTER SUNDAY RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

APRIL 1, 2018

Readings: Acts 10:34; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9

### MASS INTENTIONS

April 2, Monday within the Octave of Easter

Readings: Acts 2:14,22-23; Mt 28:8-15

6:45 AM NO MASS

8:00 AM John Swope, Birthday (Wife, Patty)

12:00 PM Patty Geis (Janice Geis Malady & Fam)

April 3, Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

Readings: Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18

6:45 AM Msgr. Thomas Madden (Estate)

8:00 AM Louise Hallinan (Family)

12:00 PM Patrick Cooney (Betty Schlesinger Fam)

April 4, Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

Readings: Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35

6:45 AM Dick, Rick and Karen (Skip Cowan Fam)

8:00 AM Theresa & Francesco Fideli (Sue Bauer)

12:00 PM Jim Davidson (Louise & Bernie Joyce)

April 5, Thursday within the Octave of Easter

Readings: Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48

6:45 AM Helen Zurilla, Birthday (Family)

8:00 AM Angela Cronin Chadwick (M/M Jim Seiler)

12:00 PM M. Virginia Jones (Brian & Cindy Moriconi)

April 6, Friday within the Octave of Easter

Readings: Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14

6:45 AM Joe Tomlinson (Kathy Grove)

8:00 AM BeBe Milliron (Randy & Mary Ellen Green)

12:00 PM Lois Riley (Helen Force)

April 7, Saturday within the Octave of Easter

Readings: Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15

8:00 AM Deacon John Rys (Wife & Family)

12:00 PM Herb Kutruff (Jane Davidson Family)

Vigil: Second Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 4:32-35; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

5:00 PM Edgar Johnston, Anniv. (Wife & Family)

### Gifting the Cathedral Parish

As wills and insurance policies are established with your attorney, or financial advisor, remember the Cathedral Parish as a beneficiary of your estate. Perhaps you would like to direct your gift to a particular ministry or project at the Parish. Please realize that Mass Stipends go directly to fulfilling that canonical wish and do not aid the financial life of the Parish.

**Please remember our sick in your prayers.**

### Eucharistic Adoration this Wednesday

Easter Wednesday, April 4, Cathedral Parish will observe our monthly Eucharistic Adoration from 12:30 P.M. until 8:00P.M. in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Make this Easter week a special time of prayer. Come and pray before the Blessed Sacramental in exposition. Please remember to pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life. Take an hour to a half-hour in silence before the Sacrament. Bring a friend with you. A sign-up sheet is on the cross aisle in the Cathedral.

### Easter Gifts

Today the Cathedral Parish invites everyone to take a bottle of *Easter Water* home with you after Mass. Bottles are provided near the baptismal font. Please fill your bottle with holy water out of the baptismal font. Use this sacramental at home on special occasions, like birthdays, anniversaries, family celebrations, or when sick. This is our water of life that introduced us to Jesus Christ at our baptism. Holy water reminds us of our call to follow the Risen Christ throughout our lives. Also, children are invited to stop at the Cathedral doors when leaving Mass today for a bag of candy specially prepared for you this Easter day.

### Richness of Liturgical Calendar

The forty days of Lent had the Christian people fast, pray and give alms in preparation for the Three Days of the Lord's death and resurrection. We were given forty days to name those things, that is, those sins that need to die in order that we come to new life in the Lord. A serious and challenging Lent leads to a joyful and life-giving Easter. The highpoint of the liturgical year are the Three Days, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday, which commemorate the redeeming acts of Jesus Christ for our salvation. We die with Christ only to rise with him to new life. These fifty days of Easter we sing our *Alleluias* and the *Glory to God*, and we begin each Sunday Mass with the sprinkling of Easter Water to remind us of our baptismal identity in the crucified and risen Lord. For seven weeks we will celebrate that the Crucified Jesus is now our Lord of Life, risen from the grave. Make every attempt to share the Easter gift with others. Be positive, be generous, and be joyful. In the name of the Risen One, be alive in the faith.

### Please Note

The Church Office will be closed April 2nd on Easter Monday.

### Art Classes for Kids

Cory Geishauser will offer a five week **ART CLASS** for 1st and 2nd Graders from 6:00P.M. to 7:00 P.M. and for 3rd and 4th Graders from 7:15P.M. to 8:15P.M. in the Cathedral Seton Suite on these Mondays: April 23, 30, May 7, 14, and 21. Students are encouraged to bring their own art supplies. Paper will be provided. Sign-up is by Friday, April 20th. The cost for the Art Class is \$25.00 for the five weeks; checks are made payable to *Cory Geishauser*. For more information, please contact [corbengeis@gmail.com](mailto:corbengeis@gmail.com).

### Easter Celebrations during the Fifty Days

Easter Season begins today, Easter Sunday, and concludes fifty days from now on Pentecost Sunday, May 20th. These are significant celebrations during that time here at the Cathedral: First Communion, Sunday, April 15th, 10:00 A.M. Mass Communal Anointing, Sunday, April 22nd, 10:00 A.M. Mass; Social follows on Portico Confirmation, Thursday, April 26th, 7:00 P.M. Mass Neophyte Mass, Saturday, April 28th, 5:00 P.M. Mass; Bishop celebrates; Dinner in the Hall May Crowning, Sunday, May 6th, 6:30 P.M.; Ice Cream Social follows in Hall Ascension Thursday, May 10th, Holy Day of Obligation Holy Trinity Catholic School, Friday, May 18th, 9:30 A.M., Mass with May Crowning; Bishop celebrates Evening Prayer (Exposition/Benediction), Sundays, April 8, 15, 22, 29, May 6, 13, 20.

### Vacation Bible School

The theme this Summer will be Shipwrecked June 18-22, 2018, 8:30-11:30 AM. Ages 4-10, \$5.00. Adult and teen help is needed. For more information call: Chris Laraia @312-7317.



### Liturgical Reflection ...

Christians acclaim faith in the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. The crucified Lord, buried in the tomb, has risen to new life. By baptism we share in this new life. As we stand today and renew our baptismal promises, we acclaim a sure and certain faith in eternal life. Death no longer has power over us. We reject evil and sin, and profess faith in our God who is Creator, Redeemer, and Life Giver. We have been claimed for Christ. We are people of life. Our sung alleluias give witness to the Christian faith, we have died to sin and live in the Easter Lord.

2018, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 South Logan Boulevard, Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania 16648.

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, March 25, 2018 - \$8,760.50

Contribution Reports for Income Tax purposes may be obtained by calling the Parish Office: 944-4603.

### Appreciation

Thank you to Jim Seiler for creating the Easter Candle. Thank you to Steph Kilcoyne for the beautiful needlepoint art on this year's candle.

### Religious Education

Starting on Sunday, April 8, drop-offs and pick-ups will be made at the Fourteenth Street entrance to the Cathedral Parish Education Center.

### F.I.R.E. Students Feed the Hungry

Cathedral F.I.R.E. students will be feeding the hungry of our community on Sunday, April 8, in the Cathedral Hall from 1:30 PM until 3:00 PM.

### Cathedral Charismatic Prayer Group

The Cathedral Prayer Group will meet on Monday, April 9th, at 7:00 PM, here at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in the Crypt Chapel. Speaker to be announced. All are welcome! Join us for Praise and Worship, Spirit-filled teachings and witnessing, prayer ministry, and fellowship!

### THINK BASKET BINGO - SUNDAY, MAY 6, 2018

It's that time of year again for our **4th Annual Basket Bingo**. We're asking for your support. All kinds of items are needed. They can be dropped off at the Parish Office during the week between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM, or may be picked up by calling: Roberta Burns, 1-301-741-6467, or Lorraine Beck, 942-7774. A planning meeting will be held in the Church Hall on April 5, at 6:30 PM. Please plan to attend. **Basket Bingo tickets are being sold at the Cathedral Square door: \$25.00 per person with value pack for an additional \$30.**