

APRIL 22, 2018

Scripture Reflection

In John's Gospel, Jesus extends to his disciples the same relationship he has with the Father. Just as Jesus and his Father are one, so Jesus and his disciples are one. Unity at the deepest level was the result of the resurrection. It was not controversial among the first Christians to claim that Jesus had risen from the dead. Opinions varied only when the discussion turned to the resurrection's significance. In today's Gospel reading, John the Evangelist shares his understanding of the resurrection. By taking up his life again, Jesus demonstrates his oneness with the Father. Nothing can be taken away from those who share the Father's love.

John makes this claim vigorously throughout his Gospel. Because of the Father's love, Jesus loses nothing. In spite of his ignominious death, his followers only grow in number, his mission only expands and his life grows ever stronger as more and more people receive a share of his spirit. In John's mind, the resurrection vindicates Jesus' claim to speak with the Father's voice and act with the Father's power. Death had no dominion over him.

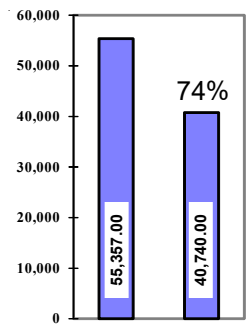
Jesus compares the Pharisees to hired men who see in the flock only a source of income. By contrast, Jesus was the good shepherd, who knew each sheep by name. Jesus knew the disciples the way the Father knew him. Through love, the Father taught Jesus every dream he had for creation; through their unity, Jesus found the power to bring the Father's vision to life. Just so, Jesus teaches his disciples everything the Father taught him, and in his Spirit we have what we need to bring that dream to life.

Like Jesus, we are people from whom nothing can be taken away. It we stay busy about Christ's mission, no matter what trials we face, our Good Shepherd will restore us and bring us home again. Like Jesus, we offer our lives to the Father only to receive them back again, restored and filled with diving energy.

- **How do you live your faith celebrating the unity with Jesus, the Good Shepherd?**

AMERICA MAGAZINE, "United to the Father" Michael R. Simone, S.J., April 6, 2018.

2018 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE



Category	Amount
Target Goal	\$55,357.00
Actual Received	\$40,740.00 (74%)

The Cathedral Parish has been given the target goal of **\$55,357.00** for 2018. Your generosity is being requested. This year's appeal focuses on 14 ministries of *Caring for the Poor and Strengthening Families, Nurturing Our Youth, and Forming Clergy and Laity*.

This is an annual opportunity to assist the Diocese in the ministries offered throughout our eight-county Local Church. 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.

To date, we have received 135 gifts at \$40,740. 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.

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.

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).

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

EUCHARIST:

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
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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

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 - 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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 22, 2018

Readings: Act 4:8-12; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

MASS INTENTIONS

April 23, Monday: Saint George and Saint Adalbert

Readings: Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10

6:45 AM Poor Souls

8:00 AM Jack Bauer (Rosemarie Fedeli)

12:00 PM M. Virginia Jones (Ken and Kathie Civils)

April 24, Tuesday: St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Bp & Mtr.

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

6:45 AM Jim & Peggy Mullen (Daughters Nancy & Skip)

8:00 AM Joanna Tetanich (Matt Wood Family)

12:00 PM Joanne Barrett (Pat Rhoa)

April 25, Wednesday: Saint Mark, Evangelist

Readings: Acts 1 Pt 5:5-14; Mk 16:15-20

6:45 AM Joseph A. Moffa, Birth. (Estate)

8:00 AM David Riley (Carol Riley)

12:00 PM Betty McCabe (Mary Ann Bell)

April 26, Thursday: Easter Weekday

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

6:45 AM Bebe Milliron (Patty Geis)

8:00 AM Angela Chadwick (Jane Davidson & Family)

12:00 PM Juan Mendez (Hector Ortiz)

7:00 PM Confirmation

April 27, Friday: Easter Weekday

Readings: Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6

6:45 AM Monsignor Thomas Madden (Estate)

8:00 AM Lorraine Marasco, Ann. (Marasco/Campbell)

12:00 PM Jack Leiden (Wife)

April 28, Saturday: Sts. Peter Chanel & Louis deMontfort

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

8:00 AM John Moloney, Anniversary (Family)

12:00 PM Anna Marie Mullen, Anniv. (Aunt Louise)

Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Readings: Act 9:26-31; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

5:00 PM Diane M. Johnston, Birth. (Mother)

Cathedral Charismatic Prayer Group

The Charismatic Prayer Group will meet for Mass this Monday, April 23, at 7:00 PM. Father Bob Hilz, TOR will be the celebrant.

The Charismatic Prayer Group will meet on Monday, May 14, at 7:00 PM, here at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament for a Healing Mass. Father Bill Kiel, will be the celebrant. *"I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly"* (John 10:10). Music led by Cathedral Prayer Group Music Ministry. All are welcome!

ANOINTING OF SICK AT EASTER MASS

Today at the **10:00 AM Mass**, Cathedral Parish will celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. 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. Health care professionals will be in attendance for this healing rite. Also, Prayer Shawls will be blessed and distributed at this annual Easter Liturgy.

Confessions on Wednesday, April 25, 2018

Confessions will be heard at 7:00 PM during Confirmation practice.

Rest in Peace

Anna Marie Jacobs, Susan Conahye and Joseph Mangiacarne died and were buried from the Cathedral Parish. May they be at peace in the mercy of God. May their families be comforted in the faith. May the new life of resurrection belong to all!

Grief and Loss Support Group

This is a ten-week support group for adults, facilitated by Home Nursing Agency's Center for Counseling. It is an opportunity to meet other people who are grieving and share experiences of useful coping strategies. Join us in a safe, supportive and confidential setting to learn about resources and explore the grief process. Wednesdays from May 2 until July 11. Group meets from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM at the Home Nursing Agency, Room B, 500 E. Chestnut Avenue, Altoona. For more information and to register, contact Ryan Navarro at 814-940-7425.

Confirmation News

The following parishes will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on April 26: Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Altoona; Our Lady of Fatima, Altoona; Saint Matthew, Tyrone; Saint Demetrius, Gallitzin; Our Lady of the Alleghenies, Lilly; Saint Therese, Altoona; Saint Thomas the Apostle, Bedford; Saint Mark, Altoona; Holy Rosary, Altoona; Saints Peter and Paul, Philipsburg.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, April 15, 2018 - \$8,694.00

The Easter Collection will be noted at the end of the Easter Season on Sunday May 27, 2018.

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday, **May 2**, Cathedral Parish will observe our monthly Eucharistic Adoration from **12:30 P.M. until 8:00P.M.** in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Make this 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 a half-hour to a hour in silence before the Sacrament. Bring a friend with you. A sign-up sheet is on the cross aisle in the Cathedral.

F.I.R.E. Classes Scheduled

F.I.R.E. Classes will be held on Sunday, April 22 in the Church Hall from 6:15 to 8:30 PM. This will be the final FIRE class. All service hours are due at this class.

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. Water and soda donations will be greatly appreciated. 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 24, 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.**

Please remember our sick in your prayers.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN FUNERALS

Liturgical Reflection ...

Jesus Christ is the Good Shepherd who looks after his flock with love. When a brother or sister dies, the Shepherd watches over the grieving sheep with compassion. At the Funeral Mass the community gathers with the family and friends of the deceased to give praise and thanks to God for Christ's victory over sin and death. As the priest blesses the casket with holy water at the beginning of the Funeral Mass, the formal prayer acknowledges that the deceased, in the waters of baptism, died with Christ and rose to new life. The prayer of the church is that our dead share eternal glory with the Easter Lord. **Order of Christian Funerals**, 1998/1989, Number 129 and 160.

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

First Communion Congratulations

On April 15, First Communion was received by the following parishioners:

Deklan Patrick Barr

Ronan Chirdon

Jack Cousey

Alexander Bernard Doyle

Ella Rose Heverly

Shannon Mae Hoyne

Bella Catherine Jones

Sara Nicole Glass-Knopp

Connor James Kozminski

Tyanna Rose Pattillo

Xavier Andrew Rhodes

Jace Matthew Ritchey

Benjamin John Richard Wilson

Liturgical Ministers Please Note:

We will be preparing a new Liturgical Minister schedule which will start on Sunday, May 5. Unavailable dates and contact changes are needed by April 24. Call 932-6340, text of email Gabrielle Cronin. If you prefer, call 944-4603, or drop-off your availability schedule at the Parish Office.

Easter Evening Prayer - Every Sunday in the Easter Season the Cathedral Parish gathers at 6:30 PM for Evening Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament in exposition. This liturgy concludes with Benediction. All are invited to participate in this prayer tonight. Bring the family, bring a friend.

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: 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 22, 29, May 6, 13, 20.