

MAY 6, 2018

Scripture Reflection

Throughout John's Gospel, the Evangelist affirms that loving words and deeds make God present. The Father told the Son the whole truth of existence before sending him to earth. The Son is the only one who knows the Father and is the only one who has heard the whole truth. The possession of this truth makes the Son a perfect image of the Father. As this Sunday's Gospel reveals, Jesus gave us the ability to become such an image. He told the disciples everything the Father had told him.

Throughout all the writings attributed to John, love is the surest sign of God at work. "Everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love" (1 John 4:7-8). God saved the world through love by sending his Son as an expiation for our sins. Just so, when Christians act in love, they not only make God present; they allow Christ to continue his ministry through their actions.

Using that imagery of slave and friend, today's Gospel continues to explore the theme of divine love and love for one another. During his farewell discourse on the night he is arrested and put to death, Jesus explains to his disciples that they are no longer slaves. Rather, they are his friends. This is possible because he is about to complete the most perfect act of love on their behalf, and because they know him as one who abides with the Father and with them. The lesson is for us as well as the disciples: as a community of faith, we are Jesus' friends if we love one another.

We who know Christ must, like Paul and other disciples, help persons understand their experience. We can do that only when we live by the Gospel that Jesus learned from the Father and passed onto us. We make the risen Christ present whenever we seek out the world's broken places and, trusting in the Spirit already at work, speak of the love of God. Then we are rightly called his friends.

● **How do you make God's love present?**

AT HOME with the WORD 2018, Archdiocese of Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, pg. 89. AMERICA MAGAZINE, "How can we help others experience God's presence?" Michael R. Simone, S.J., April 20, 2018.

2018 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE

Category	Amount
Target Goal	\$55,357.00
Amount Received	\$44,325.00 (80%)

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 151 gifts at \$44,325. 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.

**HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS
HTCS Yard Sale**

We will be holding our second annual Holy Trinity Yard Sale, Saturday, June 2nd. We have already started collecting those unwanted treasures. Items can be dropped off anytime between now and the end of May at the Maria Parish Center. If you are unable to drop items off there, we will also accept items at any of the three HTCS campus locations. Please keep in mind we will not be selling clothing. Our Yard Sale funds will be used for student-centered activities throughout the new school year. Students in grades 5 thru 8 can work towards service hours. For more information, please call 814-942-7835.

Spring Concert

Please join us and help us celebrate on Monday, May 7, at 7:00 PM at Maria Parish Center. Come and see the Middle School Band, Show Choir, Middle School Choir, Elementary Choirs and the HTCS Combined Choir.

May Crowning Mass

Join our HTCS school community on Friday, May 18th, at 9:30 AM, at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament as we celebrate the Mother of Jesus with a special May Crowning Mass.

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

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

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

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 6, 2018

Readings: Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48; 1 Jn4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17

MASS INTENTIONS

May 7, Monday: Easter Weekday

Readings: Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26--16:4

6:45 AM Anna Matthew (Denis and Connie Navarro)
8:00 AM Loretta Batkiewicz (Paul and Janice Viola)
12:00 PM Regina Osmolinski (Carl and Karen Maier)

May 8, Tuesday: Easter Weekday

Readings: Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11

6:45 AM Kryder and Elizabeth Miller (Irwin Family)
8:00 AM Anna Mercer (Sophie Catherman)
12:00 PM Mel Koch (Mark and Diane Moschella)

May 9, Wednesday: Easter Weekday

Readings: Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; Jn 16:12-15

6:45 AM Anthony Frank (Cathedral Parish)
8:00 AM For Vocations (Rita and Jerry Kibler)
12:00 PM Barbara Jane Bistline (Adelman Family)

Vigil of Ascension (Holy Day of Obligation)

5:30 PM Joseph Mangiacarne (Marlene Archey)

May 10, Thursday: **The Ascension of the Lord**

Readings: Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mk 16:15-20

8:00 AM Jeanne Smith, Anniversary (Family)
12:00 PM Lois Riley (Michael and Linda Ciavarello)
5:30 PM Bea Mannion (Madeline Vogel Family)
6:00 PM Fatima Parish - Vanessa Burr (Michael)

May 11, Friday: Easter Weekday

Readings: Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23

6:45 AM Rose Bidoli (Cathedral Parish)
8:00 AM Derek Behe (Mom and Dad)
12:00 PM Tom Byrne (John and Frances Robine)

May 12, Saturday: Sts. Nereus and Achilleus; St. Pancras, Mtrs.

Readings: Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23-28

8:00 AM Joseph Knott (Rich, Melissa, Zack Steinbeiser)
12:00 PM Lori Crilley (Richard and Cecelia Halmer)
Vigil: Seventh Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 1:15-17,20-26; 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn17:11-19

5:00 PM John Bauer (Bob and Joan Lozinak)

Cathedral Charismatic Prayer Group

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!

Holy Day

This Thursday we commemorate the Ascension of the Risen Lord to the Father's right hand. This is a holy day of obligation and Catholics are expected to participate at Mass. Forty days have passed since the celebration of Easter Sunday. The Risen One has returned to the Father and taken his seat in the eternal kingdom. Easter time continues. We are filled with joy as the Son of God returns to his Father. We await his return in glory when all things will be made new. Check the bulletin for Mass times this Thursday.

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. Bring the family, bring a friend.

Are you or a loved one Battling Addiction?

On Saturday, May 19, 2018, Leslie Turner, co-owner of Impact Counseling will be giving a presentation about dealing with addiction. Please join us at St. Joseph Church, 623 E. Third Street, Bellwood, immediately following our 4:00 PM Mass. A light dinner will be served. For more information, call St. Joseph Parish at 742-7075.

Thank You

Thank you to all the women who donated, crocheted, or knitted Prayer Shawls for the Anointing of the Sick last Sunday. Anyone who needs a Prayer Shawl please contact the Parish Office at 944-4603, or Lorraine Beck at 942-7774.

THINK BASKET BINGO - TODAY, MAY 6, 2018

It's that time of year again for our **4th Annual Basket Bingo**. We're asking for your support. Please plan to attend. **Basket Bingo tickets are still being sold at the Cathedral Square door: \$25.00 per person with value pack for an additional \$30.**

MAY CROWNING - TODAY, MAY 6, 2018

This evening at 6:30 PM within Evening Prayer, we will have our annual May Crowning. All are invited to bring fresh flowers to place before the image of the Blessed Virgin Mary. An ice cream social follows in the Cathedral Hall.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, April 29, 2018 - \$9,332.00

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

Vacation Bible School

The theme this Summer will be Shipwrecked

Venture onto an uncharted island where kids survive and thrive and are rescued by Jesus!
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. A Registration Form is enclosed in this bulletin.

Cathedral Christian Mothers

Several activities are being sponsored by the Cathedral Christian Mothers. Please check the insert enclosed in this bulletin for further information. All women of the Parish are invited to become members of this group.

Eucharistic Adoration

On Wednesday, **June 6**, Cathedral Parish will observe our monthly Eucharistic Adoration from **12:30 P.M. until 8:00P.M.** in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Make this day a special time of prayer. Come and pray before the Blessed Sacrament in exposition.

Easter Celebrations during the Fifty Days

Easter Season began on Easter Sunday, and concludes on Pentecost Sunday, May 20th. These are significant celebrations during that time here at the Cathedral:

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, 9:30A.M.,

Mass with May Crowning; Bishop celebrates
Evening Prayer (Exposition/Benediction), Sundays,
April 29, May 6, 13, 20.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN FUNERALS

Liturgical Reflection ...

The Lord gives us the great commandment: love one another as I love you. We are commanded to love one another. When we die, the judgement will take into account the degree to which we loved our brothers and sisters. At the Final Commendation, we give thanks for the many blessings God bestowed on the deceased. The blessings of living in community and loving one another as Christ commanded. At the Committal, we acknowledge that faith in God's love united the deceased to the community of believers, calling on God's mercy and love to welcome our brother or sister into the kingdom.

Order of Christian Funerals, 1998/1989, Numbers 175 and 222.

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

Liturgical Ministries - Help Needed

Cathedral Parish is seeking new ministers for Mass - altar servers, readers, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, ushers, choir members and cantors. Altar servers, readers, ushers (ministers of hospitality), choir and cantors are baptized Catholics. Fully initiated Catholics (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist) are welcome to be extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion.

There will be training for those interested in these ministries. All liturgical ministries require a review and practice of that particular role. Liturgical ministers are responsible and conscientious. It is necessary that all assignments be fulfilled. Also, liturgical ministers are asked to adjust personal schedules to help meet the needs of scheduling five weekend Masses, especially the Sunday 5:00PM Mass.

Any parishioner who regularly attends a particular Mass each week is asked to seriously consider sharing your gifts and talents as a liturgical minister. By baptism each of us has been called to take on the serious work of building up the kingdom of God. One way to take on this responsibility is by becoming a liturgical minister at Mass.

Please call the Parish Office, 944-4603, and name the ministry to which you would like to serve. A training session will be set-up. Thank you for considering this request.

Baptismal Preparation

There will be a Baptismal Prep Session for parents preparing to have their child baptized here at the Cathedral Parish on Tuesday, June 19, 2018. You need not wait until the baby is born. Please call the Parish Office (944-4603) to register for this important meeting. The session begins at 7:00 P.M. in the Seton Suite and last about one hour.