

**MAY 13, 2018**

*Scripture Reflection*

One week before Pentecost, today's readings focus on the early Christians and how they managed to continue Jesus' mission after his Death and Resurrection. In the First Reading, we learn how after Jesus' Ascension into heaven Matthias was selected to replace the Apostle Judas, the one who betrayed Jesus.

The Second Reading reminds us that Jesus did not leave his beloved disciples alone after his mission was completed. The love that they had for one another was the sign that God remained in them and that God's love was perfected in them. And how did they know that? Through the Holy Spirit.

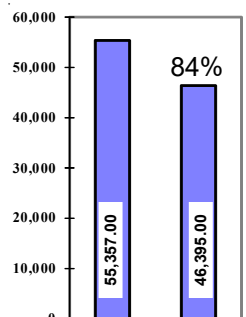
The Resurrection was a great dividing line in human history and also in the development of human consciousness. Teachings of Jesus that were unique and alarming before the Resurrection took on new depth as the disciples slowly came to understand the larger picture. In today's Gospel, Jesus is presented as praying to the Father in the moments before he departed for the garden where he was betrayed by Judas. He asks the Father to keep his disciples in his name so they can be one as he and the Father are one, and, as he sends them out into the world, he asks that they be protected from the evil one.

Jesus does not want anyone to be alone. In this prayer he brings together his Father, his disciples, and all who will hear them preach the gospel. He wants his Father to be glorified, his disciples to be consecrated, that is, "made holy," by the truth that is Jesus himself; and finally, he wants all who hear their preaching to be united with the Father and him. The last words of Jesus addressed to God are a prayer that all find communion through him.

- **Are you a source of unity or disunity? Do your words and actions build up the community of believers?**

AT HOME with the WORD 2018, Archdiocese of Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, pg. 89. [Living the Word](#), World Library Publications; Dennis Sylva and James Wallace, 2008, pg. 129.

**2018 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE**



Category	Amount
Target Goal	\$55,357.00
Actual Received	\$46,395.00 (84%)

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 153 gifts at \$46,395. 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 information, call 814-942-7835.

**Registration for the 2018-2019 School Year**

Please share the good news about Holy Trinity Catholic School with your friends and family! We are accepting applications now for grades Pre-K thru 8 for the 2018-2019 school year. Applications are available in the school office and on the school website.

**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](http://WWW.ALTOONACATHEDRAL.ORG)**

**FAX: 814-942-4337**

**E-MAIL: [ALTCATHEDRAL@DIOCESEAJ.ORG](mailto: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***

## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 13, 2018

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

### MASS INTENTIONS

May 14, Monday: Saint Matthias, Apostle

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

6:45 AM Special Intention

8:00 AM NO MASS

12:00 PM John Bettwy (Joan and Bob Lozinak)

May 15, Tuesday: Saint Isidore

Readings: Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11

6:45 AM NO MASS

8:00 AM Joe Wiedemer (Clifford Plank)

12:00 PM John Vogel, Wed. Anniv. (Madeline Vogel Fam.)

May 16, Wednesday: Easter Weekday

Readings: Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11-19

6:45 AM Eleanor Toth, Anniv. (Husband and Family)

8:00 AM NO MASS

12:00 PM Michael J. Zaczek, Anniv. (Carol Smith)

May 17, Thursday: Easter Weekday

Readings: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26

6:45 AM NO MASS

8:00 AM Lavelle Family (Phyllis Sheetz)

12:00 PM Patty Geis (Rod and Rona Bohner)

May 18, Friday: Saint John I, Pope and Martyr

Readings: Acts 25:13-21; Jn 21:15-19

6:45 AM Poor Souls

8:00 AM NO MASS

9:30 AM Holy Trinity Catholic School

12:00 PM Eleanor Hupert (Family)

May 19, Saturday: Easter Weekday

Readings: Acts 28:16-20; Jn 21:20-25

8:00 AM Anna Marie Jacobs (Cathedral Parish)

12:00 PM Kathryn Kurdziel, Anniversary (Family)

Vigil: Pentecost Sunday

Readings: Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3-7,12-13; Jn 20:19-23

5:00 PM Joseph Tomlinson (Pat Rhoa)

### NOTE Daily Mass Schedule

Because of Father Dennis's absence, there will be two Masses scheduled daily. There will always be the Noon Mass each day; the 6:45 AM and 8:00 AM will alternate each week. Thank you for your understanding.

### Cathedral Christian Mothers

Each mother is being gifted with a flower this Mother's Day. Thanks to the Christian Mothers. NOTE: Order forms for pies on Memorial Day Weekend are available at the three doors of the Cathedral. **Orders must be placed by May 14th.**

### Father Dennis Kurdziel - Your Prayers

This past Monday Father Dennis was in a serious car accident here in the city. He was life-flighted to Presbyterian Hospital in Pittsburgh where he underwent surgery and was listed in fair condition in the ICU department. He had ruptured his aorta and received two stents. Father remains in Pittsburgh. We pray for his successful rehabilitation and return to good health. If you would like to send a card to him, his address is:

Father Dennis Kurdziel  
UPMC Presbyterian Hospital  
Trauma Unit  
200 Lothrop Street  
Pittsburgh, PA 15213

### 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*

**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.

### Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Prince Gallitzin Court #2625 will meet on Monday, May 14 for a social at 6:30 PM, followed by the meeting at 7:00 PM at the St. Rose of Lima Social Hall. New members welcome!

### 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.

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, May 6, 2018 - \$9,203.00

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. **Final day for registration is Wednesday, May 30th.**

### Eucharistic Adoration

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

### Cathedral Charismatic Prayer Group

The Charismatic Prayer Group will meet this 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!

### Ladies Retreat: August 10-11-12, 2018

A Ladies Retreat will be held at Mount Saint Ann Retreat Center, 1120 N. Center Street, Ebensburg, PA 15931. Spiritual Director will be The Rev. Leon Hont, OSB, Pastor of St. John the Baptist Church and Immaculate Conception Church, Summerhill, PA. The Retreat is open to commuters. To reserve a place please call the Sisters of Saint Ann, 814-472-9354 or email:sistersann35@gmail.com.

### Basket Bingo Thank You!

Hours upon hours were given to the planning for this year's Longaberger Basket and Vera Bradley Bingo. It was a great success. We are blessed with so many people coming forward and sharing your time, talent, and treasure. A financial report will be given in a few weeks after we are sure all bills have been paid. We thank the following: Monsignor Mazur, Paula and Randy Clemens, Lori Eberwein, Maryann Joyce Bistline, Peggy McLucas, Sherry and Paul Luke, Dallas and Logan Luke, Paula Miller, Paulette Farabaugh, Mary Ann Lumadue, Kathy and Jim Hughes, Nicole Burkle, Lee Truby, Dan Cowan, Donnie Rabine, Carol Galimoto, Tina Welteroth, Jim Seiler, F.I.R.E. Students, Andrea Patterson, Roberta and Brian Burns, Butch Winkler and the Social Committee, Joe Beck, Lorraine Beck, Butch and Carol Ruggery, and Mary Ann Bell.

### Easter Celebrations during the Fifty Days

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

Holy Trinity Catholic School, Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 A.M.,

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

### 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.

### Liturgical Reflection ...

The Church continues the great Easter celebration. For fifty days we commemorate the glorious resurrection of Christ from the dead. It is the resurrection of the Lord that grounds our faith. At the Funeral Mass we commend our deceased brother or sister in the sure and certain hope that, together with all who have died with Christ, our dead will rise with Christ on the last day. Death and resurrection are at the heart of the believing Christian. Christ died for the forgiveness of our sins. His resurrection confirms the Father's love for his children. Life has been restored and there is victory over sin and death.

**Order of Christian Funerals**, 1998/1989, Numbers 175.

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

## ORDER OF CHRISTIAN FUNERALS