

MAY 27, 2018

Scripture Reflection

We celebrate today what lies at the heart of the Christian faith and life: the mystery of God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Jesus taught about God in very concrete ways, giving us glimpses into the mystery of God and into the relationship of love that we are called to share.

In the Gospel, Jesus reveals more fully the mystery of God's love by sending his disciples on a mission to bring all people into this relationship of love with God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit -- through Baptism. We are never alone since we are, as God's children, always united with the Father, Son, and Spirit in a relationship of love. We share in God's own life and mission. This Solemnity of the Holy Trinity celebrates what we have received in the sacrament of Baptism: life in a relationship of love with God and one another.

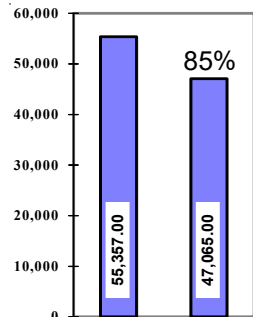
Today's Preface states clearly the Church's belief in the Holy Trinity. *"Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, with your Only Begotten Son and the Holy Spirit, you are one God, one Lord: not in the unity of a single person, but in the Trinity of one substance. For what you have revealed to us of your glory we believe equally of your Son and of the Holy Spirit, so that, in the confessing of the true and eternal Godhead, you might be adored in what is proper to each Person, their unity in substance, and their equality in majesty."*

The Holy Trinity reveals God as three persons in one substance. Through the Spirit the Father and the Son remain with us always, so we are more than intertwined with God. God dwells in us. How? We don't know. What we know is that we are created in the image of the Triune God, intimately connected to God, one another, and all creation.

- **Triune God, we are created to live in a community with you and one another. Help us live in ways by which the power of your Spirit can invite others to know you and your unconditional, life-giving love.**

AT HOME with the WORD 2018, Archdiocese of Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, pg. 95. Living the Word, Laurie Brink and Paul Colloton, World Library Publications, 2017, pg. 122.

2018 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE



Category	Amount
Target	\$55,357.00
Current	\$47,065.00 (85%)

This week a second letter was sent to those parishioners who have yet to participate in this year's Catholic Ministries Drive. The Parish has yet to receive **\$8,292.00** to meet our target of **\$55,357.00**. Thus far 173 gifts have been received.

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.

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. Thank you for your generous response to this annual request.

Annual Cereal Collection

For many years, Mrs. Judy Savine, a member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Altoona, has collected cereal to benefit children through the Saint Vincent dePaul Food Pantry in Altoona. Bishop Mark has once again requested that each parish in Blair County sponsor a cereal collection at all Masses on Father's Day weekend - June 16-17, 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.**

Pray For Our Sick - Remember our sisters and brothers who are weakened by illness in your prayers. Prayers are sometimes the best prescribed medicine.

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

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TRINITY SUNDAY

MAY 27, 2018

Readings: Dt. 4:32-34, 39-40; Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20

MASS INTENTIONS

May 28, Monday: Memorial Day

Readings: Is 3:15-18; Col 3:12-15; Mt 5:1-12

9:00 AM M. Virginia Jones (Jim and Steph Kilcoyne)

May 29, Tuesday: Weekday in Ordinary Time

Readings: 1 Pt 1:10-16; Mk 10:28-31

6:45 AM NO MASS

8:00 AM Daid Conrad (Bob and Therese Mellott)

12:00 PM Danyll Rougeux, Ann. (Mom, Dad, Lance, Martha)

May 30, Wednesday: Weekday

Readings: 1 Pt 1:18-25; Mk 10:32-45

6:45 AM Nicholas Hockenberry, Birthday (Mom)

8:00 AM NO MASS

12:00 PM Audey Krause (Phyllis Sheetz)

May 31, Thursday: Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Readings: Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:41-50

6:45 AM NO MASS

8:00 AM Prayers For All Priests

12:00 PM Anna Mercer, Anniversary (Husband)

June 1, First Friday: Saint Justin, Martyr

Readings: Jas 5:9-12; Mk 10:1-12

6:45 AM Bill and Grace Smith, 50th Anniversary

8:00 AM NO MASS

12:00 PM Lisa A. Belsey Pufka, Birth/Ann. (Mom & Michele)

June 2, Saturday: Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs

Readings: Jude 17:20-25; Mk 11:27-33

8:00 AM Joe Wiedemer (Murphy and Patty Montler)

12:00 PM Lucy Grimme (Madeline Vogel Family)

Vigil: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Readings: Ex 24:3-8; Heb 9:11-15; Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

5:00 PM John and Lillian Drass (Bart & Eileen Hmel)

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.

Novena of Miraculous Medal

Monday, May 28, 8:45 AM.

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.

Father Dennis Kurdziel - Update

Father Dennis has been released from the hospital. He is now in rehab to regain his health. Remember to keep Father in your prayers that he be restored to full health. If you wish to send him a card, please use the rectory address and we will forward your kind message:

Father Dennis Kurdziel

Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament

One Cathedral Square

Altoona, Pennsylvania 16601-3315

PARISH FEAST DAY - SUNDAY, JUNE 3

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ has particular significance in the Diocese and the Parish as our Cathedral is under the title of the Blessed Sacrament. Bishop Mark Bartchak will be principal Celebrant at our **10:00 AM Mass**. Following Mass there will be a Parish Social on the portico. Parishioners are encouraged to participate in this Mass and to share in the hospitality that follows. This is our parish feast day and the Most Blessed Sacrament will be in exposition during the afternoon following the Noon Mass until the 5:00 PM Mass. There will be prayer and devotions at **1:00 PM, 2:00 PM, 3:00 PM, and 4:00 PM**. On our Eucharistic Day each hour begins with scripture and a short reflection. This is followed by a particular devotion which is followed by silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

1:00 PM: Scripture/Chaplet of Divine Mercy

2:00 PM: Scripture/Rosary (Mysteries of Light)

3:00 PM: Scripture/Litany of the Holy Eucharist

4:00 PM: Scripture/Rosary (Glorious Mysteries)

All parishioners are encouraged to be present in the Cathedral sometime during the afternoon.

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.

Cathedral Christian Mothers

Cinnamon rolls and pies will be sold at all Masses this weekend for those who missed it.

Christian Mothers are sponsoring a bus trip to the Lancaster Sight and Sound theatre production of "**Jesus**" on August 4th. Cost is \$155.00 for adults and \$105.00 for children. Price includes transportation, lunch and tickets to the 3:00 PM show. Deadline is June 15th; please contact Carol Galioto at 946-3769.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, May 20, 2018 - \$8,418.00

Easter Collection 2018 - \$20,236.00

Easter Flower Memorials 2018 - \$3,351.50

Ascension Thursday 2018 - \$2,167.00

Appreciation

On Wednesday, we mailed the second letter for the Catholic Ministries Drive. Thank you to Rich and Cheri Williams, Bill and Grace Smith, Patty McCloskey, Janet Belsey, Mary Louise Ball, Sally Leiden, Rita A. Kibler, Mary Ann Bell and Paula Clemens who helped with this parish mailing.

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.

Men's Retreat: June 22-23, 2018

St. John the Baptist Retreat Center in New Baltimore, PA will be offering a retreat for men June 22-23. The retreat director will be Father Larry Richards. The retreat will begin at 6:00 PM on Friday, June 22 and will conclude the afternoon of Saturday, June 23. The cost for the retreat is \$80 for a single room, \$75 for a double occupancy, and \$45 for those who wish to attend the meals and conferences but do not desire overnight accommodations. The retreat includes three talks, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, and opportunities for Confession as well as quiet time and fraternal camaraderie. To register, or for questions, please call the retreat center at 814-733-2210, or email Fr. Aron Maghsoudi at amaghsoudi@dioceseaj.org.

Rest in Peace

Margaret Kristofco, Robert Jones, Paul Wojcik and Robert Schandelmeier 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!

Cathedral Charismatic Prayer Group

The Cathedral Prayer Group will meet on Monday, June 4th, at 7:00 PM, here at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome! Join us for Praise and Worship, Spirit-filled teachings and witnessing, prayer ministry, and fellowship!

Diocese - Annual Faith and Family Day

All parishioners are invited to the annual celebration at DelGrosso's Amusement Park, Tipton on Sunday, June 24.

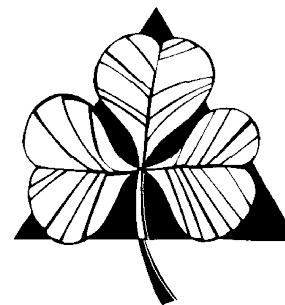
- Mass is at 3:00 PM with Bishop Mark as the Main Celebrant at the Park Stage across from Pavilion #2. Mass will begin with a Family Faith Procession with representatives from attending parishes.

- There will be a Faith Day Dessert Contest (pre-registration form is due by June 8)

- DelGrosso Picnic Lunch at 5:00 PM (Order form and payment by June 18)

There is a \$10.00 discount for the normal \$29.95 All Day Fun Pass for rides and the Waterpark and Laguna Rapids. DelGrosso's will donate \$3.00 of every pass to the Angel Fund for Camp Zacchaeus and Camp Timothy.

Forms for the Dessert Contest Registration and Picnic Lunch Order, and separate Coupon Vouchers to be used at the Entrance Gate of the Park can be picked up at the Cathedral Square Entrance after all Masses on June 2, 3, 9, 10, 16 and 17. For more information you can contact Jeanne Thompson 317-2672, the Cathedral Parish Office 944-4603, or the Diocese of Altoona Johnstown website www.dioceseaj.org.



Liturgical Reflection ...

Today the Church commemorates the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. It is our custom to begin and end prayer in the name of the Trinity. The great doxology at Mass celebrates the triune God: *Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, for ever and ever. Amen.* Today make the sign of the cross slowly and reflect on the words you speak. May God, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier, watch over us, protect us, and lead us through this life to our home in heaven.

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