

JUNE 3, 2018

Scripture Reflection

For the Jews of Jesus' day, the Temple was where divine and human mingled. Pilgrims came from desert lands to worship and take joy in the Temple's cool courtyards. Jesus would later be recognized as a walking Temple, an individual in whom divine and human met. Today, God and humans meet in humble service, love, and especially the celebration of the Eucharist.

In the Gospel account, just prior to his Death, Jesus shares his last meal with his disciples. There he blesses bread, gives it to his disciples, and tells them "Take it; this is my body," He then blesses the wine, and tells them to drink of it for "This is the blood of the covenant which will be shed for many." Through the shedding of his blood in his Death, Jesus establishes a new covenant between God and his people.

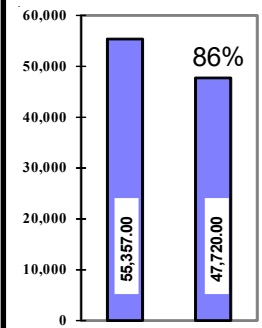
Meditate on these lines from a homily of St. John Chrysostom: "How many of you say: I wish I could see Christ's form and figure, his clothing, his shoes! Indeed! You do see him; you do touch him; you even eat him. And you want to see his clothes?! Really! (Christ) has given you the ability not only to see him, but to eat and touch and take him within yourselves" (Sermon 82 on Matthew translated by Nathan Mitchell).

Strengthened by the cup they all shared, the disciples came to believe not only that Jesus rose from the dead, but that he loved them and wanted them to continue his mission. We celebrate our participation in this mission today. Loved by God in spite of our sins, we share the cup the disciples drank. With Christ as our body, and with his blood in our veins, we go forth to continue his saving work.

- **How do you pour out your life in service to transfuse the world with the Blood of Christ?**

AT HOME with the WORD 2018, Archdiocese of Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, pg. 97. AMERICA MAGAZINE, "How has Christ set you free?" Has also appeared in the May 28, 2018 issue, "Do This in Memory of Me." Michael R. Simone, S.J., May 18, 2018.

2018 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE



| Category | Amount |
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| Target | \$55,357.00 |
| Current | \$47,720.00 (86%) |

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 **\$7,637.00** to meet our target of **\$55,357.00**. Thus far 164 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.

Congratulations!

Last Sunday at the 10:00 AM Mass, Ella Anastasia Rhodes was baptized and welcomed into the Church. Congratulations to Chris and Sarah along with brother, Xavier, and sister, Ava. Also, congratulations to grandparents, Bob and Chris Laraia. May all in the family - godparents, grandparents, uncle, and extended family, along with the Cathedral Parish Family - assist Chris and Sarah in the raising of Ella in our faith.

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

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

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

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

JUNE 3, 2018

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

MASS INTENTIONS

June 4, Monday: Monday in Ordinary Time

Readings: 2 Pt 1:2-7; Mk 12:1-12

6:45 AM NO MASS
8:00 AM Joe Wiedemer (Chuck and Debbie Huffman)
12:00 PM Julia Febbo (Tony Febbo)

June 5, Tuesday: Saint Boniface, Bishop and Martyr

Readings: 2 Pt 3:12-15; Mk 12:13-17

6:45 AM David Riley (Carol Riley and Children)
8:00 AM NO MASS
12:00 PM Louise Talko (Jane Doyle)

June 6, Wednesday: Saint Norbert, Bishop

Readings: 2 Tim 1:1-3; Mk 12:18-27

6:45 AM NO MASS
8:00 AM Fr. Dennis Kurdziel (Cathedral Christian Mothers)
12:00 PM Fran Leiden (Brian and Teresa Stayer)

June 7, Thursday: Weekday

Readings: 2 Tm 2:8-15; Mk 12:28-34

6:45 AM Paul J. Wojcik (Bridget McCloskey)
8:00 AM NO MASS
12:00 PM Charles V. Brady, Ann. (Joe & Dee Shellenberger)

June 8, Friday: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Readings: Hos 11:1,3-4,8-9; Eph 3:8-12,14-19; Jn 19:31-37

6:45 AM NO MASS
8:00 AM Catherine Nagle (Mary Conte-Smithmyer Fam.)
12:00 PM Janet Tomloinson (Alice and John Joyce)

June 9, Saturday: The Immaculate Heart of the BVM

Readings: 2 Tm 4:1-8; Lk 2:41-51

8:00 AM Barbara Byers (George and Carol Thur)
12:00 PM Rosemary Kwolek (Beth and Tom Moore)

Vigil: Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Gn 3:9-15; 2 Cor 4:13-5:1; Mk 3:20-35

5:00 PM Millie Boyle (Boyle Family)

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.

Mark Your Calendar - Holy Trinity Catholic School

There will be Music and Comedy on Friday, September 14, 2018, at the Railroaders Memorial Museum at 6:00 PM. There will be a Golf Season Kick-Off Scramble on Saturday, May 18, 2019 at the King Valley Golf Course. Mark your calendar now.

PARISH FEAST DAY - TODAY, 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.

*Thank you, Lord,
for the many blessings
you have given and continue to give to the
Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament Family.*

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.

Father Dennis Kurdziel - Update

Father Dennis gets stronger each day. 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

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

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, May 27, 2018 - \$8,445.00

Liturgical Ministers Please Note:

A new schedule for Readers, Altar Servers, Commentators and Eucharistic Ministers is being prepared for the months of **June and July**. Please let us know those dates you are not available by June 5. We are in need of new Altar Servers and Ushers. Please call 944-4603.

Eucharistic Adoration this Wednesday

Wednesday, June 6, Cathedral Parish will observe our monthly Eucharistic Adoration from 12:30 PM until 8:00 PM 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 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.

Cathedral Charismatic Prayer Group

The Cathedral Prayer Group will meet this 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!

Thank you!

The Cathedral Christian Mothers would like to thank everyone who helped make our recent pie sale a success. Thank you for your generosity and support.

Christian Mothers meeting

The June meeting for Christian Mothers will be held on Wednesday, June 13, at 6:30 PM in the Seton Suite. We will be discussing future fundraising efforts and upcoming events.



Liturgical Reflection ...

What grounds us in our faith? What gives us identity as believers in Christ? What is at the center of our Catholic lives? Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. It is bread that becomes the true Body of the Lord and wine that becomes the true Blood of the Lord. The great gift of the Church is to gather on the day of resurrection and meet our Christ in word and sacrament. Today we pause and give thanks for the great sacrament of the Body and Blood of the Lord.

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

Rest in Peace

Catherine 'Cookie' Hardin and Donna Stoltenberg died and were buried this past week. 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 them!

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.

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.