

**APRIL 7, 2019**

*Scripture Reflection*

Today the readings from Cycle A are proclaimed at Mass. Our elect (seeking Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist) and our Candidates (seeking Confirmation) celebrate the Third Scrutiny. The readings proclaim that God can raise the dead and bring life to the lifeless. What keeps us from living life to the fullest?

"I will open your graves and have you rise from them". "I will put my spirit in you that you may live" (Ezekiel 37). These words both comfort and challenge. To experience new life we have to do what Jesus did, go to the tomb and face the stench of whatever is deadly for us. By facing our darkness, sin, and death we can find light, forgiveness, and life. When we are willing to name and claim these realities, we invite Jesus to come and say, "Come out!" and "go free." It takes willingness to reorient our lives to the Spirit of God who dwells in us. The first step is honesty about our fears, frustrations, as well as faith like Mary and Martha, and a willingness to be misunderstood as Jesus was when he wept. When we can be vulnerable and honest about the darkness and the sin in our lives, Jesus shows us a way to freedom and fullness of life. His spirit works within us and in the community, who must be willing to see us differently, to untie us and let us become new.

In the Gospel, Jesus responds to the message that Lazarus is ill, saying, "This illness . . . is for the glory of God." Here, "glory" refers to something that Jesus and the Father share as Jesus does the work that the Father has given him to do. Paradoxically, by doing the Father's work in raising Lazarus, the stage is set for Jesus' glorification on the cross.

Today's readings invite reflection on the new life given to us by the power of the Holy Spirit in the sacraments. As we die and rise with Christ in Baptism, we are given a share of the divine life and the Holy Spirit comes to dwell in us. In Confirmation, the grace of Baptism is strengthened as we receive the outpouring of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, enabling us to live as Christ's witnesses today.

- **In front of Lazarus' open grave, Jesus says, "Untie him and let him go." Name what keeps you tied to darkness and sin. Come forth from the shadows of the grave, and live.**

Living the Word, Laurie Brink and Paul Colloton, World Library Publications, 2018, pg. 88. AT HOME with the WORD 2019, Archdiocese of Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications.

**HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS**

**Holy Trinity Summer Preschool**

The Holy Trinity Catholic School is very excited to be offering Summer Preschool this year at both of our elementary locations. As we need to begin to purchase materials and supplies for the program, we are asking anyone that may be interested to call the Altoona location at 381-7011, or the Hollidaysburg location at 695-6112. The details are as follows:

- Time: 8:00 Am to 3:00 PM each day.
- Classes begin June 17. (Themed weeks)
- \$125.00 a week per child.
- Ages 3-5 (Must be potty trained).
- Highly qualified teachers and an aide.
- Must pack a lunch.
- Bring a change of clothes.

**HTCS News**

4th Grade will spend a day at the middle school preparing for next year this month. It is an exciting day for everyone.

Our 8th grade boy basketball team represented the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese at the CYO tournament and took 7th place in the state!

2nd grade will celebrate Earth Day on April 23rd with the help of students from BGCHS.

**Carmelite Community of the Word**

An **Overnight Retreat** will be held on April 12 and 13, 2019. What the **"People of the Passion"** teach us about Jesus today! As we journey through Lent to Holy Week, this retreat offers the opportunity to reflect on 7 people who witnessed the death of Jesus. The Retreat begins on Friday evening at 7:00 PM, and ends on Saturday at 3:00 PM, and will include presentations on the theme, guided prayer opportunities and time for quiet personal reflection. The donation is \$40.00 per person, or \$60.00 for a married couple. The donation includes overnight accommodations, meals and all materials. Pre-registration with donation is required by April 8. Sessions will be held at Carmelite Community of the Word Incarnation center, 394 Bem Road, Gallitzin, PA. To register, get directions, or for more information, call 814-886-4098.

**Garvey Manor Volunteers**

At Garvey Manor and Our Lady of the Alleghenies Residence, we consider every volunteer a blessing. We are currently recruiting volunteers for a variety of positions. Even an hour or two a week or month of an individual's time can make a difference! For more information, please call Kathy LaVelle, Assistant Activities Director and Volunteer Coordinator at 695-5571.

**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 afternoon 6:15 PM- 8:15 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

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

**Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak, J.C.D., Bishop**

**Very Reverend Alan E. Thomas VG, Administator**

**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)

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

April 7, 2019

Readings: Ez 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45

### MASS INTENTIONS

April 8, Monday: Lenten Weekday

Readings: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Jn 8:21-30

6:45 AM Dottie Maucieri (Cathedral Parish)  
8:00 AM Deacon John Rys, Anniversary (Family)  
12:00 PM Rose Ciavarella (Steve and Kim Krawick)

April 9, Tuesday: Lenten Weekday

Readings: Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30

6:45 AM Marion Roberts (John, Mike, Toots & Pat Duffy)  
8:00 AM Dwight Dittsworth (Bob and Jean Jones)  
12:00 PM Sally Colledge (Pete Colledge and Family)

April 10, Wednesday: Lenten Weekday

Readings: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42

6:45 AM Myra Mangicarne (Helen Tomassetti)  
8:00 AM Bernadine Garcia (Jane and Jim McCarty)  
12:00 PM Jim Dowd (Debbie Ball)

April 11, Thursday: St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr

Readings: Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59

6:45 AM Mike Chisko (Family)  
8:00 AM Julianne Seidel (Patrick Gaeto & Maria Tarsi)  
12:00 PM Alma Reismeier (Jim and Steph Kilcoyne)

April 12, Friday: Lenten Weekday

Readings: Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42

6:45 AM Rosemary Shay (Mildred Mazur)  
8:00 AM Benadine Ball Yarnell (Debbie Ball Family)  
12:00 PM Louise Talko (Mike and Mary Jo Lang)

April 13, Saturday: Saint Martin I, Pope and Martyr

Readings: Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56

8:00 AM Richard & Richard J Drass (Bart & Eileen Hmel)  
12:00 PM Joe Wiedemer (Regis and Cathy Rougeux)  
Vigil: PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Readings: Lk 19:28-40; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14-23:56

5:00 PM Rose Stefanon (Mary Grace & Jerry Neugebauer)

### Lenten Evening Prayer

This evening and every Sunday in Lent, there will be Evening Prayer at 6:30 PM within Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Everyone is invited to participate in this special Lenten Liturgy.

### PRAYING THE STATIONS

Stations of the Cross will be prayed this Friday evening, April 12 at **7:00 PM** and every Friday of Lent.

### ARISE

The Lenten theme is Change Our Hearts - discussion groups began to gather the week of March 3rd. Those that gathered in the fall are invited back. Those who did not join then are invited back to become part of a group this Lent.

This Lent the theme is CONVERSION - both as a turning from and as turning toward. This is an invitation to encounter and rediscover Christ in new ways. This is an opportunity to reinvigorate our faith, to recognize the Holy Spirit as the empowerment that anchors our daily lives. We are called to be disciples of the Lord, to attempt to live each day more in the image of Jesus Christ.

### Rest in Peace

This past week Joseph Knott died and was buried from the Cathedral Parish. May his Family be at Peace.

### The Scrutinies

On the Fifth Sunday of Lent the Cathedral Parish will celebrate the formal rites of scrutiny with our Elect (those to receive Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist) and our Candidates (those already one with us by Baptism who seek full membership in the Catholic Church). This rite will be celebrated at the 10:00 A.M. Mass on April 7<sup>th</sup>. Please note that the scriptures on these Sundays at all Masses will be from Cycle A readings. The annual Gospels for each scrutiny are: Lazarus raised from the dead (April 7<sup>th</sup>). Like the Elect and Candidates, we too are called to scrutinize our lives and name those sins that must die so that we may more fully live our life in Christ. Lent is a serious time to turn from sin and return to the Lord. Be ready to scrutinize, to name your sins, and seek renewed life in Jesus Christ.

### HEALING MASS

The Cathedral Prayer Group will meet this Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM, here at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. For a Healing Mass with Fr. Jonathan St. André, TOR, Celebrant. *For all in need of physical, emotional or spiritual healing and those who support them.* All are welcome!

### Basket Bingo Meeting

There will be a **Basket Bingo meeting Thursday Evening April 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in the Cathedral Hall.** We are also asking for donations of soda (2 Liters or cans), and water that maybe dropped off at the Parish Office between the hours of 9:00 AM- 5:00 PM Monday thru Friday.

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, March 31, 2019 - \$6,326.00

### THINK BASKET BINGO-SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2019

It's that time of year again for our **5<sup>th</sup> Annual Basket Bingo.** We're asking for your support. We are in need of Gift Cards, new items such as home decor, non-perishables, theme baskets, household items, and monetary donations. Items can be dropped off at the Parish Office during the week between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM, or may be picked up by calling: Lorraine Beck, 942-7774. Tickets are available now at the Cathedral Square door after all masses and at the Parish Office: \$25.00 per person with value pack for an additional \$30.00. If you purchase your tickets by April 15<sup>th</sup> you will receive 1 set of Special Bingo cards. **Time is running out !!!**

### F.I.R.E. Class

Religious Ed Students  
Sunday April 14<sup>th</sup> 6:15- 8:15 PM  
Sunday April 28<sup>th</sup> 6:15- 8:15 PM

### CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

11<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Candidates/Parent or Sponsor. Final session will be held this evening April 7<sup>th</sup> in the Cathedral Hall following the 5:00PM mass. Please bring all paper work.

### Communal Penance Service

The annual Lenten Penance Service is this Wednesday, April 10 at 6:30 PM. There will be a dozen priests available to hear confessions. Be present to participate in this Lenten prayer. The forty days of Lent have us come to terms with our sins. This Wednesday is an opportunity to name those sins and receive the Lord's mercy and forgiveness in the Sacrament of Penance.

### Liturgical Reflection ...

When the faithful adore Christ present in the Sacrament, they remember that this presence derives from Sacrifice of the Mass and has its purpose both sacramental and spiritual communion. Prayer before Christ the Lord sacramentally present in the reserved Eucharist extends the union with Christ that the faithful have reached in the reception of Holy Communion at Mass. Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament renews the covenant that in turn moves the faithful to maintain by their way of life what they have received through faith. There is a great spiritual strength in placing oneself prayerfully in the presence of the reserved Sacrament.

Order for the Solemn Exposition of the Holy Eucharist, Introduction, Numbers 5 and 6

2019, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 South Logan Boulevard, Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania 16648.

### Lenten Fish Lunches

Cathedral Parish Social Committee will again offer the delicious Fish Lunches on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent. (There is no Fish Lunch offered on Good Friday.) The menu includes a Fish sandwich, your choice of macaroni and cheese or pierogie or french fries or haluski for \$8.00 (includes drink). Lunches are served from 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM or till sold out. Call in take-out orders of ten or more. Plan to participate in this annual Lenten project. Do you know someone who is homebound and would appreciate a delicious fish sandwich this Lent? Plan to reach out to others this Lent. Spread the great news with others about our unbelievably delicious Fish Lunches!

### The CROSS

Our beautiful ten foot CROSS has been placed at the baptismal font for the seasons of Lent and Easter. This is the cross that will be used on Good Friday for veneration. This custom-made cross holds the relic of the True Cross. Special respect is to be shown to this sacred object. As you enter and leave the Cathedral by way of the front doors, take time to show reverence to this Cross. A genuflection would be proper; one may kiss the sacred relic; one may touch the relic of the True Cross. Please make the conscious effort to show some form of respect to this very holy symbol of the faith. During the forty days, take more time and thought when signing yourself with the sign of the cross.

### Baptismal Prep Class

There will be a Baptismal Prep class on Tuesday April 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the Seton Suite.

***Please remember our sick in your prayers.***

## EUCCHARISTIC

## ADORATION