

APRIL 14, 2019

Scripture Reflection

Today's readings for Palm Sunday highlight the resolve of God's servant to fulfill his will.

In the First Reading, the "servant" speaks. This is the third of four servant oracles in the Book of Isaiah. The servant goes unnamed, but he is depicted as freely giving over his will to God. Here we are told that he did not refuse when God opened his ear to hear what a disciple needs to know, and he set his face like flint to do God's will, knowing that God would not allow him to be put to shame.

The Second Reading invites us to join our voices in praise of the Christ who emptied himself to take on the form of a slave and accept death on a cross. Because of his openness to God's will, he is exalted above every other name in the universe, but Paul situates the hymn in an admonition, "Having among yourselves the same attitude that is also yours in Christ Jesus." Thus, we are called to join our lives to the self-emptying of Christ.

Today's Gospel recounts the story of Jesus' passion and death as told by Luke, beginning with the Passover meal that he shared with his disciples to his burial by Joseph of Arimathea. But his journey to death began much earlier in Luke's Gospel account. In Luke 9:51, we are told, "When the days for when his being taken up were fulfilled, he resolutely determined to journey to Jerusalem." Indeed, Jesus' life was oriented to the Paschal Mystery, the process of dying and rising to new life. As his disciples, we are called to do the same.

- **Ask God to open your heart to more deeply ponder and give thanks for Christ's self emptying.**

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.

The Friars' Nook Gift Shop - Easter Bake Sale

Celebrate Holy Week by stopping at the Friar's Nook Gift Shop's Easter bake sale Monday through Wednesday of Holy Week (April 15th to 17th). The bake sale will include Franciscan inspired Easter bread and ethnic cookies. Fresh product brought in daily! The shop is located across from St. Bernardine Monastery at 793 Monastery Road, Hollidaysburg. The shop hours are Monday-Saturday, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Call 814-695-3802 for more information.

Holy Thursday Mass Collection

At the Holy Thursday Mass, there will be a collection of non-perishable food items and paper products. Please be generous for those in need.

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)	Holyday:	5:30 PM (Vigil)	Weekday:	6:45 AM
	8:00 AM		8:00 AM		8:00 AM
	10:00 AM		12:00 Noon		12:00 Noon
	12:00 Noon		5:30 PM	Saturday:	8:00 AM
	5:00 PM				12:00 Noon

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

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

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PALM SUNDAY

April 14, 2019

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

MASS INTENTIONS

April 15, Monday: of Holy Week

Readings: Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11

6:45 AM Gloria Hockenberry

8:00 AM Carrie Kibler Detwiler (Mom and Dad)

11:00 AM **CHRISM MASS**

April 16, Tuesday: of Holy Week

Readings: Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

6:45 AM Joseph Knott (Rich, Melissa & Zack Steinbeiser)

8:00 AM James Joseph Luther (Katie Tremmel Family)

12:00 PM Tony Ingold (Sandy and Herman Nagle)

April 17, Wednesday: of Holy Week

Readings: Is 50:4-9; Mt 26:14-25

6:45 AM Joseph Mangicarne (Melvin Weyandt)

8:00 AM Msgr. Roy Kline (McNelis All-Stars)

12:00 PM Mary Storey, Ann. (Grandson, Billie Claar)

THE THREE DAYS

April 18, **Holy Thursday**

Readings: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

7:30 PM For Vocations (Rita and Jerry Kibler)

Adoration until 10:00 PM

April 19, **Good Friday of the Passion of the Lord**

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

12:00 PM Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Readings: Is 52:13-53:12; Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9; Jn 18:1-19:42

7:30 PM Tenebrae

April 20, **Holy Saturday**

9:00 AM Office of Readings

8:30 PM **Easter Vigil**

Readings: Gn 22:1-18; Exodus 14:15-15:1; Is 54:5-14;

Ez 36:16-17, 18-28; Rm 6:3-11

Ben Petrunak (Family)

April 21, **Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

Readings: Acts 10:34, 37-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9

8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM (No 5:00 PM Mass)

Mass Schedule Note

Due to the **Chrism Mass** celebrated at 11:00 AM on Monday of Holy Week, there will be NO Noon Mass on Monday, April 15. All are invited to participate in the Chrism Mass.

Restoration of the Chalice at Mass for the Faithful

At the center of the Church's annual liturgical calendar is the commemoration of the Lord's death and resurrection during the Three Days. Lent will end late in the afternoon of Thursday, April 18. The Three Days will begin this Thursday evening, April 18, with the *Mass of the Lord's Supper*. As the Church enters the sacred Triduum, the offering of the chalice is to be restored in all the parishes of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown. At the *Mass of the Lord's Supper* all in the Diocesan Church will be welcomed to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord under the species of bread and wine. Consistently the Church has stated that the fullness of the sign of Mass is seen in the reception of both the consecrated bread and the consecrated wine. This is what Jesus the Lord directed on the night before he died, to eat his Body and drink his Blood. All are invited to receive Holy Communion under the elements of both bread and wine Holy Thursday evening. Also, beginning at the *Mass of the Lord's Supper*, we will now return to the regular manner of exchanging the sign of peace.

Chrism Mass

The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown will gather on Monday of Holy Week, April 15, at 11:00 AM in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament for the annual Chrism Mass. Bishop will gather with his college of presbyters assisted by his deacons with the assembled faithful from throughout the Diocese. Bishop will bless the Oil of Catechumens, the Oil of the Sick, and Sacred Chrism. These consecrated oils will be used for the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders and Anointing of the Sick; also, new altars will be consecrated with Sacred Chrism. Each parish community will take a portion of the three oils back to the parish for use in the appropriate liturgical celebrations. The entire diocesan family is invited to participate in this annual Liturgy.

Holy Thursday Dinner

At the end of Lent and as we enter The Three Days, the Cathedral Parish will gather for Dinner at 6:00 PM this Thursday, April 18, in the Cathedral Hall before our 7:30 PM Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper. There will be a basket placed on the serving table to receive donations (if able) for this catered meal. All are welcome.

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.

F.I.R.E. Class

Religious Ed Students

Sunday April 14th 6:15- 8:15 PM

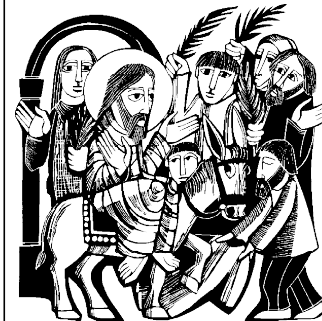
Sunday April 28th 6:15- 8:15 PM

THINK BASKET BINGO-SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2019

It's that time of year again for our **5th 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 15th you will receive 1 set of Special Bingo cards. **Time is running out !!!** 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.

Confessions

Confessions before Easter will be heard on Wednesday of Holy Week, April 17 at 7:00 PM.



Liturgical Reflection ...

Today is Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord. The Christian world begins its holiest of weeks. Today we enter the sacred city Jerusalem where our Lord is met with shouts of Hosannas, only later to be handed over to crucifixion and death. Lent will end this week before the great Three Days of the Lord's death and resurrection. Can you name what must die in your life so that new life can enter? For forty days we have fasted, prayed, and given alms. We will die with the Lord, only to rise with him. For the living and the dead, these are the days commemorating our salvation in Jesus Christ. Death and resurrection ground our faith. We dare to enter the holy city to die and rise with our Lord.

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

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, April 7, 2019 - \$8,190.00

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.

Saint Demetrius Parish - Roast Beef Dinner

Saint Demetrius Parish in Gallitzin will hold its 43rd Annual Roast Beef Dinner / Spring Festival on Sunday, April 28th. It will feature games, baskets, a bake sale, and of course our delicious roast beef dinner. Location: Church hall (former Saint Patrick building) at the top of Church street. Time: 10:30 AM to....? Tickets: Adults (eat-in or take-out) \$10.00; Children 6 to 12, \$6.00; 5 and under are FREE.

Blessing of Easter Baskets

On Saturday, April 20, at 1:30 PM at Our Lady of Fatima Parish, 2010 Twelfth Avenue, Easter Baskets will be blessed. All are welcome.

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