

APRIL 21, 2019

Scripture Reflection

Alleluia! Christ is risen from the dead! Today's readings remind us that this acclamation is about more than looking back. They also anticipate the time when our lives will be united with Christ in glory.

In today's First Reading, Peter gives a speech at the home of Cornelius, a Roman centurion and proselyte to Judaism who had been prompted in a vision to call Peter to his household. When Peter arrives, he testifies about Jesus' deeds and about how he died and was raised by God. The phrase "hanging him on a tree" refers to the Crucifixion, and likely reminds its readers of Deuteronomy 21:22, which says the crucified one is cursed by God. Yet this is not the end. Peter declares, "Everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins in his name."

The Gospel's recounting of Mary Magdalene coming upon the empty tomb is interrupted by the story of Peter and the Beloved Disciple arriving at the tomb. The men entered and saw the burial cloths and go home. The verses after the conclusion of today's Gospel show that only Mary remains at the tomb. Twice she hears, "Woman, why are you weeping?" Twice she laments that she cannot find Jesus' body, but then the Risen Lord calls her by name and she recognizes him. He commissions her to go to the disciples as an apostle of the Resurrection.

The Second Reading addresses the impact of Christ's Resurrection for all of us. Our life is hidden now in Christ, but when he returns we, too, will appear with him in glory. Alleluia!

- **What did it mean to Peter to be a witness of the Resurrection? What does it mean to you?**

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

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.

Spring Concert

There will be a Spring Concert on Monday, May 20th at 6:30 PM at the Maria Parish Center (Middle School Gymnasium). Ensembles involved:

- 4th Grade Beginning Band
- Middle School Concert Band
- Elementary Chorus
- Middle School Concert Choir
- Performing Arts ensemble

The Spring Concert is a great opportunity for our Holy Trinity students to showcase their hard work and musical growth over the third and fourth quarter. This is a required event for all 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grade students involved in these ensembles.

SAVE THE DATE !!

Holy Trinity Catholic School Picnic 2019 will be held on June 5th at DelGrosso's Park. More information to come! This is an Early Dismissal Day

First Holy Communion

Please remember our 2nd Graders who will be making their First Holy Communion on Sunday May 5th at the 10:00 AM Mass .

Bishop Guilfoyle Scholarships Available

Altoona Roman Catholic (ARC) Federal Credit Union is currently offering two (2) \$500.00 scholarships for students attending Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School during the 2019-2020 academic year.

Any student (9th-12th grade) attending Bishop Guilfoyle is eligible. The scholarships will be awarded based on academics, financial need, and essay questions.

Scholarship applications are available in both ARC lobbies, at 1919- 7th Ave. and 419- N. 7th St. (Juniata), or online at www.arcfcu.org. You may contact ARC at 814-946-0857 for more information.

Applications must be returned to ARC by May 6, 2019 to be considered.

THE CHURCH OF ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN

**THE CATHEDRAL
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**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.

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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, J.C.D., Bishop

Very Reverend Alan E. Thomas VG, Administrator

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

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EASTER SUNDAY

April 21, 2019

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

MASS INTENTIONS

April 22, Monday: within the Octave of Easter

Readings: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 28:8-15

6:45 AM Anna Marie Jacobs (Cathedral Christian Mothers)
8:00 AM The Health of Dan Hallinan
12:00 AM Rose Mary Kwolek (Fish Fry Committee)

April 23, Tuesday: within the Octave of Easter

Readings: Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18

6:45 AM Bernadette Garcia (Pat Rhoa)
8:00 AM Bob Weaver (Jim and Elaine Weaver)
12:00 PM Nancy Kirk Williams (Abigail McGinnis)

April 24, Wednesday: within the Octave of Easter

Readings: Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35

6:45 AM Cookie Hardin (Cathedral Parish)
8:00 AM Kyle Holtz, Anniversary (Family)
12:00 PM Ida Prospero (Don and Mary Ann Stoops)

April 25, Thursday: within the Octave of Easter

Readings: Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:35-48

6:45 AM Joseph Moffa, Birthday (Estate)
8:00 AM Lavelle Family (Phyllis Lavelle Sheetz)
12:00 PM Julie Febbo (Ray and Mary Lutchko)

April 26, Friday: within the Octave of Easter

Readings: Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14

6:45 AM Allan Conrad (Jack & Barb Shoemaker)
8:00 AM Derek Behe (Mom and Dad)
12:00 PM Jack & Sally Leiden Wedding Anniversary

April 27, Saturday: within the Octave of Easter

Readings: Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15

8:00 AM Eleanor Bettwy (Tim and JoAnn Bettwy)
12:00 PM John Moloney (Family)

Vigil: Second Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 5:12-16; Rv 1:9-11, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31
5:00 PM Diane M. Johnston, Birthday (Family)

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

Appreciation

Thank you to Jim Seiler for creating the Easter Candle. Thank you to Steph Kilcoyne for the beautiful needlepoint art on this year's candle.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, April 14, 2019 - \$9,274.00

The Easter Collection will be noted at the end of the Easter Season, June 9, 2019.

Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic adoration will be the first Wednesday of next month, **May 1**, from 12:30 PM until 8:00 PM. Please note this in your schedules and plan to spend some quality time in prayer before the Sacrament in exposition.

Rest in Peace

This past week Edward Wolfe died and was buried from the Cathedral this past week. May Ed know the peace that the Risen Christ offers. May his family be comforted in the faith.

Anointing of the Sick Mass

Will be held May 12, 2019 at the 10:00 AM Mass, Please call the Parish Office and give names so that we have a count of who is being anointed so we can have a Prayer Shawl for them to use and feel the strength from it fore healing.

Finance Council Meeting

There will be a Finance Council Meeting this Tuesday April 23rd at the Cathedral Parish Center in the Conference Room.

Stewardship Reflections

Rejoice and give thanks always! Alleluia! Alleluia! The gift of eternal life is yours.

F.I.R.E. Class

Religious Ed Students

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

Religious Education PK/8

Final class, May 19, 2019. All Service Hour forms are due now.

Vacation Bible School 2019

"Set Sail With the Holy Trinity"

July 29-August 2. Ages 4-10 more information to come. **STAY TUNED !**

Upcoming Confirmation

On Wednesday April 24th, 2019, the following churches will be confirmed, Holy Rosary, Our Lady of Lourdes, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Sacred Heart, Saint John the Evangelist, Saint Joseph, St. John the Evangelist, Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception, Saint Rose of Lima.

Newest Members of the Church

Nicole Beeler, Ashley Bender, Tyler Luther, and Arielle Chan that were welcomed into the Church at The Easter Vigil.

Cathedral Prayer group

Praise & Worship will meet on Thursday at 7:00 PM at Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School. All are warmly welcomed !

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. We hope to see you for this FUN FILLED Sunday afternoon. 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.

Basket Bingo Meeting

We are having another Basket Bingo Meeting on Thursday April 25th at 6:30 PM in the Cathedral Hall. **ONLY 2 WEEKS LEFT !** All are welcome to come and if you have any ideas feel free to share.

Thank You !

Thank you to the following people who gave of their time and talent to work the Annual Fish Luncheon:

Tony Eckenrode, Janet Hammond, Ron Helfrich, Matt Koeck, Debbie Ball, Mary Ann Bell, Beth Moore, Bobbie Dixon, Ann Plutko, Andrea Patterson, Jean Koury, John Fischer, Sabrena Ball, Jim & Ann Dixon, Christine & Dave McColloch, Jim Kilcoyne, John & Gail Murphy, Dottie Wachter.

A Special Thank You

To all who had donated soda and water for our annual Mardi Gras and Fish Fry Luncheon.

Please remember our Catechumens and Candidates, and our Sick in your prayers.

Please Note

The Church Office will be closed April 2nd on Easter Monday.

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.

Gifting the Cathedral Parish

As wills and insurance policies are established with your attorney, remember the Cathedral Parish as a beneficiary of your estate. Perhaps you would like to direct your gift to a particular ministry or project at the Parish. Please realize that Mass Stipends go directly to fulfilling that canonical wish and do not aid the financial life of the Parish.

Easter Gifts

Today the Cathedral Parish invites everyone to take a bottle of *Easter Water* home with you after Mass. Bottles are provided near the baptismal font. Please fill your bottle with holy water out of the baptismal font. Use this sacramental at home on special occasions, like birthdays, anniversaries, family celebrations, or when sick. This is our water of life that introduced us to Jesus Christ at our baptism. Holy water reminds us of our call to follow the Risen Christ throughout our lives. Also, children are invited to stop at the Cathedral doors when leaving Mass today for a bag of candy specially prepared for you this Easter day.