

MAY 5, 2019

Scripture Reflection

Today's readings portray the Good News of Jesus overflowing and growing like leaven. It cannot be stifled or stamped out.

In the First Reading, we learn that the Apostles were arrested and put on trial before the Sanhedrin that had earlier condemned Jesus. The high priest of the Jerusalem Temple scolded them for continuing to speak about Jesus, even after they were told to keep silent. However, with all boldness, they persisted in their testimony. When they were flogged and released with strong warnings against teaching about Jesus, what did they do? They continued to proclaim Jesus as Messiah everywhere. Such is the power of the Good News.

The Second Reading contains a vision of a heavenly liturgy in honor of the Lamb (the Risen Christ) and the one seated on the throne (God). Notice how the place is crammed with myriads of angels and other beings, all singing their song of praise to the Lamb who was slain and is now exalted in glory.

In today's Gospel, the disciples seem not to know what to do with themselves without Jesus, until Peter announces that he is going fishing - back to his old way of life - and others join in. Suddenly the Risen Lord appears on the shore, waiting to share breakfast with them. The bread and fish suggest that the meal has Eucharistic overtones. After breakfast, Jesus gave Peter a mission and foreshadows the manner in which he would die - all for the spread of the Good News.

• **What does today's Gospel tell us about Peter?**

AT HOME with the WORD 2019, Archdiocese of Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, pg.83.

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!

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 today 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
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

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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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 5, 2019

Readings: Acts 5:27-32,40-41; Rv 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19

MASS INTENTIONS

May 6, Monday: Easter Weekday

Readings: Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29

6:45 AM Ted Reilly (Ron & Jean Sheehan)

12:00 AM Pat Vierkorn (RCIA Team)

May 7, Tuesday: Easter Weekday

Readings: Acts 7:51-8:1; Jn 6:30-35

6:45 AM Special Intention

12:00 PM Christine Giblock (Carol Galioto)

May 8, Wednesday Easter Weekday

Readings: Acts 8:1-8; Jn 6:35-40

6:45 AM Benita Jorkasky (Tom & Beth Moore)

12:00 PM Vincent Stoehr (Doug and Jan Stoehr)

May 9, Thursday: Easter Weekday

Readings: Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51

6:45 AM Carrie Detwiler (Cathedral Parish)

12:00 PM Poor Souls

May 10, Friday: Saint Damien de Veuster, Priest

Readings: Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59

6:45 AM Mary Kay Moran (Stan & Susan Galant)

12:00 PM Edgar Anna (Bob and Joan Lozinak)

May 11, Saturday: Easter Weekday

Readings: Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69

8:00 AM David Baronner (Cliff & Jennifer Plank)

12:00 PM Monica Gimo (Gerry Rose)

Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 13:14, 43-52; Rv 7:9, 14-17; Jn 10:27-30

5:00 PM John Bauer (Wife, Sue)

Easter Evening Prayer - Every Sunday in Easter Season the Cathedral Parish gathers at 6:30 PM for Evening Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

Baptism Congratulations

Blakeley Jae Potts was baptized today. Congratulations to parents, Travis and Taylor, and grandparents and extended family. Blakeley will grow in her Christian faith to the extent that family and parish model what we believe by our words and actions.

ANOINTING OF SICK AT EASTER MASS

On **Sunday, May 12**, at the **10:00 AM Mass**, Cathedral Parish will celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Catholics of any age (having reached the age of reason - seven years old) who are suffering from serious illness are encouraged to participate in this healing Sacrament of the Church. Only those whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or old age are proper subjects for this Sacrament. Physical illness, addictions such as alcohol and drug abuse, along with psychological illness are reasons to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. If you have questions as to whether you are a proper candidate for this Sacrament, please call the Parish Office (944-4603) and ask to speak to one of the priests. Health care professionals will be in attendance for this healing rite. Call the Parish Office to register to receive this important Sacrament and to arrange transportation if needed. Also, Prayer Shawls will be blessed and distributed at this annual Easter Liturgy.

Finance Council Meeting

There will be a Finance Council Meeting this Tuesday May 7, 4:00 PM at the Cathedral Parish Center in the Conference Room.

Parish Council Meeting

There will be a Parish Council Meeting this Thursday, May 7, 6:00 PM at the Cathedral Parish Center in the Conference Room.

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

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

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.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, April 28, 2019 - \$6,142.00

THINK BASKET BINGO-SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2019

It's that time of year again for our **5th Annual Basket Bingo. TODAY IS THE DAY !!!** Tickets are only available at the Church on Saturday after the 5:00 PM and on Sunday after 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM Masses. But they will be AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR at Father Kelly Hall. Come and join in the fun. Play Bingo, eat some food, a lot of baskets to take chances on, a lot of other gifts to take chances on. **HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE. Daubers Up and LET'S PLAY BINGO !!**

Confirmation News

On Tuesday, April 30, 2019. The candidates from the following churches were confirmed: Immaculate Conception, Dudley; Most Holy Trinity, Huntingdon; Saint Catherine of Siena, Duncansville, Saint Catherine of Siena, Mount Union; Saint. Mary, Hollidaysburg; Saint Mary, Orbisonia; Saint Michael the Archangel, Hollidaysburg; Saint Patrick, Newry; Saint Stephen, McConnellsburg; Saint Thomas More, Roaring Spring; and, Queen of Archangels, Clarence.

On Thursday May 2, 2019 the candidates from the following churches were confirmed: Prince of Peace, Northern Cambria; Saint Aloysius, Cresson; Saint Benedict, Carrolltown; Saint Augustine, Dysart; Saint Bernard, Hastings; Saint Francis Xavier, Cresson; Saint Nicholas, Nicktown

Independent Catholic Foundation News

The Independent Catholic Foundation seeks applicants for the 2019 Welge Scholarship which provides financial assistance to worthy parishioners who are entering their junior or senior year of college and are a member in good standing here at Cathedral Parish. Applications are available in the parish office or can be downloaded from the "Grants" page of the Foundation website, www.icfdaj.org. Completed applications, including the pastor's signature, are due no later than 4:00 PM on Friday, June 15.

Infant Baptismal Preparation

There will be a baptismal preparation session for infant baptism on **Tuesday June 4th**, at **7:00 P.M.** in the Seton Suite. Parents need not wait until your baby is born to attend the class. All parents are expected to attend this informative meeting regarding your baby's baptism.

Change to the Daily Mass Schedule

The Cathedral Parish is blessed to have the assistance of Bishop Mark and a number of other priests who try as much as possible to accommodate the spiritual needs of our parishioners for daily and weekend Masses as well as for the other sacraments. As you know, the number of priests able to do pastoral work in our diocese has progressively declined in the past several years.

In order to deal with this decline and to preserve the health of the priests who remain active, I must make a change, even if it is only temporary, to the daily Mass schedule of the Cathedral. So, beginning on Monday, May 6, there will be two daily Masses at the Cathedral: 6:45am and 12:00noon. For the immediate future the 8:00am daily Mass will be suspended. I encourage those who attend the 8:00am daily Mass to take advantage of daily Mass offered at this time in other neighboring parishes or to come to one of the two remaining daily Masses at the Cathedral.

This change involves only the 8:00am Mass from Monday to Friday. We will continue to celebrate daily Mass at 8:00am on Saturdays. The weekend scheduled will remain unchanged.

This is not set in stone and other alterations may have to be made as we continue to adjust to the reality of fewer priests. I hope this will be an occasion to pray for vocations to the priesthood, especially the diocesan priesthood of Altoona-Johnstown. Thanks for your understanding and cooperation. Yours in Christ, (Very Rev.) Alan E. Thomas, VG, Administrator.

Easter Celebrations during the Fifty Days

Easter Season begins today, Easter Sunday, and concludes fifty days from now on Pentecost Sunday, June 9th. These are significant celebrations during that time here at the Cathedral: Communal Anointing, Sunday, May 12th, 10:00 AM Confirmation, Tuesday, May 28th, 7:00 P.M. Mass Neophyte Mass, Saturday, April 27th, 5:00 P.M. Mass;

Bishop celebrates; Dinner in the Hall May Crowning, Sunday, May 19th, 6:30 P.M.;

Ice Cream Social follows in Hall Ascension Thursday, May 30th, Holy Day of Obligation Holy Trinity Catholic School, Friday, May 17th, 10:00 A.M.,

Mass with May Crowning; Bishop celebrates Evening Prayer (Exposition/Benediction), Sundays, April 28, May 5, 12, 19, 26, June 2, 9.

Please remember our sick in your prayers.