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.
AN  OINTING 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 8:00 AM - 9:45 AM
Pre-Kindergarten thru 8.
Sunday afternoon 1:15 PM - 3:15 PM
Grades 9 thru 12.

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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
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Web: www.bishopguilfoyle.org - 944-4014

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Holyday: 5:30 PM (Vigil)
Wealthy: 6:45 AM
Sunday: 5:00 PM (Vigil)
Holyday: 5:30 PM (Vigil)
Weekday: 8:00 AM
8:00 AM
10:00 AM
12:00 Noon
12:00 Noon
5:00 PM
5:30 PM
Saturday: 8:00 AM
12:00 Noon
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Third Sunday of Easter
May 5, 2019

Mass Intentions
May 6, Monday: Easter Weekday
6:45 AM Ted Reilly (Ron & Jean Sheehan)
12:00 AM Pat Vierkorn (RCIA Team)

May 7, Tuesday: Easter Weekday
Readings: 7:51-8:1; Jn 6:30-35
6:45 AM Special Intention
12:00 PM Christine Giblock (Carol Galito)

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
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 Parish Hall 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 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 (944-6603) 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
They 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/1
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, Duddy; Most Holy Trinity, Huntington; 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, McConnellburg; Saint Thomas More, Roaring Spring; and, Queen of Archangels, Claremore.

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 PM 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 schedule will remain unchanged.

This is not set in stone and other alterations may have to 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 continues 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 PM Mass Neophyte Mass, Saturday, April 27th, 5:00 PM Mass; Bishop celebrates: Dinner in the Hall May Crowning, Sunday, May 19th, 6:30 PM; 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.