

MAY 12, 2019

Scripture Reflection

Witnessing to the Good News of Jesus Christ can be fraught with danger, but we can be assured that we will be victorious if we heed the voice of the Good Shepherd.

In the First Reading, we hear of Paul and Barnabas' missionary work in Antioch of Pisidia. We see that their message is not well received by some of their Jewish brethren, which provides the context for their declaration that God has sent them to be the light to the Gentiles. Persecuted and expelled from the region, they move on in joyful confidence that their mission has been inspired by God. A word of caution: we should not take Luke's word as a condemnation of Judaism. Rather, he was simply trying to give a reason for why the Good News spread beyond its original boundaries to the rest of the world.

The second Reading provides a commentary on John's vision of a great multitude of people in white robes - a symbol of victory - carrying palm branches, typically used to greet kings returning from battle. An elder informs him the people are the martyrs who endured the great persecution. God now shelters them and the Lamb shepherds them.

In today's Gospel, Jesus assures his followers and warns his detractors by saying that he knows his sheep and they know him. His sheep hear his voice and, because he gives them eternal life, no one can harm them ever.

- **What do you think it means that Paul and Barnabas "shook the dust from their feet"?**

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

HTCS News

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

HTCS YARD SALE!

Saturday June 1, 2019, from 7:00 AM until 1:00 PM we will hold our Annual Yard Sale at the Middle School Gym (Maria Parish Center) at Saint Rose of Lima Parish. We are currently collecting your unwanted treasures. Items can be dropped off at the Middle School gym anytime.

Family Day Retreat

"Love in the Age of Loneliness" Don't miss this opportunity to reflect on marriage, and family life with well-known speakers and authors Kimberly Hahn and Mike Aquilina. Includes with Bishop Mark, Confession, Adoration, and lunch. Saturday, June 22, starting at 9:00 AM at St. Joseph's Catholic Academy in Boalsburg, Pa. The first 100 to register will receive a free copy of The First Society by Scott Hahn. Spaces are limited. Register at: <https://stjoeacad.org/love-in-an-age-of-loneliness/>

Carmelite Community of the Word Golf Tournament

The Carmelite Community of the Word sisters will hold our 15th Annual Golf Tournament on Friday, June 7 at Scotch Valley Country Club. This event has proven to be a fun day for all, and includes a Shotgun start at 12:00 Noon. Golf, Lunch, Course Refreshments, Casual Dinner, Prizes and a Live Auction. Casual Dinner is served at 4:30 PM. Live auction begins at 5:00 PM.

THE CHURCH OF ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN

**THE CATHEDRAL
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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 -

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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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
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

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 12, 2019

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

MASS INTENTIONS

May 13, Monday: Our Lady of Fatima

Readings: Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10

6:45 AM Christina Flanagan (Jim & Steph Kilcoyne)

12:00 AM All Catholic Daughters

May 14, Tuesday: Saint Matthias, Apostle

Readings: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17

6:45 AM Evelyn Adams (Great Grandchildren)

12:00 PM Mary Moffa Jenaway (Estate)

May 15, Wednesday Saint Isidore

Readings: Acts 12:24-13: 5; Jn 12:44-50

6:45 AM Dottie Berger (McNelis All Stars)

12:00 PM M/M John Vogel Wed. Ann.(Mary Gene & Maureen)

May 16, Thursday: Easter Weekday

Readings: Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20

6:45 Am Eleanor Toth Anniversay (Husband)

12:00 PM Dot Cole/Corsaro, Ann.(Jim & Jane Smith)

May 17, Friday: Easter Weekday

Readings: Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6

6:45 AM Lavelle Family (Phyllis Lavelle Sheetz)

10:00 AM **Holy Trinity Catholic School/ May Crowning**

12:00 PM Leo and Alice Winkler (Family)

May 18, Saturday: Saint John I, Pope and Martyr

Readings: Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14

8:00 AM Dave Baronner (Bernie & Suzy Behe)

12:00 PM Jim and Jane Smith, Wed. Anniversary

Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 14:21-27; Rv 21:1-5; Jn 13:31-35

5:00 PM Deceased Members Kurdziel & Sadel Fam.

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

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.

Rite of Sending

On Sunday May 19, at the 10:00 AM Mass, our eleventh grade Confirmation candidates will be sent forth to be Confirmed by Bishop Mark Bartchak.

May Crowning

There will be a May Crowning on Sunday, May 19 at 6:30 PM, with an ice-cream social to follow in the Cathedral Hall.

Religious Education PK/8

The final F.I.R.E. class will be held in the Cathedral Hall on May 19, 2019 from 6:15 until 8:15 PM. 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 !**

MOTHER'S DAY

God bless all our mothers, living and dead. The following prayer is offered for all who wish to remember our mothers. Thank you to all who have given us life and shared your love with us.

Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so You watch over your Church. Bless these woman so that they maybe strengthened as Christian mothers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Families United for Change

Is Your Family Suffering from Drug Addiction? We are a group of Family Members affected by Addiction. We are starting a grass roots efforts to bring about change in recovery. All are Welcome! Next Meeting: May 14th, 2019 (**and every second Tuesday of the Month**).

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Hope Community Church

1520- 11th Street, Lower Level

Altoona, Pa.

Phone: 814-934-8067

Please remember our sick in your prayers.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, May 5, 2019 - \$7,368.00

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

FIRST COMMUNION CONGRATULATIONS

On May 5, First Communion was received by the following parishioners:

Ricky Batista-Ortiz

Abigail Chverchko

Brian Dufrene

Aleia Eckenrode

Morgan Geishauser

Grace Gregg

Chloe Jones

Cora Jones

Ayden Koeck

Katelyn Koller

Felicity Rogers

Logan Settle

Landon Shellenberger

Elaina Stinson

Elijah Weaver

BGCHS Graduation News

Practice will be at the Cathedral on Wednesday May 15, 1:00 - 3:00 PM.

Baccalaureate for BGCHS

Their will be Baccalaureate Thursday May 16, 2019 at 7:00 PM here at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament.

Graduation for BGCHS

Graduation will be held on Friday May 17, 2019 at 7:00 PM here at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament.

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.

Basket Bingo Thank You

Hours upon hours were given to make our May 5, 2019 Basket Bingo a success. We would like to thank all the people who helped out, and all the donations. We are blessed with so many people coming forward and sharing your time, talent and, treasures. A financial report will be given in a few weeks, after we are sure that all the bills are paid.

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: 6:45 AM and 12:00 Noon. For the immediate future the 8:00 AM daily Mass will be suspended. I encourage those who attend the 8:00 AM 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 8:00 AM Mass from Monday to Friday. We will continue to celebrate daily Mass at 8:00 AM and Noon on Saturdays. The weekend scheduled 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 concludes fifty days from now on Pentecost Sunday, June 9th. These are significant celebrations during that time here at the Cathedral:

Confirmation, Tuesday, May 28th, 7:00 P.M. Mass

May Crowning, Sunday, May 19th, 6:30 P.M.;

Ice Cream Social follows in Hall

Ascension Thursday, May 30th, Holy Day of Obligation

Evening Prayer (Exposition/Benediction), Sundays,

May 12, 19, 26, June 2, 9.

Stewardship Reflections

Placing our trust in Jesus puts us in direct opposition to many of the values that our society finds acceptable. However we can take comfort in the assurance of today's reading that the reward of eternal life is ours when we commit ourselves to be wise and generous stewards and disciples of the Risen Lord.