

**MAY 19, 2019**

*Scripture Reflection*

In a few weeks, we will celebrate the Solemnity of Pentecost, which marks the beginning of the Church. Today's readings offer a sense of the spread of the Church, and what the Lord calls each of us to do.

The readings from the Acts shows Paul and Barnabas concluding their first missionary journey by returning to the church of Antioch that had authorized their mission. On their journey, they set up structures of leadership to empower and encourage their new communities "to persevere in the faith" in view of the inevitable hardships to come.

The Book of Revelation reminds us of our future hopes, when creation is renewed and the old world of hardships gives way to a glorious future. "He [God] will dwell with him and they will be his people and God himself will always be with them as their God." The Resurrection offers a foretaste of this promised union with God.

In bidding farewell to his disciples at the Last Supper, Jesus offers encouragement by summarizing for them his teaching during his three-year ministry. Jesus' central message is captured in these words: "I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you should also love one another." His sacrificial death for humanity provides the model for how we are to love one another. In this sense, it is a new commandment that challenges Christ's followers to embrace, at the heart of love, a sacrificial love and calls on followers to live it in their lives. Sacrificial love becomes the mark of disciples.

• **In what way is the new commandment to love one another a "new commandment"?**

AT HOME with the WORD 2019, Archdiocese of Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, pg. 87.

**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**

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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 -

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**

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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, 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**

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## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 19, 2019

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

### MASS INTENTIONS

May 20, Monday: Saint Bernardine of Siena, Priest

Readings: Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26

6:45 AM Rita Simasek (Carmen Robosson)

12:00 AM Eleanor Hupert (Family)

May 21, Tuesday: Saint Christopher Magallanes

Readings: Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31

6:45 AM John Hallinan (Family)

12:00 PM Trudy Eicher (Family and Friends)

May 22, Wednesday Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious

Readings: Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8

6:45 AM Michael Zurilla, Anniversary (Family)

12:00 PM Kevin Sheets (Helen and Jim Seidel)

May 23, Thursday: Easter Weekday

Readings: Acts 15; 7-21; Jn 15:9-11

6:45 AM Mike Kling, Birthday (Family)

12:00 PM Madeline Vogel (Cathedral Parish)

May 24, Friday: Easter Weekday

Readings: Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17

6:45 AM Dottie Berger (Sister Ann Crouse)

12:00 PM Ray Plummer (Kathy & Greg Clemens)

May 25, Saturday: Sts. Bede the Venerable, Gregory VII

Readings: Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21

8:00 AM John Capouellez, Birthday (Family)

12:00 PM Sally Colledge (Pete Colledge and Family)

Vigil: Sixth Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts:15:1-2,22-29; Rv 21:10-14,22-23; Jn 14:23-29

5:00 PM Frances Pagliaro, Birthday (Family)

**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.

### Memorial Day

Notice that there will only be one Mass said on Monday May 27 at 9:00 AM. The Parish Office will be closed. Will be back in Tuesday May 28 at 9:00 AM.

#### The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown Finance Office

The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown has an opening for a **Full-Time Comptroller**. Responsible for overseeing and implementing accounting functions while providing guidance to the Finance department staff. To view the job description and qualifications, go to [www.dioceseaj.org](http://www.dioceseaj.org). Resumes must be submitted to 917 South Logan Boulevard, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648; Attn: Human Resources or, can be emailed to [lmcevoy@dioceseaj.org](mailto:lmcevoy@dioceseaj.org).

### Eucharistic Adoration

There will be adoration before the Blessed Sacrament in exposition on **Wednesday, June 5th** from 12:30PM until 8:00PM. The Monstrance is located in front of the tabernacle in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. All are invited to make time in our schedules to spend quality prayer time before the Blessed Sacrament.

### THE MASS

Sister Theresa, CCW, will be offering Bishop Robert Barron's DVD on "**THE MASS**". This is a wonderful opportunity for you to understand more deeply what the Mass is all about.

We will meet Tuesday, June 4th, 11th, and 18th from 6:30 to 8:00 PM at the Sacred Heart School Building. Please come and bring a friend. God bless you.

### 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

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, May 12, 2019 - \$6,964.00

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

### Rite of Sending

This 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

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

### F.I.R.E.

The final F.I.R.E. class will be held in the Cathedral Hall this Sunday 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 !**

### Graduation

This past Thursday and Friday, Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School celebrated Mass and Graduation with the Class of 2019.

### Holy Trinity Graduation

Our 8th Grade Graduation will take place Thursday May 23, 2019 at 6:00 PM with Mass 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](http://www.icfdaj.org). Completed applications, including the pastor's signature, are due no later than 4:00 PM on Friday, June 15.

### Stewardship Reflections

"This is how you will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John13:35). How will you respond to Jesus this week in the giving of your time, talent, and treasure?

### Society of St. Vincent dePaul

We are dedicated to helping the poor and the suffering. Through our local Council we provide various services to the needy in our community. Our Financial needs department is located in our Altoona Thrift Store. The services we provide vary greatly. We provide financial help for the following situations and more.

\* To prevent loss of electricity, heat and water to their residence when they receive a termination notice.

\* To help with obtaining housing or to avoid loss of housing.

\* To shelter homeless temporarily in motels until housing can be found.

\* To provide beds and furniture for people who were homeless

\*To provide gas for people who have no money and are looking for a job or providing transportation for a sick family member.

We provide food for residents in emergency situations, serve meals when Sister Paula's kitchen is closed for the holidays and help in special situations such as help repair a vehicle for the resident to obtain employment, etc.

Thank you for your donation. It is greatly appreciated and will help us to do our mission.

### 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 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 P.M.;

Ice Cream Social follows in Hall

Ascension Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, Holy Day of Obligation

Evening Prayer (Exposition/Benediction), Sundays, May 19, 26, June 2, 9.

### Recipients of Anointing of the Sick

Last Sunday, May 12, at the 10:00 AM Mass, the following received the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick: Lorraine Beck, Donna Creek, Donna Marie Creek, Bill Creek, Harry Creek, Jim and Amelia Seiler, Jim and Elaine Weaver. May the healing grace of Christ be with these sisters and brothers. Prayer Shawls were given to all who requested this gift, assured of the prayers of the Cathedral Parish.