

JUNE 9, 2019

Scripture Reflection

The First Reading draws upon a long tradition in the Old Testament where God has been preparing for the outpouring of the gift of the Holy Spirit. In the creation account, God's Spirit hovers over the waters of the chaos and brings about the creation of the world. Now with the outpouring of the Spirit on the first Apostles, God brings to birth a new world. When God created the human person, God breathed on the clay he had formed and became a living human being. In today's reading, the Apostles gathered as a strong wind rocks the room. This symbolizes God's breath transforming these scared followers into courageous missionaries. At the Tower of Babel, the quest to become equal with God resulted in disharmony. The numerous languages of humanity symbolize their inability to communicate with each other, resulting in alienation. With the appearance of the tongues of fire, a reversal takes place: God grants the Apostles the gift of speaking to enable all who hear to understand. What the first divided humanity, now unites them. In this gift of the Spirit, God restores human beings to unity with one another and with God-- what God had intended at the very beginning of creation.

In the Second Reading, Paul teaches that the gift of the Spirit makes us God's children, uniting us with one another and with Christ. We become Christ's heirs, called to embrace his life of suffering that will lead us to "be glorified with him."

Today's Gospel portrays Jesus promising to send the Holy Spirit to "teach you everything." Through the power of the Spirit, God dwells with in us to live anew.

- **On what occasions have you experienced the presence of God's Spirit in your life?**

Holy Trinity Summer Preschool

The Holy Trinity Catholic School is very excited to be offering Summer Preschool this year at both of our elementary locations. As we need to begin to purchase materials and supplies for the program, we are asking anyone that may be interested to call the Altoona location at 381-7011, or the Hollidaysburg location at 695-6112. The details are as follows:

- Time: 8:00 Am to 3:00 PM each day.
- Classes begin June 17. (Themed weeks)
- \$125.00 a week per child.
- Ages 3-5 (Must be potty trained).
- Highly qualified teachers and an aide.
- Must pack a lunch.
- Bring a change of clothes.

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/>

Father's Day Idea

The 15th Annual Central Pennsylvania Rodeo will take place Friday June 14th at 7:30 PM and Saturday June 15th at 7:30 PM, at the Huntingdon County Fairgrounds. Advance tickets are: Adults: \$13, Children: \$(4-12) \$5. Gate tickets: Adults: \$17, Children (4-12) \$7, Children (3 and under are Free). This year's specialty is The Rawhide & Dusty Show. Advance tickets are available online at www.CentralPARodeo.com and at ACE Fixit Hardware stores (Tyrone, Huntingdon, Duncansville) and all Reliance Bank locations. You may also bring a copy of your bulletin announcement and get \$2, off each ticket you buy at the gates which open 3 hours prior to the events. Parking is free. All proceeds support Saint Matthew Catholic School in Tyrone Pa.

Outdoor Mass

This Sunday May 26, 2019, Mass will be said on the lawn of Saint Michael Basilica, 321- St. Mary Street, Loretto at 6:30 PM, and every Sunday through Labor Day. Bring a lawn chair.

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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.

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 12:00 Noon	Saturday:	8:00 AM 12:00 Noon
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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

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY

Leslie C. Thayer, MM, CAGO
Music Ministry Office - 944-2044
E-mail: lthayer@dioceseaj.org

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PENTECOST SUNDAY

June 9, 2019

Readings: Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

MASS INTENTIONS

June 10, Monday: Weekday

Readings: 2 Cor 1:1-7; Mt 5: 1-12

6:45 AM Erla Stombaugh, Anniv. (Roe Family)
12:00 PM Dorothy Stevens (Cathedral Parish)

June 11, Tuesday: Saint Barnabas, Apostle

Readings: Acts 11:21-26; 13:1-3 Mt 5:13-16

6:45 AM John McCloskey (Karen & Greg Querry)
12:00 PM Alice Winkler (Cindy Nicholson)

June 12, Wednesday: Weekday

Readings: 2 Cor 3:4-11; Mt 5:17-19

6:45 AM Special Intention (Randy & Terriann Grove)
12:00 PM Rosemarie Fedeli (Family)

June 13, Thursday: St. Anthony of Padua, Pr. and Dr.

Readings: 2 Cor 3:15-4:1, 3-6; Mt 5: 20-26

6:45 AM Eleanor Bettwy, Ann. (Tim & JoAnn Bettwy)
12:00 PM Sally Colledge (Pete Colledge & Family)

June 14, Friday: Weekday

Readings: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 5: 27-32

6:45 AM Lori Keirn (John and Pam Wertz)
12:00 PM Guy Conrad Birth. (Leonard & Kathy Oakes)

June 15, Saturday: Weekday

Readings: 2 Cor 5:14-21; Mt 5:33-37

8:00 AM Pat Evans Vierkorn (Skip Cowan)
12:00 PM Joseph A. Knott (Mother Orvita)

Vigil: THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Readings: Prv 8:22-31; Rom 5:1-5; Jn 16:12-15

5:00 PM Brian McCaulley, Birthday (Family)

Catholic Ministry Drive

We are most grateful to those who have so generously responded to the 2019 Catholic Ministries Drive. It is most important that we receive your response as soon as possible. Monies received over our diocesan goal will help us to complete Charity Hall in The Cathedral Parish Center.

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

Mandated Reporter Training

Will be offered in the Cathedral Hall on Saturday July 13th at **8:30am - 12:30pm**. Anyone wishing to volunteer in any capacity or diocese must have clearances. For further information please contact Chris Laraia at 312-7317.

Rest in Peace

John Adams who died and was buried from the Cathedral this past week. May John be at peace in the mercy of God. May his family be comforted in the faith. May the new life of resurrection belong to all!

PARISH FEAST DAY - SUNDAY, JUNE 3

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ has particular significance in the Diocese and the Parish as our Cathedral is under the title of the Blessed Sacrament. Bishop Mark Bartchak will be principal Celebrant at our **10:00 AM Mass**. Following Mass there will be a Parish Social on the portico. Parishioners are encouraged to participate in this Mass and to share in the hospitality that follows. This is our parish feast day and the Most Blessed Sacrament will be in exposition during the afternoon following the Noon Mass until the 5:00 PM Mass. There will be prayer and devotions at **1:00 PM, 2:00 PM, 3:00 PM, and 4:00 PM**. On our Eucharistic Day each hour begins with scripture and a short reflection. This is followed by a particular devotion which is followed by silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

1:00 PM: Scripture/Chaplet of Divine Mercy
2:00 PM: Scripture/Rosary (Mysteries of Light)
3:00 PM: Scripture/Litany of the Holy Eucharist
4:00 PM: Scripture/Rosary (Glorious Mysteries)

All parishioners are encouraged to be present in the Cathedral sometime during the afternoon.

Stewardship Reflection

“The Spirit, the first gift of the risen Christ to his people, gives us both the ability to receive the Gospel of Jesus and, in response, the power to proclaim it.”

ATTENTION!

Vacation Bible School for 2019 has been canceled due to the lack of adult volunteer help.

Part Time Cook Position

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Rectory, 806- 11th Street, Altoona, Pa is in need of a lunch cook Monday through Friday. If you are interested please call the parish office at (814) 942-8501, during the week from 9:00 am to Noon and 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, June 2, 2019 - \$8,436.00

Easter Collection 2019 - \$11,262.00

Easter Flower Memorials 2019 - \$2,402.00

Ascension Thursday 2019 - \$1,630.00

Gentle Reminder

In Catholic practice, whenever Mass is celebrated, the Church requests that the readers be members of the Catholic Church. At a wedding, at a funeral, at a baptism, any celebration taking place within Mass, the Church asks that the reader(s) be members of the Catholic family. When any of these specific liturgies take place outside of Mass, a non-Catholic baptized Christian may read the scripture.

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.

Did You Remember?

Did you remember to bring non-perishable food items and paper products for the needy of our community? Bins are located at the three doors of the Cathedral.

Novenas

Questions have arisen of the perpetual novena that has been a traditional part of our parish prayer schedule. Please contact Father Alan Thomas, our parish administrator, with your opinions concerning its continuation within our new weekday Mass schedule.

Baptismal Prep Team Coaches Needed

Looking for volunteers who would like to join our Baptismal Prep Team. You would be there to contact the people, and answer any questions that they may have. And to assist in any way possible to make this a Blessed and joyous occasion for all. Please contact the Parish Office at 814-944-4603.

Gluten Sensitivity

There may be parishioners who have found that they have physical disorders related to gluten intolerance. The spectrum of illnesses includes celiac disorder, wheat allergy, bloating, abdominal discomfort, diarrhea, muscular disturbances, and bone or joint pain. The ordinary hosts distributed at Communion contain gluten. If you have found that you are gluten sensitive, special bread is available that possess a very low gluten content. Please tell the priest before Mass, and he will consecrate the low-gluten host for you to receive at that Mass.

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.

Prayer Shawls

If anyone feels that they need some comfort in their troubled times, please feel free to contact Lorraine Beck at 814-942-7774 for one of our Prayer Shawls. These shawls have been Blessed and may bring you the comfort that you need.

Easter Celebrations during the Fifty Days

The Easter Season began on Easter Sunday, and concludes on Pentecost Sunday, June 9th. These are significant celebrations during that time here at the Cathedral:

Evening Prayer (Exposition/Benediction), Sunday, June 9.