

JUNE 16, 2019

Scripture Reflection

“The love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.” With these words, St. Paul captures the essence of this solemnity and show that the path to understand the Trinity is through the experience of love. At the heart of God is a bond of love among the Father, Son, and Spirit. God’s love is communicated through the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Each of the readings today offers an insight into the life of the Trinity. While the precision of Trinitarian language will only come to completion in later centuries, the foundation for the belief is evident in today’s readings. In the book of Proverbs, God the Creator brings all things into being through his wisdom like a master “craftsman.” The imaginary of wisdom “playing before God” conveys God’s joy, excitement, and love over his creation.

Paul’s letter to the Romans captures the essence of our Catholic faith by stressing that it is through our Lord Jesus Christ that we have been justified and have been brought into a relationship of peace with God. God’s love for us is poured into us through the Holy Spirit.

“Everything that the Father has is mine,” Jesus says in the Gospel. “The Spirit of truth” will take from what is Jesus’ and communicate it to his followers. The Trinity is a communion of love: God’s love comes to us from the Father through his Son Jesus and is communicated to us in the Holy Spirit. The Church professed these New Testament thoughts at the Council of Constantinople II: “one God and Father from whom all things are, and one Lord Jesus Christ, through whom all things are, and one Holy Spirit in whom all things are” (DS, 421)

● **Which Person of the Trinity do you relate to the most often?**

AT HOME with the WORD 2019, Archdiocese of Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, pg. 99.

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.

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.

Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic adoration will be the first Wednesday of next month, **July 3** from 12:30 PM until 8:00 PM. Please note this in your schedules and plan to spend some quality time in prayer before the Sacrament in exposition.

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.

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.

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.

THE CHURCH OF ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN

THE CATHEDRAL OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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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

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

Leslie C. Thayer, MM, CAGO

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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

June 16, 2019

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

MASS INTENTIONS

June 17, Monday: Weekday

Readings: 2 Cor 6:1-10; Mt 5: 38-42

6:45 AM Fred Fedeli (Rosemary Fedeli)

12:00 PM Rose Stefanon (Mary Grace & Jerry Neugebauer)

June 18, Tuesday: Weekday

Readings: 2 Cor 8:1-9; Mt 5:43-48

6:45 AM Nathaniel Hockenberry Birth. (Mom)

12:00 PM Michael Peckowych (Doug & Jan Stoehr)

June 19, Wednesday: Saint Romuald, Abbot

Readings: 2 Cor 9:6-11; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

6:45 AM Beverly Ann Woodring (McNelis All-Star)

12:00 PM James & Hilda Conrad Wed. Ann. (Daughter Mary)

June 20, Thursday: Weekday

Readings: 2 Cor 11:1-11; Mt 6:7-15

6:45 AM Most Rev. Joseph Adamec (Cathedral Parish)

12:00 PM Health of Ann Eger (Peg Behe)

June 21, Friday: Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

Readings: 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30; Mt 6: 19-23

6:45 AM Eleanor Hupert (Family)

12:00 PM Derek Behe (Mom and Dad)

June 22, Saturday: Sts. Paulinus, John Fisher, & Thomas More

Readings: 2 Cor 12:1-10; Mt 6:24-34

8:00 AM Dottie Berger (Lisa Levine)

12:00 PM Bernard J. Joyce (Family)

Vigil: MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

Readings: Gn 14:18-20; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Lk 9: 11-17

5:00 PM Shirley Carter (M/M Francis Dambeck)

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.

Finance Meeting

There will be a Finance Council Meeting at the Cathedral Parish Center on Tuesday June 18th at 4:00 PM.

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

Please remember in prayer, Jane Davidson who died and was buried this past week. May she rest in the peace and the love of the risen Christ; may her family be comforted in the faith.

PARISH FEAST DAY - SUNDAY, JUNE 23

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/Rosary (Mysteries of Light)

2:00 PM: Scripture/Litany of the Holy Eucharist

3:00 PM: Scripture/Chaplet of Divine Mercy

4:00 PM: Scripture/Rosary (Glorious Mysteries)

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

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.

Novena

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.

ATTENTION!

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

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, June 9, 2019 - \$6,895.00

Happy Father's Day

Thank you, Dad. You provide for us, share your wisdom, and gave us life. We remember all fathers, living and dead, with the following prayer: *God our Father, in your wisdom and love You make all things. Bless these men, that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Baptism Congratulations!

On Sunday, June 16, Quinn Jolie Roland was baptized and welcomed into our Cathedral Parish Family. Congratulations to parents, Joseph and Shawna, and sister Aydan and brothers, Sean and Liam. May the graces of the Sacrament of Baptism strengthen Quinn and the adults who care for her.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS HIGH SCHOOL GRADS!

We offer continued support, encouragement, prayers, and best wishes to the following members of the "**CLASS OF 2019**" from Cathedral Parish Christopher Ball, *Paige DeGennaro, *Sarah Patterson, *Vincent Restauri, *Zoe Wilson, and from Our Lady of Fatima Church, *Ian Brannan, and *Cassidy McKnight, graduated from **Altoona Area High School** on Monday, June 10. Caleb Crawford, Benjamin McCloskey, Dominic Pulcinello, *Quintin Simanski, and *Emma Masic, Elizabeth Stitt from Our Lady of Fatima Church, graduated from **Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School** on Friday, May 17th. Madisyn Runk graduated from **Holidaysburg Area Senior High School** on Friday May 31st.

* **Receiving Recognition for Academic Excellence, Scholarship and Awards.**

At Altoona Area High School, **Ian Brannan**, was awarded Recognition for Academic Excellence, Band Director's Award, Brian Morden Memorial Scholarship, United States Marine Corps Semper Fidelis Award. **Paige DeGennaro** was awarded the Recognition for Academic Excellence. **Cassidy McKnight** was awarded the National Art Honor Society. **Sarah Patterson** was awarded the National Technical Honor Society. **Vincent Restauri** was awarded the Logan Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of PA Scholarship. **Zoe Wilson** was awarded the Recognition for Academic Excellence, AAHS Alumni Association Scholarship, Excellence in History Award, Mowrie A. Ebner Elementary PTO Scholarship, President's Award for Educational Excellence, Robert Hite Scholarship, Rotary Club of Altoona Scholarship, William E. Frank & Swiss Club of Altoona Scholarship.

Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School, **Emma Masic** was awarded the Altoona Rotary Scholarship, The Challenge Program - Academic Improvement Award. **Quintin Simanski** was awarded the Dorothy Day Scholarship, Franciscan Scholarship, Oakes Family Scholarship, Altoona Rotary Scholarship.

Holy Trinity Catholic School, Cathedral Eighth Grade students that graduated on May Friday May 17th are: Michael Campbell, Owen Egan, Max Kirkpatrick, Lia Simanski.

Please remember our sick in your prayers.