

**JUNE 11 2017**

*Scripture Reflection*

The doctrine of the Trinity was not yet worked out at the time that the New Testament was written. In fact, it took two more centuries for bishops and theologians to settle on formal statements about the three in oneness of God. The Council of Nicaea, 325, gave us an early version of the Nicene Creed. However, the Bible provides many stories that describe the activity of our Triune God in salvation history.

The New Testament calls God a trinity. In today's second reading, for example, Paul bids the Corinthians farewell with the blessing of God, Jesus and the Spirit. Matthew's Gospel is even more explicit. Jesus sends the disciples out to baptize "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." Another example appears in 1 Peter 1:1-2, which contains an explicitly trinitarian theology of salvation. Although the specifics took centuries, the trinitarian nature of God was clear to many early Christians.

The Father was the transcendent creator, the awe inspiring being. It was he who led Israel from slavery to freedom and he who restored Israel repeatedly when they rebelled. The Father was the "Almighty," ruler of heaven and earth, *Adonai* in the Hebrew Scriptures and *Kyrios* among Jews who spoke Greek. The Son was Jesus Christ, the obedient servant, glorified and seated at the Father's right hand. He would return at some future time to judge the living and dead. Within a generation of Jesus' death and resurrection, the first Christians called the Son *Kyrios* as well. The Spirit was the Father's essence, literally, his "life-breath." It was this "life-breath" that spoke to Moses, raised Jesus from the dead, and was now available to anyone who received baptism. This "life-breath" is "eternal life," "God so loved the world that he gave his only son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life."

**When we make the Sign of the Cross, we think about God as a communion of love between Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. How can you share the communion of love with others? What sort of concrete and practical service or care could you extend to others in need that would draw them into that love?**

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AMERICA MAGAZINE: May 19, 2017, Michael Simone, S.J., "Ashes to Fire"

**CONGRATULATIONS HIGH SCHOOL GRADS!**

We offer our continued support, encouragement, prayers, and best wishes to the following members of the **Class of 2017** from Cathedral Parish: \*Katie Axinn, \*Angelica Bartkowiak, Mya Bartkowiak, \*Sarah Callan, \*Kyle Green and \*Karis Taddei graduated from **Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School** on Friday, May 19th. \*Dylan Allen, \*Matthew Cowan, \*John Paul Duffy, \*Michael Duffy, Benjamin Dumm, \*Paris Haugh, Hannah Koehle, Trevor Miller, and Myranda Oswald graduated from **Altoona Area High School** on Friday, June 2nd.

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

At Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School, **Katie Axinn** was awarded the Conwell Scholarship, the Rotary Club of Altoona Scholarship, the McEldowney Scholarship and is a member of the National Honor Society. **Angelica Bartkowiak** was awarded the Honors Tuition Scholarship, D'Youville Grant and President's Education Awards Program. **Sarah Callan** was awarded the Emerson College Luminary Scholarship, the Emerson College Spotlight Scholarships, ARC Federal Credit Union Scholarship, The Frank and Patricia Thoma Award, and Marines Scholastic Excellence. **Kyle Green** was awarded the Marines Distinguished Athlete award. **Karis Taddei** was awarded the President's Award for Educational Excellence and National Honor Society

At Altoona Area High School, **Dylan Allen** was awarded the Angelo Gioiosa Cross Country/Track & Field Memorial Scholarship. **Matthew Cowan** was awarded the Big A Booster Club Scholarship. **John Paul Duffy** was awarded the Altoona Area High School Homecoming Scholarship. **Michael Duffy** was awarded the President's Award for Educational Excellence. **Paris Haugh** was awarded the Blair County NAACP Youth Council Scholarship. Many of our graduates have served Cathedral Parish as Altar Servers and now will now serve as Lectors or Eucharistic Ministers. Congratulations and best wishes, graduates!

**Parish Council and Finance Council Social**

On **Monday, June 19**, at 6:00 PM on the Cathedral Loggia, members of the Parish Pastoral Council and Finance Council along with spouses or friends will gather for the annual summer social. Make plans to join us and bring your best summer dish to share with others.

**THE CHURCH OF ALTOONA - JOHNSTOWN  
THE CATHEDRAL  
OF THE  
BLESSED SACRAMENT**

ONE CATHEDRAL SQUARE, Altoona, Pennsylvania 16601-3315

**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.

**ANOINTING 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.

Rosary - Wednesday 6:00 PM.

Charismatic Prayer - Monday 7:00 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 evening 6:15 PM - 8:30 PM

Grades 9 thru 12.

**WEB: WWW.ALTOONACATHEDRAL.ORG**

**FAX: 814-942-4337**

**E-MAIL: ALTICATHEDRAL@DIOCESEAJ.ORG**

**EUCCHARIST:**

Sunday:	5:00 PM (Vigil)	Holyday:	5:30 PM (Vigil)	Weekday:	6:45 AM
	8:00 AM		8:00 AM		8:00 AM
	10:00 AM		12:00 Noon		12:00 Noon
	12:00 Noon		5:30 PM	Saturday:	8:00 AM
	5:00 PM				12:00 Noon

Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak, Bishop

Reverend Monsignor Robert C. Mazur, Rector

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](http://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](http://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](mailto:lthayer@dioceseaj.org)

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## THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

JUNE 11, 2017

Readings: Ex 34:4-6, 8-9; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18

### MASS INTENTIONS

June 12, Monday: Weekday

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

6:45 AM No Mass

8:00 AM Eleanor Bettwy, Ann (Tim & JoAnn Fam)

12:00 PM Robert Burkey, Anniversary (Family)

June 13, Tuesday: Saint Anthony of Padua

Readings: 2 Cor 1:18-22; Mt 5:13-16

6:45 AM David Riley (Carol Riley)

8:00 AM No Mass

12:00 PM Julia Febbo (Brian and Ann Hummel)

June 14, Wednesday: Weekday

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

6:45 AM No Mass

8:00 AM Bishop James Hogan, Anniv (Cathedral)

12:00 PM Brian McCaulley, Birthday (Wife & Sons)

June 15, Thursday: Weekday

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

6:45 AM Dec. Michael & Ella Gibbons Family (Irwins)

8:00 AM No Mass

12:00 PM Billy Geis, Birthday (Family)

June 16, Friday: Weekday

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

6:45 AM Bill Crouse (Mike and Sherry Byrne)

8:00 AM Catherine Mincin (Janice Rice)

12:00 PM Mary Polito, MM (Mickie Cooper)

June 17, Saturday: Weekday

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

8:00 AM Marguerite Hricko (Daughter, Donna)

12:00 PM Francis A Goss, Wed Anniv (Joyce & Fam.)

Vigil: Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Cristi)

Readings: Dt 8:2-3,14-16; 1 Cor 10:16-17; Jn 6:51-58

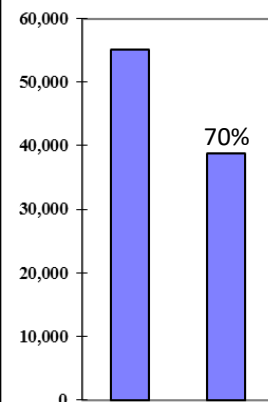
5:00 PM Nathaniel Hockenberry, Birth Inten (Mom)

**Please remember our sick in your prayers.**

### Rest In Peace

Please remember in prayer our beloved parishioner, Joyce Rourke McNeal, who died and was buried from the Cathedral this past Friday. May she rest in peace and may her family and friends be comforted in the faith.

## CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE



Our Cathedral Parish Target for the Diocesan 2017 Catholic Ministries Drive is **\$55,121.00**. A second letter has been sent this week to those who have yet to participate in this drive. Your positive response will greatly help both the Diocese and the Parish. Whether you can give a lot or just a little, you are encouraged to help support the vital ministries offered throughout our eight county diocese. Our donations will directly support three areas of ministry: (1) strengthening families and caring for the poor; (2) nurturing our youth; and (3) forming clergy and laity. Many members of our Cathedral Parish Family are touched by these caring ministries. Funds over goal return to the Parish and will help us with our Cathedral project of repaving the upper parking lot. Thus far we have received gifts from 134 households and are 70% of the way to our target having raised **\$38,840.00**. Please prayerfully consider making your gift within the next few weeks. You may return your gift to the Diocesan Development Office by mail in the envelope provided, return it to the Parish Office during the week or drop it in the Sunday collection. Thank you for your continued generosity to parish and community.

**Daily Mass Schedule** - Note that there are only two Masses scheduled this week. The same will be true next week. The change in schedule effects the two early Masses; there is always a daily noon Mass. Your priests are on their annual retreats required by canon law. As they remember you in prayer while on retreat, please pray for Msgr. Mazur and Fr. Kurdziel during their week of prayer.

### Father's Day Weekend - Cereal Collection

Next weekend, **June 17 - 18**, we are encouraged to bring boxes of cereal to help stock the shelves of the St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry for the summer months. Perhaps we could ask friends and relatives to join in this collection. Throughout the school year, students from Catholic and non-Catholic schools in Blair County help with this project but donations drop off dramatically during the summer months. The program is spearheaded by Judy Savine who can be reached at 934-3124 or 931-4919, if you will be away that weekend and would like an early pick-up.

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, June 4, 2017 - **\$9,338.00**

Easter Collection 2017 - **\$16,904.00**

Easter Flower Memorials 2017 - **\$3,325.50**

Ascension Thursday, May 25, 2017 - **\$2,060.00**

### Stewardship of Time

Thank you to Mary Louise Ball, Mary Ann Bell, Carol Chelton, and Paula Clemens who prepared the Catholic Ministries Drive mailing last week.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Cathedral Social Hall "Rome"

'Paul and the Underground Church'

June 19-23, 2017, 8:45 -11:30 AM Ages 4-10

Ready to travel back in time? Join us in Rome!

You'll explore the caves of the Underground Church, meet the Apostle Paul, create cool Bible-times projects, experience thrilling real-life dramas, play high-energy games, sample tasty Mediterranean snacks, and hear unforgettable music. Plus, you'll meet lots of new friends!

For late reservation availability, have Mom or Dad contact Chris Laraia at 312-7317 early this week. Forms are available at the Parish Office between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM if needed. Adult and teen helpers are welcome. Those over 18 must have Diocesan and PA State Child Protection Clearances.

**Cathedral Christian Mothers** will have a meeting on **Wednesday, June 14th** at 6:30 PM in the Seton Suite. Attorney Maryann Joyce Bistline will address the group. All ladies of the Parish and friends are welcome.

### Liturgical Reflection ...

The Church enjoys a new ritual for the celebration of Marriage. The revised Order of Celebrating Matrimony became the official rite in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown during the Advent Season of this liturgical year. The revised rite replaced the 1969 ritual issued after the Second Vatican Council. The revisions of the celebration of sacramental Marriage will be reviewed during the summer months. The Church celebrates with all couples who prepare and celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage. Husband and wife, man and woman, celebrate their love based on the covenant love of Jesus Christ, the Bridegroom, with his Bride, the Church

2017, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 South Logan Boulevard, Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania 16648.

## PARISH FEAST DAY—SUNDAY JUNE 18

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 Barchak** 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/Litany of the Holy Eucharist

**2:00 PM:** Scripture/Rosary (Mysteries of Light)

**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.

100th Anniversary of the Second Apparition  
of Our Lady of Fatima  
Tuesday — June 13, 2017

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on June 13th from 5PM-7PM in Our Lady of Fatima Parish, 2000 12th Avenue, Altoona, PA, for two hours of Adoration. What an opportunity to ask Our Lady of Fatima and The Sacred Heart of Jesus for Peace in our troubled world.