

JUNE 4, 2017

Scripture Reflection

Pentecost started as a Jewish feast. Forty-nine days after the crossing of the Red Sea, the Israelites arrived at Sinai. On the fiftieth day, God appeared on the mountain in the midst of fire and glory and offered a covenant to Israel. Jews continue to commemorate this event today on the feast of "Weeks." Greek-speaking Jews called the feast "the Fiftieth Day." It is by this name that the celebration came into the Christian tradition. When you send forth your spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth. (Psalm 104:30)

The Jewish and Christian feasts both celebrate God's action in human history. Christians focus on the risen Christ still present in the church through the power of the Spirit. Christ's resurrection and ascension revealed new dimensions to Christ's mission, but they did not change its character. He remained at work in unseen ways, continuing to guide his disciples.

The only substantial difference was that his animating Spirit now became available to anyone who took up his mission. In John's Gospel, the evangelist provides yet another account of the giving of the Holy Spirit. The Lord sends them out on mission and breathes on them, recalling how God breathed on a lump of clay (Adam) and brought the first human to life in the Spirit.

Our most important task is to reveal God in our everyday lives. Perhaps we become teachers of the faith; perhaps we make it our mission to point out moments of grace that others miss. Such efforts continue the original work of the apostles, who spoke "in their own tongues of the mighty acts of God." We also join God at work. God accomplishes most things without our help. Nonetheless, as our second reading shows, Christ provides us spiritual gifts so we can cooperate in God's labor. When we provide our hands or voice or heart at the right place and time, we give God new opportunities to transform human history.

**How do you see the Spirit active your life?
The fifty days of Easter sends us forth to
renew the face of the earth.**

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

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE

Our Cathedral Parish Target for the Diocesan 2017 Catholic Ministries Drive is **\$55,121.00**. All Parishioners, whether you can give a lot or just a little, are encouraged to be part of this drive which will support the vital ministries offered throughout our eight county diocese. Our donations will go directly to supporting 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 126 households and are 67% (two thirds) of the way to our target having raised **\$37,165.00**. 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.

Ninth Annual Knights of Columbus #551 Golf Tournament - Saturday, June 17, 2017.
8:00 AM Shotgun Start - Registration at 7:30 AM.
Benefits: Joseph D. Tomlinson Memorial Scholarship Fund which provides a \$1,000 scholarship to a student entering Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School, and a \$1,000 scholarship to a BG graduating Senior to attend Saint Francis University. The event will be held at King Valley Golf Course, Imler, PA. Entry Fee: \$75 per golfer; team of four, \$300; To register, donate, sponsor or have questions, contact Terry Anderson at 814 932-0465, email topsail5@atlanticbb.net or Bill Crawford 814-502-7413, email crawdadbil@msn.com. You may also pick up a flyer at Cathedral Parish Office.

Thank You...A special Thank you to the Cathedral Parishioners who stopped to help change a flat tire in the parking lot. Paul & Sherry Luke

Enclosure
Please be sure to see the enclosed flyer that mentions our Basket Bingo 2017 Sponsors. Our total profit was **\$16,475**. Make your calendars now for **May 6, 2018**.
Holy Trinity Catholic School is featured on the reverse side.

**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
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Most Reverend Mark L. Barchak, 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
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

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Chris Laraia - Pre-K thru 8 - 312-7317
Jean Koury - 9 thru 12 - 949-2777
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EUCHARIST:

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

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PENTECOST SUNDAY

JUNE 4, 2017

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

MASS INTENTIONS

June 5, Monday: Saint Boniface, Bishop, Martyr
Readings: Tb 1:3; 2:1-8, Mk 12:1-12, Jn 10:11-16
6:45 AM M. Virginia Jones (Rosemary Barcoro)
8:00 AM Deacon John Rys, Wed Anniv. (Wife, Linda)
12:00 PM Danyll Rougeux (Stanley Krish Family)

June 6, Tuesday: Saint Norbert, Bishop
Readings: Tb 2:9-14, Mk 12:13-17
6:45 AM Maureen Martynuska Wolf (Family)
8:00 AM Bernadette Weakland (Hennigans)
12:00 PM Moose Plutko (Vaughn Family)

June 7, Wednesday: Weekday
Readings: Tb 3:1-11,16-17, Mk12:18-27
6:45 AM BeBe Milliron (Janet Frank)
8:00 AM Myron Yeager (Kilcoyne Family)
12:00 PM Pat Rabine (Family Services Inc)

June 8, Thursday: Weekday
Readings: Tb 6:10-11;7:1bcde,9-17; 8:4-9; Mk12:28-34
6:45 AM Mildred McHugh (Friend)
8:00 AM Anna Mercer (Paul and Family)
12:00 PM Jane Gibbons (Batkiewicz Family)

June 9, Friday: Saint Ephrem, Deacon, Doctor of Church
Readings: Tb 11:5-17, Mk 12:35-37
6:45 AM George Weamer (Cathedral Parish)
8:00 AM ACHS Class of 1947
12:00 PM Barbara Barrett (Mary Repko Family)

June 10, Saturday: Weekday
Readings: Tb 12:1,5-15,20, Mk12:38-44
8:00 AM Bishop Richard Guilfoyle, Anniv. (Cathedral)
12:00 PM Jerry Conrad, Birthday (Kathy Oakes)
Vigil: The Most Holy Trinity
Readings: Ex 34:4-6,8-9; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18
5:00 PM Eddie Way, Spec. Inten. (CharlesWayFamily)

Please remember our sick in your prayers.

Rest In Peace

Please remember in prayer, Mary Johnson, who died and was buried from the Cathedral this past week. May she rest in peace and may her family be comforted in the faith.

THE END OF EASTER SEASON

March 1 was Ash Wednesday. The forty days of Lent, the Three Days of Christ's death and Resurrection (April 16 was Easter Sunday), and the fifty days of Easter conclude with today's celebration of Pentecost. All Seven Sacraments have been celebrated with great joy these fifty days of Easter time here in the Cathedral - those who received the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil, our children who received their First Holy Communion, those who were anointed in the communal Anointing of the Sick, our high school students who received Confirmation, and our infants who were baptized on the Sundays of Easter. We also celebrated three Marriages and on Saturday, May 27, two men were ordained priests for our Diocesan church. We are grateful for all the blessings we have received these days of grace.

Easter Evening Prayer

On every Sunday of the Easter Season Cathedral Parish has celebrated the sprinkling rite, reminding us of our Baptism and has gathered at 6:30 PM for Evening Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament in exposition. This liturgy begins around the Easter Candle that has been lit at all Masses. The Easter Season concludes with Evening Prayer this Pentecost Sunday. The Easter Candle is then placed near the baptismal font where it is displayed with honor. In the baptismal rite, the candles of the newly baptized are lit from the Easter Candle. Ordinary Time resumes on Monday following Pentecost, June 5.

Charismatic Healing Mass

There will be a Healing Mass on Tuesday, June 6, 2017 at 7:00 PM here in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. Father Bill Kiel, from the Diocese of Greensburg, will be the main celebrant. All are welcome, especially those in need of physical, emotional, or spiritual healing, and those who support and care for them as well. Music for the Mass will be led by the Cathedral Charismatic Prayer Group Music Ministry. For more information, please call 814 941-3832.

Final ALPHA Program this week. Monday, June 5, 2017 at 6:00 PM in Cathedral Hall.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, May 28, 2017 - \$8,136.00

Easter Collection and Easter Flower Memorial totals will be reported in next week's bulletin

Stewardship of Time - Help is needed on Wednesday morning, June 7, to prepare a parish mailing. If you are available to help, please drop by the Seton Suite between 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM.

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!

Have Mom or Dad contact Chris Laraia at 312-7317 this week as registration deadline is Monday, June 5. Forms are also available at the Cathedral Parish Office weekdays between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM.

Adult and teen helpers are needed. Those over 18 must have Diocesan and PA State Child Protection Clearances. Call for more information.

Cathedral Christian Mothers will have a meeting on Tuesday, June 13th at 6:30 PM in the Seton Suite. Maryann Joyce Bistline will address the group. All are welcome.



Liturgical Reflection ...

Fifty days have passed since the glorious celebration of Easter Sunday. Today we remember the gift of the Holy Spirit given to the Church. It is the Spirit that enlightens and inspires God's holy people on way to the kingdom. It is the Spirit of God that guides the Church until the Lord returns in all his glory. In the Sacrament of Marriage the man and woman receive the Holy Spirit as the communion of love of Christ and the Church. The Holy Spirit is the seal of their covenant, the ever-available source of their love and the strength to renew their fidelity. (Catechism of the Catholic Church Number 1624)

CAPITAL PROJECT

Dust is flying! With all the city codes met, work on the lower parking lot has begun. There will be no exit onto the alley. Parishioners are invited to look at the drawings for the new parking lot located at the Cathedral Square door. Also, work has begun on the tower on the top of the building that will hold the 1870 bell of the original convent which was located where the Cathedral now stands. Also, work on the exterior walls will begin very shortly. The exterior doors are to be installed at the three levels. And the stained glass from the 1923 Convent is to be installed within the next few weeks. Thank you for all who continue to fulfill their pledge towards this historic project.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Registration for all NEW and RETURNING students in grades PreK-11 will be held before and after all Masses on August 13 and 14 in the Seton Suite. Parents of all new students are asked to bring a copy of their child's Baptism certificate. Students MUST be registered before the start of Religious Ed on Sunday, September 10. For more information please call Chris Laraia at 312-7317.

Teachers Needed - The Religious Ed program is searching for two parishioners to volunteer their time and talent as teachers this year. PA state and Diocesan clearances are required.