

MAY 21, 2017

Scripture Reflection

Today's Gospel verses come from another of Jesus' Last Supper discourses---his teaching for the Apostles before his Death and Resurrection, assuring them that the Advocate would come soon. During Easter Time, however, the message is clearly intended for all believers as a teaching for living in this time and with the grace of the Resurrection. We learn that to express our love of the Lord and to enter into the intimacy of the love between the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we must follow the Commandments.

Jesus calls for self-sacrifice, as was his own love. He insists that if the disciples truly love him, they will keep his commandments. Though his departure might leave them feeling abandoned, he reassures them that he will return. The real marvel of this passage is found in the description of mutual indwelling. Jesus is in the Father, Jesus is in the disciples and they are in him, both the Spirit and Jesus will remain in the disciples. Jesus asks the Father to give them another Advocate. This Spirit of truth will remain with the disciples as Jesus' abiding presence, thus sealing his promise, "I will not leave you orphans."

"On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you." Throughout his Gospel, John insists on the strong relationship between Jesus' commandments and the Father's presence. Jesus commanded us to do only what he himself learned from his Father: to lay down his life for his friends. He obeyed the Father out of love, that self-sacrificial love meant that the Father was present with Jesus even after death. It was this presence that gave Jesus victory over death, and his presence that Jesus promises any of his disciples who similarly obey the Father's commandment to love.

• **Which gift of the Holy Spirit most helps you keep Jesus' commands - wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, fear of the Lord?**

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EASTER SCHEDULE FOR THE PARISH

May Crowning, Sunday, May 21, 6:30 PM.
Ice Cream Social follows in the Parish Hall.
Ascension Thursday, Holy Day, May 25.
Ordinations, Saturday, May 27, 10:00 AM.

THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL

Tuesday, May 23: Holy Trinity Catholic School **Graduation** Mass at 6:00 PM. Rehearsal Monday 9:30 AM - 11:30AM.

Wednesday, May 24: Fifth and Sixth Grade students from Saint Peter's School, Somerset, will **Tour the Cathedral** at 1:00 PM.

Saturday, May 27: Ordination of two priests at 10:00 AM. Rehearsal, Friday at 2:00 PM.

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, 132 King Valley Lane, Imler, PA. Entry Fee: \$75 per golfer; team of four, \$300; Tee/Hole Sponsors, \$100. Awards and prizes will be given out during lunch (Mike's Court Roast Beef, peppers and onions, macaroni salad, and rolls) directly after golf under the onsite pavilion. 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.

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 lead by the Cathedral Charismatic Prayer Group Music Ministry. For more information, please call 814 941-3832.

**Diocesan Faith Day 2017 - Sunday, July 2
DelGrosso's Amusement Park in Tipton
Home of Laguna Splash Waterpark!**

Mark your Calendar today! More details next week!

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

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.

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: ALT.CATHEDRAL@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 8:00 AM 12:00 Noon	Saturday:	8:00 AM 12:00 Noon
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**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 21, 2017**

Readings: Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17; 1 Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21

MASS INTENTIONS

May 22, Monday: Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious
Readings: Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26---16:4
6:45 AM M. Virginia Jones (Mary O'M)
8:00 AM Mike Zurilla, Anniversary (Family)
12:00 PM Janet Pufka (Joan Smith)

May 23, Tuesday: Easter Weekday
Readings: Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11
6:45 AM Michael Kling, Birthday (Mom, Dad, Siblings)
8:00 AM David Riley (Carol Riley and Children)
12:00 PM Andrea Crum (Kathleen Winter)

May 24, Wednesday: Easter Weekday
Readings: Acts 17:15, 22---18:1
6:45 AM Health of Dave Petrak (Friends:6:45AM Mass)
8:00 AM Ruby Doyle (Cathedral Parish)
12:00 PM Mildred Burchfield (Bob and Chris Laraia)

Vigil of Ascension (Holy Day of Obligation)

5:30 PM For God's People
May 25, Thursday: **The Ascension of the Lord**
Readings: Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20
8:00 AM Sally Conrad (Cathedral Parish)
12:00 PM John Capouellez, Birthday (Family)
5:30 PM Moose Plutko (Ron and Jean Sheehan)

May 26, Friday: Saint Philip Neri, Priest
Readings: Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23
6:45 AM Joe Tomlinson (Tom and Patricia Forr)
8:00 AM Leroy and Irmira Helfrich (Estate)
12:00 PM Danyll Rougeux (Jen Casanave)

May 27, Saturday: Saint Augustine of Canterbury
Readings: Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23-28
8:00 AM Special Intention (Dombrowskis)
10:00 AM Ordination of Priests

No Noon Mass

Vigil: Seventh Sunday of Easter
Readings: Acts 1:12-14; 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 17:1-11
5:00 PM Rose Ann Himmelein (Carol Makdad)

Please remember our sick in your prayers.

Please Note this Saturday's Mass Schedule:

Due to Ordination scheduled for 10:00 AM there will be no Noon Mass on May 27. Please pass this information on to those who pray with us daily but may not see this notice. Thank You.

**HOLY
DAY**

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

Liturgical Reflection ...

This Thursday, May 25, is the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. It is a holy day of obligation in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown. Forty days have passed since the glorious resurrection of the crucified Lord from the dead. On this day the Church remembers the return of the Son of God to the Father's right hand. When all things are made new and Christ comes in his glory, all will be united in the kingdom of God. Please check the Mass schedule for this Thursday's holy day.

May Crowning Within Evening Prayer Sunday, May 21 - As is our custom, all of our **First Communicants** are asked to be present wearing their Communion Day clothing as they will be in the opening procession at May Crowning. All who received **Sacraments of Initiation** at the Easter Vigil, families who have presented children for **Baptism**, and all of our young adult parishioners who have received **Confirmation** are also encouraged to attend this parish celebration with their families and friends. Everyone in the assembly is invited to bring a fresh flower to present to the Blessed Mother during this Evening Prayer which will last approximately forty-five minutes. Following May Crowning, we will gather in the Cathedral Hall for an **Ice Cream Social**. Evening Prayer begins at 6:30 PM.

Cathedral Building Committee Meeting Wednesday, May 24, at 4:00 PM in the Seton Suite.

BAPTISMAL PREP

Our next session of Baptismal Prep is scheduled for this **Thursday, May 25 at 7:00 PM** in the Seton Suite. Class is offered every other month and is required before Baptism is scheduled. Please call the Parish Office at 944-4603 to register.

Marriage Congratulations

On Saturday, May 13, Cathedral parishioners, Lauren Creppage and Nicholas Martynuska, celebrated their marriage surrounded with family and friends here in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. May they be blessed with many years of love and happiness, and may they find support and affirmation here among us, their Cathedral Parish Family.

ALPHA Program of Faith Renewal Continues

On **Monday, May 22**, Cathedral Parish offers a concluding weekly session in this process of renewal in our Christian faith. The session begins with a light meal followed by a talk and will move into prayer in the Church for individual intentions until 8:30 PM.

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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.

Rest In Peace

Please remember in prayer Barbara Byers, mother of Tammy Dattris, who died and was buried from the Cathedral this past week. May she rest in peace. May Tammy, Bob and all of Barbara's family, siblings, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren be comforted in the faith.

Liturgical Reflection ...

**ORDER OF
CELEBRATING
MATRIMONY**

According to the tradition in the Catholic Church, the spouses are the ministers of Christ's grace in the Sacrament of Marriage. The man and woman mutually confer upon each other the holy sacrament by expressing their consent before the Church. The ordained minister is the official witness of the Church to this nuptial commitment. The spouses make a freely willed, public statement of their commitment to one another in the name of the Lord. The Church gathers at the Sacrament of Marriage to celebrate with the bride and bridegroom as they ground their love on the love of the Bridegroom, Christ, for his Bride, the Church. The newly married man and woman receive sacramental grace to live out their nuptial promises. (Catechism of the Catholic Church Number 1623)

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**OFFERTORY COLLECTION
Sunday, May 14 , 2017 - \$8,383.50**

Easter Collection and Easter Flower Memorial totals will be reported at the end of the Easter Season as we continue to receive additional gifts.

2017 Catholic Ministries Drive

This weekend, May 20 and 21, Maryann Joyce Bistline, Chair of the Cathedral Parish Finance Council, will speak briefly on the **2017 Catholic Ministries Drive** at the end of all Masses. Parishioners are encouraged to be part of this drive which supports the vital ministries offered throughout our eight county diocese. Your donation will go directly to supporting these three areas of ministry: caring for the poor and strengthening families; nurturing youth; and forming clergy and laity. The target amount for the Cathedral Parish is **\$55,121.00**; all gifts received over that amount will return to the Parish. In the first two weeks of this Drive, eighty-four families have responded and we have raised **\$27,530.00**, bringing us almost half way to our target. Thank you for your participation.

Thank You! - Hours upon hours were given to the planning for this year's Longaberger Basket and Vera Bradley Bingo. It was a great success. We are blessed with so many people coming forward and sharing your time, talent, and treasure. A financial report will be given next week after we are sure all bills have been paid. Mark your calendar for **May 6, 2018** when we will have our **Fourth Annual Basket Bingo**. Please note: If you know the winner of Special #5, that included a large Longaberger picnic basket and a nice cooler, please contact the Parish Office, 944-4603.