

APRIL 30, 2017

Scripture Reflection

Luke's story about the disciples' life-changing encounter with the Risen Christ on the road to Emmaus is one of the great post-Resurrection stories in the Gospel. We can easily place ourselves in the story, walking with the disciples, sitting at table with them and the stranger, and then joining in the recognition of the Risen Lord. Recognizing Jesus in the "breaking of the bread" has become the foundation of our Eucharistic theology. Participating attentively in Mass---listening to the word, joining in the Eucharistic Prayer, and receiving the Body and Blood can set "our hearts burning within us."

Luke passed on the Emmaus story to help later disciples. The narrative begins with two disciples trying to figure out the meaning of the events surrounding Jesus' death. Luke has them conversing and debating among themselves, but this was clearly getting them nowhere; Luke calls their frustration "slowness of heart." It was only when they encountered a stranger with different ideas that their hearts began to burn with understanding. Moreover, it was only after an act of hospitality, their invitation to Jesus to lodge and eat with them, that they came to recognize Jesus in the breaking of the bread.

In this Gospel passage, Luke teaches disciples of every era how to recognize Jesus even when they do not expect him. When the disciples looked only within, they met with frustration. There is something about life in Christ that resists solitary investigation. It is through encounters with other persons--through conversation, hospitality, service, even debate--that Jesus most reliably reveals himself. As the disciples did in today's Gospel, we can prepare our hearts by meditating on the word of God, reflecting on our experiences and showing hospitality to others. Just as they found Christ only when they welcomed a stranger, so must we be ready to encounter another whose words can set our hearts afire.

• **What do you think prevented the disciples from recognizing the Risen Lord? What prevents you from recognizing the Risen Lord?**

AT HOME WITH THE WORD 2017. (C) 2016 ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO, LITURGY TRAINING PUBLICATIONS, 3949 South Racine Avenue CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60609. REPRINTED WITH PERMISSION.

AMERICA MAGAZINE: April 30, 2017, Michael R. Simone, S.J., assistant professor of Scripture, Boston College School of Theology and Ministry.

Cathedral Basket Bingo

This annual event is one of our major fund-raisers at the Cathedral. Monies go towards our educational and faith formation programs, supporting Catholic education, religious education sacramental formation, vacation bible school, and adult enrichment opportunities.

Can you help with items to be placed in the baskets for our spring Basket Bingo? Quality gifts for babies, picnics, kitchens, home decor, sports related items, recreational items, car care; really, any theme would be fine. A gift card to a local store would be appreciated along with any monetary donations. These can be dropped off at the Parish Office. Your stewardship is greatly appreciated. If you would like items picked up, call Roberta Burns (515-1614) or Lorraine Beck (942-7774). All items need to be collected by April 15. We are also accepting cartons of soda and bottles of water.

Also, we ask parishioners to please purchase a ticket to play Bingo on this day.

Cathedral Parish's Basket Bingo has become known for its singular prizes; all of them donated; some are more expensive (ex., furniture, recliner); all possess distinctive quality. The profit for the day comes with those who play bingo. This spring fund-raiser replaces our summer festival which was for three days; Basket Bingo is a five hour commitment. Please purchase a ticket and invite a friend to join us on **Sunday, May 7, 2017**, in Father Kelley Hall. Ticket prices are **\$25 for an Entry Ticket** that includes: 15 games of Basket Bingo, food and beverages. You may also upgrade with an **additional \$30 Value Pack** that includes: 108 Door Prize tickets, 6 Walk-Around Prize tickets, 1 dobber and 5 Special Games. In addition to all the games, there will be plenty of delicious food. We need parishioners to support this event by coming to play bingo. We need a full hall of bingo players to make this a successful fund-raiser for the Cathedral Parish. Tickets are now being sold at the Cathedral Square door after all weekend Masses and at the Cathedral Parish Office during regular business hours Monday through Friday. Thank you.

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

SERVING THE PEOPLE OF GOD IN THE CITY OF ALTOONA SINCE 1851

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
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

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 30, 2017

Readings: Acts 2:14,22-23; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

MASS INTENTIONS

May 1, Monday: Saint Joseph the Worker

Readings: Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29

6:45 AM M. Virginia Jones (Tom and Patricia Forr)
8:00 AM Vernon Leasure, Birth. (Daughter, Pam)
12:00 PM Moose Plutko (Theresa Vaughn)

May 2, Tuesday: Saint Anthanasius, Bishop, Doctor

Readings: Acts 7:51--8:1; Jn 6:30-35

6:45 AM No Mass
8:00 AM Angela Cronin Chadwick (R. & C. Rougeux)
12:00 PM Guy Walter (George and Patricia Koeck)

May 3, Wednesday: Saints Philip and James, Apostles

Readings: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 13:6-14

6:45 AM Chester Kowalski (June Rossman)
8:00 AM No Mass
12:00 PM Jim Davidson (Vogel Family)

May 4, Thursday: Easter Weekday

Readings: Acts 8: 26-40; Jn 6:44-51

6:45 AM BeBe Milliron (Mimi and Mike Traficante)
8:00 AM Andrea Crum (Cathedral Parish)
12:00 PM John Bauer (Patrick Duffy Family)

May 5, Friday: Easter Weekday

Readings: Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59

6:45 AM Marci Kaplonski (Friends)
8:00 AM Bernadette Weakland (Bauers)
12:00 PM Patty Geis, Birthday (Family)

May 6, Saturday: Easter Weekday

Readings: Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69

8:00 AM Mary Dombrowski (Frank and Elaine)
12:00 PM Julia Febbo (Jim and Betty Restauri)
Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Easter
Readings: Acts 2:14, 36-41; 1 Pt 2:20-25; Jn 10:1-10
5:00 PM Rose Ann Himmelein (Rita Adams Family)

EASTER SCHEDULE FOR THE PARISH

Neophyte Mass, Saturday, April 29, 5:00 PM.

First Eucharist, Sunday, April 30, 10:00 AM.

Communal Anointing of the Sick, Sunday,
May 7 at the 10:00 AM Mass.

Confirmation, Thursday, May 11, 7:00 PM.

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.

ANOINTING OF SICK AT EASTER MASS

On **Sunday, May 7**, at the **10:00 AM Mass**, Cathedral Parish will celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. This is the Parish's annual celebration of Christ's sacramental healing. Catholics of any age (having reached the age of reason - seven years old) who are suffering from serious illness are encouraged to participate in this healing Sacrament of the Church. Only those whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or old age are proper subjects for this Sacrament. Physical illness, addictions such as alcohol and drug abuse, along with psychological illness are reasons to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. If you have questions as to whether you are a proper candidate for this Sacrament, please call the Parish Office (944-4603) and ask to speak to one of the priests. Health care professionals will be in attendance for this healing rite. Cathedral Parish has many brothers and sisters in need of this beautiful Sacrament, please take the opportunity to receive it this Easter Season. Call the Parish Office to register to receive this important Sacrament and to arrange transportation if needed. Also, Prayer Shawls will be blessed and distributed at this annual Easter Liturgy.

ALPHA Program of Faith Renewal Resumes

On **Monday, May 1**, Cathedral Parish will offer the fifth session of a ten week process of renewal in our Christian faith. The session begins with a light meal at **6:00 PM** followed by a talk and discussion and will conclude at **8:30 PM** sharp. The **Alpha Retreat Weekend** is scheduled for **Friday evening, May 5** and **Saturday, May 6** in Cathedral Hall.

Note Daily Mass Schedule

There will be only two daily Masses on Tuesday and Wednesday this week. (No 6:45 AM on May 2 and no 8:00 AM on May 3.) Please pass the information along to friends from other parishes who pray with us regularly at daily Mass. Thank you

Confirmation Preparation for Adults

Are you an adult over the age of 21? Have you never been confirmed? Confirmation completes our sacramental initiation into the Church. In order to be a godparent at Baptism or a sponsor at Confirmation, a Catholic needs to be confirmed. If you would like to seek reception of this beautiful Sacrament of Confirmation, a celebration of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, please call the Cathedral Office, as classes are about to begin.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, April 23, 2017 - \$7,606.50

Stewardship of Time - Help is needed on Wednesday morning, May 3, 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. Thank you.

Report of Parish Lenten Almsgiving

Ash Wednesday Collection - \$2,330.00

Lenten Fish Luncheons - \$7,306.17

Daily Lenten Mass Collections - \$5,102.54

Saint Margaret Mary Parish - \$1,263.06

Holy Thursday For Poor - \$944.00

Total - \$16,945.29

Additional gifts of non-perishable food, paper and cleaning products were collected in baskets at the church doors throughout the Lenten season. We are most grateful for your generosity as we continue to receive these items throughout the fifty days of the Easter season. Our June 11th bulletin will report our totals for Easter and Easter Flower Memorials.

Baptism Congratulations

Brian Hummel and Amanda Shoenfelt presented Leeda Iris Mosey and Azella June Bowers for baptism here in the Cathedral on Saturday, April 22. Congratulations also to Godparents, Dan and Vanessa Hummel. And on Sunday, April 23 at 10:00 AM Mass, Jaxon Matthias Ritchey was baptized and welcomed into our Cathedral Parish Family. Congratulations to parents, Jason and Kristy (Swires) Ritchey along with brother, Jace, sister, Gia, Godparents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins. Leeda, Azella and Jaxon will grow in their Christian identity to the degree that family and friends model the faith.

First Friday Communion Calls This Week

Our clergy visit the sick and home-bound of the parish each month. Call the Parish Office at 944-4603 to arrange a visit for yourself or a loved one.

Liturgical Reflection ...

The Sacrament of Marriage celebrates unequivocally the indissoluble bond of marriage. "What God has joined, let no one separate" (Matt. 19.6). Man and woman make a permanent commitment to one another until death do they part. By restoring the original order of creation disturbed by sin, Jesus himself gives the strength and grace to live marriage in the new realm of the Reign of God. It is by following Christ, renouncing themselves, and taking up their crosses that spouses are able to receive the original meaning of marriage and live it with help of Christ. This grace of Christian marriage is a fruit of Christ's cross, the source of all Christian life (Catechism of the Catholic Church Number 1615).

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

Diocesan Catholic Ministries Drive Introduction

Enclosure: Please be sure to see the flyer enclosed in this bulletin which describes the Catholic Ministries Drive which replaces the Annual Catholic Appeal in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown. This Drive will support specifically those ministries that have an immediate and meaningful impact on our people. Monsignor Mazur will speak at all Masses next weekend. And each family will receive a letter during the week.

RITE OF SENDING

Our Eleventh Grade Confirmation Class will celebrate the **Rite of Sending Forth** on **Saturday, May 6** at the 5:00 PM Mass. With a special blessing, Monsignor Mazur will send our students off to be Confirmed by Bishop Bartchak on **Thursday, May 11** at 7:00 PM.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Cathedral Social Hall "Rome"

'Paul and the Underground Church'

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

Adult and teen helpers are needed. Those over 18 must have Diocesan and PA State Child Protection Clearances. Please call Chris Laraia at 312-7317 for more information.

Easter Evening Prayer - Every Sunday in the

Easter season the Cathedral Parish gathers at 6:30 PM for Evening Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament in exposition. This liturgy concludes with Benediction. All are invited to participate in this prayer tonight. Bring the family, bring a friend.

Rest In Peace

Please remember in prayer Anna Matthew who died and was buried from the Cathedral this past week. May she rest in the peace of the risen Christ.