APRIL 16, 2017

Scripture Reflection

Humanity must all face the chill of deaths' certainty. It is more comfortable not to acknowledge it, but we know that everything we love and rely on will pass away. Even we ourselves will return to the dust. This admission is like an icy rain that clouds our vision and numbs our hands. It can obscure every joy and steal the warmth from every moment of love.

This fear anchors and feeds our worst decisions. Fear of lost joy makes us grasp at places or things that might make us happy. Fear of losing a loved one upends otherwise happy relationships. From these fears, the deadly sins unfold: anger, pride, envy, greed, gluttony and lust; sloth comes when we despair over the inevitable dominion death has over us. These are truly death's offspring, rising up from our deepest fears and impelling us to our most destructive behaviors.

Christ's resurrection shows us that we no longer have to live this way. In this Easter Gospel, John is oddly specific about the condition of the burial cloths; for him, they are evidence that death has been defeated. Someone who moved or stole the body would have kept it wrapped up. Realizing this, the two apostles took the discarded windingsheet and veil as symbols of the resurrection: the man who bore them needed them no longer. They saw and believed, even though they did not understand how it could have possibly been true. The Gospel reading from Matthew told us how the two Marys left the tomb fearful yet overjoyed. Death might cast its shadow, but the resurrection fills life with light. Jesus says again and again in each resurrection account, "Peace! Do not be afraid!" Death is defeated!

This is the light of Easter. This is the light shared with the newly baptized during the Easter Vigil, and with all of us as we renew our baptismal vows, participating in Jesus' death and resurrection. His death liberated us from sin; his resurrection shows new life, made visible when death's shadow is destroyed, along with the fear of loss and defeat it brings. We lose nothing when we love our enemies, bless our persecutors and forgive our transgressors. The Easter gift is peace. Peace to all this Easter Day!

• Easter is a celebration of life. What are you most thankful for in your life this Easter Day?

Cathedral Basket Bingo

This annual event is one of our major fundraisers 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 fundraiser 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.

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EUCHARIST:

Sunday: 5:00 PM (Vigil) 8:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 Noon 5:00 PM

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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

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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

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

EASTER SUNDAY **RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

APRIL 16, 2017

Readings: Acts 10:34, 37-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20: 1-9

MASS INTENTIONS

April 17, Monday within the Octave of Easter Readings: Acts 2:14,22-33; Mt 28:8-15 6:45 AM No Mass

8:00 AM Anna Mercer (Paul and Family)

12:00 PM Paul Weible (Frank and Judy DeStefano)

April 18, Tuesday within the Octave of Easter Readings: Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18 6:45 AM Marian Clemens, Birth. (Daughter, Carole)

8:00 AM Health of Tim Sigrist (McNelis All-Stars)

12:00 PM Hilda Donahue (J. Mark & Debbie Bover)

April 19, Wednesday within the Octave of Easter Readings: Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35

6:45 AM Lavelle Family (Phyllis Sheetz)

8:00 AM Kenneth Franks (Tom and Pat Forr)

12:00 PM Thomas and Mary Irwin (Children)

7:00 PM Confirmation

- April 20, Thursday within the Octave of Easter Readings: Acts 3: 11-26; Lk 24:35-48
- 6:45 AM Health of Marcella lanniella (Husband/Sisters)
- 8:00 AM Catherine Mincin (Gregg Peachy)
- 12:00 PM Tom Byrne, Anniversary (Pat and Family)

April 21, Friday within the Octave of Easter Readings: Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14

6:45 AM Loretta Batkiewicz (Jeff and Monica Souza)

8:00 AM Bishop John McCort, Ann. (Cathedral Parish)

12:00 PM Todd Craig (Don and Marie Stock)

April 22, Saturday within the Octave of Easter Readings: Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15

8:00 AM Andrew Eastbourn (M/M Frank Dombrowski) 12:00 PM Moose Plutko (Krider & Reimer Families) Vigil: Second Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 2:42-47; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31 5:00 PM Millie Boyle (Mary Lysinger)

Please remember our sick in your Easter prayers.

Please Note: Cathedral Parish Office will be closed for normal business on Easter Monday, April 17. There will be no ALPHA meeting this week. On Wednesday evening there are no Confessions or public recitation of the rosary due to Confirmation.

Congratulations to Our Newest Members

At the Easter Vigil the Sacraments of Initiation were celebrated with the following: Courtney Becker, Jason Burkle, Madison Runk, Angela Blough, Lindsey Bonsell, Mickey Fields, Kelsey Henry, Brandon Leeper, Carlee McCaulley, and Heather Ritchey. As full members of the Church, these sisters and brothers are now welcome to come to the holy table to receive the Body and Blood of Christ, the source and summit of Catholic life.

Easter Candle 2017

Thank you to Jim Seiler who melted the wax and created our magnificent Easter Candle. Thank you to Stephanie Kilcoyne who created the beautiful needlepoint art adorning the candle.

Easter Water

Parishioners are invited to take Easter Water from the baptismal font. Bottles have been provided at the font. We would ask one bottle per family. Use this water throughout the liturgical year at home. Baptismal water is a central symbol for believers of the Catholic family. We walk through the waters of Baptism to discipleship in Christ. The forty days of Lent have prepared us to renew our baptismal identity at Easter Mass today.

Confirmations Throughout Easter Season

There are four Confirmations scheduled at the Cathedral throughout this Easter Season. The first of these celebrations is scheduled this week during the Octave of Easter. On Wednesday, April 19. members of these Altoona Parishes: Saint Mary, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Sacred Heart, Our Lady of Lourdes, Saint Rose of Lima, and Saint John the Evangelist along with students from Saint Joseph, Bellwood, will be confirmed by Bishop Mark Bartchak at 7:00 PM.

Rest In Peace - Please remember in prayer Regina Osmolinski who died and was buried from the Cathedral this past week. May she rest in the peace of the risen Christ.

Welcome

To those visiting here this Easter Day and to those who may be returning home to the Catholic family this day, welcome! The Church invites all to be at home with us. If you need to talk to a priest; go to Confession; have your marriage blessed; or just need to be listened to: call the Parish Office at 944-4603. The crucified and risen Lord extends hospitality and welcome to all.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION Sunday, April 9, 2017 - \$10,695.00 Daily Lenten Collection 2017 - \$5,102.54

FIRST EUCHARIST PREP

Our final session of preparation for students and parents is scheduled for Thursday, April 20, from 6:30-8:00 PM in the Seton Suite. Please note this change of date from April 26. Practice for First Communion is Thursday, April 27 at 4:00 PM.

CONFIRMATION PREP

All Ninth and Tenth Grade Students in Religious Ed, Bishop Guilfoyle and those home schooled are to attend Confirmation Prep Sessions on Sunday, May 21 2017 in the Cathedral Hall.

10th Grade Spring Session II Time: 1:15 - 2:30 PM 9th Grade Spring Session II Time: 3:00 - 4:15 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.

Concerts Under The Dome

Composer Timothy Milbinger will present premieres of five works on Friday night, April 28th at 7:30 PM here in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. A member of the Penn State Altoona music faculty since 2009, Mr. Melbinger has written diverse music for a variety of instruments for this program that will incorporate the Cathedral space within his compositions. The Juniata College Wind Symphony and the Keyboard Percussion Ensemble will perform two works, and Penn State Altoona's Ivyside Pride Choir will sing. Mark your calendar now! You will not want to miss this one!



Today Christians remember the glorious resurrection of our Savior. Death could not keep the Lord in the tomb. Christ has conquered death and new life is ours. On Easter Sunday we stand and renew our baptismal promises. We reject evil and sin, and profess our faith in God who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We are claimed for Jesus Christ who died and rose. For fifty days we will sing our alleluias and praise God for the gift of resurrection. Sorrow leads to joy, despair fades into hope, and apathy is overcome by divine love. Happy Easter!

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

EASTER SCHEDULE FOR THE PARISH 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. Neophyte Mass, Saturday, April 29, 5:00 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.

Progress on Capital Campaign Project

Work is proceeding on our project with the purchased building to house parish offices, religious education facilities, and an activity center. Partitions are placed on the second floor (religious education classes) and have begun to be placed on the top floor (parish offices). Exterior access to the second floor (from Fourteenth Street) is underway. Plumbing, electrical, and heating/ air-conditioning work continues. Exterior work on the building will begin within the next weeks.

The lower parking lot (Thirteenth Street and Cathedral Square) work will begin in May. Thirtyfour additional spaces will be added for Cathedral parking availability. Lighting and paving will be addressed for the upper parking lot at the same time.

Thank you to all who have pledged and committed to this capital project here in the Cathedral Parish. This is a historic time in our 165 years of life in center city Altoona. Thank you for your regular payments toward your pledges. We are seeing this project unfold and move towards completion. God bless you for your generous and prayerful response.

Please Remember Our Military In Prayer

Please keep all of our Cathedral men and women in the armed services in your Easter prayer.

Liturgical Reflection ...

McGough and Hallinan Families Samuel and Carole Mento/ Hy and Jennie Adelman/ Francesco and Vincenza Mento/ Joseph and Virginia White/Helen Faretta/ Tom Capruscio/Barb Peters/Laura Schultz/ James and Josephine Filoromo Homer and Mary Mentzer/H.L. Mentzer, Jr./ Audrey and Dutch Reimer/Maggie/Pat/Phil/ Wm. J. and Maddie Lumadue Family Anna Mercer/Joseph Mercer **Daniel Miles** Misitano/Moloney Families Maureen Moore/Leo Kwolek/ Mary Jane and Charles Moore John and Rose Moryken/Julia Jarkiewicz/ Regis and Elizabeth Dixon Mr. and Mrs. Mark Moschella Deceased Members of the Moyer/ Lesko/Pilarz/Clay and Lidwell Families Murawsky/Pipta Families Mr. and Mrs. John Murphy Marian Nagle/John J. Nagle/ John Nagle/Jean Hair Charles and Catherine Nelson Joseph and Francis Pagliaro/ John and Marion Beck Mr. and Mrs. James Pastore Pellegrino Families Lisa A. Belsey Pufka Souls in Purgatory Plutko/Bettwy/Brennan/Lytle Families/ Uncle Mike **Stephen Pyo Family** Mr. and Mrs. Donald Rabine Devin and Pete Rhoa James Roland and Jeanette Roland Kathy Rossbach Danyll Rougeux/Grace Rougeux/ Frank and Helen Radwanski/ Isabella and Edgar Rougeux Deacon John Rvs Deceased of Schnaubelt Family

Kevin M. Scott Deceased of Brennan Family/ Ellie Kiszki and Family Terrance Shea, George Gieshauser/ Mark Farrell Sheehan and Murphy Family George Sinisi, Marguerite Hricko/ Harry Hricko David Lysinger Deceased Members of E.T. Smith Family Deceased of Harry Smith Family/ Deceased of Alfred Lysinger Family **Robert Smithmyer Family Dolores Snyder** Attillio Stefanon Annika Rose Steinbeiser Strobert Family Earl and Virginia Strohm **Edna and Dominick Thomas** Deceased of Kutruff and Thompson Families Deceased Members of the Thibault Family Mr. and Mrs. John Tippery Joe Tomlinson/Walter Smithmyer Family/ **Robert Wills Family** Deceased of Trexler and Strate Families Don and Jean Truby/Deceased of Clapper/ Kolbenschlag/TrubyFamilies Mr. and Mrs.George Truby/Anna Glover/ **Chuck Roberts** Vogel-Moloney Deceased/ Eastbourne Deceased/ Ben Kedzuf/Mary Jo Waring Wachter and Wood Families William J. and Genevieve Wagner Wahl and Dixon Families Patty Ann Wiedemer Barbara Weidley/Theresa Kuny Prendergast and Winkler Families/ Leo B. Winkler/ Joe and Kathy Prendergast/ Joseph and Mary Prendergast Joseph A. and Irene Kelly Wood Yeager Family Deceased

EASTER BLESSINGS 2017



O God, who on this day, through your only Begotten Son, have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity, grant, we pray, that we keep the solemnity of the Lord's resurrection may, through the renewal brought by your spirit, rise up in the light of new life. (Roman Missal, Collect for Easter Day)

Easter peace to you and those you love!

rend Monsiar Reverend Father Dennis M. K Parochial `

EASTER FLOWERS



Joseph and Sophie Adamezyk/ Paul and Joanna Tetanich/ Barbara and Clair Duffy/ Edward and Mary Yetsko Caroline Adams James J. Adams Joe and Lucy Alianiello/Chris Jacobs/ Rose Riccio and Anna Reed/ Mary Ann Bankston W.E. Ball, Sr./W.E. Ball, Jr./ **Ball and Miller Families** Philip and Susan Altiero/Philip P. Altiero/ Walter and Lois Sanker/David Sanker/ Michael and Anna Boccardi/ Dominic Altiero **Robert and Marion Blante Bartchak and Beck Families** Catherine Frederick /Walt Beech Jr Families Anthony and Christine Bartkowiak John Bauer/ Deceased Family, Relatives and Friends **Bearer and Kirkpatrick Families** Mr. and Mrs. Walter Beckel Sr./ Naomi Long/Carol Taylor Derek Behe Jack and Kitty Bell/Msgr. Paul Panza/ **Steve Hiner** Robert Benton/Suzanne Steinbugl/ Paula Campbell Mr. and Mrs. William Bettwy/ Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Gioiosa Mr. and Mrs. Clair A. Boslet/ Mr. and Mrs. Roy C. Kriger

We remember the loved ones, living and dead, of the following parishioners who contributed towards our Easter flowers.

> Thomas and Imelda Bover Millie Boyle Mildred Brady/ Dave and Patricia Shellenberger Catherine Brandt Robert and Ethel Brandt/ Robert Vaughn Sr./George Jodon Jr. **Deceased Family Members and Friends** of Nicole and Jason Burkle Family Members of Caldwell and Hoefler Families Gene Capone Carles and Robuck Family Chelton-Pietsch-Plunket Families Deceased Cathedral Children: Joseph Ball/Hannah Gregg/ Ella Rose and Sophie Heaverly/Max and Mara Kirkpatrick/John McGregor/Emily/Chance and Marina Myers/Zoe/Lyzee and Ben Wilson **Deceased Christian Mothers** Rita Chverchko and Family, Jennie Beasom Marian and William Clemens Lee and Katy Young Vincent and Patrick Consalvo Todd E. Craig/Craig and Farabaugh Family Deacon Bill Cronin/Laura and Jeffrey/ Angela Cronin Chadwick/Chalmers Helble Mom and Dad Cuomo/Bill and Peg Dambeck and Moyer Families **Bob and Tammy Datris** James Davidson Parents of Marge Dennis Don and June Dodson/Jim Stoehr/ Dick Taylor Mary Dombroski/Christina Snopek

Family Members Dombroski/Vogel Kathleen Duffy Mr. and Mrs. Joseph C. Eckenrode/ Daughters, Rose and Patricia; Son, John Cole Robert Egan Julia and Michael Febbo **Carl Fischer Family** DeHaas Family John and Mildred Flick/ David and Brandon Flick Mr. and Mrs. John Ford/ Marian and Thomas Swires **Catherine Frederick and Walt Beech Families** Max Friedenberger Joseph H. Gallagher Paul and Rosemary Gebhardt Robert C. Glass Gority and Hardin Families Mr and Mrs James Heitsenretter/ Larry Miller Josephine Hicks Deceased of Himmelein/Robertazzi Families Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hollingshead Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Holmberg Edgar L. Johnston/Edgar A. Johnston/ Diane M. Johnston Mr. and Mrs. Harry Johnston Family M. Virginia Jones Peggy and Bernie Joyce/Bernie McLucas/ Glen and Vivian Bistline/ Deceased of Joyce and Hallinan Families Mary Kantoski Jim Kapfhammer/ Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kapfhammer/ Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Vrabel/ Joan McDonald Deceased of Kapfhammer/Liberta Families Jim and Mary Ellen Kelly Richard C. Kerr Sr./Richard C. Kerr III/ William Wertz, Sr. Jerry and Rita Kibler Mr. & Mrs. Charles J. Kimmel Mr. and Mrs. Brian Kirkpatrick/ Matthew and Madeline Kirsch/

Clair and Mary Lockard Mike Kling John and Victoria Koeck/ Millisa Hofer/Brock Hofer Paul Koegler/Judith Koegler Kimberly Kokolis Moran Amie N. Koller Thomas and June Kuny Herbert Kutruff/Pat and Shirley Kutruff/ Tom and Marie Madigan Mr. and Mrs. Jay Labriola Deceased Lilly Family: Valentine/Maude/ Tom/Patricia/Lyle/Jim and Timmy Kay Alyce Seidel Lint/ Catherine and William Seidel/ Orveta and John Behe Wilson Longwill/Dorothy Longwill/ **Richard Kutruff** Joanne and Charles Lovett Mr. and Mrs. Brian Lucas Paul and Dora Luke/Ben and Mary Myers/ Pat and Ella Marlett/Stella Faust/ Donna Chamberlain Paul and Dora Luke/ Patty and Clyde Dennis/Rusty Dennis/ Patrick and Ella Marlett Charles R. Lumadue Francis and Eileen Lytle/Wilma Morning/ Greg Lynam Alice and Julius Mangiacarne/ Julia Febbo and Michael Febbo Louis R. Manigiacarne Ralph and Beatrice Mannion Grandparents of Martynuska/Soyka/ Creppage and Kawtoski Fmilies Deceased Of Martynuska/Soyka Families Walter Mazur Brian J. McCaulley Stacy Leeper/Rudy Kessler/ Andrew Vellone/Connie Vellone McCloskey and DeCarlo Families McCloskey and Flanagan Families Marie and Paul McDonough Rita McDonough