# APRIL 2, 2017

## Scripture Reflection

John's story of the raising of Lazarus offers us hope and consolation in the face of death. The grief of Jesus, Martha, and Mary shows us that the Lord understands and shares in our human grief at the death of our loved ones. At the same time, Jesus teaches that, through the power his Father has given him, he has power over death.

The Gospel presents a poignant picture of Jesus, who, despite his love for Lazarus, delays his return until Lazarus has died in order that his disciples might come to greater belief. Sandwiched between Lazarus' death and Jesus' raising of him is Jesus' encounter with Martha, Lazarus' sister. In conversation between Jesus and the Samaritan woman. Jesus had identified himself as the Messiah. Here in another theological discussion with Martha he declares: "I am the resurrection and the life." Martha responds affirmatively, "I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God." And yet this Messiah is not beyond human emotion. Jesus begins to weep at the tomb of Lazarus. The final sign in John's Gospel reveals Jesus as a human Messiah, and points to his own death and resurrection.

Death's agents are still at work in the world today, gnawing at every human heart and threatening every human community. Many of us entomb ourselves---often with a significant investment of time and energy---in materialism, vanity, pride and lust. As Jesus raised up Lazarus, so we must raise ourselves and each other.

If we read the story of Lazarus not simply as a story about Jesus's victory over bodily death, but also his victory over sin, then we can see ourselves like Lazarus, lying in the tomb of our own evil actions, bound by them the way that Lazarus is bound by his burial cloths. We also see Jesus weeping, grieving by the tomb in which the deadly power of sin has enclosed us. And we hear his cry, "Come out!" as an invitation to us to rise from our sins and turn back to God.

#### From what tomb do you need to hear Christ's command. "Come forth"?

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#### LITURGICAL MINISTERS PLEASE NOTE:

The new schedule coming out this week will cover Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Easter Vigil, Easter Sunday and the Easter Season through Pentecost, June 4. Unavailable dates and contact changes are needed by Tuesday, April 4. Our altar servers, Dylan Allen, Sarah Callan, John Paul Duffy and Benjamin Dumm, and our Lector, Matthew Cowan, will only be scheduled for those Masses that they request after Easter as they will be busy with preparations for High School Graduation and moving on to college or work. Call 932-6340, text or email Gabrielle Cronin. Thank You.

#### **LAST** Lenten Lunch This Friday At Cathedral

Cathedral Social Committee is serving Lenten Lunches on the Fridays of Lent from 11:00 AM until 1:30 PM or until sold out. The menu includes a fish sandwich with your choice of macaroni & cheese or french fries for \$6.50. Please note: there will be no Lunch served on Good Friday, April 14.

#### **CATHEDRAL MUSIC MINISTRY**

The Cathedral Choir meets for weekly rehearsal on Thursday evenings: 6:30 PM for Cantors and 7:00 PM Full Choir in the Music Room until 9:00 PM. New and returning members are welcome at any rehearsal. For more information please contact Leslie Thayer, Director at the Cathedral Music Ministry Office: 944-2044.

#### HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL **GUARDIAN NEWS**

- Registration is now open for all campus locations. Forms are availale at each site. Call for more information. Altoona: 381-7011, Middle School: 942-7837, Hollidaysburg: 695-6112.
- Scholastic Book Fair April 2, 3 and 4 at the Hollidaysburg campus.
- Living Stations Friday, April 7 at 1:30 PM, Hollidaysburg Campus.
- Holy Trinity Yard Sale June 3. We have begun collecting those unwanted treasures. Items can be dropped off anytime now and throughout the remainder of the year at the Maria Parish Center. We will not be selling clothing. Our yard sale funds will be used for student-centered activities throughout the next school year. Be watching for more information.

#### First Friday Communion Calls This Week

To arrange a visit for yourself or a loved one, call the Parish Office: 944-4603.

# 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: ALTCATHEDRAL@DIOCESEAJ.ORG

5:00 PM

#### **EUCHARIST:**

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

8:00 AM

Holyday: 5:30 PM (Vigil)

12:00 Noon 5:30 PM

Weekday:

Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak, Bishop

**CHRISTIAN INITIATION TEAM - 944-4603** 

**CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME - 944-4603** 

HOLYTRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Web: www.bishopguilfoyle.org - 944-4014

DIRECTORS OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education Office: Sundays - 943-7424

Chris Laraia - Pre-K thru 8 - 312-7317

Jean Koury - 9 thru 12 - 949-2777

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY

**Music Ministry Office - 944-2044** 

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Leslie C. Thaver, MM, CAGO

Web: www.holytrinitycatholic.school

MAIL MINISTRY TO ELDERLY, HOMEBOUND,

SERIOUSLY SICK, AND GRIEVING - 944-4603

Altoona Campus (Pre-K thru Grade 4) - 381-7011

BISHOPGUILFOYLE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Hollidaysburg Campus (Pre-K thru Grade 4) - 695-6112

Middle School Campus (Grades 5 thru 8) - 942-7835

Reverend Monsignor Robert C. Mazur, Rector

Reverend Father Dennis M. Kurdziel, Parochial Vicar

8:00 AM 12:00 Noon Saturday: 8:00 AM

6:45 AM

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12:00 Noon

#### FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT APRIL 2, 2017

Ez 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11;Jn 11:1-45

#### MASS INTENTIONS

April 3, Monday: Lenten Weekday

Readings: Dn 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62; Jn 8:1-11
6:45 AM Richard Anthony (Cathedral Parish)
8:00 AM Rita Kantoski (Judy and Ray Wilkinson)
12:00 PM Danyll Rougeux (Mary Kowalski)

April 4, Tuesday: Saint Isidore, Bishop, Doctor Readings: Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30

6:45 AM John Carter (Francis & Christine Dambeck)8:00 AM Catherine Mincin (Dan Neville Family)

12:00 PM Betty McCabe (Betty Dennis)

April 5, Wednesday: Saint Vincent Ferrer, Priest Readings: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95;Jn 8:31-42

6:45 AM George Dean Barry (The Goulionis) 8:00 AM Helen Zurilla, Birthday (Family)

12:00 PM Jim Davidson (Julia Plummer Family)

April 6, Thursday: Lenten Weekday
Readings: Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59
6:45 AM Special Intention

8:00 AM Derek Behe (Parents)
12:00 PM Patricia Rabine (Rick & Cindy Lytle)

April 7 Friday Caint Jahr Bantist da la Calla Brisa

April 7, Friday: Saint John Baptist de la Salle, Priest Readings: Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42

6:45 AM Bill Seidel (Cory & Jennifer Geishauser) 8:00 AM Millie Boyle (Regina Farabaugh Family) 12:00 PM Bill Hoff, Jr. Birthday (Justin McCaulley)

#### Lenten Lunch: 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM Stations of the Cross: 7:00 PM

April 8, Saturday: Lenten Weekday Readings: Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56

8:00 AM Deacon John E. Rys, Anniv. (Wife & Family)

12:00 PM Nancy Sutton (Linda Biss)

Vigil: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Readings: Mt 21:1-11 (Blessing of Palm/Procession) Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14-27:66

5:00 PM John Tomlinson, Birthday (Family)

Mass Schedule Note: Due to the Chrism Mass, Monday, April 10 celebrated at 11:00 AM, there will be no Noon Mass on Monday of Holy Week. All are invited to participate in the Chrism Mass where Bishop Mark will bless the sacred oils to be distributed to all diocesan parishes. This annual Liturgy celebrates the unity of the Church as Bishop gathers with his college of presbyters, assisted by his deacons, with all the faithful.

#### THIRD SCRUTINY

Today we celebrate the third and final Rite of Scrutiny at 10:00 AM Mass. The Gospel of John proclaims the raising of Lazarus from the dead. Please pray with our Elect and Candidates as they reflect on areas in their lives that are still bound by sin. Elect, Candidates, Sponsors and Team will attend a **Palm Sunday Retreat** at Saint Catherine of Siena Church, Duncansville, next <u>Sunday</u>, <u>April 9</u>. Please keep them in your prayers.

**Lenten Evening Prayer** - Every Sunday in Lent the Cathedral Parish gathers at 6:30 PM for <u>Evening Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament</u> in exposition. This Liturgy concludes with Benediction. All are invited to participate in this Lenten prayer tonight.

#### **ALPHA Program of Lenten Renewal Continues**

On **Monday, April 3**, Cathedral Parish will offer the fourth session of a ten week process of renewal in our Christian faith. The session begins with a meal at <u>6:00 PM</u> followed by a talk and discussion and will conclude at <u>8:30 PM</u> sharp. Please keep participants in your Lenten prayer.

#### **Baptismal Prep This Week!**

Our next Session of **Baptismal Preparation** is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 4** at 7:00 PM in the Seton Suite. This required class is offered every other month and you don't have to wait until your child is born to attend class. Godparents are encouraged to attend as well. Call the Parish Office at 944-4603 to register.

#### PENANCE SERVICE WEDNESDAY!

You are invited to join our Bishop with his priests in the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Lent is the Church's season to remind the faithful of our need to turn from sin and seek God's mercy. We seek reconciliation with God and our neighbor. Gather with all who identify themselves as sinners joyfully proclaiming the love and forgiveness of God. A Lenten Communal Penance Service will be celebrated this **Wednesday**, **April 5** at **6:30 PM** here in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. This public gathering of believers is a great preparation for the celebration of the Easter mysteries. Plan to be with us for this hour of prayer celebrating God's mercy.

Please remember our sick in your Lenten prayers.

# OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, March 26, 2017 - \$8,058.50

#### **Easter Flower Memorials**

If you have not deposited your special envelope in memory of a loved one this weekend (or any envelope marked clearly with your intention), please make these returns to the Parish Office by **Palm Sunday, April 9**, for publication in the Easter bulletin.

#### F.I.R.E. CLASSES for April

Tonight, **Sunday, April 2** and next **Sunday, April 9** in Cathedral Hall 6:15 PM -8:30 PM.

#### 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.

CATHEDRAL MEETINGS THIS WEEK! LITURGY COMMITTEE - Wednesday, April 5 in the Seton Suite at 12:45 PM.

**BASKET BINGO COMMITTEE - Thursday, April 6** in Cathedral Hall at <u>6:00 PM</u>. Teen and adult volunteers are still needed and welcome to attend this planning session.

#### **Cathedral Christian Mothers**

All ladies of the parish are invited to come to the Seton Suite **Wednesday**, **April 12** at <u>6:30 PM</u> for our Christian Mothers meeting. Bring a friend! Guest speaker will be Jean Johnstone, Director of Catholic Charities.

#### **Rest In Peace**

Please remember in prayer our parishioners, Tony Frank and Loretta Batkiewicz, who died and were buried this past week. May they rest in peace; may their families also find peace.

#### PALM SUNDAY NEXT WEEK

All Masses will begin next week on the front portico of the Cathedral. Palm branches will be blessed at the beginning of each Mass at the front door of the Cathedral. We will enter the Cathedral holding our blessed palm, singing our entrance song, and remembering how our Lord entered the holy city of Jerusalem to meet his agony and death, and his glorious resurrection.

#### **HOLY THURSDAY DINNER - PLEASE CALL**

At the end of Lent and as we enter *The Three Days*, the Parish will gather for **Dinner** at <u>6:00 PM</u> on **April 13** in the church hall before our 7:30 PM Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper. There will be a basket placed on the serving table to receive donations (if able) for this catered meal.

### LONGABERGER/VERA BRADLEY

**BASKET BINGO - Sunday April 7, 2017** 

■ Father Kelley Hall, 429 25th Avenue, 1:00 PM Tickets are available now! The \$25.00 entry ticket includes 15 games of Basket Bingo (featuring Longaberger baskets and Vera Bradley bags) with complimentary food and beverages. For an additional \$30.00 you can purchase the Value Pack which includes: 108 door prize tickets, 6 walk-around tickets, a dobber and Bingo cards for 5 Special Games. Tickets are being sold after all weekend Masses at the Cathedral Square **Door.** You may also purchase tickets at the Parish Office weekdays between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM. To reserve tables please call Roberta ■ Burns at 515-1614. Donations are still being ■ accepted to fill baskets. Call call Roberta Burns (515-1614) or Lorraine Beck (942-7774) for pick-

up by April 15. A ticket would be a nice gift.

#### Liturgical Reflection ...

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Saint Paul states, "Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her" (Ephesians 5:25). Giving himself over on the cross out of love for us, Christ is the supreme model of self-giving love. "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one. This is the great mystery, and I mean in reference to Christ and the Church" (Ephesians 5:31-32). Married life is intimately tied to the cross of Christ. Where there is sacrifice and self-giving, there is Christ and there is love (Catechism of the Catholic Church Number 1623).

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