

march 27, 2016

Scripture Reflection

Throughout Easter Time readings are taken from the New Testament. The post-Resurrection stories, the preaching of Paul, and the events in the first communities all celebrate the Paschal Mystery and explore its implication for the lives of believers. Jesus' first post-Resurrection appearance to the disciples happened "on the first day of the week," a fit time for something new to unfold. It is Sunday, the day that Christians celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord, and the story of the Resurrection begins with an empty tomb. The entire Christian tradition is based on this mysterious discovery--a mystery full enough for a lifetime of pondering.

It took the friends of Jesus a while to understand that his missing body did not represent theft or desecration, but the end of death. When they finally understood the Scripture "that he must rise from the dead," it was because they had experienced Easter, witnessed Christ risen from the dead. Their experience of the risen Lord, interpreted through Jesus' teachings and life, led them to one conclusion: He was not in the tomb because Jesus had been raised up by God from death to life.

Through Jesus, who was raised from the dead, we, too, "have been raised with Christ." Our lives are no longer lived in the shadow or fear of death, for death has been conquered and life reigns eternal. This must be the fearless reorientation of our lives; to live in the life of Christ, raised to new life, and not in the fear of death. God is not the God of the dead; God is the God of the living. And in Christ's resurrection, God reveals the retreat of death and the victory of life.

- **Easter is about new life. God is the God of the living. Christ has died and the tomb is empty. How do you practically live out your new life in Christ?**

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EASTER SCHEDULE FOR THE PARISH
First Eucharist, Sunday, April 10, 10:00 AM.
Communal Anointing of the Sick, Sunday, April 17 at the 10:00 AM Mass.
Parish Social follows on the portico.
Confirmation, Thursday, April 21, 7:00 PM.
Concert Under the Dome, Friday, April 22, at 7:00 PM. David Jaronowski on the Organ.
Neophyte Mass, Saturday, April 23, 5:00 PM.
May Crowning, Sunday, May 1, 6:30 PM.
Ice Cream Social follows in the Parish Hall.
Ascension, Holy Day, Thursday, May 5.

LONGABERGER/VERA BRADLEY BASKET BINGO - Sunday April 24, 2015

Proceeds will assist our children in Catholic Schools, our Religious Education Program and Youth Activities. Want to help? The Committee is in need of the following items: gift cards, theme baskets, new items such as home decor, kitchen items, non perishables and monetary gifts, etc.; also cases of water and soda. Items can be dropped off at the Parish Office during the week. Gift cards etc. may be placed the collection basket in envelopes marked Basket Bingo. Teen help would be appreciated for Set-up and Clean-up. Anyone wishing to donate items for the Basket Bingo on April 24 and needs these items picked up, please contact Paula Truby at 931-2838 or Roberta Burns at 301-741-6467. Items need to be collected by April 5. **Tickets are not being sold after Mass this weekend but they will be available at the Parish Office during the week.**

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL Cathedral Social Hall "Cave Quest"

June 6-10, 2016, 8:45 - 11:30 AM Ages 3-10
Join us as we go spelunking through *Cave Quest*, led by the light of Jesus. Registration is \$5.00 per child to cover cost of T-shirt. 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. Registration deadline is May 16.

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.

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

EUCCHARIST:

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

Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak, Bishop

Reverend Monsignor Robert C. Mazur, Rector

Reverend Father Dennis M. Kurdziel, Parochial Vicar

Deacon Michael A. Anna

Deacon John J. Szwarc, Senior Deacon

CHRISTIAN INITIATION TEAM - 944-4603

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME - 944-4603

ALTOONA CENTRAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL
Web: www.altoonacentralcatholic.com
Elementary - Pre-K thru Grade 5 - 381-7011

BISHOP GUILFOYLE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
Web: www.bishopguilfoyle.org - 944-4014

DIRECTORS OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Chris Laraia - Pre-K thru 8 - 946-3475
Jean Koury - 9 thru 12 - 949-2777
Religious Education Office: Sundays - 943-7424

MUSIC MINISTRY
Nina M. Tedeschi
Choir Director and Head Organist - 944-2044
Kevin J. Luke - E-mail: kluke@dioceseaj.org
Administrative Duties and Organist - 944-2044

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

**EASTER SUNDAY
RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
MARCH 27, 2016**

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

MASS INTENTIONS

March 28, Monday within the Octave of Easter

Readings: Acts 2:14,22-33; Mt 28:8-15

6:45 AM No Mass
8:00 AM Thomas P. Kilcoyne, Sr., Birth. (Kilcoyne Family)
12:00 PM Josephine Hicks, Anniv. (Daughter, Jacqueline)

March 29, Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

Readings: Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18

6:45 AM Myron Yeager (Ann and Roger)
8:00 AM Louise Mincin, Anniversary (Susan Galant)
12:00 PM Betty McCabe (Brooks and Karen Smith)

March 30, Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

Readings: Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35

6:45 AM Jack Swope (Wife, Patty)
8:00 AM Louise Hallinan (Family)
12:00 PM Cecelia Andrews, Birth. Inten. (Grandparents)
7:00 PM Confirmation

March 31, Thursday within the Octave of Easter

Readings: Acts 3: 11-26; Lk 24:35-48

6:45 AM George D. Barry (Green, Tyler, Maryl, Berrys)
8:00 AM Jerry Smith (Linda Himes)
12:00 PM Edger L. Johnston, Anniv. (Wife and Family)

April 1, Friday within the Octave of Easter

Readings: Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14

6:45 AM M. Virginia Jones (John and Stephanie Syps)
8:00 AM Michael J. Zaczek, Anniversary (Family)
12:00 PM Mildred Burchfield (Wagner Family)

April 2, Saturday within the Octave of Easter

Readings: Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15

8:00 AM Herbert Kutruff (John and Judy Isenberg)
12:00 PM Joe Tomlinson (Jean Cole)
Vigil: Second Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 5:12-16; Rv 1:9-11, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31

5:00 PM Dolores Snyder (Daughter, Kim & Family)

Please remember our sick in your Easter prayers.

Please Note: Cathedral Parish Office will be closed for normal business on Easter Monday, March 28. There will be no Charismatic Prayer 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: Cynthia Baum, Misty Hainsey, Amya Miller, Rose Settle, Julie and Matthew Criste, Aaron Ebersole, Quintin Helsel, Joshua Settle, Amanda Shoenfelt, Lori Stiver, and Dianna Walter. 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 2015

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 during this Jubilee Year of Mercy.

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 to 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, March 30, members of these Altoona Parishes: Holy Rosary, Saint Mary, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Sacred Heart, Our Lady of Lourdes, and Saint Rose of Lima, along with students from Saint Joseph, Bellwood, will be confirmed by Bishop Mark Bartchak at 7:00 PM.

Charismatic Prayer

The Charismatic Prayer Group will *not* meet this Monday but will meet again on Monday, April 4 at 7:30 PM instead of 7:00 PM due to Confirmation practice. Janine Anna, wife of Deacon Anna, will be giving a witness talk. Please come and be blessed! All are most welcome!!

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.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, March 20, 2016 - \$8,699 .00
Ash Wednesday Collection - \$2,376.00
Daily Lenten Collection 2016 - \$5,649.28

FISH LUNCHEONS - THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who helped make this Annual Lenten Project a success. Many Parishioners took orders at work each week for lunches; many came to eat and visit with friends; and some took lunches home to shut-ins. All together approximately 1,800 dinners were sold and we raised \$3,395.71. A special *Thank-You* to Butch Winkler and his kitchen crew: Ann and Jim Dixon, Bobbie Dixon, Tony Eckenrode, John Fischer, Janet Hammond, Ronnie Helfrich, Bob Jones, Mary Beth Kessler, Jean and Grace Koury, Danette Lee, Eileen McEldowney, Beth Moore, Gail and John Murphy, and Donnie Rabine. Special thanks to Mary Ann Bell for her cakes!

Jubilee of Mercy Invitation

Cathedral Parish is invited to participate in an Evening of Reflection on the Spiritual Works of Mercy. These reflection opportunities are scheduled throughout the Diocese during the Jubilee of Mercy. Catholics from the greater Altoona area are invited to **Saint Mark Hall** (below church), 416 Sixth Avenue, Altoona, on **Tuesday, April 12** from **6:00 PM to 9:00 PM**. There will be prayer, prepared reflections on mercy, and time for group discussion. All are invited to take part in this opportunity to reflect on God's mercy in our lives. Please call the Cathedral Parish at 944-4603 to reserve a place on Tuesday, April 12 at Saint Mark Church.

Year of Mercy: Bible Study

You are invited to join the group of parishioners meeting next on **April 19**, from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the Seton Suite, to break open the Word of God and reflect on God's mercy.

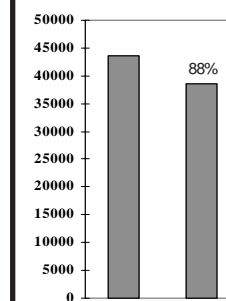


Liturgical Reflection ...

The Lord Jesus died on the cross, was buried in the tomb, and rose gloriously on the third day! God has acted in mercy towards his people. We are now people of the new covenant which has been sealed by the Blood of the Lamb. As we stand today to renew our baptismal promises, we commit ourselves to be instruments of God's mercy and compassion. If we confess the Crucified to be the Risen Lord, then, especially in this Jubilee Year, we must live lives more fully centered in mercy. Jesus Christ is risen! Alleluia! Our Easter joy is seen in our acts of mercy to others!

2016, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 South Logan Boulevard, Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania 16648.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2016



This year the Cathedral Parish goal is set at **\$43,522.00** (this reflects a one-third reduction of \$21,728.00 from the original goal of \$65,250.00). Where do these monies go? Realize that all money collected for the

Appeal goes directly to help support the dozens of ministries sponsored by the Diocese. Your participation is vital to the success of ACA 2016. Please help our Local Church and Parish meet the set goal. Funds over goal return to the Parish and will help us with special projects. Thus far we have received gifts from 144 households and are less than \$5,000.00 away from goal having raised **\$38,556.00**. Please prayerfully consider making a gift within the next few weeks. You may return your gift to the Development Office by mail, return it to the Parish Office or drop it in the Sunday collection. Thank you for your participation in this year's Annual Catholic Appeal.

FIRE Rally Retreat:

There will be a FIRE Rally on **Saturday, April 16, 2016 from 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM**, at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. Exciting talks and prayer experiences to ignite the flame of the Holy Spirit in your life. Speakers include: Fr. Jonathan St. Andre, TOR; Bob and Marci Sutton, Sr. Linda LaMagna, CCW; Msgr. Robert Mazur and Bishop Mark Bartchak. Music will be led by the Cathedral and St. Joan Charismatic Prayer Groups. Cost is \$18. Students are free. Pre-registration is required as lunch will be provided. To register e-mail tonycond@aol.com or call 941-3832. All ages are welcome.

Deceased of Martynuska Family/
 Deceased of Soyka Family
 Walter Mazur
 Brian McCaulley
 McCloskey & Flanagan Families
 McGough & Hallinan Families
 Samuel and Carol Mento/
 Hy and Jennie Adelman/
 Francesco and Vincenza Mento
 Joseph and Virginia White/
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 Daniel Miles/
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 Leo B. Winkler/
 Joseph and Mary Prendergast
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 The Yeager Family Deceased

EASTER BLESSINGS 2016



*O God, who gladden us year by year
 with the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection,
 graciously grant that,
 by celebrating these present festivities,
 we may merit through them to reach eternal joys.*

(Roman Missal, Octave of Easter)

Easter peace to you and those you love!

Mark L. Bartchak
 Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak
 Bishop

Robert C. Mazur
 Reverend Monsignor Robert C. Mazur
 Rector

Dennis M. Kurdziel
 Reverend Father Dennis M. Kurdziel
 Parochial Vicar



EASTER FLOWERS

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

Joseph and Sophie Adamezyk/
Paul Tetanich, Barbara and Clair/
Duffy, Edward and Mary Yetsko
James J. Adams
Joe and Lucy Alianiello, Rose Ricco/
Anna Reed, Chris Jacobs/
Mary Ann Bankston
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Deceased of Kirkpatrick Family
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Lisa A. Belsey Pufka
John and Florence Bender/
Alice and Sam Marino/
William Sculley, Audrey Krause
Bettwy and Jacobs Families
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Deceased of William Family
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Dave and Patricia Shellenberger
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Robert and Ethel Brandt/
Robert A. Vaughn, Sr./
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Mary, Albert and Patty Schnaubelt
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Clapper-Kolbenschlag Family Dec./
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Karen (Cowan) Dougherty
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Laura and Jeffrey Cronin
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Patty and Clyde Dennis/
Patrick and Ella Marlett
Barbara Dively
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Kathleen Duffy
J. C. Eckenrode Family
Cole Robert Egan
James M. Elder

Janet Evans, George Vierkorn
Marjorie Evangelisto
Deceased of Farrell Family
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Bill and Catherine Beech Frederick/
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John Dodson
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Francis A. 'Frank' Goss
Robert A. Grove
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Mark and Agnes DeAngelis
Josephine Hicks, Marion Hicks
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Edgar A. Johnston/
Diane M. Johnston
Ruth Jones and Bill Conrad
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Peggy and Bernie Joyce/
Bernie McLucas/
Glen & Vivian Bistline
Deceased of Joyce Family/
Deceased of Hallinan Family
Mary Kathryn Kantoski/
Marianne and Hugh Hayford/
Rita, John, Bill, Adele, and/
David Kantoski
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