

**MAY 15, 2016**

*Scripture Reflection*

Easter Time ends with the celebration of Pentecost. For fifty days the Church has been immersed in the mystery of new life with the risen Lord, a mystery that draws us into the relationship of Jesus and the Father. In the Resurrection, Jesus breaks the bonds of human limitations and promises that we too will be raised. In the Ascension, the Father receives the beloved Son into the divine realm, and with the sending of the Spirit, we become a dwelling place of the Advocate, who reminds us of all the Lord has told us.

The Spirit of Pentecost is not confined by language, place of origin, gender, or social status; it is a universal gift that reminds us to put flesh, bones, hands, and feet on the teaching of Christ. It calls us to the mighty works of God, speaking them ourselves and seeing them in others. The gift of the Spirit is our source of life, not only for fifty days, but every day.

The Spirit works in different ways, sometimes moving us out of our comfortable places into a world of uncertainty and danger. Sometimes the Spirit fires our minds and hearts to say and do things we never would have thought possible. And sometimes the Spirit works in quiet ways through gifts given to each of us for the good of the community. The power of one is ultimately the power of our one God, whom we acknowledge as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. It is one in many, unity in diversity. And we are to mirror that unity in diversity by allowing the power of the Spirit to work in us as a community.

**• What is the Holy Spirit teaching you today? What do you see the Holy Spirit teaching the Church today?**

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*Living the Word*, Dennis D. Sylva and James A. Wallace, World Library Publications, 2009, page 128.

**PARISH FEAST DAY - SUNDAY MAY 29**

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ has particular significance in the Diocese and the Parish as our Cathedral is under the title of the Blessed Sacrament. **Bishop Mark Bartchak** will be principal Celebrant at our **10:00 AM Mass**. Following Mass there will be a Parish Social on the portico. Parishioners are encouraged to participate in this Mass and to share in the hospitality that follows. This is our parish feast day and the Most Blessed Sacrament will be in exposition during the afternoon following the Noon Mass until the 5:00 PM Mass There will be prayer and devotions at **1:00 PM, 2:00 PM, 3:00 PM, and 4:00 PM**. On our Eucharistic Day, each hour begins with scripture and a short reflection. This is followed by a particular devotion which is followed by silent prayer before the Sacrament.

**1:00 PM:** Scripture/Chaplet of Divine Mercy

**2:00 PM:** Scripture/Rosary (Mysteries of Light)

**3:00 PM:** Scripture/Litany of the Holy Eucharist

**4:00 PM:** Scripture/ Rosary (Glorious Mysteries)

All parishioners are encouraged to be present in the Cathedral sometime during the afternoon.

**FAITH DAY AT DELGROSSO'S 2016**

Come! Join Catholics from across the Diocese to celebrate our faith and enjoy a day of rides and slides!! Or just come and enjoy America's best amusement park food!! **SUNDAY, JUNE 26 - DelGrosso's Amusement Park in Tipton, PA.** Highlights of the day include: **Liturgy at 3:00 PM** with Bishop Mark; a **Picnic** in the diocesan pavilion at **5:00 PM**; and over 30 different park rides and games. New for 2016 the opening of **LAGUNA SPLASH** with a wave pool, the Lazy River, and a variety of other water features and of course the Tipton Rapids and Waterslides! At the **Parish Office** you may reserve (1) Diocesan Faith Day Vouchers which when presented at the park will allow you to purchase **All-Day Ride & Slide Passes** for a reduced price of \$20 (a \$29.95 value)! Additionally, \$3 for each pass sold will be donated to the Angel Fund for Camp Zaccheaus and Camp Timothy; (2) Tickets for the Picnic after Mass. Please bring a free-will offering for Catholic Charities. For more information, contact Francine Swope the in the Diocesan Youth Ministry Office at 317-2646 or on the web [www.dioceseaj.org](http://www.dioceseaj.org).

**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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**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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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

ALTOONA CENTRAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Web: [www.altoonacentralcatholic.com](http://www.altoonacentralcatholic.com)

Elementary - Pre-K thru Grade 5 - 381-7011

BISHOP GUILFOYLE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Web: [www.bishopguilfoyle.org](http://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](mailto:kluke@dioceseaj.org)

Administrative Duties and Organist - 944-2044



## PENTECOST SUNDAY

MAY 15, 2016

Readings: Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12: 3-7, 12-13; Jn 20: 19-23

### MASS INTENTIONS

May 16, Monday: Weekday

Readings: Jas 3:13-18; Mk 9:14-29

6:45 AM Eleanor Toth, Anniv. (Husband, George & Fam.)  
8:00 AM Esther & Lawrence Dorazio, Wed. Anniv. (Fam.)  
12:00 PM John Vogel, Wed. Anniv. (Madeline & Fam.)

May 17, Tuesday: Weekday

Readings: Jas 4:1-10; Mk 9:30-37

6:45 AM Lavelle Family (Phyllis Lavelle Sheetz)  
8:00 AM Peter Moran (McNelis All-Stars)  
12:00 PM John Marlett (Mary Marlett)

May 18, Wednesday: Saint John I, Pope, Martyr

Readings: Jas 4:13-17; Mk 9:38-40

6:45 AM M/M Andy Lesko (M/M Francis Dambeck)  
8:00 AM Moose Plutko (Patty & Bear McCloskey)  
12:00 PM Joe Milliron (Gerri Rose)

May 19, Thursday: Weekday

Readings: Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:41-50

6:45 AM Deceased Members of McGreal Family  
8:00 AM Joan Hirt (Jim and Stephanie Kilcoyne)  
12:00 PM Eleanor Hupert, Anniversary (Family)

May 20, Friday: Saint Bernardine of Siena, Priest

Readings: Jas 5: 9-12; Mk 10:1-12

6:45 AM Joe Tomlinson (Tom and Patricia Forr)  
8:00 AM Jerry Smith (Mary Kowalski)  
12:00 PM Betty McCabe (John and Alice Joyce)

May 21, Saturday: Saint Christopher Magallanes & Comp.

Readings: Jas 5:13-20; Mk 10:13-16

8:00 AM John Hallinan (Family)  
12:00 PM Patty Geis (Jim and Connie Snow)  
Vigil: Most Holy Trinity

Readings: Prv 8:22-31; Rom 5:1-5; Jn 16:12-15

5:00 PM Frances Pagliaro, Birthday Inten. (Family)

### Charismatic Prayer Group

The Charismatic Prayer Group will not meet this Monday, May 16, but will meet again on **Monday, May 23** at 7:00 PM in the Cathedral for a **Healing Mass**. 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 led by the Cathedral Charismatic Prayer Group Music Ministry. For more information, please call (814) 941-3832.

### THE END OF EASTER SEASON

February 10 was Ash Wednesday. The forty days of Lent, the Three Days of Christ's death and Resurrection (March 27 was Easter Sunday), and the fifty days of Easter conclude with today's celebration of Pentecost. The Sacraments have been celebrated with great joy these fifty days of Easter time - those who received the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil, our children who received their First Holy Communion, those who were anointed in the communal Anointing of the Sick, our high school students who received Confirmation, and our infants who were baptized on the Sundays of Easter. And yesterday, a permanent deacon was ordained for the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown and two men were ordained as transitional Deacons, looking forward to Priesthood ordination next year. Marriage was the only Sacrament not celebrated in the Cathedral, these Easter days! We are grateful for all the blessings we have received these days of grace.

### Easter Evening Prayer

On every Sunday of the Easter Season Cathedral Parish has celebrated the sprinkling rite, reminding us of our Baptism and has gathered at 6:30 PM for Evening Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament in exposition. This liturgy begins around the Easter Candle that has been lit at all Masses. The Easter Season concludes with Evening Prayer this Pentecost Sunday. The Easter Candle is then placed near the baptismal font where it is displayed with honor. In the baptismal rite, the candles of the newly baptized are lit from the Easter Candle. Ordinary Time resumes on Monday following Pentecost, May 16.

### ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL UPDATE

This year the Cathedral Parish goal is set at **\$43,522.00**. We have raised **\$52,426.00** and are **over Diocesan Goal** with 194 of our families participating. Thus far pledges exceed goal by \$8,904.00; all monies over goal will be returned to the Parish. Thank you for your participation in this year's Annual Catholic Appeal.

**Pray For Our Sick** - Remember our sisters and brothers who are weakened by illness. Prayers are sometimes the best prescribed medicine.

### Diocesan Prayer Service For Healing

Bishop Mark will preside at a Diocesan Prayer Service for victims of abuse and their families here in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament this **Tuesday, May 17 at 7:00 PM**. The service will include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Evening Prayer and a homily by Bishop Mark. Reconciliation and the Anointing of the Sick will also be available.

### Jubilee Year of Mercy Continues

Cathedral Parish has been meeting monthly to break open Scriptures surrounding the theme of mercy. Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 23 at 6:30 PM in the Seton Suite. All are welcome. May we continue to see the face of God in the mercy we show to one another.

Plan ahead. The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown is planning a **Pilgrimage to the National Shrine** of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. on **November 12, 2016**. Cathedral Parish will be sharing a bus with others. Check your schedules and keep the date clear!

### Hey, Kids, Remind Mom or Dad to Sign You Up!

#### 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 Monday, May 16.**



### Liturgical Reflection ...

On this Pentecost Sunday and the close of the Easter Season, we look at the last Spiritual Work of Mercy to **pray for the living and dead**. It is the Holy Spirit that leads us to prayer. And prayer leads us to tend to and care for the body of Christ with tremendous mercy. This work requires a quiet heart and the ability to recall those around us, both living and dead, and to hold them simply before the Lord. We bring to mind the people we encounter: friends, family, neighbors, coworkers, even strangers we encounter while traveling, shopping, or walking. We believe we can help those who have died with prayers of mercy. Our prayer brings that person in the presence of the mercy of God. Easter time comes to an end, and our spiritual works of mercy continue throughout our lives.

Be Merciful, Bill Huebsch, Twenty-Third Publications, 2015, pgs. 19-20.

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### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, May 1, 2016 - \$9,905.00

**Easter Collection** and **Easter Flower Memorial** totals will be reported in next week's bulletin

### Bequest to Cathedral Parish

The Cathedral recently received a \$1,000.00 gift from the Estate of Sara A. Jane Gray. We are most appreciative of her stewardship to the parish.

### Next Session of Baptismal Preparation

**Monday, June 13**, in the Seton Suite at 7:00 PM.

Attendance at Baptismal Prep is required before a baptism is scheduled at Cathedral and class is offered every other month. You don't need to wait until after your baby is born to attend class. Call 944-4603 to register.

### Parents of First Communicants Please Note:

The pictures taken at First Communion are printed and may be picked up at the Parish Office during our regular business hours of 9:30 AM until 5:30 PM Monday through Friday.

### Confirmation Preparation

All Ninth Grade High School Students are to attend a Confirmation Prep Session tonight, **Sunday, May 15**, at 7:15 PM in the Parish Hall following Pentecost Evening Prayer.

**Catholics Returning Home** - Have you thought about coming home to the Catholic Church? Call the Parish Office at 944-4603 for information on the date and time of the next *Catholics Returning Home* informal listening session

**Did Your Remember** to bring a non-perishable food item or paper product for the needy?