

**MAY 22, 2016**

*Scripture Reflection*

The Most Holy Trinity is a central mystery of our faith, and in today's readings we can see the Three Persons relating to humanity. Our Trinitarian God is passionately relational. This is not a distant, abstract God, but a God whose divine energy acts within the lives of all creatures, a God who has chosen to be in divine friendship with us, who views humans as partners in a world of justice and truth.

Jesus' instruction to the disciples in the Gospel alludes to the collective work of the Trinity: the Spirit will guide and teach them out of the store of truth shared mutually by the Father and Son: "Everything that the Father has is mine," and the disciples (we) will receive it when the Spirit declares it. The same collaboration of the Three Persons was at work in our Baptisms.

It is hard sometimes not to think in terms of three individual beings who act separately. But this is not the Trinity; the Trinity is three persons in the one God. Part of the problem is the human limitation to understand the fullness of divinity revealed to us. God's presence as Trinity is not intended as a mystery to confuse, however, but as a means to lead us to the truth - however difficult it is to comprehend conceptually.

There is a special relationship between God our Creator, Jesus our Redeemer, and their Holy and Divine Spirit. One of the greatest mysteries of our faith is the Trinity--the one God that is, at the same time, three distinct persons--all affecting our life, and all entities with whom we can relate. We are part of and share in the delight of God the Creator's creation and the grace that Jesus won for us. We also share in the truth that the Spirit brings to us.

• **Is there a particular Person of the Trinity that you most easily associate with in your prayer life?**

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In *Touch with the Word*, Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart, Saint Mary's Press, 2006, page 15.

AMERICA MAGAZINE: May 16, 2016 Issue, John W. Martens.

**FORTNIGHT FOR FREEDOM**

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops will once again sponsor a **Fortnight for Freedom** between June 21 and July 4, a time when our liturgical calendar celebrates a series of great martyrs who remained faithful in the face of persecution by political power-- St. Thomas More and St. John Fisher, St. John the Baptist, SS. Peter and Paul, and the First Martyrs of Rome. The theme this year is "**Witnesses to Freedom**". And we will look at the lives of more than 14 women and men of faith, from all over the world, who bear witness to authentic freedom in Christ.

In observance of this fortnight, Bishop Mark Bartchak will preside at a **Holy Hour** on **Thursday, June 23, at 7:00 PM** here in the Altoona Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. The Holy Hour will include; Evening Prayer, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, a Homily by Bishop, and Benediction. Plan to join in our unified prayer for the preservation of religious liberty.

**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**

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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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Reverend Monsignor Robert C. Mazur, Rector

Reverend Father Dennis M. Kurdziel, Parochial Vicar

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CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME - 944-4603

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

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

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## THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

MAY 22, 2016

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

### MASS INTENTIONS

May 23, Monday: Weekday

Readings: 1 Pt 1:3-9; Mk 10:17-27

6:45 AM No Mass  
8:00 AM Mike Zurilla, Anniversary (Family)  
12:00 PM David Conrad, Anniv. (Wife and Children)

May 24, Tuesday: Weekday

Readings: 1 Pt 1:10-16; Mk 10:28-31

6:45 AM Michael Kling, Birth. (Mom, Dad, Brot., Sisters)  
8:00 AM Barbara Barrett (Paulette & Renny Santone)  
12:00 PM Ruby Doyle (C. & P. Hauser and S. Conlon)

May 25, Wednesday: Saint Bede the Venerable, Doc.

Readings: 1 Pt 1:18-25; Mk 10:32-45

6:45 AM John Capouellez, Birthday (Family)  
8:00 AM Margaret Della (Bob and Joan Lozinak)  
12:00 PM Paul Rose (Elaine and Don Fee)

May 26, Thursday: Saint Philip Neri, Priest

Readings: 1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12; Mk 10:46-52

6:45 AM M. Virginia Jones (Carl R. Colyer, Sr.)  
8:00 AM George Weamer (Maryann Joyce Bistline)  
12:00 PM Rose Ann Himmelein (Carol Makdad)  
7:00 PM Baccalaureate Mass - BGCHS

May 27, Friday: Mary, Mother of the Church

Readings: Gn 3:9-15,20; Jn 2:1-11; Lk 1: 26-38

6:45 AM George D. Barry (Greens, Tylers, Maryls, Barrys)  
8:00 AM Angela Cronin Chadwick (Cathedral Parish)  
12:00 PM Health of Mary Frederick (Janet Tomlinson)

May 28, Saturday: Weekday

Readings: Jude 17,20-25; Mk 11:27-33

8:00 AM Herbert Kuttruff (Tom and Marlene Liszke)  
12:00 PM Joe Tomlinson (Bill and Grace Smith)  
Vigil: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ  
Readings: Gn 14:18-20; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Lk 9:11-17  
5:00 PM Danyll Rougeux, Anniversary (Mom and Dad)

### Eternal Peace

Late last week Angela Suzanne Chadwick died: she was the daughter of our parish secretary, Sue Cronin. Angela suffered with her cancer and Sue was with her when she died. Angela's funeral will be tomorrow, Monday, May 23rd at Saint Bernadette Church in Severn, Maryland. Please remember Sue and Angela's sisters, Gabrielle (Miss Gabi) and Julia, along with her husband, John and children, Hunter Anne and Jack in your prayer. May Angela be at peace.

### 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 this **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!

### Charismatic Healing Mass

There will be a Healing Mass this **Monday, May 23** at **7:00 PM** here in the Cathedral. Father Bill Kiel, from the Diocese of Greensburg, will be the main celebrant. All in need of physical, emotional, or spiritual healing, and those who support and care for them are welcome. Music for this Mass will be led by the Cathedral Charismatic Prayer Group. For more information, please call Tony and Sue Conrad at (814) 941-3832.

### Friday, May 27 - Feast Day in Our Diocese

This is the feast of Mary, Mother of the Church, principal patroness of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, on this day in 1901, Pope Leo XIII established our Diocese. Plan to attend Mass. It is our 115th anniversary.

### Planning Ahead

#### Father's Day Weekend - Cereal Collection

On the weekend of **June 18-19, 2016** we are encouraged to bring boxes of cereal to help stock the shelves of the St. Vincent dePaul Food Pantry for the summer months. Perhaps we could ask friends and relatives to join in this collection. Throughout the school year students from Catholic and non-Catholic schools in Blair County help with this project but donations drop off dramatically during the summer months. The program is spearheaded by Judy Savine who can be reached at 934-3124 or 931-4919 if you will be away that weekend and would like an early pick-up. Thank you.

**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

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, May 15, 2016 - \$8,254.00

Ascension Thursday, May 5, 2016 - \$2,067.00

Easter Collection 2016 - \$18,649.88

Easter Flower Memorials 2016 - \$2,869.25

### ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL UPDATE

This year the Cathedral Parish goal is set at **\$43,522.00**. We have raised **\$53,276.00** and are **over Diocesan Goal** with 199 of our families participating. Thus far our pledges exceed goal by \$9,754.00; all monies over goal will be returned to the Parish. Thank you for your participation in this year's Annual Catholic Appeal.

### BASKET BINGO REPORT

We are delighted to report that at this time we believe all bills have been paid related to our Longaberger Basket and Vera Bradley Bingo held on April 24, 2016 and our profit is **\$13,782.92**. Thanks again to Roberta Burns, Lorraine Beck, Paula Clemens, Paula Truby, Butch Winkler and their committees for all the hard work. To everyone who solicited for sponsors and donated prizes, you were great! And a warm thank you to all who attended. Mark your calendars now for May 7, 2017!

### Holy Trinity Catholic School News!

There is a **picnic-social** scheduled at **Brush Mountain Sportsmen Club** on **Sunday, June 5** at **12:00 Noon**. Bishop Bartchak will celebrate Sunday Mass; food will be provided for participants; and entertainment is planned for our children. This is an opportunity for the new Holy Trinity Catholic School community to come together on the eve of beginning a new era for Catholic education in our area. If interested in joining in this picnic-social, please call the Altoona Central Catholic School at 381-7011.

### Liturgical Reflection ...

## JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

Today is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. Our Trinitarian God is passionately relational. As the Father is intimately connected to the Son and the Spirit is in close relationship with the Father and the Son, so the baptized enjoy a deep and life-giving relationship with our Triune God. At baptism we entered into relationship with God and with each other. God has revealed the redeeming gift of his mercy. From the core of the Trinity comes divine mercy. And we share that compassionate mercy with others. This Jubilee Year is a call to celebrate God's mercy to us with others. We do so in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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

### 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.

### 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 Parish and class is offered every other month. You do not have to wait until your baby arrives to come to class. Godparents are encouraged to attend as well. Call the Parish Office at 944-4603 to register.

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