

**MAY 14, 2017**

*Scripture Reflection*

Today's Gospel ties together the themes from the other readings. If there was a sense of division in the community in the First Reading, it is replaced by the unity that will mark the gathering of Jesus and his disciples in the Kingdom of Heaven. The spiritual building that disciples make of themselves on earth will become a heavenly dwelling place where there will be room for all. This, Jesus promises, will happen when he returns to the Father. The assurance that he gives the disciples at his impending departure also brings comfort and hope to us all.

Jesus seeks to strengthen his followers who are troubled at the thought of his departure. He urges them to trust. He does not focus on the end of his life, only on the joyful events that will follow it. He leaves to prepare a place for the others with God. He is referring to his return at the end of time; he is alluding to the indwelling of his spirit enjoyed in this life by those united with him. Neither Thomas nor Philip fully understands what he means. Jesus ends his discourse with a promise that those who believe in him will be able to perform deeds that are even more wondrous than those he has performed.

Our Gospel reading today reminds us that in Jesus, we encounter all we know of God. "The words I speak to you I do not speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me is doing his works." This is a key teaching of John's entire Gospel. Jesus is God's only self-description, God's only commandment and God's only dream for humanity. In other words, if we model our life on Christ, not only will we be fulfilling God's will, we will become the kind of humans God has always dreamt of and we will reflect God's grace to all we meet. This is what Jesus means when he says, "No one can come to the Father except through me." Only by believing in Christ and fashioning our lives after his can we become like the Father, who is perfect divine love.

• **God Creator and Jesus Redeemer are one. How can you witness to unity and oneness this week?**

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AMERICA MAGAZINE: May 1, 2017, Michael R. Simone, S.J., "Show us the Father."

**EASTER SCHEDULE FOR THE PARISH**  
**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.

**THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL**

**Sunday, May 14:** *Concerts Under the Dome* Presents - **Ana Vidovic** at 2:00 PM.

**Thursday, May 18:** Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School **Baccalaureate Mass** at 7:00 PM.

**Friday, May 19:** Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School **Commencement** at 7:00 PM.

**Saturday, May 20:** **Diocesan Liturgy Committee Meeting** at 9:00 AM opens with prayer in Crypt Chapel.

**New Lower Parking Lot**

Plans are finalized with contractors and city codes for the installation of the new parking lot where the school and convent once stood. Drawings have been placed at the Cathedral Square door for parishioners to see. Costs include: curbing, new concrete, storm piping and manholes, fence and railing, and limestone wall repair. Plans call for thirty-four (34) parking spaces. There is a question yet to be answered regarding access to the alley. If there is no access provided there, then, two additional parking spaces will become available. Please take time to review the set of two drawings at the Cathedral Square door.

**Concert Under The Dome - Today!**

Internationally known Classical Guitarist, Ana Vidovic, will perform here in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament this **Sunday** afternoon, **May 14 at 2:00 PM**. There are no tickets required for *Concerts Under the Dome*, however, your free-will offering is appreciated.

**Charismatic Healing Mass**

There will be a Healing Mass on **Tuesday, June 6, 2017 at 7:00 PM** here in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. 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 lead by the Cathedral Charismatic Prayer Group Music Ministry. For more information, please call 814 941-3832.

**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

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

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**Reverend Monsignor Robert C. Mazur, Rector**

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

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**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
MAY 14, 2017**

Readings: Acts 6: 1-7; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

**MASS INTENTIONS**

May 15, Monday: Saint Isidore

Readings: Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26

6:45 AM Msgr. Thomas Madden (Estate)  
8:00 AM Marian Clemens (Daughter, Carole)  
12:00 PM Patty Geis, Mother's Day Rem. (Family)

May 16, Tuesday: Easter Weekday

Readings: Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31

6:45 AM Eleanor Toth, Ann. (Husband, George/Family)  
8:00 AM Veterans, Living/Deceased (McNeillis All-Stars)  
12:00 PM Dennis Blackie, Birthday (Friend)

May 17, Wednesday: Easter Weekday

Readings: Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8

6:45 AM Lavelle Family (Phyllis Sheetz)  
8:00 AM Mary Dodson (Michael Davidson)  
12:00 PM Tom Bryne (Lorraine Shuma)

May 18, Thursday: Saint John I (Pope and Martyr)

Readings: Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-31

6:45 AM BeBe Milliron (Phil and Maureen Aquadro)  
8:00 AM Jerry Smith (Rosella Rocus)  
12:00 PM Michael Febbo (Kirk, Donnie, Maddie Kling)

May 19, Friday: Easter Weekday

Readings: Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17

6:45 AM Mary Lou Oswald (Cathedral Parish)  
8:00 AM Kathryn Kurdziel (Family)  
12:00 PM Eleanor Hupert, Anniversary (Famly)

May 20, Saturday: Saint Bernardine of Siena

Readings: Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21

8:00 AM Raymond Smith (Mary Lysinger)  
12:00 PM John Hallinan (Family)  
Vigil: Sixth Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17; 1 Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21

5:00 PM Frances Pagliaro, Birthday (Kathy Clapper)

**Easter Evening Prayer** - Every Sunday in the Easter season the Cathedral Parish gathers at 6:30 PM for Evening Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament in exposition. This liturgy concludes with Benediction. All are invited to participate in this prayer tonight.

**ALPHA Program of Faith Renewal Continues**

On **Monday, May 15**, Cathedral Parish will offer the seventh of a ten session process of renewal in our Christian faith. The session begins with a light meal at 6:00 PM followed by a talk and discussion and will conclude at 8:30 PM sharp.

**MOTHER'S DAY**

God bless all our mothers, living and dead. The following prayer is offered for all who wish to remember our mothers. Thank you to all who have given us life and shared your love with us.

*Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so You watch over your Church. Bless these women that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen*

**May Crowning Within Evening Prayer Sunday, May 21**

- As is our custom, all of our **First Communicants** are asked to be present wearing their Communion Day clothing as they will be in the opening procession at May Crowning. All who received **Sacraments of Initiation** at the Easter Vigil, families who have presented children for **Baptism**, and all of our young adult parishioners who have received **Confirmation** are also encouraged to attend this parish celebration with their families and friends. Everyone in the assembly is invited to bring a fresh flower to present to the Blessed Mother during this Evening Prayer which will last approximately forty-five minutes. Following May Crowning, we will gather in the Cathedral Hall for an Ice Cream Social. Evening Prayer begins at 6:30 PM.

**Recipients of Anointing of the Sick**

Last Sunday at the 10:00 AM Mass, the following received the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick: Michael Albanese, Joseph Cote, Elizabeth Cote, Bill Creek, Donna Creek, Donna Marie Creek, Joan Donnelly, Mary Lou Frank, Gerry Kibler, Rita Kibler, Regina Kutruff, Amelia Seiler, James Seiler, Grace Szwarc and Deacon John Szwarc. May the healing grace of Christ be with these sisters and brothers. Prayer Shawls were given to all who requested this gift.

**BAPTISMAL PREP**

Our next session of Baptismal Prep is scheduled for **Thursday, May 25** at 7:00 PM in the Seton Suite. Class is offered every other month and is required before Baptism is scheduled. Please call the Parish Office at 944-4603 to register.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

**Sunday, May 7, 2017 - \$10,183.00**

**Easter Collection** and **Easter Flower Memorial** totals will be reported at the end of the Easter Season as we continue to receive additional gifts.

**Thank You!** - Hours upon hours were given to the planning for this year's Longaberger Basket and Vera Bradley Bingo. It was a great success. We are blessed with so many people coming forward and sharing your time, talent, and treasure. A financial report will be given in a few weeks after we are sure all bills have been paid. Watch our upcoming bulletins for the date of our **Fourth Annual Basket Bingo** to be set as soon as possible. Please note: Would the the winner of Special #5 please contact the Parish Office, 944-4603. We are holding another box of items for you!

**Marriage Congratulations**

On Saturday, May 6, Cathedral parishioners, Nicole Bagley and Jesse Ickes, celebrated their marriage surrounded with family and friends here in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. May they be blessed with many years of love and happiness, and may they find support and affirmation here among us, their Cathedral Parish Family.

**CONFIRMATION CELEBRATED**

Congratulations to our Eleventh Grade Students who were confirmed by Bishop Mark Bartchak along with young adults of seven other faith communities on Thursday evening, May 11, here in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament:

Mark Conrad	Aliyah Labriola
Michael Drost	Anthony Labriola
Hannah Eberwein	Benjamin Leberfinger
Kaelie Goss	Katie McCloskey
Isabella Harpster	Rebecca Musselman
Daniel Ramsey	

**Liturgical Reflection ...**

**ORDER OF  
CELEBRATING  
MATRIMONY**

On the threshold of his public life Jesus performs his first sign at a wedding feast in Cana. This first sign was done at the request of his mother. The Church attaches great importance to Jesus' presence at the wedding in Cana. This is a confirmation of the goodness of marriage and the proclamation that marriage will now be a holy sign of Christ's presence. The mother of the Lord seeks her Son's assistance with the lack of wine. Today we remember mothers, living and dead, who have formed their sons and daughters in the image of a caring, loving Christ. Happy Mother's Day! (Catechism of the Catholic Church Number 1613)

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**2017 Catholic Ministries Drive**

Next weekend, May 20 and 21, Maryann Joyce Bistline, Chair of the Cathedral Parish Finance Council, will speak briefly on the **2017 Catholic Ministries Drive** at the end of all Masses. Parishioners are encouraged to be part of this drive which supports the vital ministries offered throughout our eight county diocese. Your donation will go directly to supporting these three areas of ministry: caring for the poor and strengthening families; nurturing youth; and forming clergy and laity. The target amount for the Cathedral Parish is **\$55,121.00**; all gifts received over that amount will return to the Parish.

**Ninth Annual Knights of Columbus #551 Golf Tournament - Saturday, June 17, 2017.**

8:00 AM Shotgun Start - Registration at 7:30 AM. **Benefits: Joseph D. Tomlinson Memorial Scholarship Fund** which provides a \$1,000 scholarship to a student entering Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School, and a \$1,000 scholarship to a BG graduating Senior to attend Saint Francis University. The event will be held at King Valley Golf Course, 132 King Valley Lane, Imler, PA. Entry Fee: \$75 per golfer; team of four, \$300; Tee/Hole Sponsors, \$100. Awards and prizes will be given out during lunch (Mike's Court Roast Beef, peppers and onions, macaroni salad, and rolls) directly after golf under the onsite pavilion. To register, donate, sponsor or have questions, contact Terry Anderson at 814 932-0465, email [topsail5@atlanticbb.net](mailto:topsail5@atlanticbb.net) or Bill Crawford 814 502-7413, email [crawdadbil@msn.com](mailto:crawdadbil@msn.com). You may also pick up a flyer at Cathedral Parish Office.

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