

JUNE 2, 2019

Scripture Reflection

Waiting in confident prayer is a theme in today's reading. In this Sunday between the Solemnities of the Ascension and Pentecost, we emulate the first disciples as they hoped for Jesus' promise of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

In the First Reading, taken from the Acts of the Apostles, we hear Stephen pray, "Lord Jesus, receive my prayer." Like Jesus, Stephen dies praying for forgiveness for his enemies: "Lord, do not hold this sin against them."

The Second Reading contains the final words of the Bible. John, who was entrusted with these vision, ends with a confident prayer by which he calls out: "Come Lord Jesus." These words continue to echo as Christians pray with confidence the prayer the Lord taught us: "Thy Kingdom come"

On the eve of his death, Jesus prays with expectation for the unity of all his followers who are to come. He entrusts them, and we are included among them, to the care of his Father. The faith of future generations is transmitted through the witness of the lives of disciples. The unity for which Jesus prays is a unity of each other but more especially a unity with the Trinity: "So that they all be one, as you Father, are in me and I in you, that they also be in us." The final hope of our confident prayer is to be united with one another in the happiness of our union with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

- **How does Stephen's prayer echo that of Jesus' just before he died?**

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Trinity Catholic School Picnic 2019 will be held on June 5th at DelGrosso's Park. Park opens at 11:00 AM. This is an Early Dismissal Day

Holy Trinity Summer Preschool

The Holy Trinity Catholic School is very excited to be offering Summer Preschool this year at both of our elementary locations. As we need to begin to purchase materials and supplies for the program, we are asking anyone that may be interested to call the Altoona location at 381-7011, or the Hollidaysburg location at 695-6112. The details are as follows:

- Time: 8:00 Am to 3:00 PM each day.
- Classes begin June 17. (Themed weeks)
- \$125.00 a week per child.
- Ages 3-5 (Must be potty trained).
- Highly qualified teachers and an aide.
- Must pack a lunch.
- Bring a change of clothes.

Family Day Retreat

"Love in the Age of Loneliness" Don't miss this opportunity to reflect on marriage, and family life with well-known speakers and authors Kimberly Hahn and Mike Aquilina. Includes with Bishop Mark, Confession, Adoration, and lunch. Saturday, June 22, starting at 9:00 AM at St. Joseph's Catholic Academy in Boalsburg, Pa. The first 100 to register will receive a free copy of The First Society by Scott Hahn. Spaces are limited. Register at: <https://stjoecad.org/love-in-an-age-of-loneliness/>

Father's Day Idea

The 15th Annual Central Pennsylvania Rodeo will take place Friday June 14th at 7:30 PM and Saturday June 15th at 7:30 PM, at the Huntingdon County Fairgrounds. Advance tickets are: Adults: \$13, Children: \$(4-12) \$5. Gate tickets: Adults: \$17, Children (4-12) \$7, Children (3 and under are Free). This year's specialty is The Rawhide & Dusty Show. Advance tickets are available online at www.CentralPARodeo.com and at ACE Fixit Hardware stores (Tyrone, Huntingdon, Duncansville) and all Reliance Bank locations. You may also bring a copy of your bulletin announcement and get \$2, off each ticket you buy at the gates which open 3 hours prior to the events. Parking is free. All proceeds support Saint Matthew Catholic School in Tyrone Pa.

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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.

ANOIDING 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 -

Charismatic Prayer - Monday 7:00 PM.

Eucharistic Adoration - First Wednesday - 12:30 PM - 8:00 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 afternoon 6:15 PM- 8:15 PM

Grades 9 thru 12.

WEB: WWW.ALTOONACATHEDRAL.ORG

FAX: 814-942-4337

E-MAIL: ALTCATHEDRAL@DIOCESEAJ.ORG

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

Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak, J.C.D., Bishop

Very Reverend Alan E. Thomas VG, Administator

Reverend Father Dennis M. Kurdziel, Parochial Vicar

CHRISTIAN INITIATION TEAM - 944-4603

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME - 944-4603

**MAIL MINISTRY TO ELDERLY, HOMEBOUND,
SERIOUSLY SICK, AND GRIEVING - 944-4603**

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Web: www.holytrinitycatholic.school

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

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

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

BISHOP GUILFOYLE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Web: www.bishopguilfoyle.org - 944-4014

DIRECTORS OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

Jean Koury - 9 thru 12 - 949-2777

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DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY

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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

June 2, 2019

Readings: Acts 7:55-60; Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20; Jn 17:20-26

MASS INTENTIONS

June 3, Monday: St. Charles Lwanga & Companions

Readings: Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33

6:45 AM Marian Clemens (Daughter)

12:00 PM Mary Jo Waring (Mary Gene & Madeline Vogel)

June 4, Tuesday: Easter Weekday

Readings: Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11

6:45 AM Msgr. Roy Kline (Cathedral Parish)

12:00 PM Angeline Mangiacame (Frank & Janice Frucella)

June 5, Wednesday: St. Boniface, BP, and Martyr

Readings: Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11-19

6:45 AM Tom Lynam (Cathedral Parish)

12:00 PM James Joseph Luther (Mike & Beth Luther)

June 6, Thursday: Saint Norbert Bishop

Readings: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26

6:45 AM Health & Welfare Gretchen Packard (Eric)

12:00 PM Hilda Conrad (Elaine & Jeff Spencer)

June 7, Friday: Easter Weekday

Readings: Acts 25:13-21; Jn 21:15-19

6:45 AM Lisa A. Belsey Pufka Birth/Ann, (Mom & Michele)

12:00 PM Charles V Brady Ann. (Joe & Dee Shellenberger)

June 8, Saturday: Easter Weekday

Readings: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn 21:22-25

8:00 AM Tom & Peter Lynam (Dave & Virginia Seidel)

12:00 PM Kay Alyce Seidel Lint & Irvin Lint (Family)

Vigil: PENTECOST SUNDAY

Readings: Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13; Rom 8:8-17

5:00 PM Michael Dionis (Olav & Barbara Johansen)

Eucharistic Adoration

Plan ahead! Cathedral will have monthly adoration before the Blessed Sacrament here in the Cathedral on Wednesday, June 5th from 12:30 PM to 8:00 PM. Make time to pray for the Sacrament in exposition, and remember to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Food for the Poor

Did you remember to bring non-perishable food items or paper products? Your donations help meet the needs of the poor in our community.

Catholic Ministry Drive

We are most grateful to those who have so generously responded to the 2019 Catholic Ministries Drive. It is most important that we receive your response as soon as possible. Monies received over our diocesan goal will help us to complete Charity Hall in The Cathedral Parish Center.

Vacation Bible School

Adult and teen help is needed this year for VBS, July 29-August 2. A meeting will be held in the Education Center on Thursday, June 6th at 4:00 PM. Please call Chris Laraia at 312-7317 for more information.

Infant Baptismal Preparation

There will be a baptismal preparation session for infant baptism on **Tuesday June 4th, at 7:00 P.M.** in the Seton Suite. Parents need not wait until your baby is born to attend the class. All parents are expected to attend this informative meeting regarding your baby's baptism.

Baptism Congratulations!

On Saturday, June 1, at the 5:00 PM Mass, Maddox Samuel Klock, was baptized and welcomed into our Cathedral Parish Family. Congratulations to parents, Samuel and Kourtney and brother Mason and sister Addilyn. May the graces of the Sacrament of Baptism strengthen Maddox and the adults who care for him.

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. Bring the family, bring a friend.

Independent Catholic Foundation News

The Independent Catholic Foundation seeks applicants for the 2019 Welge Scholarship which provides financial assistance to worthy parishioners who are entering their junior or senior year of college and are a member in good standing here at Cathedral Parish. Applications are available in the parish office or can be downloaded from the "Grants" page of the Foundation website, www.icfdaj.org. Completed applications, including the pastor's signature, are due no later than 4:00 PM on Friday, June 15.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, May 26, 2019 - \$6,738.50

The Easter Collection will be noted at the end of the Easter Season, June 9, 2019.

Society of St. Vincent dePaul

We are dedicated to helping the poor and the suffering. Through our local Council we provide various services to the needy in our community. Our Financial needs department is located in our Altoona Thrift Store. The services we provide vary greatly. We provide financial help for the following situations and more.

* To prevent loss of electricity, heat and water to their residence when they receive a termination notice.

* To help with obtaining housing or to avoid loss of housing.

* To shelter homeless temporarily in motels until housing can be found.

* To provide beds and furniture for people who were homeless

* To provide gas for people who have no money and are looking for a job or providing transportation for a sick family member.

We provide food for residents in emergency situations, serve meals when Sister Paula's kitchen is closed for the holidays and help in special situations such as help repair a vehicle for the resident to obtain employment, etc.

Thank you for your donation. It is greatly appreciated and will help us to do our mission.

Parish Feast Day - June 23

The Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament will celebrate our Parish Feast Day on Sunday, June 23, the Solemnity of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. It is the day our parish celebrates our annual Eucharistic Day. From 1:00 PM until 4:45 PM the Blessed Sacrament will be in exposition on the main altar. Particular prayer is scheduled on the hour at 1:00 PM, 2:00 PM, 3:00 PM, and 4:00 PM. Parishioners are encouraged to come to the Cathedral and pray at one of these hours. Bishop Bartchak will preside at the 10:00 AM Mass with a social following on the Cathedral portico. Bishop McCort named his new Cathedral under the title of the Blessed Sacrament. The annual solemnity of Corpus Christi has become the occasion for the Cathedral parish family to gather for special prayer on this day.

Confirmation Congratulations

On Tuesday, May 28, 2019, the candidates from the following Churches were confirmed: Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Altoona; Holy Rosary, Altoona; Good Shephard, Port Matilda; Our Lady of Fatima, Altoona; Saint Demetrius, Gallitzin; Saint John the Evangelist, Bellefonte; Saint John the Evangelist, Everett; Saint Mark, Altoona; Saint Matthew, Tyrone; Saints Peter and Paul, Philipsburg; Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Altoona; Saint Thomas the Apostle, Bedford.

The following Parishioners from the Cathedral that were Confirmed are: Glenn Bartkowiak, Olivia Butler, Blaine Carlheim, Nicole Conrad, Nicole Duffy, Dylan Eckard, Samuel Gormont, Amanda Reese Jones, Joshua Krish, Fiona McConnell, Elle McGregor, and Joshua Welteroth. And also Gretta Levine from Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Altoona.

Stewardship Reflection

May you allow Jesus to serve others through the sharing of your time, abilities, and resources. May the world see you as a witness to your promise to Christ to lead others to also become missionary disciples.

Part Time Cook Position

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Rectory, 806- 11th Street, Altoona, Pa is in need of a lunch cook Monday through Friday. If you are interested please call the parish office at (814) 942-8501, during the week from 9:00 am to Noon and 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

Outdoor Mass

This Sunday May 26, 2019, Mass will be said on the lawn of Saint Michael Basilica, 321- St. Mary Street, Loretto at 6:30 PM, and every Sunday through Labor Day. Bring a lawn chair.

Prayer Shawls

If anyone feels that they need some comfort in their troubled times, please feel free to contact Lorraine Beck at 814-942-7774 for one of our Prayer Shawls. These shawls have been Blessed and may bring you the comfort that you need.

Easter Celebrations during the Fifty Days

The Easter Season began on Easter Sunday, and concludes on Pentecost Sunday, June 9th. These are significant celebrations during that time here at the Cathedral:

Evening Prayer (Exposition/Benediction), Sundays, June 2, 9.