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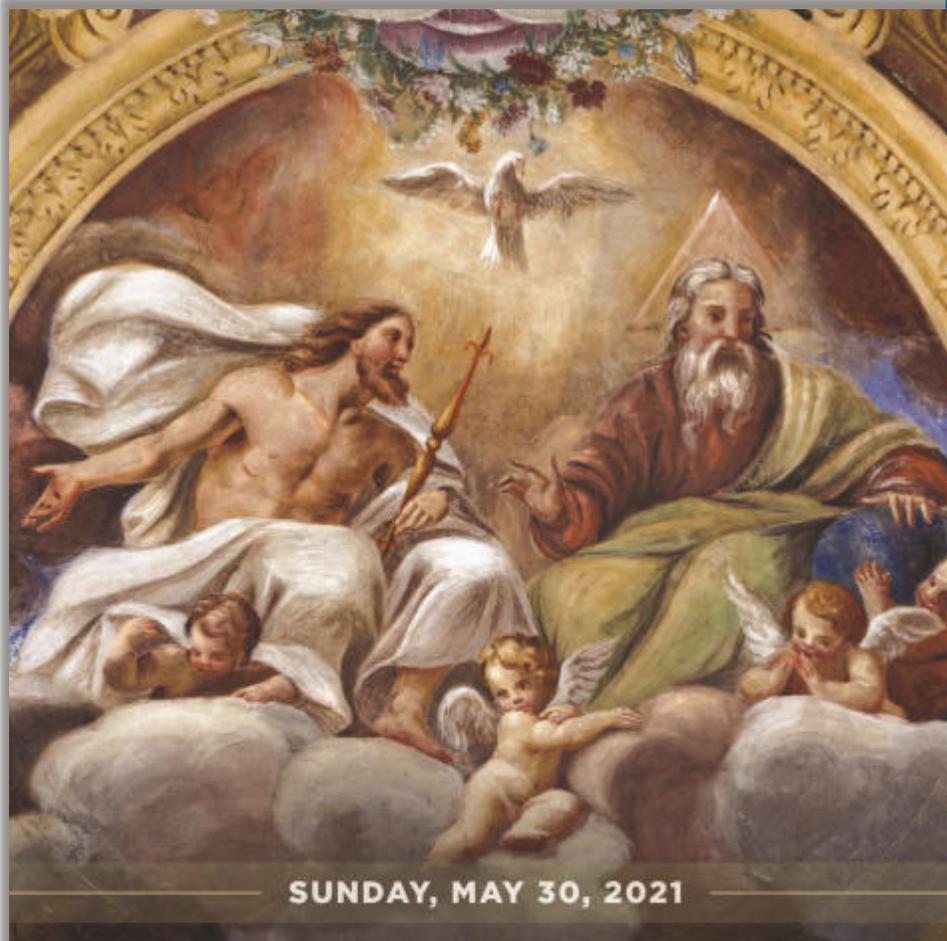
*Sunday Mass Obligation  
returning in June!*

*See page 5*

Have you read our weekly  
ENewsletter?



Timely updates and happenings in our  
Parish Cluster, links to Faith Formation  
and Family sites. Go to our website  
and click on the link: **Parish Update!**



SUNDAY, MAY 30, 2021

## THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." - Mt 28:18-19

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### Our Mission:

"Energized by the Holy Spirit and nourished by the Eucharist, we the parishioners of St. Agnes, St. Paul of the Cross and St. Rose, in joyful unity embrace our baptismal call to worship God, spread the good news of Jesus Christ, build up a welcoming community of faith and hope, and lovingly serve and comfort those in need."

# CALENDAR

- SAT 5/29** 3:00-3:45pm **SA** Confession  
4:00pm **SA** Rita Altonberg - By Family
- SUN 5/30** **Most Holy Trinity**  
8:00am **SR** \*Anthony & Loren Klosterman-Wedding Anniv. - By Parents  
9:45am **SP** Christine Giuliano Frey - By Michael Frey  
11:30am **SA** For the People of the Parish Cluster
- MON 5/31** 10:00am **SP Cemetery** For All Those Who Have Served Our Country
- TUE 6/1** 8:15am **SA** Marie, Anna Marie & John Henry Fallon - By Estate
- WED 6/2** 9:00am **SP** For Unity & Peace in our World  
4:30-6:00pm **SR** Adoration & Confession
- THR 6/3** 8:00am **SR** Wilma King - By David Shaffer
- FRI 6/4** 8:15am **SA** Marie, Anna Marie & John Henry Fallon - By Estate  
8:45am-12:00pm **SA** Adoration
- SAT 6/5** 1:00PM **SA** Wedding  
3:00-3:45pm **SA** Confession  
4:00pm **SA** Arnold Klix - By David & Laura Roland
- SUN 6/6** **Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**  
8:00am **SR** Torry Blazey Kerr - By Recktenwald Family  
9:45am **SP** Fr. Lawrence (Larry) Gross and Family - By Family  
11:30am **SA** For the People of the Parish Cluster  
*\*Indicates Mass is for a living person.*

## Readings

- Sunday:** Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22 [12b]/Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20
- Monday:** Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [6]/Lk 1:39-56
- Tuesday:** Tb 2:9-14/Ps 112:1-2, 7-8, 9 [cf. 7c]/Mk 12:13-17
- Wednesday:** Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a/Ps 25:2-3, 4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [1]/Mk 12:18-27
- Thursday:** Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/Mk 12:28-34
- Friday:** Tb 11:5-17/Ps 146:1b-2, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 [1b]/Mk 12:35-37
- Saturday:** Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20/Tb 13:2, 6efgh, 7, 8 [1b]/Mk 12:38-44
- Next Sunday:** Ex 24:3-8/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18 [13]/Heb 9:11-15/Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

## Observances

- Sunday:** The Most Holy Trinity
- Monday:** The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Memorial Day
- Tuesday:** St. Justin, Martyr
- Wednesday:** Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs
- Thursday:** St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs
- Saturday:** St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr
- Next Sunday:** The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
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## LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The immensity, scope, intimacy, and pervasiveness of God's presence is too intense for the human mind. We often limit God by our expectations of Him and have a hard time just letting God be God. Some people all too easily lose faith because God does not meet their expectations. Worse still, the idea of faith is rejected altogether by others because of polarities and experiences they have that don't square with who they need God to be. The Holy Trinity is one of those teachings that is best encountered rather than dissected. It is only through being present with the Trinity that we can experience both the immensity and otherness of God's presence as well as the intimacy of the God who wants us to call Him "dad." We feel the loving guidance of a God who wants to take us from fear and give us confidence. Our God of yesterday, today, and tomorrow is a God of all ages whose three-fold Presence invades all senses, seasons, and times. God, who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, is much more than any of our expectations if we simply let God be who God is.

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## A WORD FROM FATHER

### Unity?

This weekend we celebrate the Most Holy Trinity; the Mystery of God as One Supreme Being manifested in three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Saint Athanasius teaches, "in this Trinity there is no intrusion of any alien element or of anything from outside, nor is the Trinity a blend of creative and created being. It is a wholly creative and energizing reality, self-consistent and undivided in its active power, for the Father makes all things through the Word and in the Holy Spirit and in this way the unity of the Holy Trinity is preserved."

Unity is an important theme as we celebrate Memorial Day this weekend. The institution of disunity is what made the Civil War such a painful part of our country's development. Lack of unity also hindered the early days of the Revolutionary War because rather than one Continental Army we were the Green Mountain Boys of Vermont, The Pennsylvania Line, The Virginia Continentals, The Regiments of North Carolina, and so on. By the time World War II came around, the United States of America was running on all cylinders. As One Nation under God our population exhibited the superior resolve and willingness to sacrifice that had been honed by our history. Our manufacturing capability, magnified by many companies who offered their facilities and personnel to serve the country's war effort rather than their own corporate interests, enabled the United States to overcome an Axis of Evil that seemed invincible at the turn of the decade into the 1940s. We owe an immeasurable debt of gratitude to all men and women, from all walks of life, who have served our beloved county, in times past and as we endeavor to navigate the extraordinary challenges of today's geo-political reality.

Our current seating arrangements in church for those who wish or need to continue practicing social distancing and those who do not, may be perceived as polarizing and divisive. It is an interim approach intended to accommodate both concerns, with longing for that blessed day when all such restrictions are lifted.

In Pursuit of Unity,

*Father Michael Fowler*



**PRAY FOR**  
*Our Deceased*



David Milburn

**PSALM**

Blessed the people the Lord  
has chosen to be his own. (Ps 33)

**NICENE CREED**

I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial  
with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of  
the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under  
Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of  
the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,  
the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is  
adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and  
apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the  
forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection  
of the dead  
and the life of the world to come.  
*Amen.*

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# WORSHIP & MEDITATION



**GOSPEL MEDITATION**

**Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture**

Let God be who God is. This is often one of the hardest things to do. Rather than allowing the mystery of being created in the image and likeness of God unfold and take root in our lives, we change the dynamic. We want to be the creators who want to make God into the image and likeness we need God to be. We have a hard-enough time letting the people in our lives be who they are. We struggle even more so with God. It is almost as if we want God to be our imaginary friend who is not only with us whenever we need but becomes the Being we need God to be. Who is it that we want God to be today? A protector, disciplinarian, champion for justice, healer, advocate for our cause, grantor of prayers, guardian of my life, or the avenger? Our prayers tell an interesting story. When you pray, what does God look like?

Recently, a young woman who was feeling invisible, overlooked, ignored, and misunderstood by her husband struggled to make her feelings known and get his attention. Finally, she screamed, "Listen to me!" Thus, birth was given to a renewed and healthier relationship. We spend so much time storming heaven with our agenda and trying to make God into a "god" of our desires that we do not hear God saying, "Listen to me!" God is desperately trying to get our attention. God is saying, I am here among you as not one but three, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Many people seldom notice God's presence because they are so caught up with other spiritual cares and concerns. And, when the "god" they fashion and create doesn't produce as they desire, they shake the dust from their feet and move on. "I tried," they exclaim, "but God didn't listen."

Healthy relationships aren't built on making someone be who we need them to be. Healthy relationships are built on encounters of persons and the development of an appreciation of someone solely for who they are. Deeper relationships can even be found with two people marveling at each other and almost experiencing a childlike joy and giddiness when they see the other coming. Do you ever have these feelings about God? Believe it or not, God does for you! There is a joyful laughter that gives rise to and connects all three members of the Holy Trinity. It is this laughter, flowing from the very depths of the Godhead that not only keeps the Trinity in joyful unity but spills over into the creation of all beings and things. It is an expression of Divine Delight! Have you ever taken time away from your agenda to experience the Divine Joyfulness of God? We can reach a connection of Presence wherein even the smallest of creatures suddenly radiate the fullness of God: the wonderful creation of their being, the innocence and playfulness of their movements, and the sustaining life breath that flows through their veins. The same God who created the heavens and the earth is the same God who wants you to call him 'Dad' and the same God who preserves your life and has all things in His care.

# LITURGICAL LIFE

## RESPONDING to the Call

### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

#### Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

##### God Doesn't Take a Break

An acquaintance who works in church ministry once told me a story about one of the students she had in Faith Formation. This student informed my friend that his family doesn't come to Mass in summer. "God takes a break in summer, and so do we," he said.

There's a lot to unpack here. First, it's tragic to think of anyone voluntarily missing out on the Eucharist for so long. It's also a real problem in the church today that a lot of our folks don't understand the beauty of the Sunday obligation. But if I had to dissect this situation and pinpoint the thing I find most troubling, it's the idea of God taking a break.

I hope it's starting to look like summer where you are. We've still got a few weeks left before it's official, but the school year should be winding up for most kids, the birds should be chirping a little louder, and hopefully your lawn is starting to green up nicely. You're probably daydreaming about the annual cabin getaway weekend or waterskiing on the Fourth of July.

All in all, summer is going to be a nice break, even if — like typical Americans — our break is full of productive work.

Thank God — literally — that He doesn't take a break, even if we do. Can we try to remember that, even in the midst of our many wonderful distractions? Let's enjoy this summer. Let's live it to the full. But let's see it for the gift that it is — and remember the thanks we owe the Giver.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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St. Agnes	\$178,166	\$199,941	-11%
St. Paul	\$100,913	\$105,241	- 4%
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- ♦ St. Paul of the Cross has met and exceeded their goal... **CONGRATULATIONS!!**
- ♦ St. Agnes is only **\$1,157** short!!

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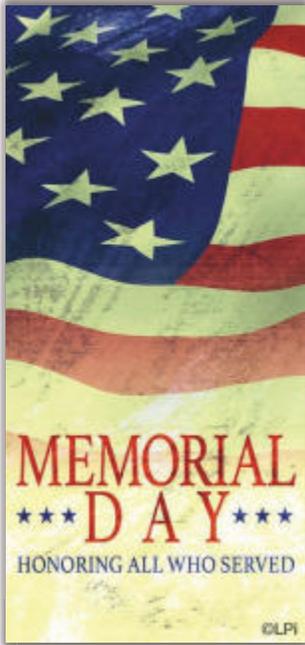
### Save a Life. Contact Congress.

**WHAT:** Congress is trying to force Americans to pay for abortion.

**HOW:** The Hyde Amendment and similar laws have protected taxpayers from funding elective abortion for 45 years. Now, powerful members of Congress want to take away these laws that *both* Democrat and Republicans have supported for nearly half a century.

**WHAT HAPPENS WITHOUT THESE PROTECTIONS?** *Billions* of taxpayer dollars could be used to pay for abortion.

**TAKE ACTION:** Sign the petition to Congress at: [NoTaxpayerAbortion.com](http://NoTaxpayerAbortion.com)



Join us for Mass  
Memorial Day,  
Monday, May 31st  
at 10am  
St. Paul of the Cross  
Cemetery

Following Mass, we will be joined by members of the American Legion as we honor all veterans with the reading of names followed by a 21 gun salute and the playing of taps.

All are welcome!

### Sunday Mass obligation to return in June!

“For those who are healthy and not at great risk, the presumption of the faithful should be that, unless they are at an enhanced risk, sick, or caring for others who are at risk or sick, **the obligation to attend Sunday Mass now resumes, effective the weekend of June 5-6, 2021, the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.**”

Go to our website to read the entire “Statement on the Return to Sunday Mass by the Roman Catholic Bishops of the Upstate New York Dioceses of Buffalo, Ogdensburg, Rochester and Syracuse.”

### Seating in our Churches

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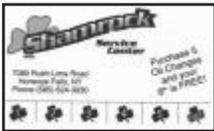
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