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The Catholic Church A Gift of God.

I've never been much of a joiner of clubs. Let's see . . . I was a Cub Scout for about three weeks. We had the 15th Street Raiders on my block as a kid. I joined the Camera Club in high school and a book club somewhere along the way. That was about it for clubs.

Some of them had certain rules and regulations and secrets. I can't remember the "Raider Handshake" but it let us know who was "in" and who wasn't.

Sometimes we tend to think of religion as a club. The Catholic Club. There is an initiation (Baptism). It's got rules (10 Commandments). It has a leader (Pope). And there are dues (pass that basket!).

But this view of the Catholic Church tends to liken it to a merely human organization like Kiwanis, or Rotary, or Sierra Club. (These are great organizations by the way. They do much good for our community.) However, each of them receives its origin and purpose from its human founder, and does not profess to be able to connect its members to God or Eternal Life.

That's not the way it is with the Catholic Church. It's not a club or even an "organization" founded for some beneficent purpose. It is the living, mystical (spiritual yet physical) body of its founder, Jesus Christ, God's only begotten Son.

Yes, the Church is Christ's Body. We are its members and are connected with each other as fingers on a hand. . Christ's Hand! Together, empowered by the Holy Spirit, we make up the person of Christ in the world.

The power and beauty of who we are in Christ makes it all the more painful when we hear of the failures of those most trusted with the Faith.

News headlines today tell us how some in the Catholic Clergy have failed to live as that presence and have betrayed the trust of so many in the Church. (In every age the church has both saints and sinners as its members and thereby stands in constant need of purification.)

But this does not change the fact that God has adopted us as sons and daughters. We become "co-heirs with Christ" to Eternal Life. "In Him we live, and move, and have our being." Acts 17: 28

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To our friends who are searching . . .

How about you? Would you like to join - - - not a club! - - - but a group of people who are searching for God in their life? Would you like to talk with others who, like yourself, are trying to figure out what life is about and how we might find some bit of happiness while we are on this earth.

Would you like to learn what the Catholic Church teaches about the meaning of our lives, about God and how we can know Him? Would you like to be free to question and maybe disagree with some of what you are hearing? Well come along!

This group is called the **RCIA** (The Rite of Christian Initiation). It starts **SUNDAY**, October 3, **AFTER THE 10:30 MASS** (@12:00 noon.) in the Gathering Space. Meetings last one hour and we think you'll find the discussion interesting and fun.

There will be no pressure whatsoever for you to become Catholic. However, if during the sessions you feel God may be inviting you to join the Body of Christ, that will be your gift come this Easter!!

Hope to see all you Searchers on October 3.

God's Grace to you this week.
Fr. Tim

Our Mission

We are a Catholic faith community blessed with the joy of God's love. Together we share this love with all who hunger for God's presence in their lives. We follow Christ who taught us to find God by giving our lives in service to others and gathering to celebrate a Eucharist that welcomes everyone. Join us on this journey!

WEEKEND MASS TIMES: Saturday (vigil) 4:30 pm
Sunday 8:30 and 10:30 am.

DAILY MASS TIMES: Monday - Friday 9:00 am

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Call Tricia Kull, Director of Faith Formation at 265-4750.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE: Saturdays from 3:30 - 4:15 pm or by appointment with a priest.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: Arrangements for marriage for registered parishioners must be made at least 6 months in advance through the Parish Office. Engaged Encounter or Pre-Cana sessions are required, along with FOCCUS inventory.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK: The Eucharist and Sacramental Anointing are available to the homebound and those in need. Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements.

HOSPITAL VISITS: Please call the Parish Office in advance, if possible.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Thursday - 3:00 - 4:00 pm.

NEW MEMBERS: We welcome new members! Please introduce yourself after Mass to the Pastor and stop by the Parish Office to register. Members moving to another parish, changing address or phone numbers, please notify the Parish Office promptly.

FAITH FORMATION: (see our website or contact Tricia Kull for more information @265-4750 or tricia.kull@dor.org)

Children's Liturgy of the Word: Sunday mornings during the 10:30 am. Mass. (October - June)

Religious Education Classes

- **Sunday Program:** 9:30 am. -10:20 am. for Grades 1-8 and Confirmation Year 1
- **Family Program:** (Grades K-8 and Confirmation Year 1) meets monthly for all ages
- **RCIC:** Prepares children ages 7-17 to enter fully into the Catholic Church on Sundays at 11:45 - 12:45 pm.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION:

- First Penance (Autumn) and First Eucharist (Spring): Contact Tricia Kull - 265-4750
- Confirmation Year 2 (Grade 9+ requires completion of Year 1 in Grade 8+): Contact Judy Cass - 265-1616 ext. 328.

From the Faith Formation Office

Catechetical Sunday September 19, 2021

During this special celebration, held on the third Sunday in September each year, we recognize and THANK our wonderful catechists who give so generously of their time and gifts as they share their faith and love of Jesus with our children and youth in our Faith Formation programs.

A catechist is a teacher – a teacher of the faith. As part of an initiative to recognize and celebrate the gift that catechists give to their parish communities by volunteering their time for the education of children, youth, and adults, the Church celebrates what is known as Catechetical Sunday. On this day, parents and guardians are also honored because they are the true first catechists, sharing the Catholic faith with their families. And finally, but perhaps most importantly, Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all of us to rededicate ourselves to the mission of handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel as a community of faith.

Always the third Sunday in September, the theme for this year's Catechetical Sunday celebration is "Say the Word and My Soul Shall be Healed." Catholics pray these powerful words at Mass which are a reminder of the healing that Jesus offers each one of us in the Eucharist. In a time and in a world in great need of healing, we remember Jesus the Healer, our Savior.

Today, we honor those who are responding to God's call to share their gift of faith with others, even as their own faith deepens. We would like to invite each of you, our brothers and sisters, to join us in asking for God's grace to strengthen and nourish them throughout this school year.

Loving Father, we pray today for our catechists. We thank you for their gift of ministry in your Church. Grant them your wisdom that they may grow in the understanding and teaching of your Word. Grant them also your love that they may be fruitful heralds of your Word and lead others to love you. Pour forth your Holy Spirit upon them to grant them wisdom about what is important; knowledge of the truths of faith; understanding of their meaning; right judgement about how to apply them in life; courage to persevere even in the face of adversity; reverence before all that is sacred and holy; and that loving zeal which leads others to a transformative encounter with your Son. We pray this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.



Confirmation Information

There will be a parent/student Confirmation Year 2 meeting on September 20 at 7 pm. in the Gathering Space.

Registration will take place at that time along with the distribution of text books and class schedules. For more information email Judy Cass at judy.cass@dor.org

Healing Prayer Shawl Ministry provides lap robes/shawls for those who are ill or are in nursing facilities. These blessed shawls may provide physical, emotional, and spiritual healing. They meet twice a month from September - June. Contact: Dawn Waver 362-2942 for more information.





**Please Remember in Prayer
Our Beloved Dead**

Lisa Jenner; Robert Naum; and those who
mourn for them.

**Altar Candles will burn this week for the
following:**

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn in loving memory of
Peter Mix, req. Nora and Dan Craft.

Our Blessed Mother's Altar Candle will burn in loving
memory of Carol Pompelio.

St. Joseph's Altar Candle will burn for special
intentions.

**If you would like a candle in memory of a loved one or
for special intentions, please call the parish office.**



A REMINDER: If you need a devotional candle lit
immediately for a loved one, a special occasion, or special
intentions, you are invited to light the small votives that are on the side altars of the Blessed Mother
and St. Joseph. They will burn for about 4-5 hours.

**Catholic Campaign for
Human Development**

**Break the Cycle of Poverty: Support the Catholic
Campaign for Human Development**

Our special collection today supports the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development**. CCHD funds programs that empower low-income people to address the root causes of their poverty. These grants support organizations across the country, including four in our own Diocese! In addition, 25% of the funds we collect will remain in our diocese to fund smaller, local anti-poverty projects. By supporting this collection, you are standing with people on the margins and making positive social change. Make your check out to your parish and write "CCHD" in the memo or check out your parish's online giving options for designating your gift to CCHD. Please be generous.



Tuesday Confessions Returning

RECONCILIATION Our regular Tuesday confessions will begin on **October 5, from 4:30 - 5:30** and are still available on Saturday from 3:30 - 4:15 pm.

Stewardship by the Book

Today's second reading warns that a heart consumed with avarice and envy leads to jealousy, strife, conflicts and disputes. A giving heart, in contrast, can sing instead with the Psalmist, "Freely will I offer you sacrifice; I will praise your name, O Lord, for its goodness."

August 2021 Totals

Blessings to all who donated through the mail, on line and dropping off at the Parish Office. We continue to strive to maintain our goals for the month. Holy Trinity is grateful for your continued support.

Please consider going online to give - Call Tim Reetz @265-1616 ext. 304.

GOAL:	\$ 62,400.00
OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:	\$ 34,326.00
LOOSE COLLECTION:	\$ 2,852.00
CHILDREN'S OFFERING	\$ 5.50
ONLINE GIVING	\$ 23,577.50
VARIANCE:	\$ -1,639.00

**Total Attendance for
September 11/12- 734**

Tithing: Stewardship in Motion

It is easy to make your financial contribution to Holy Trinity Church by automatic withdrawal directly from your bank account with no charge to you using our electronic Intentional Giving Program.



URGENT NEED!
**Volunteers needed to
move furniture into
Refugees' homes**
 Moves happen Mon.-Fri.,
8:30am-4:30pm
 Interested in Helping? Contact Michele Quinn:
 ☎ (585)385-6860 ✉ Michele@saintsplace.org

Legion of Mary

Our Legion of Mary is an association of Catholic men and women under the leadership of our Blessed Mother and the influence of the Holy Spirit.

The Legion's work consists of the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy, homebound and nursing home visits, assistance at funerals and any other assignment given by our Pastor. The Legion of Mary meets every Tuesday @9:30 am. in the Marian Room.

The Legion also uses a **Prayer Chain** dedicated to those with special needs. **If you have a loved one or yourself who may be in need of prayers, please call Rick Duncan @265-9015 or email happyman454@yahoo.com** to be placed on their prayer chain.

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Monday 5-7 pm
Tuesday 10-12 Noon
Wednesday 3-5 pm
Thursday 5-7 pm

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 am to Noon
and 1:00 - 4:00 pm
Friday, 9:00 am to 12:00 Noon

Mass Times: 4:30 pm Vigil (Saturday)
8:30 and 10:30 am Sunday
Confessions: 3:30 - 4:15 pm on Sat.

Every Tuesday from 4:30 - 5:30 pm.
(no Tuesday confessions during the summer)

If you wish to listen to the Sunday Homily, please visit
www.holytrinityweb.com/index.php?page=homilies
If you find that you are unable to attend daily Mass, you
may listen to 1460 AM on WHIC at 8:00 am.

Holy Trinity Church is now on FACEBOOK. You can
check out our page by typing "www.facebook.com/
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HOPE Ministry Facebook @HOPEMinistryny and also
HOPE Garden Facebook @HOPEGardenWny.



**Victims of sexual abuse should always report to the
civil authorities. To receive help and guidance from
the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester contact our
Victims Assistance Coordinator:**

**Deborah Housel at 585-328-3228, ext. 1555 or
1-800-388-7177 ext: 1555 or email to
victimsassistance@dor.org**

Mass Intentions: 2021 September 20 - September 26

**Weekday Masses will be live-streamed at 9:00 am.
Weekend Mass will be live-streamed
Saturday at 4:30 pm. and Sundays at 10:30 am.**

Monday - Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, and Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions Martyrs.

9:00 Tammy Serio Miller, req. Family

Tuesday - Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

9:00 Deceased members of the Basch and Fox Families, req. Family

Wednesday - Weekday

9:00 Philip Blando, req. Wife, Madeline

Thursday - Saint Pius of Pietrecina, Priest

9:00 Mary Thomann, req. Ed and Carol Yurkstas

Friday - Weekday

9:00 Daniel David Pardo, req. Hontz Family

Saturday -

2:00 Wedding: Demitri Tzitzon and Kayla Viola

4:30 (VIGIL) Jayne Fogerty, req. John and Family

Sunday - TWENTY-SIXTH IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30 Raymond and Bernice Wilbert, req. Family

10:30 For the People of Holy Trinity, Living and Deceased

This Week At Holy Trinity

Monday, September 20

1:00 pm. Senior Committee Planning Mtg. - Wing Room

7:00 pm. Confirmation 2 - Gathering Space

Tuesday, September 21

9:45 am. Legion of Mary - Marian Room

3:00 pm. Book Club - Marian Room

Thursday, September 23

9:30 - 10:30 am. Cursillo Mtg. - Unity Room

9:30 - Cemetery Meeting - Wing Room

3:00 - 4:00 pm. Adoration - Church

Friday, September 24

8:30 am. - Rosary - Church

Sunday, September 26

9:30 - 10:20 - Faith Formation - All Rooms



The Feast of Saint Francis is October 4, and in his honor, Father Tim will once again do a blessing for our favorite furry (or scaley) friends.

Join us at the traffic circle by Murphy Hall on Saturday, October 2 at 12:00 Noon for this special event!



**III - Salvatore Ciaccio
and Nicole Casolari**

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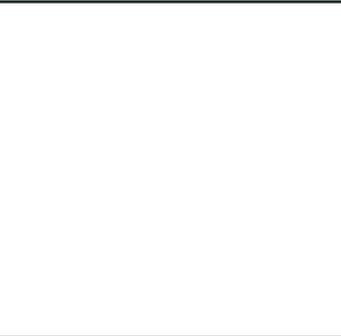
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 at my side with
 your rod and
 staff that gives
 me comfort.

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