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Your Eyes. Use ‘Em or Lose ‘Em.

I think I was 12 yrs. old when mom and dad took us on one of our rare family vacations. We went to Monmouth Cave in southern Kentucky. It is a magnificent cavern deep deep in the ground, filled with stalactites and stalagmites and beautiful crystalline gems flashing brilliant colors throughout the cathedral-like cavern.

There are many memories I have of this trip. One which sticks out the most, and one that still speaks to me fifty years later, is the sight of a school of brown trout swimming in an underground stream that flowed through the cave. Generations of these fish had lived on the floor of this darkened cave - - - dark, as in pitch black. Over time something very strange happened; with absolutely no light penetrating the cave these fish had lost their eyes. A thin round membrane covered what would have been the eye socket. It was nature's way of saying "use ‘em or lose ‘em".

So what's this little Field and Stream article about? It's about the light . . . and the dark. They are both at work in the world. Both would like to spread themselves as far as they can. Darkness is happiest when selfishness grows, anything that leads to fear and hopelessness is its friend.

Despair and ultimately death are its kingdom. You and I feel its pull. We're tempted to co-operate with the darkness because it's easy and comfortable. We whisper things to ourselves like, "Who will know?", "Everyone is doing it.", "Oh what difference does it make?", "It feels good, what's wrong with it?" "God doesn't care." And all this likes to hide behind things and in corners that are . . . dark.

Light on the other hand wants to have a party. It invites everyone, no skin or race excluded. It is filled with joy because it is bathed in the truth and goodness. It wants to see and be seen because what God has created is beautiful. It knows that the source of all that is . . . is love. In this light we see and are seen, love and are loved. To walk in the light is why we were created.

Back to the fish for a minute. They too were created to see. But these fish had lived in darkness so long that they had lost their eyes. Darkness had blinded them permanently. Be careful. Darkness can rob our sight as well.

Likewise, we humans were made to see, not just with the eyes in our head but by the light of our intellect we see this world. Jesus tells us, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." (John 8:12).



But what if, like the fish, we chose to live in darkness? What if we give up on living in the light? Can we lose our ability "to see?" Scripture points to this possibility. "And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because of their deeds....." (John 3:19).

Sooo? This Advent let's choose the light. Wherever we go, whatever we are doing, the choice is always there between light and darkness. Let's walk in the light, drink in the light, be bathed in light, teach our children the light. This light is Jesus Christ. As always, He's appearing daily in the Eucharist and in the people who long for His Kingdom.

Bless you.

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. Tuesdays from 4:30 - 5:30 pm. Oct. - June 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 I
- **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.

We welcome our newest members of Holy Trinity Church

Teagan Rose Roehl
Andrew David Castro
Paislee Rae Barber
Emma Marie Zaccaglino



Becoming Catholic

BECOMING CATHOLIC: RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA): Prepares adults to enter fully into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. Sundays, 12:00-1:00 pm. (October-April). For more information, please contact Mary Kramer at mary.kramer@dor.org.

From the Faith Formation Office

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

We are very excited to announce that we will once again be presenting our Children's Christmas Pageant, "*Journey to the Manger*", on **Sunday, December 19 at 12:15pm**. All are invited to come and experience the retelling of this very special story of the birth of our Savior. Please mark your calendars...and join us afterward for light refreshments in Trinity Hall!

For those participating, practices will be on the following Sundays starting at 11:45 am:

November 28

December 5

December 12

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Why do we celebrate Advent for a full four weeks before we celebrate the birth of Jesus? Because, the story doesn't start with Jesus being born.

Before the wise men or the star, before the miracles and parables, the family line of Jesus stretches waaaay back. In fact, the entire story of Jesus was a long time in the planning. So, we start the countdown to Christmas four weeks before, with Advent, which means "coming".

We get ready to celebrate Jesus, reminding ourselves of the bigger plan he is a part of, and of how much the world was anticipating him long before Mary and Joseph. To celebrate His presence in our lives, we can let our love shine every day...just like the candles on our Advent Wreath shine so brightly!

For more information on our events or programs, please contact the Faith Formation office at (585) 265-4750 or email us at tricia.kull@dor.org.



Prayer Shawl Ministry provides lap robes/shawls for those who are homebound or are in nursing facilities. They meet twice a month from September - June. Contact: Dawn Waver @362-2942 for more information.



**Please Remember in Prayer
Our Beloved Dead**

And those who mourn for them.

Altar Candles will burn this week for the following:

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn for the Special Intentions of Dick and Nora Doser on their 45th Wedding Anniversary, req. Frank and Mary Ann Spinelli.

Our Blessed Mother's Altar Candle will burn in loving memory of John and Marjorie Boyles, req. Ron and Joanne Mix.

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

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.

**Senior Ministry
Christmas Luncheon**



Monday, December 6 at 12 pm.- Murphy Hall

Cost is \$5 per person.

Pre-order your Lorraine's box lunch beginning Nov. 18th at our Bingo gathering or following all Masses the week-end of **November 20th & 21st**.

The Webster Presbyterian Bell Choir will be entertaining us with Christmas carols and a sing-a-long!

**Questions for either event please call:
Mary Sue Spisak 789-7512.**

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.

"Moreover, it is required in stewards that a man be found faithful to his gifts." (I Corinthians 4:1-2) As we practice stewardship, we find that we grow spiritually and that our faith is deepened.



Celebrating Thanksgiving Day was a perfect time to consider all the blessings we have received from God.

Stewardship of our time and talent and treasure is not limited only to the Church. Many people give time and money to other groups in the community as well.

2021-2022 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL
Every dollar received in the CMA is used directly or indirectly to fund ministries affecting every Catholic and faith community in the diocese.
Go to www.dor.org • View the video
• See how the funds are distributed • Make your gift

The active phase of our parish CMA campaign continues. By now past CMA donors have received a special letter in the mail with a personalized pledge card.

Thank you to everyone who has responded with a gift or pledge. If you have not yet responded, please prayerfully consider a gift. The CMA provides funding for important programs, services and ministries that strengthen our whole Church. Every gift to the CMA helps those in need, supports the mission of the Church and comes back to help our parish.

There are envelopes at all entrances at Church and in the Parish Office if you failed to receive one or mislaid the original. Thank you. Let us continue to pray for the success of our efforts.

GOAL:	\$167,495.00
TOTAL TO DATE:	\$79,128.00
DONORS:	295
% TO GOAL:	47.25%

October 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:	\$ 78,000.00
OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:	\$ 56,506.00
LOOSE COLLECTION:	\$ 3,637.10
CHILDREN'S OFFERING	\$ 10.92
ONLINE GIVING	\$ 24,139.50
VARIANCE:	\$ +6,293.52

**Total Attendance for
November 13/14 - 784
November 20/21 - N/A**

**Penny October Sunday: \$2,602
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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/
holytrinitywebster" into your internet web browser.

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 November 29 - December 5

**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 - Advent Weekday

9:00 Leonello Casilio, req. Wife, Connie

Tuesday - Saint Andrew, Apostle

9:00 Carmela Brogan, req. Carol and Steve Yahoodik

Wednesday - Advent Weekday

9:00 Pauline Crandell, req. Conklin Family

Thursday - Advent Weekday

9:00 Robert Wensley, req. Midge and Dave Ogi

First Friday - Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

9:00 Bernard Bialaszewski, 1st Anniversary, req. Mary Ann and Frank

First Saturday -

4:30 (VIGIL) Jane McMorrow, 20th Anniversary, req. Schroeder Family.

Sunday - SECOND OF ADVENT

8:30 Ruth Galante, req. Florence Wolkonowski

10:30 Peter Mix, req. Family

This Week At Holy Trinity

Tuesday, November 30

9:45 am. Legion of Mary - Marian Room

4:30 - 5:30 pm. Confessions - Church

Wednesday, December 1

1:30 - 3:00 pm. Stitching Group - Wing Room

6:30 - 7:30 pm. Family Program - Trinity and Murphy Hall

Thursday, December 2

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

Friday, December 3

8:30 am. - Rosary - Church

Sunday, December 5

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

11:45 - 1:00 pm. - Rehearsal for Christmas Pageant - Trinity Hall, Murphy Hall, Gathering Space and Church

12:00 - 1:00 pm. RCIA - Marian Room

2:30 - 3:30 pm. Family Program - Trinity and Murphy Hall



Confessions

Tuesday: 4:30 - 5:30 pm.

Saturday: 3:30 - 4:15 pm.

Come and experience the healing power of the Sacrament of Penance.



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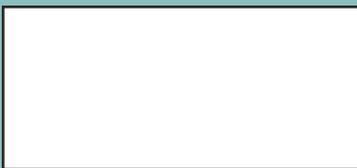
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