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MAY 30, 2021 • THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

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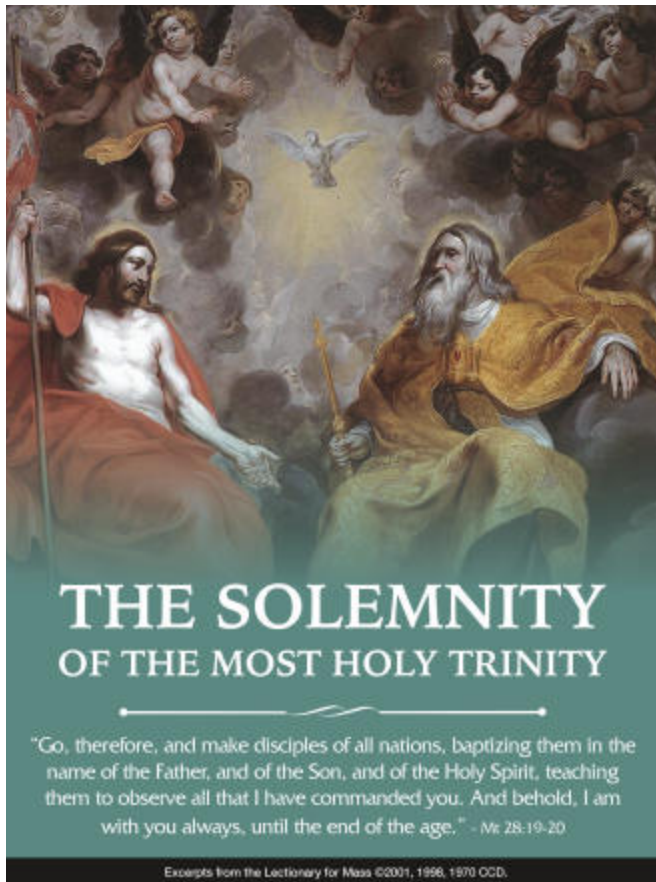


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Rev. Innocent Diala, Pastor
Deacon Wally Samick

MASS SCHEDULE

St. Joseph Church: Saturday 4:30 p.m. • Sunday 8:00 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.
Weekdays: 8:30 a.m.



SICK CALLS: Anytime. Call the rectory as soon as possible.

CONFESSIONS: By appointment only.

RCIA: Please contact the rectory.

BAPTISMS: Upon request; pre-baptismal instruction is required. Please contact the rectory.


PRE-CANA: Classes can be scheduled by calling the rectory.

MARRIAGES: Arrangements should be made at least 6 months in advance at the rectory.

NEW PARISHIONERS: Please register at the rectory as soon as possible after you have moved into the Parish. Registration as a member of the parish requires the completion of an application available at the rectory.



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 Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.



The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for the Special Intentions of *Jim and Aimee McCann as they celebrate their 33rd Wedding Anniversary.*

PRAYER REQUESTS

For all those serving in our **Armed Forces** here and around the world. For those who are suffering from pain and illness, especially: **Colt William Matz, Mark Smith, Mike Gernatt, John Walgus, Kiley Denea, Melissa Moulton Peglowski, Kathy Smith, Peter Johnson, Justin Regan, Beatrice and Donald Swanson, Sister Lucina Stang, Mary Vanderbosch, Mike Wesley, and Joe Cook.** For those who have died...*William Hojnacki and Nancy Orth.*



The rectory will be closed on Memorial Day, Monday, May 31, 2021.

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WEEKLY COLLECTION

Sunday, May 23, 2021

Offertory Envelopes.....	\$2757.00
Loose.....	\$247.00
Ascension.....	\$20.00
Maintenance/Repair	\$110.00
Church in Latin America.....	\$35.00
Total.....	\$3169.00



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

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 ©LPi



The Msgr. David Gernatt Council #15113 of the **Knights of Columbus** meet regularly on the 3rd Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement. Join the Knights every 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. to pray the Rosary and attend the business meeting. The Knights of Columbus is dedicated to the principles of **Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism**, and it is the world's largest "Catholic Fraternal Service Organization."

If you would like to become a member, please call Dave Wiens - 432-0970 or Frank Kusiowski - 532-5397.

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Next weekend, Bishop Michael Fisher will ordain four new priests for our diocese! There's room for many more—perhaps you? If God is inviting you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.

WALK FOR LIFE

The Tri-County Pregnancy Center will be having its annual "Walk for Life" on **Saturday, June 5, 2021** beginning at the Gowanda Assembly of God Church. Registration begins at 11 am and the walk will start promptly at 11:30 am. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to pass for the picnic to follow the walk. Hot dogs will be provided. Please join us for this important cause!

COMMUNITY MEAL

The Trinity United Church of Christ on Erie Avenue and Park Street in Gowanda is having a Free Community Meal on **June 12, 2021 from 4 pm to 6 pm**. The meal is take out only. Please bring your own bag and wear a mask. The menu is hot dog w/roll, macaroni salad, fruited jello and a cookie.

HOLY LAND GIFTS

There will be a display inside the church of handmade, hand carved articles for sale on **June 12 and 13th**. Some of the available items will be: Nativity Scenes, crucifixes, rosaries, the Last Supper and many other beautiful religious articles. Holy Land Gifts represents over 100 Christian families whom make a living selling traditional olive wood handcrafts and religious items. When you purchase one of these beautiful gifts, you are helping artisans in the Holy Land provide for their families and live and work with dignity in a region fraught with tension and oppression.

PRAYER FOR OUR PRIESTS

Lord Jesus, you have chosen your priests from among us and sent them out to proclaim your word and act in your name. For so great a gift to your Church, we give you praise and thanksgiving.

We ask you to fill them with the fire of your love, that their ministry may reveal your presence in the Church. Since they are earthen vessels, we pray that your power shines out through their weakness. In their afflictions let them never be crushed, in their doubts never despair, in temptation never be destroyed, and in persecution never abandoned. Inspire them through prayer to live each day the mystery of your dying and rising.

In times of weakness send them your Spirit, and help them to praise your Heavenly Father and pray for poor sinners. By your same Holy Spirit put your word on their lips and your love in their hearts, to bring good news to the poor and healing to the brokenhearted.

And may the gift of Mary, your Mother, to the disciple whom you loved be your gift to every priest. Grant that she who formed you in her human image, may form them in your divine image, by the power of your Spirit, to the glory of God the Father, Amen. *Blessed Teresa of Calcutta Society*

GOSPEL MEDITATIONS



The Most Holy Trinity

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. ©LPi



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, May 29

4:30 p.m. John and Lillian Sharkey † by Estate

Sunday, May 30—The Most Holy Trinity

8:00 a.m. For the Special Intentions of Tony Comstock
by His Wife and Family

9:30 a.m. John and Lillian Sharkey † by Estate

11:15 a.m. St. Mary's—Cattaraugus

**Monday, May 31—The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin
Mary**

8:30 a.m. All Souls †

Tuesday, June 1—Saint Justin

8:30 a.m. Norma Pine † by Mark and Caryn Benton

Wednesday, June 2

8:30 a.m. Timothy L. Durbin † by the Minnick Family

**Thursday, June 3—Saint Charles Lwanga and
Companions**

8:30 a.m. John and Lillian Sharkey † by Estate

Friday, June 4

8:30 a.m. For the Parishioners

Saturday, June 5—Saint Boniface

4:30 p.m. John and Lillian Sharkey † by Estate

**Sunday, June 6—The Most Holy Body and Blood of
Christ**

8:00 a.m. John Hoffman † by Gerry and Jacque
Emborski

9:30 a.m. John and Lillian Sharkey † by Estate

2:30 p.m. For the Living and Deceased members of the
Ulmer and Gernatt Families by Rev. Dan
Ulmer

11:15 a.m. St. Mary's—Cattaraugus

Please remember that all Masses are subject to change.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

June 5/6

4:30 PM

Altar Server: Any Available Server

Lector: Dr. Greco

8:00 AM

Altar Server: Yisel Dominguez

Lector: Max Comstock

9:30 AM


Altar Server: Chase Bolen

Lector: Monica Reid

Please call a substitute if you are unable to serve

TRINITY SUNDAY





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