

“GO, THEREFORE, AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL
NATIONS.” —MT 28:19

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

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Mass Intentions for This Week

Saturday, May 29

4:30 p.m. David, Bennie, and Sean McConnaughey --
Family

Sunday, May 30

8:00 a.m. Jacquelyn Mehalik -- Carol Stewart
10:00 a.m. Jane Cunningham -- Cunningham Family

Monday, May 31

9:00 a.m. *(In Church)*

For the deceased in our Cemeteries 

Tuesday, June 1

8:00 a.m. Tom & Carol Smith --
Rose, Ralph & David Mesoraco

Wednesday, June 2

8:00 a.m. Bill Bevak, III -- Dan & Marianne Guidash

Thursday, June 3

8:00 a.m. Frank Orsich -- Guy Gattuso Family

Friday, June 4

8:00 a.m. Bill Sisk -- Mary Wiesinger & Sisters

Saturday, June 5

8:00 a.m. Deborah Dubensky -- Tom & Nancy Wise
4:30 p.m. Butch Defelice -- Pete & Elaine Pape

Sunday, June 6

8:00 a.m. Parishioners
10:00 a.m. John Serian -- Edward & Mildred Rutkowski



The Week Ahead

Tuesday, June 1 -

6:00 pm -- Recitation of the Rosary - Church

Wednesday, June 2 -

10:00 am - Bible Study - Meeting Room

Thursday, June 3 -

6:00 pm - Bible Study - Meeting Room

Friday, June 4 -

8:30 am - 4pm - Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament - Church

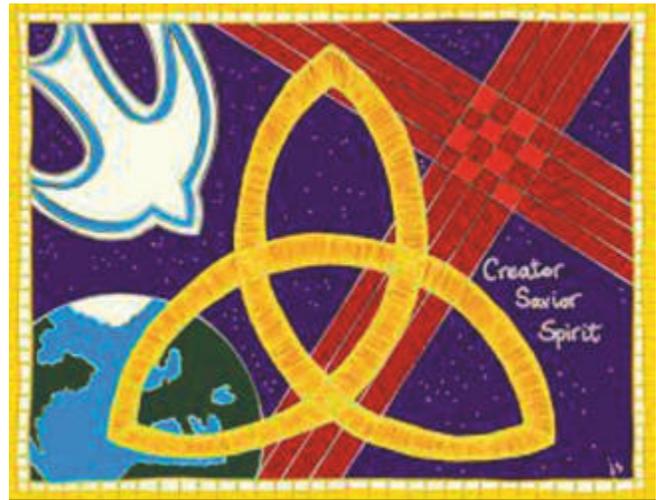
The Church encourages frequent, even daily, Holy Communion, but if at any time we cannot go to Mass, in or out of this season of the coronavirus, we can still unite ourselves to the Eucharist by making a spiritual Communion. When we make an Act of Spiritual Communion, we express our faith in Christ's Real Presence in the Eucharist and ask him to unite himself with us.

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



Dear Parishioners:

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority 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, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."



"Who can understand the Trinity?" wrote Saint Augustine in the 5th century. "Rare are the persons who, when they speak of it, also know what they speak of..." Then with all due qualifications and apologies, he suggests a way that might throw a little light on it. Look at yourself, he says; you see that you exist, and that you have a mind and a will. These are three dimensions of your reality, and yet you are one. You are a kind of trinity: three in one and one in three. It is just an image, for as he said, "Who can in any way express it plainly? Who can in any way rashly make a pronouncement about it?" It is only an image, yes, but it has this advantage: that it is taken from personal life, and not from mathematics. Sometimes people have seen the mystery of the Trinity as a piece of impossible mathematics in which 1×3 is still 1. Saint John, like Augustine, looked in personal life for analogies of the Trinity. He wrote, "Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love" (1 John 4:8). This is a profoundly challenging statement. If I don't live in love I don't know God. A little further on John wrote, "God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them" (1 John 4:16). I may be the most learned theologian in the world, I may have hundreds of ideas for the betterment of the Church and society, I may be working hard to implement these ideas; but if I am not living in love it is wasted effort.

Let's extend the personal image a little further, to groups of persons trying to live together. There are two things, mainly, that people suffer from in families and communities of every kind. One is a feeling of suffocation, of not being allowed to be themselves, of having no identity except that of the group. The other is opposite but equally painful: a loss of identification (of any but the most basic kind) with the community. Here the individuals circle around one another at a distance, like planets, and this leads to loneliness. These two are opposite poles: too much family and too little, suffocation and loneliness. Now try to think again about the Trinity. The Father is eternally the Father. He never has been and never will be the Son or the Spirit. Likewise, the other Persons. Each is eternally a unique Person. There is no suffocation. And yet they are so much one that we have to say there is only one God. The doctrine of the Trinity shows us that the inner life of God is a community - the only perfect community. Such a life we all aspire to, such a life we long for in all our dreams and waking full presence to others without being diminished or disrespected in any way, a joyful pouring out of our lives for others, such that it makes us fully who we are ourselves.

Deep down, our longing for such a community is our longing for God. All our struggle to achieve it is our struggle for God, and all the pain and frustration we experience on the way is redeemed and given meaning by that transcendent Community that is God.

God Bless!
Msgr. J. Riccardo



MEMORIAL DAY MASS

Our Memorial Day Mass this year will be held in church at 9:00am rather than at the cemeteries to allow for greater distancing.

Please join us in church as we remember the beloved dead of our parishes and families who are buried in our cemeteries.

LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Lectors or Eucharistic Ministers wishing to be placed on the schedule for weekend Masses are asked to call the office, 814-938-6540, ext. 210.

We are currently scheduling on a week-by-week basis and will be happy to add your name to the list of those currently active in these ministries.

At this time, we are scheduling one Lector and two Eucharistic Ministers for each weekend Mass.



BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN



We are again participating in the annual "Baby Bottle Campaign" to support the *We Care Pregnancy Center*.

If you wish to participate, pick up a baby bottle as you leave Mass and use it over the next couple of weeks to save your spare coins at the end of each day. You don't have to fill your bottle - all donations are appreciated.

Return your bottles to church on Father's Day, June 20th. Cathy Smith is the contact person.



SUMMER MAINTENANCE

Home for the summer? Need a part time job?

We have a position(s) open in our maintenance department for the summer.

If you are interested, please contact our Business Manager, Tony Bofinger, at 814-938-6540, ext 214.

RECTORY OFFICE

The office will be closed on Monday of this week, May 31st, in observance of Memorial Day.

FIRST FRIDAY

Friday of this week, June 4th, is the first Friday of the month.

Confessions for the First Friday will be on Thursday at 8:30am.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on Friday beginning after the 8am Mass until 4pm. Our special intention for this month will be for safety of all travelers during this Summer vacation season.

Please plan to come spend some time in adoration of our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Sign-up sheets are posted on the bulletin boards.



A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

In today's gospel Jesus says, "Teach them to observe everything I have commanded you." For parents, this is both mission and ministry as all children form their foundation of faith from their parents. Jesus commands all parents to teach their children "all that I have commanded you."

MUSIC AND PRAYERS AT MASS

We are providing sheets with the hymns and prayers for your use at Mass.

Please pick one up from the table when you come in and then either take it home with you or throw it away after Mass. Please do not return it to the table. They cannot be reused. Each person will then have access to an unused hymn sheet when they come in to church.





For the benefit of those who are unable to, or who are concerned about returning to Mass at this time, we will continue to live stream the 10am Mass each Sunday. Look for the graphic on our parish website, sscdchurch.com, and click the link on Sundays at 10am to join.

SCRIP PROGRAM

Join the Scrip Program and earn rebates on all your regular purchases and gift giving!



Scrip Cash and Carry is available in the School Office throughout May and June on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 7am - Noon. Please use the walk up window next to the principal's office to purchase your Scrip.

You can also use the Scrip "PrestoPay" feature that provides electronic delivery options (i.e. electronic credit to spend online or refill a merchant's card that you already have in your possession). Questions about PrestoPay can be directed to the Scrip program coordinator.

Thank you for supporting SSCD School through your participation in the Scrip Program.

PRAYER CHAIN

To add a name to the Prayer Chain, call Pat Rougeux, 814-938-4464 or Anna Smochek, 814-427-2456.

If you are unable to reach either of them, you may call the office weekdays 9am - 4pm.

SAINT VINCENT DePAUL WEEKLY FOOD DONATION

Food Donation next Sunday, June 6 - Apple Sauce. Thank you for your support!

USHERS NEEDED

We are in need of additional ushers for the **4:30pm and 10:00am** Masses. Anyone wishing to be an usher at Mass can contact the office at 814-938-6540 or sscdofc@comcast.net to let us know your availability and Mass time preference.

Thank you.

E-MAIL ADDRESSES

If we don't have your email address, or if your address has recently changed, please contact us at sscdofc@comcast.net so we can add you to our address book.



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SAINT VINCENT DePAUL VOLUNTEERS

Saturday, June 5 -

Mary McHenry, Mary Wiesinger, Jeanne Ann Miller.

SANCTUARY CLEANERS THIS WEEK

Sandy Hinderliter, Mary Claire Johnston, Arlene Stewart, Dorothy Vilkinofsky.

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PICK OF THE WEEK

May 30, 2021

THE WILD GOOSE: GOD'S LOVE POURED OUT

During the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, we remember a fundamental pillar of our Faith: "God is love" (1 Jn 4:8). This simple statement is the beginning and the ending of our pilgrimage of Faith. In this episode of The Wild Goose, join Fr. Dave Pivonka as he illuminates God's eternal pouring out of Love.



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If you have already purchased tickets, thank you!!

If you haven't had an opportunity to purchase your ticket yet, they are available in the rectory office. We hope to sell every one of the 2,000 tickets that were printed for this exciting drawing. The price of each ticket is \$20.00 and the prizes are:

- 1st prize - \$10,000**
- 2nd prize - \$5,000**
- 3rd prize - \$1,000**

To purchase a ticket or tickets, you can stop in the office during office hours or simply fill out the form printed below, and return it along with \$20.00 per ticket. You can submit your ticket order by mail, put it in the mail slot in the breezeway of the rectory, or place it in the Sunday collection. Your ticket will be filled out and the stub mailed back to you. When coming in to the office, please remember that masks must be worn at this time.

If there are still tickets available when Festival time arrives, you will be able to purchase tickets there as well.

As always, 100% of the proceeds will go directly to the support of our school.

2021 Cash Drawing Ticket Request

Drawing Date: August 8, 2021

Mail-in ticket orders must be received by August 2

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Address: _____

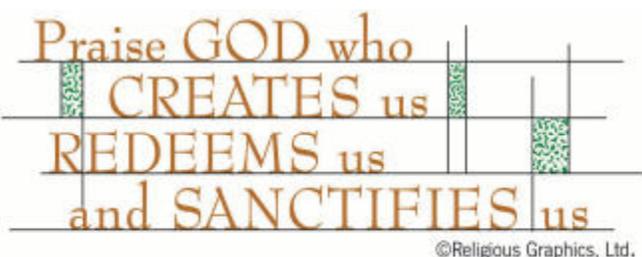
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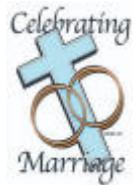
Thank you for your continued support throughout this past year.

One way for you to easily support our parish is through on-line giving. There is a link for you to access this on our parish website, sscdchurch.com.

If you prefer to mail your offertory envelopes to the office, drop them in the mail slot in the breezeway, or put in the collection basket at church, please continue to do so. Thank you!

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Couples celebrating their 25th, 50th, or 60th or more wedding anniversaries in 2021 are invited to attend one of the annual Diocesan Anniversary Celebration Liturgies this summer. The dates are Sunday, August 1, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at Immaculate Conception in Clarion and Sunday, August 8, at 2:00 p.m. at St. Jude in Erie. Both liturgies will begin at 2:00 p.m.



To register for either event or to receive a scroll by mail, please visit <https://www.eriercd.org/familylifeoffice/anniv.html> or contact your parish office at 814-938-6540 or the Family Life Office at (814) 824-1261.

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY

A Rosary in honor of our Lady of Fatima is prayed every Tuesday evening at 6pm in church.

Please join us. Everyone is welcome.



OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 30, 2021

- 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

Prayer in Time of Pandemic

Lord Jesus,
 You came to bring salvation to our world. You humbled yourself to accept death on a cross. Be with us as we confront the spread of the coronavirus with courage and hope. Be present to the sick and to those who accompany them in their suffering. Strengthen our medical professionals and caregivers; comfort families who are separated from one another. Protect those who are at risk of the virus in their work.

Grant wisdom to our civic officials and perseverance to scientists. Spare us from the ravages of this illness and console us in our uncertainty and fear.

Unite us in hope, enlighten us in faith, and give us the grace as a Church to love one another as You have loved us.

Through the intercession of our Heavenly Mother, we make this prayer as we place our trust in You.
 Amen.

Imprimatur, April 8, 2020
 The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, J.C.L., Bishop of Erie

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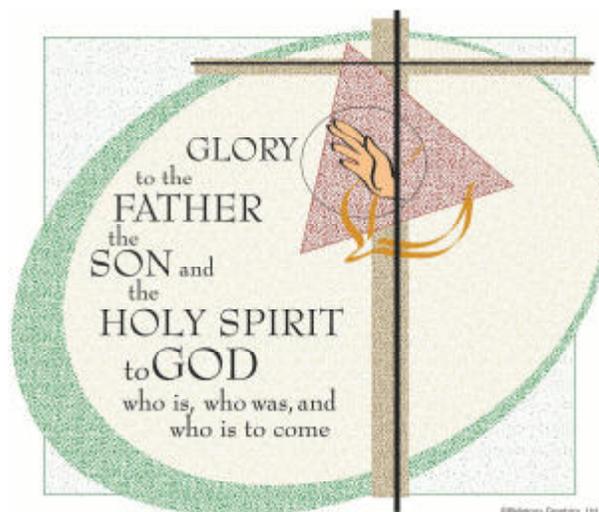
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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus Council meeting will be held on Monday, June 7th, at 7pm at Reschini Hall in Walston.

The Assembly meeting will follow at approximately 7:45pm.



WEEKLY OFFERTORY ANALYSIS
 May 23, 2021

Church Offertory	
<i>Envelopes sent</i>	711
<i>Adult Envelopes Returned</i>	166
Adult	\$5,065.20
Holy Day	\$115.00
Children	\$16.00
Loose	\$196.00
Monthly	\$892.00
Total	\$6,284.20
<i>Weekly Goal</i>	<i>\$8,000.00</i>
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$1,715.80)
Accumulated(+/-) Goal	\$14,121.13 Under goal

Catholic Services Appeal 2021

2021 Diocesan Assessment \$76,000.00	
Total Parish Goal \$126,000.00	
Pledged Amt:	\$90,255.00
Paid on Pledge:	\$78,437.07
Unpaid Pledges:	\$11,817.93
Unpledged Donations:	\$6,663.07
Collected to Date:	\$85,100.14

Readings for the Week of May 30, 2021

- 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

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