

May 30, 2021



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LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, May 29 — Vigil

4:00 PM † John B. Harhai by Family

Sunday, May 30 — Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

8:30 AM † Dolores Matush by Brother

10:30 AM † John Jannotta by Red & Kathy Warfield

Monday, May 31

8:00 AM Communion Service

Wednesday, June 2

No Mass

Thursday, June 3

8:00 AM Communion Service

Saturday, June 5 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Marian Reno by Shirley & Tony Reno

Sunday, June 6 — Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

8:30 AM † Leonard Guesman by Wife, Della

10:30 AM † Fr. Eugene Winkowski by James Brian Smith

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Thursday: 8:30 a.m. – 12; 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Friday: 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Ministry Schedule — June 5 & 6

Time	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
4:00 p.m.	D. Harkins	J. Elias
8:30 a.m.	F. Petrosky	L. DeFelices
10:30 a.m.	B. DuBreucq	T. Mazzei

Money Counters

Tuesday, June 1—Team #5— R. Croushore

Daily Readings

Readings for the week of May 30

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



Trinity Sunday

As we move right along with the Church calendar, the week after Pentecost is Trinity Sunday. Today our Liturgy focuses on this great mystery of life and faith. We start off by hearing the wonderful words taken



from the collection *Wisdom literature*. In the book of Proverbs we see that Wisdom is presented to us as feminine personification. This genre of literature is a collection of images on how we are to live our lives. It is filled with wise sayings based on one's observations on life. The two dominant images that evolve in this biblical form are *wisdom and folly* and the eternal conflict that exists between them. The writer personifies wisdom as beautiful and alluring women who do good things. Wise people practice honesty, generosity, self-control, industriousness, prudence; those of folly are greedy, dishonest, drunkards, hotheads, misers and liars.

Today we are told that Wisdom was created before anything else existed and lives on a different plane from all other creatures. She determines the order of all things and speaks to humans and is available to anyone who would listen and learn. The church uses this reading from Proverbs on Trinity Sunday because it sees a resemblance between Wisdom's role as a master-worker or crafter of the universe and the Word of God, Jesus, who became flesh, but pre-existed from the beginning. Wisdom is seen as a person. Jesus is incarnate and is God personified. Christians in the early church saw Jesus as the wisdom of God incarnate. The author of Proverbs invites us to look around and see the divine in what we often take for granted, how God's goodness has graced our world and is at the heart of creation.

St. Paul picks up on this idea in the second reading by telling us that there is a strong sense of relationship among the persons in God, a certain intimacy that has been given to us in faith, and now we live in right relationship with God. The Gospel has Jesus giving his farewell speech to the apostles telling them that he will send the Spirit upon them as the source of wisdom to guide them to speak truthful words. The Spirit comforts us and gives us strength to witness our faith to others.

It is the indwelling of the Spirit within us that assures us of the triune God's working within and through us: the Fathers love, the Son's mission, the Spirits truth. The gospel today assures us that we are never alone. God will forever be a mystery to us. We can only know something about God because of what has been revealed to us. One of the things we do know about God is that God is person, and we can have a relationship with God. Trinity is the way we express our most fundamental relationships with God. For God to be person, there must be relationship within God. As we become closer to the relationship of the Father, Son and Spirit we must in turn be in relationship with one another. Nobody can be totally alone, it would be unbearable. It is through our love of God that we share that love with those we are in relationship with. It is through the saving mystery of Jesus that we learn to "be" for one another, and it is through the help of the Spirit that we find the heart to make that happen.

Weekly Collection May 23

Votive Candles:	61
Utility & Energy:	12
Accent:	3
Children & Adult Collection:	3,703
Online Collection:	665
Total Collection:	\$4,444

The **Pastoral and Finance Councils** will meet on **Monday, June 7** at 6:30 p.m. in the Church Hall.

Support the 2021 Missions of Faith Appeal

The 2021 Missions of Faith Appeal is offering parishioners throughout the Diocese of Greensburg the opportunity to support the Missions Office and its ministries. COVID-19 greatly affected the ability to engage in missionary activity and a tidal wave of need is approaching. This includes youth of the Diocese who work to better some of the poorest communities in our area. Help can be provided by supporting the 2021 Missions of Faith Appeal. Every human being needs to experience Christ's message of love and mercy. Today you can support that mission by donating to the 2021 Missions of Faith Appeal. Visit www.DioceeseofGreensburg.org/Missions

CRS Spotlight

The head of the Gaza office of Catholic Relief Services said that recent air strikes by Israeli forces have exacerbated an existing humanitarian crisis by further limiting electricity and water. Thousands of families have been displaced, increasing the need for access to mental health services. All this, he added, is happening against the backdrop of an ongoing global pandemic. Bassam Nasser, who leads the Gaza office for Catholic Relief Services, has said, "**Frankly speaking, the humanitarian needs were already huge without Covid and without the aggression... You can imagine, when you add those two challenges, the crisis will become huge.**" Mr. Nasser said his team of about 30 staff members, most of whom are Palestinian, has devoted itself to assisting families affected by the Covid-19 pandemic since last March. Many of the agency's resources are still being offered virtually as people in Gaza have forced themselves into lockdown to slow the spread of the coronavirus. Visit www.crs.org for more information!

Golf Outing

St. Edward Parish in Herminie is sponsoring a Golf Outing on **Friday, June 11** at the Madison Club with a shotgun start at 9:00am. This is a **4-person scramble**. Fee is \$100 per person/\$400 per foursome. The fee includes: Green Fees, Cart rental, Hot Dog/beverage at the turn, and Buffet Dinner at the Madison Club with all Covid-19 precautions in place as required on the day of the outing. All golfers will also receive a "guest for a day" certificate (restrictions apply) which includes one 18-hole green fee. PLUS, a chance to win skill prizes, door prizes and team awards. **To register, call the parish office at 724-446-5197.**



Spaghetti Dinner

St. Sebastian's will hold a spaghetti dinner on **June 6** from 12:00 noon until 4:00 pm in the parish hall. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children.



The office will be **closed Monday, May 31** in honor of Memorial Day.

We tend to think of Memorial Day as the kick-off to summer, but it is much more than that. It was established to honor fallen soldiers. It is a solemn holiday. That doesn't mean forgoing cook outs or gathering, but there are a few things you can do to remember the day: Don't wish anyone a Happy Memorial Day (it's not founded in joy), Don't thank the current troops, Don't forget it exists and why.

News on Fr. Joel...

I received word from Fr. Joel last week and he informed me that his Bishop has reassigned him back in the Philippines, so he will not be returning. He sends his most **sincere thanks** to all of you for making him feel so welcome and at home. He promises to keep us all in his thoughts and prayers. I assured him that we would do the same.

Graduates' Mass

A Mass recognizing our high school graduates will be held on **Sunday, June 6 at 10:30 a.m. Mass**. If you have not received a letter, and will be graduating high school this year, please call the office.



Clearances

As the Church slowly begins to start up our programs, I need to remind you that if you are a volunteer in anyway at the parish you need to obtain your clearances. One of the clearances that you will need is **Virtus** which is a Church requirement. This clearance may be obtained online or you can come to a session which will be held on **July 12 at 6:00 p.m. in the Church Hall**. Another certificate that we will offer is the **Mandated Reporter** which will be on **July 19**. This will also be held in the church hall. If you have any questions about any of the clearances you will need, please give us a call and we will help you.

This week Fr. Mike will be away. Since there will be no Masses during the week, we will have a communion service at the times when Masses are scheduled. He will take the scheduled Masses with him.

Mass Times at St. Anne's

If you would like to attend Mass while Fr. Mike is away, Masses will be said at St. Anne's in Rostraver Twp., and Holy Family in West Newton.

St. Anne: Memorial Day Mass (**Monday**, May 31) will be at 8:00 a.m.; **Thursday:** 8:00 a.m.; **First Friday:** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7 a.m.—8:00 a.m. and Mass at 8:00 a.m. **Holy Family:** Mass is **Tuesday** and **Wednesday** at 8:00 a.m.

VBS — for Adults

We're thinking of trying something new and want to know if you're interested! This year, we're not leaving all the fun to the kids. VBS for adults will run from **July 12—16** for 2 hours per session. We will have a prayer, a short lesson and a brief session of faith sharing followed by an activity or craft. If you are interested please let us know by **Friday, June 11**. There is a sheet in the back of the church, or you can call the office.

Car Show

Last Saturday we sponsored a Car Show, and it was a tremendous success. I want to thank **Randy Marino** and the people who worked with him for the efforts they put forth. It was a beautiful day and everyone who came had a good time. I am grateful to everyone who participated, or just came to check things out. Along with a donation of \$600.00 from the First Catholic Ladies Association we took in about **\$2,600!**



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