

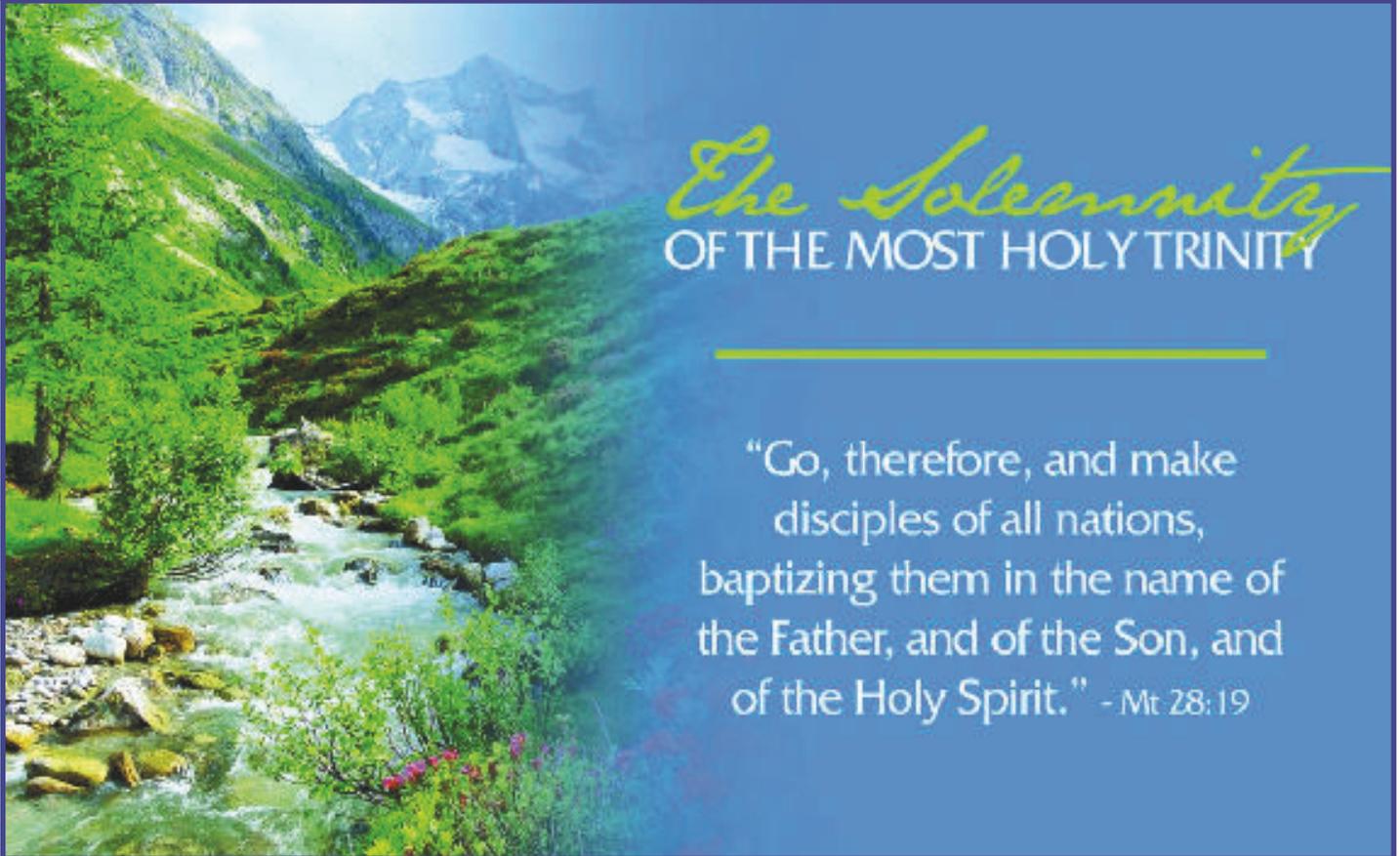
St Sebastian Catholic Church



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The Solemnity OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

“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 28:19

Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:30 PM	Tuesday, 8:00 AM
Sunday 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	Friday—8:00 AM

Saint Sebastian Regional Catholic School

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Religious Education/Formation

Please call the Faith Formation Office, 724-929-9300.

(RCIA) Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Anyone interested in becoming a Catholic, please call the Faith Formation Office.

Reconciliation

Confessions are on Tuesdays at Epiphany from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. You may also call at any time for an appointment for confession.

Rev. Michael J. Crookston Pastor
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**From the Pastor
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 Spirit's 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.

**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.DiocesefofGreensburg.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!

Stewardship of Treasure—May 23, 2021

Regular Offertory:	\$	5,866.00
Utilities & Maintenance:	\$	300.00
Votives:	\$	160.00
Cap. Project/Roof Fund:	\$	70.00
Catholic Accent:	\$	597.00
Sanctuary Flowers:	\$	10.00
Catholic Communication:	\$	34.00
Easter:	\$	80.00
Ascension:	\$	104.00
Total May 22/23		\$ 7,221.00

Fiscal Riddles

- Q. *Who was the greatest financier in the Bible?*
A. Noah. He was floating his stock while everyone else was in liquidation.
- Q. *Who was the greatest female financier in the Bible?*
A. Pharaoh's daughter. She went down to the bank of the Nile and drew out a little prophet.

Consider online giving, click the "my Eoffering" button on our parish website

Mass for Graduates



The Mass for the 2021 Graduating Class will be celebrated next **Sunday, June 6th at 11:00 a.m.** If you are graduating and would like to come to this mass, please **RSVP by this Tuesday, June 1st** at the parish or call Darleen at the Faith Formation Office (724-929-9300).

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.



St. Sebastian's Junque Sale is Back

We will be collecting Every Monday and Wednesday from 10-12 and 6-8 or by appointments, just follow the signs. This year we will not be accepting magazines, college books, encyclopedias, dictionaries, or clothing.

We are in desperate need of volunteers to collect, sort, price. Please contact Bonnie Halinka at 724-322-0355. Our Event will be held **July 29, 30, 31**.

SPAGHETTI DINNER



St. Sebastian Parish will hold a Spaghetti Dinner **NEXT Sunday, June 6 from 12-Noon until 4:00 p.m.** in the Parish Hall. Adults \$8.00 and Children \$5.00. **Help** is needed to prepare for the dinner on Saturday, **June 5** at 9:00 a.m. If you can help please call Terri Gardner at 724-929-8675.

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 at Epiphany of Our Lord Parish Hall. Another certificate that we will offer is the Mandated Reporter which will be on **July 19** also at 6:00 pm at Epiphany of Our Lord Parish Hall. If you have any questions about any of the clearances you will need, please give us a call and we will help you.

Altar Candle Ring Flowers

This week the Candle Ring Flowers are in memory of **Margaret George** by her family.

MEMORIAL DAY

The Parish Office will be closed tomorrow, Monday, May 31, in observance of Memorial Day. The office will reopen on Tuesday, June 1 at 9:00 a.m.

Liturgies of the Week

May 29—Vigil

4:30 pm (Date of Birth) Joe Kubitzka—Wife, Betty

May 30—Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

9:00 am Martha Kobaly—Friends, Evelyn & Norma

11:00 am Ted Bashada—Edward & Melanie Pearce

Monday, May 31—Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Memorial Day)

No Mass Today

Tuesday, June 1—St. Justin

8:00 am Communion Service

Wednesday, June 2—Ss. Marcellinus & Peter

No Mass Today

Thursday, June 3—St. Charles Lwanga & Companions

No Mass Today

Friday, June 4

8:00 am Communion Service

Saturday, June 5—Vigil

4:30 pm (Death Anniv) John J. Barnot—Daughter, Ravenna & Family

June 6—Solemnity of the Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

9:00 am Jim Clark—Family

11:00 am Fay Russo—Niece, Anna Marie & Sonny Trombley

Graduation Mass

Liturgical Ministers: Lectors Lit. Coordinator

Saturday, June 5 4:30 pm C. Gorski S. Wawro

Sunday, June 6 9:00 am M. Shaughnessy B. Moskovitz

11:00 am T. Sebetich C. Korber

Please Note: This week Fr. Mike will be away, since there will be no weekday Masses, we will have a Communion Service on Tuesday and Friday.

For Those Wishing to Attend a Morning Mass—Monday, Memorial Day, Mass will be at 8 am at St. Anne's; Tuesday & Wednesday, Mass at Holy Family, West Newton, at 8 am; Thursday Mass is at St. Anne's, 8 am. First Friday, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 7 til 8 am with Mass to follow.

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



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