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ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

30 MAY 2021  
THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

## FROM FR. PAUL

Dear Parish Family,

For over the 14 months we have been living with the pandemic. COVID has obviously disrupted our personal lives and had a great impact on our faith life and our worship. As things gradually open up I find that in some ways I can truly identify with hibernating bears. It is not an easy re-entry.

Throughout the pandemic we have followed the directives and mandates from the Archdiocese, State, County and Health officials. As more people are vaccinated and cases of COVID-19 are decreasing, we are now beginning to see a light at the end of the tunnel. In recent weeks, many directives have been changing or are in the process of changing. It has been difficult to keep up with all of them.

On May 19 Archbishop Vigneron issued a letter to the faithful detailing new COVID liturgical protocols. After carefully reviewing them, I have the following information to share with you:

- For the time being our Mass Schedule will remain the same (Sunday, 9am in Oak Park and 11am in Ferndale).
- Effective immediately people who have been fully vaccinated no longer will be required to wear masks at Mass. Of course, if you feel more comfortable continuing to wear a mask you may do so.
- Masks are still required for those who are not vaccinated and our Eucharistic Ministers.
- There will be a dedicated section of our worship locations where social distancing and face-coverings are consistently maintained. This section is for anyone, vaccinated or unvaccinated.
- Hand sanitizer stations will still be in our worship locations and you are encouraged to use them.

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**Rev. Paul F. Chateau, Pastor**  
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Parish Website

[www.omoph.org](http://www.omoph.org)

**Mass Schedule**

**Sunday 9:00 am in Oak Park  
and 11:00 am in Ferndale**

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**for COVID 19 Guidelines**

**Sacraments:**

**Baptism, Anointing of the Sick, and  
Reconciliation**

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**Marriage—Must be active and registered  
members of the parish (for at least 6 months  
prior to scheduling)**

call the parish office at 248.545.2310.

**First Communion and Confirmation**

Please contact Natalie LaCroix, DRE at  
248.374.9045



**Saturday, May 29, 2021**

**Vigil of the Most Holy Trinity**

Rev. Arthur A. Lowry (1988)

**Sunday, May 30, 2021**

**The Most Holy Trinity**

**9 am – Oak Park**

Rhoda Hurley by Cornelius Henderson

Msgr. William J. Sherzer (2007)

**11 am – Ferndale**

Michael and Sara Rayis Family by Muneer Rayis

Rev. Thomas P. Kirwan (2011)

**Monday, May 31, 2021**

Rev. Thomas E. Fraser (1997)

**Tuesday, June 1, 2021**

Rev. Clement J. Esper (1992)

**Wednesday, June 2, 2021**

Msgr. John C. Vismara (1952)

**Thursday, June 3, 2021**

Rev. Victor M. Kolasa (1964)

**Friday, June 4, 2021**

Rev. Raymond N. Ellis (1971)

**Saturday, June 5, 2021**

**Vigil of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**

Rev. Harold J. Kruecher (1985)

**Sunday, June 6, 2021**

**The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**

**9 am – Oak Park**

Rhoda Hurley by Cornelius Henderson

Msgr. Edward C. Burkhardt (1992)

Bill and Pat Chmielewski by Carol Fliger

Maria Ann Palazzolo

**11 am – Ferndale**

Michael and Sara Rayis Family by Muneer Rayis

Mr. and Mrs. Albert J. Seiler

by daughter Maureen and husband Robert

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT OUR PRAYER LISTS

The Church calls us to lift our brothers and sisters up in prayer when they are sick or struggling. The Parish continues to receive word about our parishioners who are ill, and we also receive requests about their well-being by others and ask why their names are not published. Since some of the members of our parish request that their names not be published when they are ill it becomes difficult. We strive to respect everyone's privacy along with trying to provide prayer support to all. We hope to list the members of our parish who are currently in need of our prayers, a visit, a note, or a phone call. To add a name to the listing, please contact the person first to make certain they want such information published and then contact the parish office at 248.545.2310. If you wish prayer during a time of illness or difficulty for yourself or for a family member, please contact the office by e-mail at omophparish@gamil.com or by phone at 248.545.2310. Names will be kept on the list for 4 weeks. Contact the parish office, at 248.545.2310, if you wish a name to remain on the prayer list for an additional four weeks.

## Prayer REQUESTS

**Pray for Our Sick, Their Families and Caregivers,  
and the Special Intentions of Our Parishioners**

David Doig, Andy Doig, Chuck Yodhes, Susanne Smith

**Pray for Our Men and Women Serving in the Military**

1st Lt Jacob Ashmore-USAF, Cpt Jonathon Ashmore-USMC, Sgt Cory Berry-US Army, LtCOL Thomas Goedert-USMC, Matthew Pelletier-USAF, Sgt Douglas Raven-US Army, COL David Rogers-US Army, COL Thomas Rogers-US Army, PFC Edy Silveira de Souza-USMC, Staff Sgt. John W. Tomassi-USAF, AB Ashley N. Vozel-USAF, SSG Noah Reiter-US Army, HM2 Maura Curtin--Navy, CPT Matthew Carey-USAF, HN Autumn-Kyoko Cushman--US Navy

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**AND SERVICE TO OTHERS**

**OUR MISSION**—*Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish is a welcoming and nurturing Catholic community building up the Body of Christ through prayer and service.*

**OUR VISION**—*Our vision is to be an extraordinary spiritual gathering place where people of all backgrounds and ages are welcome to question and learn, pray, worship, and serve. In community through prayer and worship, we hope to continue to grow together in our understanding and appreciation of God's love. We strive to change and improve our lives and the lives of others.*

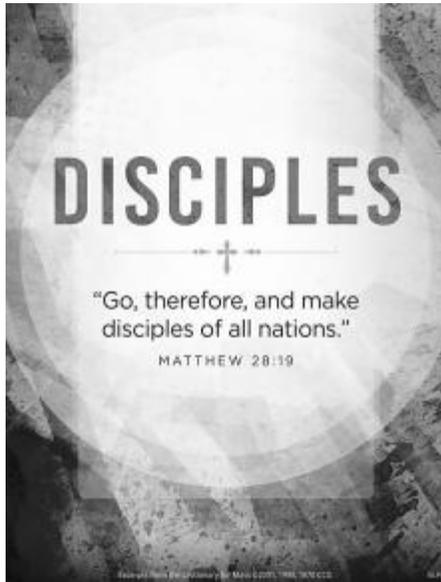
***How do you live out  
our mission and vision?***

## FAITH FORMATION PERSPECTIVES

BY LEONARD PIASTA, FFC CHAIR

### MOST HOLY TRINITY

MT 28:16-20



The eleven disciples go to Galilee to the mountain where Jesus summons them. Those disciples who had doubts of Jesus' resurrection and see the risen Jesus, fell down in homage. Then Jesus addresses them to go forth and make disciples of all nations. These disciples are to baptize all in the name 'of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.' The disciples are to teach all what Jesus commanded them. And Jesus tells his disciples he will always be with them until the end of the world.

The sign of the cross, the words of baptism, the Profession of Faith/ Creed, and the prayers we offered are all done in the name of the

Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. We speak of the Father as the creator of all things, His only-begotten Son, Jesus, the savior, and the Holy Spirit, the one who sanctifies and makes all things holy. We speak of one God and three divine persons, the Most Holy Trinity.

"The Trinity is a mystery of faith in the strict sense, one of the "mysteries that are hidden in God, which can never be known unless they are revealed by God (Dei Filius, 4)." To be sure, God has left traces of his trinitarian being in his works of creation and in his revelation throughout the Old Testament. But his inmost being as holy trinity is a mystery that is inaccessible to reason alone or even to Israel's faith before the Incarnation of God's Son and the sending of the Holy Spirit." Catechism of the Catholic Church #237

St. Cyril of Jerusalem (c.313 - 386) in his catechetical lectures taught, "The Father through the Son with the Holy Spirit gives every gift. The gifts of the Father are not this, and those of the Son that, and of the Holy Spirit the other. For there is one salvation, one power, and one faith. There is one God, the Father; one Lord, His only-begotten Son; and one Holy Spirit, the advocate; and it is enough for us to know these things."

St. Cyril of Alexandria (c.376 - 444) in his Dialogues tells us, "For we were baptized in Father and Son and Holy Spirit, and in no way at all did we profess a faith in three gods, but in one God-head, worshipped in the Trinity. How, then, can you balk and try to submit to human reflection the things that are above mind and reason, and which, I do suppose, ought without curiosity and by faith alone, be held in reverence?"

"O wonderful mystery! The Father of all things is one; the Word of all things is one; the Holy Spirit is one and the same everywhere." St. Clement of Alexandria (c.150 - C.215)

Think of the shamrock; one God, three divine persons; so profound a mystery yet so simple.

## CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL (CSA)

FROM FR. PAUL

Dear Friends in Christ,

By way of this letter, I am asking for your support in this year's Catholic Services Appeal (CSA). Through its many ministries and programs, our parish and many people in southeast Michigan experience the hope and peace the Lord Jesus has to Give?

You are, through your gift to the CSA touching the lives of hundreds of thousands of people throughout the Archdiocese of Detroit and beyond. There are more than 170 ministries, programs, and services that bring true hope and true light to individuals and families every day.

The list of engagement, outreach, and service of the CSA is an extensive one and includes support for Vocations, Youth Ministries, Hispanic Ministries, Christian Services, Catholic Schools, Black Catholic Ministries and Communications to name a few, but it all comes down to building relationships in Jesus' name. And, this engagement is made possible thanks to you and your gifts to support these efforts.

During the pandemic, I have heard many people say, "we are in this together." For Catholics, this rings true in a very particular way. We are called by Christ to be his arms and feet. We have been sent to support and to love those around us.

Thank you in advance for considering a gift to the Catholic Services Appeal. You are helping to bring Christ to others, and for that I am grateful.

You can make a gift of a pledge to this year's Catholic Services Appeal by visiting [www.givecsa.org](http://www.givecsa.org), or by mail. Thank you, for the generosity you have extended. **[Checks should be made payable to AOD-CSA. If you have questions please call Vicki Mazurek at 248.545.2310].** Thank you for the generosity you have extended.

This year our CSA goal is \$37,746. As in other years, our parish will receive 100% of all donations after we have reached our CSA goal so your gift will also directly benefit our parish.

Please be assured of my prayers and my gratitude. Thank you, and may God continue to bless you and all those you love.

**Fr. Paul**

*From Fr. Paul Continued from front page...*

- We will resume the Sign of Peace with the normal wording, “Let us offer each other the sign of peace,” allowing you and your family to make your own determinations about how widely to share some sign of peace. Please understand that some parishioners may not feel as comfortable sharing a sign of peace as you
- do and be respectful of their sensitivities.
- At times we may keep windows and/or doors open to ventilate our worship locations.
- On Sunday, June 6 we welcome Michael Chateau, our Director of Music, and our musicians back to church to lead us in song. Hymnals will be available. Please remember to return the hymnals to the carts when you depart mass.

Gradually and hopefully, we are moving forward to a return to normal.

The past few weeks have been busy for me related to our parish being part of Wave 1 of Family of Parishes. On May 19 and 20 I attended a retreat for pastors who are in the first wave of establishing Family of Parishes. I was happy to spend the time with the pastors of our Family: Fr. Jeff from Church of the Transfiguration in Southfield, Fr. Patrick from Our Lady of La Salette in Berkley, and Fr. Giteras from Diving Providence Lithuanian in Southfield. We have all received our clergy assignments, effective July 1, 2021, from the Archbishop which indicate that no one priest is pastor of any single parish in our Family of Parishes. Rather, we will all be pastors of all the parishes within our Family.

In addition to the retreat experience, we meet regularly as a group to work on some initial items as we move forward as a Family of Parishes. We are discerning a name for our Family of Parishes. Dedicated meetings to establish a Covenant – an agreement as to how we will work together – have been scheduled. We are looking at the new Family of Parishes organizational structure and its implications. For example, the Family will have a Family of Parishes Pastoral Council which will replace the individual parishes pastoral councils. There will also be support for Discipleship Formation, Engagement, Evangelical Charity, Family Ministries, Worship and Mission Support.

Obviously, this change from one individual parish to a Family of Parishes and all that it entails will have a real impact on all of us – the pastors, staff, volunteers, and parishioners. We are blessed that we have a wonderful and gifted Moderator of our Family, in the person of Fr. Jeff Scheeler, OFM, who along with the Holy Spirit will guide us as we move forward in this process.

Working together in faith and unity will help us all as we transition to Family of Parishes. Three gatherings for the parishioners of all the parishes in our Family have been scheduled. There will be one in June, July, and August, to help all of us as we begin this transition. Please see the article related to these gatherings on page 5 of this bulletin or visit our Family of Parishes page on our website. Please make sure you mark your calendars and register for these gatherings.

CSA 2021 is now underway. Our goal this year is \$37,746. For more details about CSA and how to donate there is an article on page 3 of this bulletin or you may visit the CSA 2021 page on our website.

I will keep you updated to any future changes to our Worship COVID protocols as well as the Family of Parishes process.

Please know that all of you remain in my thoughts and prayers.

Blessings,

***Fr. Paul***

**SUPPORT OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP**

A BIG THANK YOU to all of those who have continued to support our parish. **Offertory is down and the COVID-19 pandemic continues to have a direct impact on our ability to pay our monthly bills.** Contributions may be mailed to the parish office at 13500 Oak Park Blvd., Oak Park, MI 48237. You may also securely and safely donate online via our website or from the parish mobile app. Call Chuck White, Finance Council Chair, at 734.635.2598, if you have any questions about online giving.

**OFFERTORY FOR FY 2020-2021:**

	<b>May TD</b>	<b>YTD</b>
Offertory Amount	\$10,466	\$181,331
Over/(Under) Prior Year	\$1,923	<b>(\$36,115)</b>
Over/(Under) Budget	<b>(\$4,829)</b>	<b>(\$48,669)</b>

Week of 05-16-2021 Offertory total: \$2,812.00  
 On-line giving totaled \$2,600.00 and drop off, mailed in, and dropped in offertory basket, envelopes totaled \$7,866.00 for a grand total for 3 weeks of May deposits totaled \$10,466.00.

**THE 2020 CSA GOAL FOR THE PARISH IS \$33,695.00**

AS OF 05-17-2021: 178 PLEDGES RECEIVED  
 174 FULLY PAID  
 TOTAL PLEDGED: \$100,220.00  
 TOTAL PAID: \$107,283.36  
 REFUND DUE PARISH: \$2,571.67;  
 refunds issued: \$71,016.69

**THE 2021 CSA GOAL FOR THE PARISH IS \$37,746.00**

AS OF 05-17-2021: 14 PLEDGES RECEIVED  
 11 FULLY PAID  
 TOTAL PLEDGED: \$2,515.00  
 TOTAL PAID: \$2,255.00  
 REFUND DUE PARISH: NONE; refunds issued: NONE.

**STRANGERS NO LONGER**

**OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP AND CHRIST  
 OUR LIGHT CIRCLES OF SUPPORT INVITE YOU TO  
 JOIN US FOR:**

*Women Living the Immigrant Experience Today Tell  
 Their Stories—Monday, June 14th, 7:00 p.m. on Zoom*

The Circles of Support at Our Mother of Perpetual Help and Christ Our Light have had the opportunity to support and get to know some immigrant families in southeastern Michigan. Why do these immigrant families decide to make such a dangerous journey? What do they experience in their travels? What do they hope for from the U.S.?

Some of the members of the SNL immigrant women Circles of Support have made the difficult and courageous decision to reach out to our parishes and share their lived experiences. Their stories are real and heartbreaking but they want to share them with us to help Americans understand how U.S. immigration policy affects real people.

*"To hear and understand their stories is like planting the seeds for new relationships between immigrants and the American people. This is a chance to build bridges to work together for a significant change for immigrants." Sr. Martha de la Torre*

**To register, email [rkfaba@aol.com](mailto:rkfaba@aol.com)**

**FAMILY OF PARISHES GATHERINGS  
 YOU ARE INVITED TO MEET YOUR NEW  
 FAMILY!**

**REGISTER TODAY**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

You are invited to attend a series of Family Gatherings, involving members of Transfiguration, Divine Providence Lithuanians, Our Lady of La Salette, and Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parishes. These gatherings are an opportunity to learn more about our transition to Families of Parishes.

Each one of us is called to go and make disciples, to share the Good News. That's what's behind our move to Families of Parishes. We want each one of our Families to be places where people can encounter Jesus anew, grow in faith as disciples, and be equipped to be his witnesses.

**THE FIRST GATHERING  
 ENCOUNTERING JESUS**

**THROUGH NEW RELATIONSHIPS**

**TUESDAY, JULY 13, 2021, 7-9 PM**

**OUR LADY OF LA SALETTE PARISH**

This gathering is an opportunity for parishioners from all parishes in the Family to get to know one another and to encounter Jesus through new relationships as brothers and sisters.

**THE SECOND GATHERING**

**GROWING TOGETHER IN FAITH AS A FAMILY**

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2021, 7-9 PM**

**DIVINE PROVIDENCE LITHUANIAN**

This gathering will aim to deepen those new, faith-founded relationships and begin to grow together as disciples.

**THE THIRD FAMILY GATHERING,**

**WITNESSING WITH SUPPORT**

**AND ENCOURAGEMENT**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2021, 7-9 PM**

**OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH**

This gathering will encourage Family members to celebrate together as a Family, receiving the grace that comes with confidently bearing witness to the Gospel.

All Parishes are invited to participate. There must be no bystanders in our mission! We also hope you will encourage your fellow parishioners to sign up.

We are announcing them now so you can put them on your calendar. More information is will follow.

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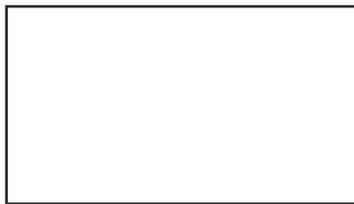
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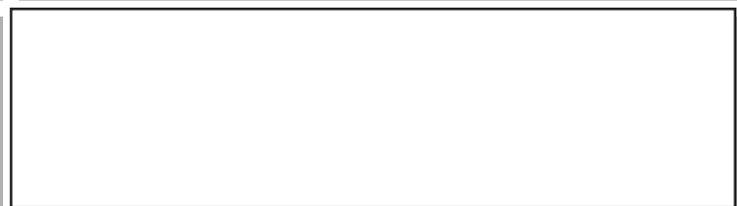
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