

We are a welcoming Roman Catholic Parish that cherishes the Polish heritage of our founders and celebrates the diversity of all who enter, thus striving to give glory to God through worship and service to the community.

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Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity – June 7, 2020

THE ISLAND OF KNOWLEDGE

I hope Marcelo Gleiser would not mind my entitling my reflection on the Holy Trinity with the title from his recent book, **The Island of Knowledge.** Now his book is not about God but about the limits of science and the search for meaning. Marcelo is a physicist but has some

profound reflections that are in words the nonscientist can understand. He reminds people "that the appropriate reaction to scientific and technological progress is not arrogance but humility in the face of what remains to be known, and perhaps above all, what may always remain unknowable." This even applies to the theological knowledge of the Holy Trinity! Although it gives us insight

into God -- Father, Son and Holy Spirit -- one divine being and yet persons whose love is very real and of whom one became human to save us, we should make no mistake that it takes us to the shore of human understanding to perceive the vast sea of the mysterious design of God and his will for us. Many of our greatest theologians have said that we can more readily say what God <u>is not</u> rather than what God <u>is.</u> God is not human, he is not animal, he is not vegetable -- He is God. Yes He is divine but divine is not human. While our belief in the Holy Trinity gives us real knowledge of God, His very being and presence are still

> shrouded in a mystery that causes children and even adults to ask questions: "How could He not have a beginning, everything has a beginning? How could He be forever? What does God do all day?" We are humans and we think this way....

> We do not think as God thinks, do we? The bible says "His ways are not your ways and your ways are not His!" All human beings

need to be more humble. Whatever form of knowledge we think is most important (scientific, medical, technological, theological) only lets us in on part of the mystery of the universe and the God who created it. We should be happy with our Island for it is all we have!

-- Fr. Hilinski

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; to God who is, who was and who is to come.

*********************** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia *********************



LITURGY SCHEDULE / ROZKLAD MSZY SW.

Saturday, Sobota, June 6

4:30 p.m.	† Anne & † Frank De Tardo
	int. John & Angela Malinowski

Sunday, Niedziela, June 7

9:00 a.m. † Mary Giangiacomo *int. Family* 11:00 a.m. † Ks. Stanislaw Pietrzycki & † Ks. Jozef Pietrzycki *int. Family*

Monday, Poniedziałek, June 8

- 7:30 a.m. Health & Blessings for Maria Kusmierczyk int. Family
- Tuesday, Wtorek, June 9 7:30 a.m. † Alice Chevaux int. Jeannie & Marek Pietrzycki

Wednesday, Środa, June 10

7:30 a.m. † Edward & Florence Koval int. Tim Lucek

Thursday, Czwartek, June 11

7:30 a.m. Health & Blessings for Coronavirus Victims Int. Loretta Budzinski

Friday, Piątek, June 12 5:00 p.m. † Don Friedl *int. Parish Guild*

Saturday, Sobota, June 13 4:30 p.m. † Anthony Giangiacomo int. Family

Sunday, Niedziela, June 14

9:00 a.m. Health, Blessings &Thanksgiving for Members of the Parish Guild int. Guild
11:00 a.m. † Frank & † Jozefa Marszalek, † Fr. Marian Marszalek & † Christine Bellar *int. Family*

ALL MASSES are in English except the 11:00 Sunday Mass which is in Polish. CONFESSIONS are heard in English every Saturday before the Vigil Mass, from 3:45 to 4:15 p.m. and in Polish every Sunday before the 11:00 a.m. Polish Mass.

HOLY CROSS CEMETERY Pre-Planning Seminar

The Catholic Cemeteries Association invites you to attend a 1hour pre-planning seminar on Saturday, June 27, 2020, at 1 p.m. Come learn about your Catholic burial options, including options for cremated remains. We kindly ask that you RSVP to this event, so we can make arrangements for proper social distancing. Attendees are encouraged to wear a face covering, but are not required. Holy Cross Cemetery, 14609 Brookpark Rd., Brook Park. RSVP 216/641-7575 ext. 3

The generosity of our Parishioners & Friends has brought St. Barbara Church the following:

Collection for May 30 - \$3,387 (78 envelopes) Maintenance Fund - \$2,231 (45 envelopes)

Thank you! Dziękuję bardzo!

Prayer List

Please pray for our parishioners who are ill and all who are in need of our prayers:

Jim Adams, Phillip Adams, Renette Armstrong, Ed Barker, Stan Bellar, William Boutell, MaryAnn Boyer, Alan Bradny, Iola Natal, Loretta Budzinski, Sarah Burket, Shannon Burke, Phyllis Cielec, Donna Cuevas, Jean Fabian, Mary Jean Farren, Dorothy Friedl, Marcy Hill, Judith Gruntkowski, Joan Kalemba, Paul Karbowski, Richard Konarski, Chris Krovich, Maria Kusmierczyk, Christopher Lenik, Rosemary Maier, Ed Montgomery, Dorothy Noga, Kathleen Patton, Marek Pietrzycki, Martha Plonski, Martha Vana, Mike Prock, Marc Rudolph, Ann Sagar, Robert Orahoske, Lindsey Sieniawski, Brandon Hrelja, Włodzimierz Wrobel, Sandy Kalemba Worden, Ray Yoder, Tom Zakarowsky

BLESSINGS FOR OUR PASTOR

This week Fr. Hilinski will mark the 46th Anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood which took place on June 8, 1974.



May the Lord's holy presence fill your heart with joy and may his peace and grace be with you. Blessings on your Ordination Anniversary, Fr. Joe!

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Trinity Sunday

The first four Sundays after Pentecost are celebrated as devotional feasts of our Lord, officially called Solemnities of the Lord. The first of these is Trinity Sunday. There was a need to emphasize the doctrine of the Trinity when in the 4th and 5th centuries a heresy swept through the church denying that Jesus was equal to God. Before the year 1000 a special feast devoted to the Trinity was celebrated on the Sunday following Pentecost. It was formalized in the universal church by Pope John XXII in 1334.



There are several symbols for the Trinity. Since the 6th century, an older man, a younger man and a dove were used to represent the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.





Another symbol of the Trinity is a triangle surrounded by light rays with an eye inside. A version of this symbol is on the Great Seal of the United States and it appears on a one dollar bill. And St. Patrick used the shamrock to symbolize the Trinity. *--From Catholic Customs & Traditions by Greg Dues*

CORPUS CHRISTI, Next Sunday

Due to restrictions during the Coronavirus situation there will be **no Corpus Christi procession** next weekend.