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Saturday: 3:30–4:00 or anytime by appointment. Reconciliation Room is off the daily Mass chapel.

Please call the rectory office to

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schedule baptism.
Baptisms may be scheduled during any of the masses.
If you would prefer a baptism outside of mass, they may be scheduled on the second Sunday of each month after the 11am mass, or the third Saturday of each month after the 4:30pm mass.
Parents must attend a one time baptismal preparation class which is offered on the first Friday

of each month. Godparents must present a letter of recommendation.

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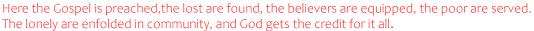
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Monday, June 8~Weekday 7:30am~Nicholas & Flora Nogaro (Family)

Tuesday, June 9~Weekday

9:00am~Theresa Martordna (George & Penny Panepinto)

Wednesday, June 10~Weekday

7:30am~Eric Hamm Johnson

Thursday, June 11~St. Barnabas, Apostle

9:00am~Mike & Nancy Pala (Mike & Mary Fifolt

Friday, June 12~Weekday

7:30am~ Rev. Lynn Shumway (Msgr. Richard Cahill)

9:00am~Werner Stang (George & Penny Panepinto)

Saturday, June 13~Weekday

9:00am~Jeanne Anstett (Mr. & Mrs. William Petrilla)

4:30pm~Denis Dzielski (Family)

Sunday, June 14~The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

7:30am~John & Beatrice Hillock (Daughter, Linda)

9:00am~Clara Petrilli (Cooney & Kovacs Family)

11:00am~Edward Lewis (Ann Gredel)

Daily Masses (7:30am & 9:00am) will resume June 1st in the Main Church. See article in bulletin for information regarding weekend parking-lot Masses.



Do you know someone battling cancer? St. Peregrine is the patron Saint for cancer patients. See Fr. Ray or stop by the Parish Office for a St. Peregrine blessed metal!

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

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#### SCR IPTURE REFLEC

A well-choreographed dance can be truly inspirational. Each movement and step are interconnected, each contributing a piece of the unfolding artistic story. The beholder is caught up in the rhythms, music, and gestures, realizing that none are dispensable and all are necessary. The same is true of the Divine Dance of the Trinity. Each Person plays a part, using unique gestures and movements that are connected to the other Divine Partners. They tell a story of love. Every movement and step is born of love and flows on into eternity. The Divine Dance never ends.

God the Creator powerfully, yet with gentle love, leads. Creating and recreating, birthing and sustaining, He dances with the compassionate incarnate Son, guided by the breath of the Holy Spirit. They are three distinct Persons but move as One. On one hand, the cascading flow of their Presence appears motionless, yet on the other, flows and moves with effortless attention. They share one heart, one goal, and one purpose and invite all of creation to join in their dance, their joy.

The energy of the Trinity flows through all created things. It is a dance of the heart, not of the mind. It has to be experienced, not dissected, and contemplated, not understood. We stand in awe of the Divine Dance and find ourselves watching in amazement all that God creates and sustains. The dance continues in the majesty of a mountain, the power and wonder of an ocean, and the vastness of the universe. It moves in the cry of a newborn infant and in the soul of one who has been forgiven. It flows in the cry for justice and in the wounds of the oppressed. It circles through the changing of seasons, the cycles of birth and death, and the wisdom that one acquires when they love God.

The Dance never ends. Its movements and rhythms go on forever. The Trinitarian Dance sustains all things, endures all things, and brings hope. You are invited to dance. Don't just watch as if you were simply a spectator. Join in the dance and move as they move.

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 7

Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18

Monday: 1 Kgs 17:1-6/Ps 121:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [cf. 2]/Mt 5:1-12

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 17:7-16/Ps 4:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7a]/Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 18:20-39/Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab and 8, 11 [1b]/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13 [2a]/Mt 5:20-26

Friday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14 [8b]/Mt 5:27-32 Saturday: 1 Kgs 19:19-21/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/Mt 5:33-37

Next Sunday: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12]/1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58



# EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

#### Ready for His Return

Where is that guy with the rainbow wig holding a "John 3:16" sign in the end zone at NFL football games? Younger readers may not have any idea what I am talking about! You used to see this guy on TV all the time wearing "Jesus Saves" shirts and holding his sign. Most thought he was a harmless guy, but now he is serving multiple life sentences for taking hostages at a hotel near LAX in 1992. His name is Rollen Stewart and he believed — and continues to believe while in prison — that Jesus' second coming is imminent. His extreme actions were meant to make people take notice and listen to him. Now he sits behind bars, and most in the world see his name as nothing more than an answer to a trivia question.

It is a sad story when people hurt others or use extreme methods in the name of God. Mr. Stewart's belief that simply getting people to listen to his message is the most important step in their salvation is misguided. His poor stewardship should stand in stark contrast to our good stewardship. Our actions, seasoned at times with our words, should be the evidence people need to see the transformative power of Jesus Christ. We do believe that he is indeed coming again. But once you have committed yourself to him and live in his life on earth, when he returns is not our main concern. We are ready whenever that time comes, and hopefully, we can help others be ready as well by our example.

– Tracy Earl Welliver



#### **VOCATION VIEW**

#### Holy Trinity Sunday

Glory to the Father and to the Son an to the Holy Sprirt. Listen to what Jesus says: "The Holy Spirit of Truth will come to you." What is the 'truth' of your life? How can you best serve God? If God is calling you to a church vocation, call Fr. Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535. You can also check out "Priest of the Month" stories on our website-www.buffalovocations.org

# SAINT'S CORNER Saint Barnabas (June 11)

Barnabas, a Jew of Cyprus, comes as close as anyone outside the Twelve to being a full-fledged apostle. He was closely associated



with Saint Paul—he introduced Paul to Peter and the other apostles—and served as a kind of mediator between the former persecutor and the still suspicious Jewish Christians.

When a Christian community developed at Antioch, Barnabas was sent as the official representative of the church of Jerusalem to incorporate them into the fold. He and Paul instructed in Antioch for a year, after which they took relief contributions to Jerusalem.

Later Paul and Barnabas, now clearly seen as charismatic leaders, were sent by Antioch offi-

cials to preach to the gentiles. Enormous success crowned their efforts. After a miracle at Lystra, the people wanted to offer sacrifice to them as gods—Barnabas being Zeus, and Paul, Hermes—but the two said, "We are of the same nature as you, human beings. We proclaim to you good news that you should turn from these idols to the living God" (see Acts 14:8-18). But all was not peaceful. They were expelled from one town, they

But all was not peaceful. They were expelled from one town, they had to go to Jerusalem to clear up the ever-recurring controversy about circumcision, and even the best of friends can have differences. When Paul wanted to revisit the places they had evangelized, Barnabas wanted to take along his cousin John Mark, author of the Gospel, but Paul insisted that since Mark had deserted them once, he was not fit to take along now. The disagreement that followed was so sharp that Barnabas and Paul separated: Barnabas taking Mark to Cyprus, Paul taking Silas to Syria. Later they were reconciled—Paul, Barnabas and Mark.

When Paul stood up to Peter for not eating with gentiles for fear of his Jewish friends, we learn that "even Barnabas was carried away by their hypocrisy" (see Galatians 2:1-13)

#### THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

The third pillar of the Catechism of the Catholic Church is dedicated to "Life in Christ," and more than half the pages on that pillar focus on the Ten Commandments. We do not have much appetite for commandments in our modern world, because they feel like impositions and limits to the commonplace notion of freedom. But in Christ, these commandments guide us to true freedom, which is the freedom to love God and love our neighbor.

Here's what the Catechism says about the Ten
Commandments in relation to who we are created to be: "The
precepts of the Decalogue lay the foundations for the
vocation of man fashioned in the image of God; they
prohibit what is contrary to the love of God and neighbor and
prescribe what is essential to it. The Decalogue is a light
offered to the conscience of every man to make God's call
and ways known to him and to protect him against
evil" (No.1962).

In other words: we were created in and for this order by God who created this good world. To live by the Lord's commandments is to grow in being really human, together. The commandments help restore us to what we should be and how we should live.

St. Augustine expresses this beautifully when he says about the commandments that "God wrote on the tablets of the Law what men did not read in their hearts."

What God commands will be complete when our very hearts our rewritten so we don't have to look outside ourselves for this way of life, because it will simply be our way of life.

#### Do you remember all ten commandments?

I

I AM THE LORD YOUR GOD: YOU SHALL NOT HAVE STRANGE GODS BEFORE ME.

II

YOU SHALL NOT TAKE THE NAME OF THE LORD YOUR GOD IN VAIN.

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REMEMBER TO KEEP HOLY THE LORD'S DAY.

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HONOR YOUR FATHER AND YOUR MOTHER.

V

YOU SHALL NOT KILL.

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YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY.

VII

YOU SHALL NOT STEAL.

VIII

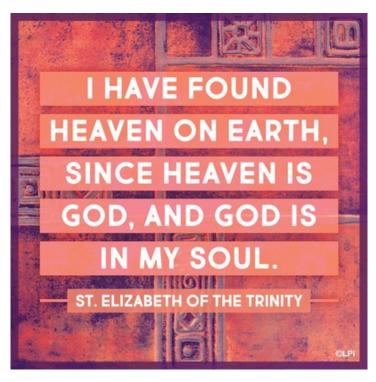
YOU SHALL NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS AGAINST YOUR NEIGHBOR.

IX

YOU SHALL NOT COVET YOUR NEIGHBOR'S WIFE.

X

YOU SHALL NOT COVET YOUR NEIGHBOR'S GOODS.



## EXCERPT'S FROM SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

Thus the LORD passed before him and cried out: "The LORD, the LORD, a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity." (Ex 34:6)

Psalm:

Glory and praise for ever! (Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 (52b)

Second Reading:

Mend your ways,

encourage one another,

agree with one another, live in peace,

and the God of love and peace will be with you. (2 Cor 13:11b)

Gospel:

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. (Jn 3:16)

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### School News

Students in grades 6, 7, and 8 participated in the Dress Like A Book Character Challenge for their ELA class. A variety of different characters, both real and fictional, were represented. Some of the books and characters that were portrayed are Diary of Anne Frank, The Outsiders, Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief, Alice in Wonderland, and Dr. Seuss. Students enjoyed sharing their characters on Zoom and through pictures!

The St. Stephen's Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society participated in an Acts of Kindness Service Project. The goal of the project was to show kindness to others in your family and community. Becca Sander, Jaylee Maddalena, Luke Noe, and Mara Wild spread joy and positivity by drawing hopeful chalk messages on the sidewalks in their neighborhood. Calli LeBarge painted inspiring messages on rocks and delivered them to Elderwood nursing home, along with Maria Pawelczyk who delivered masks for residents and workers. Bethany Mandaville created beautiful clay roses and delivered them with messages of hope to people in her family and neighborhood. Marissa Mrkall wrote notes of gratitude for Tocal police and firefighters and delivered them herself. Chase Pyc wrote an encouraging letter to Elderwood nursing home residents, Roman Franckowiak wrote a letter of appreciation to his grandfather, and Blake Pyc cooked dinner for his grandparents. Thank you, mem-bers, for your dedication to NJHS this year! We wish you all the best in high school and beyond!

## Respect Life News

Questions? Call Mark or Kathy – 773-5726 (Our meetings are suspended until our church is again)

During this incredibly important election year, please consider the following excerpt from an article entitled, "How Can Christians Build a Culture of Religious Freedom?" by Archbishop Charles J. Chaput:

"The right to pursue happiness which is so central to the American experience, does not include a right to excuse or ignore evil. When we divorce our politics from a grounding in virtue and truth, we transform our country from a living moral organism into a kind of legal machinery without a soul.

We ultimately get the nation we deserve, either through our diligence or our indifference. This is why every one of our elections matters. Voting is a moral exercise. We have a duty – not just a right, but a duty – to elect the best possible public leaders, and then hold them accountable to create good policies and appoint good judges."





#### Holy Name News

**Meeting** - The last prescheduled meeting of the 2019-20 activity year is on Sunday, June 14, in the Community Room after the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

**Membership** - Both new memberships and renewals are accepted throughout the calendar year. Just forward your name, address, phone number, e-mail address, and \$10 dues, in an envelope marked 'Holy Name Society', through the Rectory office.



St. Stephen School will be selling Chiavetta's chicken BBQ on Saturday June 13th (Pick-Up only).

Dinners are \$10 each

St. Stephen's greenhouse grown plants will also be available for only \$2 each!



Looking for a baby grand piano to be donated for our church. Please call Fr. Ray for details.

# ST. STEPHEN PARKING-LOT MASSES

Beginning June 6th.....Saturday @ 4:30am Sunday @ 9:00am

Please stay in your car - starting 6/13 the mass will be broadcasted on FM in your car. The church building is closed - bathrooms are for emergency only.

Communion will be distributed in your cars after mass ends. Please be patient as you are waiting in line for communion. Remember, we are Christians! First stop is for collection - second for communion, before you exit the parking lot. Parking lot attendants will direct you. - please observe the traffic flow!

Your hand must be extended out the window to receive communion. Communion must be consumed immediately. No reception on tongue/mouth.

### THEN & Now



### A Prayer for Peace by Pope John Paul II

O God, Creator of the universe, who extends your paternal concern over every creature and guides the events of history to the goal of salvation, we acknowledge your fatherly love when you break the resistance of mankind and, in a world torn by strife and discord, you make us ready for reconciliation. Renew for us the wonders of your mercy; send forth your Spirit that he may work in the intimacy of hearts, that enemies may begin to dialogue, that adversaries may shake hands and peoples may encounter one another in harmony. May all commit themselves to the sincere search for true peace which will extinguish all arguments, for charity which overcomes hatred, for pardon which disarms revenge.

Question:

I accept on faith that God is a Trinity of Persons, and I know it's something we can't fully understand. Should I just accept that, or should I try to learn more?

#### Answer:

There's a legend from the life of St. Augustine. As the early Church grappled with the identity of Christ and his relation to the other Persons in the Trinity, the holy theologian wrote a book about the Trinity. The story goes that, while he worked on the piece, he took a break to walk along the seashore. He came upon a small boy who had dug a hole in the sand. He was carrying a bucket, which he'd fill up with seawater and pour into the hole. Back and forth he walked. St. Augustine gently chided the young boy, "You can't pour the whole ocean into that hole." The boy responded, "And you cannot fit the whole Trinity into your mind."

The Trinity is a mystery! Our finite mind can't comprehend the infinite God. Of course, the lesson isn't about giving up trying to understand God. St. Augustine did write that treatise, after all. The hunger to know more about God is good. We can read books about the Trinity or about the fatherly love of God, the life of Christ, and the movement of the Holy Spirit in our lives. More than that, we can deepen our life of prayer. The heart of our Trinitarian teaching is "God is love." The Three Persons are an infinite relation of love between one another. Real understanding of that comes less through our heads but through our hearts.

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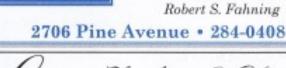
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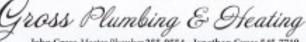
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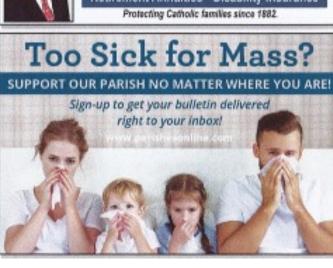
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