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September 27, 2020

*The Twenty-sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

MASS SCHEDULE

Mon – Fri	8:15am
Wednesday	2:15pm (school Mass)
Saturday	5:30pm
Sunday	8:00, 9:30, 11:15am
Holy Days	8:15am, 7:00pm

RECONCILIATION

Friday	8:45-9:30am
Saturday	4:00-5:00pm

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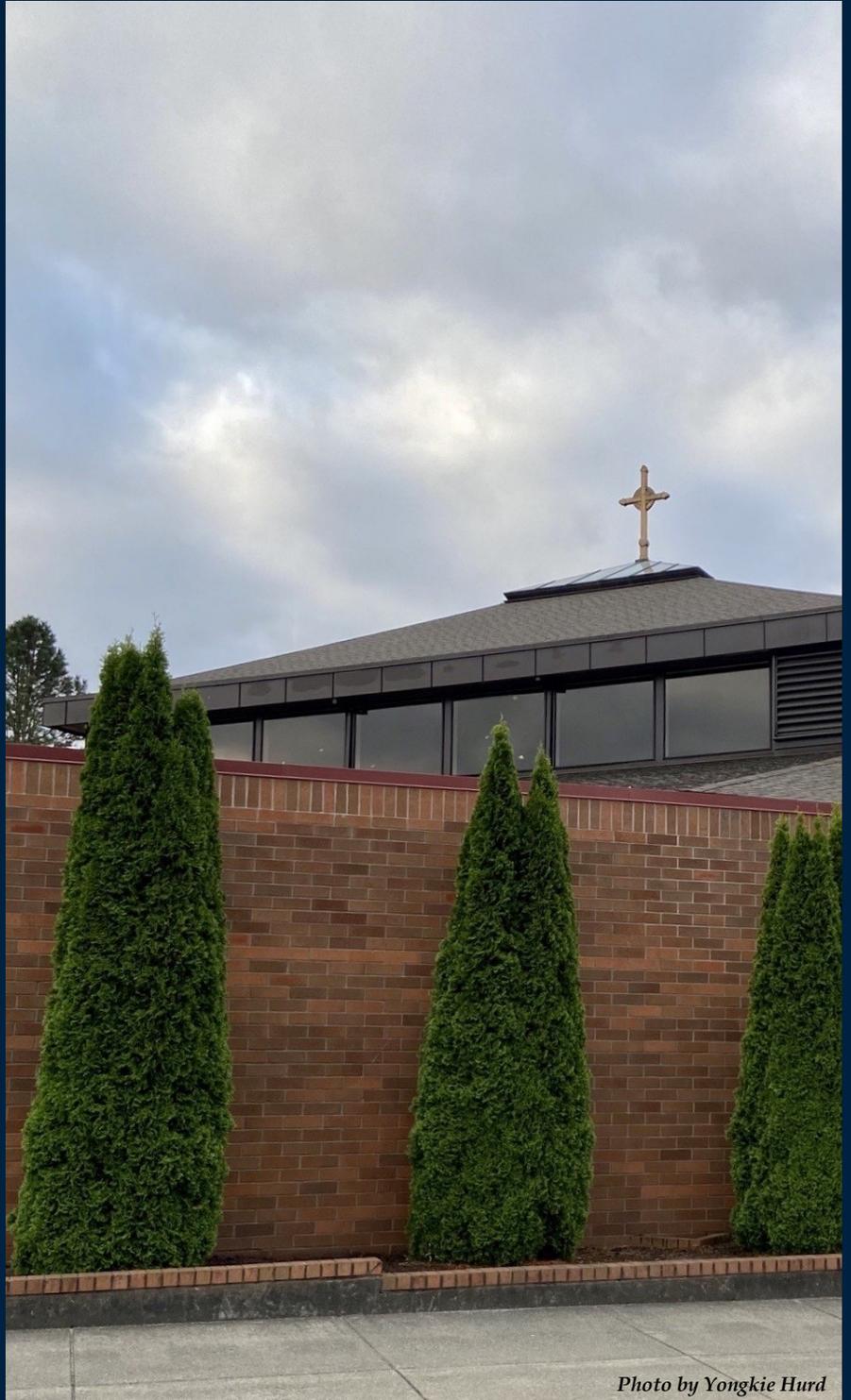


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FR. HANS' PAIR O' DIMES

Hi everybody! This week I want to take a look at something very practical: our selection process for attending Mass here at Holy Trinity. As many of you are aware, my background is in mathematics and engineering, and I happen to be very good with Excel spreadsheets, so I have taken this on. Many of you have asked me about how our Mass Selection System works, and I'm happy to share.

The point of the Selection System is to keep it fair and relatively simple. The Archbishop specifically encouraged us to avoid a "first come, first served" process, and to make sure people without email could still sign-up. Our system is primarily by online sign-up and email notifications, and there are a few people who have signed up by phone and are notified by phone.

Sign-ups include your name, how many people are in your family, and which Mass time(s) work best for you. Once you are signed up, I enter all of that information into a giant Excel spreadsheet, as well as a randomly generated "Family Number" between 0 and 1. The selection process is not truly a "lottery" because there's almost no luck involved beyond that first random number. Once you have a Family Number, that number remains the same every week. The spreadsheet keeps track of how many times each family has attended Mass, as well as what "round" you first entered the system.

The actual selection of people to attend Mass factors in all of these numbers using the following formula:

$$\text{Mass Selection Number} = 10 - \text{Round Joined} - \text{Total Attendance} + \text{Family Number}$$

The number '10' is arbitrary, so I end up with positive numbers which are easier to understand. Every time a family is selected to come to Mass their "Mass Selection Number" is reduced by 1, and they are moved to the bottom of the list. Then, whenever families in front of them are selected, they gradually move up the list until they reach the top again. The entire rotation currently takes about three weeks.

Every Wednesday, I execute the selection process. I sort the spreadsheet based on whether a family said they can attend the 5:30pm Mass, and by their Selection Number. I then invite the top 100 people to that Mass. I repeat the process for the other three Masses. If a family is unable to attend for whatever reason, they remain at the top of the list for the following weekend.

This system also allows me to accommodate special requests. Multiple families have asked if they can be selected for the same Mass as their friends. I simply make their Family Numbers the same, and they're always selected at the same time. Another family has each parent signed up individually, with Family Numbers exactly 0.5 apart, so they are never selected for the same Mass. One parent is always able to stay home with the small children. I'd be happy to make similar accommodations if anyone would like – just call or email me! If you haven't signed-up yet and would like to, the link is on our homepage at www.h-t.org.

Blessings to Crista Babu, Kenzie Donnelly, and Elisa Monkuzhy, who were baptized this weekend!

HOLY FATHER'S INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

Respect for the Planet's Resources

We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

PARISH FINANCES

FOR THE WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 19-20

Offertory	\$31,273	Food Closet	\$4,729
Additional Gifts	\$1,500	Backpacks & Duffel Bags	\$150
Wildfire Relief Appeal	\$8,675	Outreach Assistance	\$2,100

SCRIPTURE READINGS

<u>Monday 28th</u> Jb 1: 6-22 Lk 9: 46-50	<u>Wednesday 30th</u> Jb 9: 1-12, 14-16 Lk 9: 57-62	<u>Friday 2nd</u> Jb 38: 1, 12-21; 40: 3-5 Mt 18: 1-5, 10	<u>Sunday 4th</u> Is 5: 1-4 Phil 4: 6-9 Mt 21: 33-43
<u>Tuesday 29th</u> Dn 7: 9-10, 13-14 Jn 1: 47-51	<u>Thursday 1st</u> Jb 19: 21-27 Lk 10: 1-12	<u>Saturday 3rd</u> Jb 42: 1-3, 5-6, 12-17 Lk 10: 17-24	

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNITY EVENTS

UPCOMING BLOOD DRIVE

Tom Stoffel – 503.806.1816



According to the American Red Cross, someone in the U.S. is in need of blood every two seconds – and that was *before* the pandemic. **The Red Cross is in urgent need of blood donations**, primarily because so many collection locations are closed or have had to cancel drives. Holy Trinity is helping to fill that need, and are hosting another Blood Drive on **Thursday, October 15th** from **2:00-7:00pm** in the **Fireside Room**.

The Red Cross has increased their safety protocols (redcrossblood.org/donate-blood/dlp/coronavirus--covid-19--and-blood-donation.html) and are testing all donations for COVID-19 antibodies as an extra health service to donors. Sign up now at redcrossblood.org and enter *HolyTrinityBeaverton* as the sponsor to see available donation times (the majority are still open).

Many thanks to our Knights of Columbus for coordinating these lifesaving events!

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

Sunday, September 27th

✦ 12:30-2:00pm, Field – Youth Ministry

Tuesday, September 29th

✦ 6:30-8:00pm, Fireside – RCIA

Wednesday, September 30th

✦ 9:30-11:00am, via Zoom – Wednesday Bible Study

✦ 6:00-7:30pm, via Zoom – Grow Group

Thursday, October 1st

✦ 6:00-7:00pm, Church – Holy Hour of Adoration

Friday, October 2nd

✦ 9:00am – 11:00pm, Chapel – First Friday Adoration

✦ 10:30-2:00pm, Fireside Parking Lot – Dental Van

Saturday, October 3rd

✦ 4:15am, Chapel – Adoration resumes

✦ 8:15am, Church – First Saturday Mass

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Erin Nieves – erin@h-t.org

Wednesday Bible Study is *zooming* back with the Book of Hebrews! Our Fall session will be an eight week study from Ascension Press on the Book of Hebrews, with Andrew Swafford and Jeff Cavins.

We'll be meeting online via Zoom (the link will be emailed to all participants) on **Wednesdays** from **9:30-11:00am** – and we start this week on **September 30th**!

Email Erin if you'd like to participate so we can send you the details and get a workbook to you. All are invited and welcome!

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 26th

5:30pm +Raul Varela

Sunday 27th

8:00am Holy Trinity Parish

9:30am +Stephanie Keeler

11:15am Birthday Blessings to Lisa Boli

Monday 28th

8:15am +Phillys Martin

Tuesday 29th

8:15am +Rodolpho Zapanta

Wednesday 30th

8:15am +Ken Rentmeester

2:15pm +Sheila Codd Rosenberry

Thursday 1st

8:15am Special Intentions of the Varela family
and

+Ellen Tomlinson

Friday 2nd

8:15am +John Fallin

and

Healing for Dr. Menandro Siozon, Sr.

Saturday 3rd

8:15am +Joseph Buu Van-Dinh

Faith Formation



For kids, teens, AND adults, because even grown-ups have stuff to learn!

FAMILY FAITH REFLECTIONS RELIGIOUS ED. & SACRAMENTAL PREP.

Chris Storm – cstorm@htsch.org

Religious Education Update!

Ally and I will continue to post our Sunday reflection videos each week (h-t.org/religious-education), but if you'd like some additional resources, we're happy to provide your family with a Sunday-school textbook that you can use at home. Email Ally (ally@h-t.org) to arrange a pick-up time.

First Communion Update!

The plan is coming together! Visit h-t.org/first-communion for the latest details and to join the First Communion mailing list.

Confirmation Update!

We will have our first digital lesson available by Thursday, October 1st. Join the Confirmation mailing list at h-t.org/confirmation if you haven't already.

Donuts Update!

I haven't had any in, like, six months! Have you?

YOUTH MINISTRY | 6-12TH GRADE

Nick Krautscheid – nkrautscheid@htsch.org – 971.282.6173

Youth Ministry olympics

Sunday, September 27th

12:30 - 2:00 pm

Another Sunday, another HTYM gathering! Join us down on the field for some socially-distanced competition, prayer, and small groups. Lunch will be provided. Please bring a mask and a water bottle!

All 6th - 12th graders welcome!

FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH: THOUGHTS ON FAITH

Erin Nieves – erin@h-t.org

SPOILER ALERT: There is no small stuff! At the end of the 90's there was a book called **Don't Sweat the Small Stuff**. Its subtitle was "It's all small stuff!" I guess perspective is important, and knowing the difference in the importance of something is essential. Now, in 2020, I am going to suggest there is no small stuff, and as Catholic believers, that is especially true. Last week I mentioned that as followers of Jesus, we can't be "on the fence" about something. I am either on God's side, or I am not. Think about that. I remember reading something a Catholic writer and theologian I like pointing that out and I was surprised by it. I had never thought about that. He pointed out that when I am not on God's side, the only other side to be on is not a good side to choose. There is no neutral. That is what sin is.

As a Catholic believer, I must strive to choose God's way of things, and when I get that wrong, I rely on the mercy of God for forgiveness to make things right again. That's what confession is for. We live in a world that tells us we can do whatever we want. We have people in this world that would lead us astray. Again, if they aren't on God's side, the only other side, sorry to say, is the devil's. Remember Adam and Eve, and how that turned out!?

Knowing our faith and what we believe is the key to our protection and help. God gave us the Ten Commandments, the Greatest Commandment, and we have the example of Jesus Himself to guide us. These things haven't changed or been updated for modern times as much as some would like to say that they have. Or that they are old fashioned or out of date, whatever that means (*keep in mind that the devil is a liar and would like us to believe a lot of things that aren't true and to base our lives on them*).

By the way, a sad and sobering fact I learned about Richard Carlson, the man who wrote the book I cited as I began, was that at the height of his career and in the prime of his life, he died suddenly at the age of 41 of cardiac arrest on a flight to NYC to promote his newest book. Jesus wasn't kidding when he said "but concerning the day nor hour no one knows."

I wonder, if at the end of our lives we find out how much those little things matter. The choices I make, or don't make, the advice I take or ignore: it all matters! Ultimately, we can do none of it ourselves as it's all dependent on God's grace and love for it to be complete. May we do our best to be on God's side of things, guided by faith and asking and trusting God to lead the way. +

MINISTRY NEWS

FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP

A Joint Column by the HT Health & Social Justice Ministries

The Challenge of Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship *Prayer Before an Election*

Lord God, as the election approaches, we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our city/state/country, and how the Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens in our community.

We ask for eyes that are free from blindness so that we might see each other as brothers and sisters, one and equal in dignity, especially those who are victims of abuse and violence, deceit and poverty.

We ask for ears that will hear the cries of children unborn and those abandoned, men and women oppressed because of race or creed, religion or gender.

We ask for minds and hearts that are open to hearing the voice of leaders who will bring us closer to your Kingdom.

We pray for discernment so that we may choose leaders who hear your Word, live your love, and keep in the ways of your truth as they follow in the steps of Jesus and his Apostles and guide us to your Kingdom of justice and peace.

We ask this in the name of your Son Jesus Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

From the USCCB

Make sure you're registered to vote and find additional resources at h-t.org/faithful-citizenship.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Al Schmitt – 503.641.1842 – communityoutreach@h-t.org
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NUMBER OF PEOPLE SERVED			
Food Closet		Backpacks	
Last Week	198	Last Week	N/A
Since January 1 st	15,265	School Year	7,020



As you know, since July, Holy Trinity has partnered with Beaverton Foursquare to distribute emergency food boxes each Thursday. Distribution begins at 9:00am with all 1,200 boxes typically gone by 11:15am. These food boxes are available to anyone who drove up. Many times people would take more than one box so that they could share with family,

neighbors or others in need. This was encouraged. We would also work with other churches, non-profits, and the Beaverton School District, all of whom would come to take 50, 100, 200 boxes to distribute to those they knew were in need. In short, this program fed thousands of people since it began.

Food for this program came via a Federal program called Farm To Families that began when the pandemic started. The Archdiocese of Portland helped organize this effort throughout member churches. The local distributor was Pacific Coast Fruit Company, who did an excellent job of obtaining, packing and getting the food to the various distribution points. Unfortunately, as I write this article (Sept. 18th) the program has not been renewed. Failure to do so will leave a large gap. I expect that local food pantries, including here at Holy Trinity, will see an increase in families coming for food.

Hunger does not care about viruses, fires, heavy smoke or any other condition. It is persistent and needs our constant attention. Thanks to your incredible and on-going generosity, we will be here. Thank you for your support!

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

Gloria Bernard – 503.579.2562 – globernard2@gmail.com



Learn more about "Walking with Moms in Need: A Year of Service" at h-t.org/respect-life-ministry!

The Fall Campaign runs 9/23 to 11/1. Vigil hours at Lovejoy Surgicenter (933 NW 25th Ave.) are Weds. through Sat., 2:00-7:00pm. To learn more, visit 40daysforlife.com/portland.



Saturday, 10/3, 8:30-10:30am – The 14th Annual Rosary Bowl NW will be a live stream, radio broadcast, and in-person event! Mass will be celebrated at St. Edward Church with Archbishop Sample, followed by a Marian Prayer Program dedicated to Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians. Visit rosarybowlnw.org for more details and to register today!



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