

THE MOSY HOLT TRINITY

May 26, 2024

Mass Intentions

May 26, The Most Holy Trinity

8:00AM+Ron Sheehan, Anniversary (Wife)

10:00AM+Etta Pastore (Family)

5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People

Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30AM

May 27, Monday, Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

9:00AM For the People and Deceased Veterans

May 28 Tuesday, Weekday

12:00PM+Charles Yanchik, Ann. (Wife & Children)

May 29, Wednesday, Saint Paul VI, Pope

12:00PM+Danyll Rougeux, Ann. (Mom & Dad)

May 30, Thursday, Weekday

2:00PM+Mark Daniel Burns, Ann. (Dave & Maureen Hanekamp)

May 31, Friday, The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

12:00PM+Thomas Baker (Anonymous)

June 1 Saturday, Saint Justin, Martyr

12:00PM+Shirley Keirn (Barbara Gosnell)

Vigil: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

5:00PM+John Dougherty (Family)

June 2, The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

8:00AM+Barbara Noel, Ann. (Brian and Sherry Himes Family)

10:00AM+Skip Cowan (Jack & Nancy Kirkpatrick)

5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People

Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30AM

**PRIESTS, BROTHERS, NUNS.
THEY NEED US.
WE NEED THEM.**

Vocations Are Everybody's Business



The 2024 Catholic Ministries Drive has begun. Our sacrificial gifts of prayer and treasure will make an immediate and lasting impact on our ministries that focus on evangelization, serving those in need, and the formation of priests and deacons. This year, our campaign's theme is Encountering Christ. During this time of the Eucharistic Revival, Encountering Christ is an invitation to grow in our living relationship with Christ in the Eucharist. Our diocese's ministries need our support. Our parish's target is \$45,930. All contributions beyond our parish goal will remain for use within our parish. As of May 21, 144 households have pledged/contributed \$41,505. We've reached 90% of our target. Thank you.

UPMC Pastoral Care

The Pastoral Care Department at UPMC Altoona is looking for Extraordinary Ministries of Holy Communion (Eucharistic Ministers) for current openings on Saturdays. If you have a desire to bring Jesus to sick and suffering Catholic hospital patients, please contact Tony Conrad at 814-889-4323 for more information.

WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES - ENGAGE PARISHIONERS IN DAILY MASS AND PRAYER

Readings for the week of May 26, 2024

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: 1 Pt 1:3-9/Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9 and 10c/Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:10-16/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: 1 Pt 1:18-25/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mk 10:32-45

Thursday: 1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12/Ps 100:2, 3, 4, 5/Mk 10:46-52

Friday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 1:39-56

Saturday: Jude 17, 20b-25/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 11:27-33

Next Sunday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18 (13)/Heb 9:11-15/Mk 14:12-16, 22-2

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, May 19, 2024 \$ 11,147.07

Thank you for your financial and spiritual support.

Inquiry Sessions of Christian Initiation of Adults

Are you interested in the Catholic Church? Do you know someone who might be interested in seeking information about our Catholic faith? The Cathedral Christian Initiation Team will begin weekly meetings in the Church from 11:00 AM until 12:00 Noon (after the 10:00 Mass) for all those seeking information on the Catholic Church. No commitments are made at this time. These are informal Inquiry Sessions to discuss aspects of our faith with anyone who might be thinking of joining the Catholic Church. All are welcome; bring a friend. If you are interested in joining or would like more information, please contact Carol Galioto at (814) 327-4841.

Faith Day

The Diocesan **Faith Day**, that was scheduled for Sunday, June 30, at DelGrosso's Park has been cancelled. Hopefully, a new fun **Faith Day** will be in our future in 2025!

Eucharistic
REVIVAL



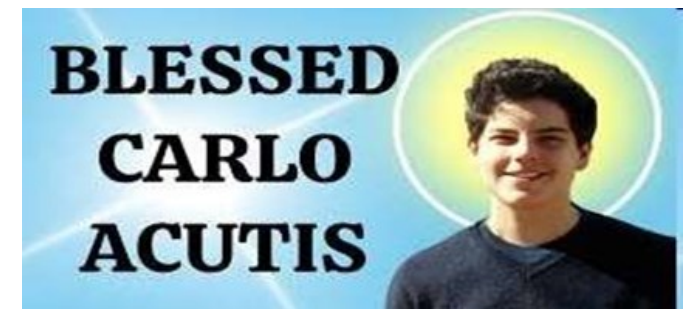
Since Sunday, June 2, is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ and our parish's feastday, we will have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from after the 10 o'clock Mass until Benediction at 4:45 P.M. A sign-up sheet is available on the table at the cross-aisle.

Refreshments will be available on the portico following the 8 and 10 o'clock Masses.



NATIONAL Eucharistic Pilgrimage

Father Alan Thomas, V.G. will be the celebrant of the Eucharist on Tuesday, June 11, at 9:00 A.M. as we participate in the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage. The liturgy will include a guest homilist from the National Pilgrimage Team. The Mass will conclude with a procession, with the consecrated host being carried in a special monstrance, to the portico where Benediction will be given. [There will be no noon Mass on that day. We are encouraged to participate in the Confessions, Exposition, and Procession that will take place at St. Catherine of Siena Church in Duncansville.]



Our parish has the entire exhibit of Eucharistic miracles prepared by Blessed Carlo Acutis (1999-2006). Portions of the exhibit will be displayed in the side chapels of the cathedral. You are encouraged to deepen your appreciation of the Eucharist by reading about the extraordinary ways the Lord has revealed Himself in the gift of the Blessed Sacrament.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEP-ER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

May 26, 2024

The Most Holy Trinity

Once I was at a meeting with representatives of various religions. On a coffee break, a man from another religion mused to me: "You know, with all our differences, all religions are really about being good people." I lowered my cappuccino and said as warmly as I could, "That's not what mine's about." His quizzical look begged for clarification. "Mine is about plunging into the life of God," I said.

Just before Jesus ascends into heaven, he commands the eleven apostles, "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, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." (Matthew 28:19-20). The word "baptize" means "to immerse in, to plunge into." It presupposes the use of water. But what does it mean to be immersed in God's name? In the Bible, God's name is identical to God Himself. So, to be baptized into water, using Jesus' formula, is to be plunged into the life of God. Said another way, it is to die with Jesus and rise with him as a member of his body.

The Trinity isn't a doctrine simply to accept and ponder. It's more like an ocean: a mystery into which we are baptized ... inserted, immersed, dunked, plunged. Baptism gives us power to live our lives as beloved children of God, patterned after Jesus himself, who is always with us, until the end of the ages. Hardly the same as being good people. Stranger, but much better. Father John Muir ©LPi

Stewardship Reflections

Today we celebrate an essential doctrine of our Catholic Faith, The Most Holy Trinity. It expresses God as three Divine Persons, unified in One Divine nature. The Trinity is one of the most complex aspects of our faith. It is a topic that we could never exhaust nor fully understand until we see God face to face.

Although it is incomprehensible, it is still deeply personal. Through God's countless revelations to man, we get a glimpse of our awe-inspiring Creator. It is through His revelations that He has invited us into life with Him. Today, we are called to pour out our hearts in praise and thanksgiving for our Good and Gracious God and to recognize the ways in which we can encounter Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

As we celebrate this glorious Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, may we praise God in word and deed, and may we seek moments to encounter the Father, Son and Holy Spirit each day through Scripture, prayer sacraments and blessings throughout our day, as Jesus tells us, "I am with you always, until the end of the age."

Basket Bingo Coming Soon

It's that time of the year again, to start thinking about having fun. Our Basket Bingo will take place on Sunday, September 29, 2024 at the Father Kelly Hall, 5th Street and 25th Avenue. We are now taking donation, new items, gift cards, and monetary gifts. If you have any questions please call The Parish Office 814-944-4603, Lorraine Beck 1-240-676-6704, or Paula Clemens 814-215-5949



You are invited to attend the 9:00 A.M. Mass on Memorial Day. Bishop Mark will be the main celebrant and homilist.

Communion

Question:

Why can't everyone who wants to receive Communion, receive Communion at Mass?

Answer:

Outside of the Church, many organizations have all sorts of requirements for membership: dues, achievements, professional standings, etc. The requirements bring the group together in common purposes and goals. Within the Church, there are also basic "requirements" for receiving the sacraments. As Catholics, we believe that the Eucharist is the true "Bread of Life." It is the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ. When we receive the Eucharist, we are receiving Jesus. Out of reverence for Christ, only those in union with this teaching and in a state of grace should receive communion. As Catholics, we should abstain from communion if we are in mortal sin.

While we share many articles of faith with our Protestant brothers and sisters, their understanding of this teaching is fundamentally different. For most non-Catholic churches, they do not believe that Christ becomes truly present in the Eucharist. As such, they should not receive communion in a Catholic Church. These differences are greater for people of non-Christian faiths, and even more apparent for those who do not believe in God. Receiving communion is not a right, but a gift to be accepted in humble, trusting faith.

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CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:

The process of formation for those seeking God through membership in the Catholic Christian community.

INFANT BAPTISM:

Arrange in advance for pre-baptismal instructions.

CONFIRMATION:

Ninth, tenth and eleventh grade students are invited to participate in the Confirmation Preparation Process.

RECONCILIATION:

Wednesday: 7:00 PM, Saturday: 12:30 PM.

By appointment, by texting or calling 814-937-8240
Communal Penance Services: Advent and Lent.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Upon Request and Communal celebration

MARRIAGE:

Arrange nine months in advance. Couples expected to participate in pre-marriage preparation program.

DEVOTIONS:

Eucharistic Adoration - Normally, the First
Wednesday 12:30 PM - 6:45 PM

Eucharistic Day - Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM:

September through April: Pre-Kindergarten thru 12.

Sunday morning 8:30 AM - 9:45 AM Pre-Kindergarten thru 8.

Sunday Evening 6:15 PM- 8:15 PM

Grades 9 thru 12.

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Mass Times

Sunday: 5:00 PM (Vigil) 8:00 AM 10:00 AM 5:00 PM	Weekday: 12:00 Noon
Saturday: 12:00 Noon	

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