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Parish Information

Saturday (Vigil): 4:00 P.M.

Sunday: 8:30 & 11:00 A.M.

Weekday Masses: Monday through Friday—8:00 A.M.

Holy Day of Obligation: 8:00 A.M. & 7:00 P.M.

Reconciliation: Saturday - 3:00—3:45 P.M.

Baptism: Sundays within the 11:00 A.M. Mass (by appointment)

Marriage: Contact the Parish nine months in advance.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: RCIA helps you to learn more about the Catholic faith. Pre-registration is required. Contact Fr. Ron or William Girardi at 724-295-2281.

Hospital or Home Visit: If you would like to receive Holy Communion or if you know someone who would like to have the priest visit, please call Fr. Ron at 724-295-2281.

Anointing of the Sick: Contact Fr. Ron at 724-295-2281.

Holy Communion: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are available to bring the Eucharist to the sick and homebound. If you know of someone, please call the Administrative Center at 724-295-2281.

Baptism: To understand the importance of the Sacrament of Baptism and your obligation as parents, you are required to attend one baptismal class. To register for one of these classes, please call the Administrative Center at 724-295-2281.

From the Pastor's Desk



The week after Pentecost is the Solemnity of the Blessed Trinity, which is what we are celebrating this Sunday. The Blessed Trinity is not new to us. We have heard it often and know that it refers to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. In the One God, we believe there are Three Divine Persons, distinct but equal. Now this part is a little bit complicated to understand - three divine distinct persons, yet one and equal in being God. How can it be? Understanding it logically is difficult, but as St. Augustine said, the Blessed Trinity is not a problem to be solved but a mystery to be lived. That is true!

Pope Paul VI described the dogma of the Blessed Trinity as “infinitely beyond all that we can humanly understand”. The Fourth Lateran Council said: “We firmly believe and confess without reservation that there is only one true God, eternal infinite and unchangeable, incomprehensible, almighty and ineffable, the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit; three persons indeed, but one essence.”

The Three Divine Persons are distinct. This is because Jesus Christ, who became man, is not God the Father nor the Holy Spirit. God the Father is not Jesus Christ nor the Holy Spirit. God the Holy Spirit is not God the Father nor Jesus Christ. They are very distinct from each other. Our proof for this is when Jesus was baptized in the Jordan River. God the Father, in a loud voice, was there; God the Holy Spirit, in the form of a dove was there; and God the Son, who was baptized, was there also.

The Three Divine Persons are equal. It does not mean that God the Father is the One who came first; God the Son is the second one to come and God the Holy Spirit is the last one to come. Rather, they are eternally equal since there is no beginning and there is no end for these Three Divine Persons.

I think by faith we understand the doctrine of the Blessed Trinity. In fact, we even show our devotion whenever we pray and make the sign of the cross to the Blessed Trinity. At the words, ‘*In the name of the Father*’, we touch our forehead, to affirm that the Father is the First Person of the Godhead. At the words, ‘*and of the Son*’, we touch the breast or heart to signify that the Son of God came down from heaven and became man. Lastly, by touching the left and the right shoulders with the words, ‘*And the Holy Spirit*’, we profess that the Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father and the Son as from one source. We make it from the left to the right to express that the Cross of Christ removed us from the left side of sin and perdition to the right side of holiness and salvation. We finish the sign of the Cross with the word, ‘*Amen*’. This means, “So be it”, we assert that we believe the Blessed Trinity.



FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

Science, the Origin of the Universe, and God

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All too often, science is employed as a means of disproving the tenants of Christianity. In this informative talk, Fr. Robert Spitzer, SJ – expert in physics, philosophy, and theology – debunks the incompatibility of science and Faith as he discusses the origin of the universe.

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Mardi Gras Winner Amy Trullic enjoying dinner with her friends. Who was the chef?
 Father Ron, who prepared a delicious Philippine dinner!



Calendar of Events

- May 27th *Baccalaureate Breakfast—Following 8:30 A.M. Mass - Fellowship Hall*
- May 28th *Memorial Day—Mass at 9:00 A.M. at St. Mary Cemetery; Parish Office Closed*
- June 1st *First Friday Adoration—Benediction at 6:30 P.M.*
- June 7th *Baptismal Class—6:30 P.M. - Kristine Residence*
- June 9th/10th *Donut Sunday (immediately following all weekend masses)*



Do you like working outside?

Our cemetery is in need of someone to help with the grass trimming and light labor work. One or two days a week from April to November.

If interested, please call our caretaker, Richard Bertino, at 724-295-3632 (home) or on his cell at 724-602-5986.

Diocesan Lenten Appeal



Diocesan Target - \$39,816.68
 Parish Target - \$30,183.32
 Combined Target - \$70,000.00
 Pledges to Date - \$113,456.00
 Paid to Date - \$83,618.35
 Number of Donors - 312

Diocesan & Parish Targets Achieved!!!

Thank You



To understand the importance of the Sacrament of Baptism and your obligation as parents, you are required to attend one baptismal class. The next class scheduled for this year will be held on Thursday, June 7th. To register, please call Mark and Melissa Kristine at 724-230-4450 or the Administrative Office at 724-295-2281.



First Friday Adoration will be June 1st, beginning at 8:45 A.M. Sign-up sheets are located at the church entrances. Please join us as we adore our Lord, Jesus!

Anointing of the Sick Mass—Saturday, May 19th—4:00 P.M. Dinner followed in our hall



The Annual Homebound Anointing Mass & Dinner was a most memorable event for our beloved shut-ins, their family, and friends. We had a total of 92 who attended/served. Thank you to the many volunteers who gave of their time, talents and servant's love to make this event such a success. Space doesn't permit to list all the volunteers, but wanted to note several. Thank you to *Patty Hughes and her team* who did the planning and food preparation. It was delicious! Thank you to *Rosemary Durkac* for providing the deserts—cup cakes and ice cream cups. And a special thank you to *Beth Macurdy and the 3 Confirmation families* who volunteered to serve the dinners, refreshments, and clean-up. They are: Steve and Pam Brestensky - Ali & Ben; Melissa and Mark Kristine - Sam, Jacob, Grace, & David; Jeff and Michele Lasko – Alexandra & Zachary. Our shut-ins were so impressed with the children who served them and they capped off a most memorable event. Thank you all again!

Memorial Day Mass will be celebrated on Monday at St. Mary Cemetery—9:00 A.M.



Baccalaureate Mass—Our graduating seniors attended the Baccalaureate Mass at 8:30 A.M. Following Mass, the Christian Mothers hosted a continental breakfast for them and their families in our Fellowship Hall. Father Ron and your parish family here at St. Mary's wishes to extend to you congratulations on your accomplishment and will pray that God continues to guide you in your lives ahead.

Golf Tournament Fundraiser Queen of Angels Catholic School will hold a fundraiser golf outing June 8th, at Cedarbrook, Belle Vernon. The day begins at 8:00 A.M. For information and to register, by May 30th, contact Marty Perz at 412-418-9360 or Ruth Ann Noblick at: rnoblick@queenofangelsch.org.

The final information session for men considering the permanent diaconate will be held 6:30-9:00 P.M., May 30th, at St. Rita Parish, Connellsville. Deacon William J. Hisker, Director of the program, will lead the session. Call 724-552-2598 to register or for additional information.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 2ND & 3RD, 2018

<i>Altar Servers</i>	<i>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</i>	<i>Lector</i>	<i>Greeters</i>	<i>Organist</i>	<i>Cantor</i>
Saturday - 4:00 P.M.					
Bill Girardi; Zach Showers Madison & Dawson Gaillot	Stella Aul; Deb Showers Dave Valencic	Tim Fogarty	Arlene Miller Gary Miller	Verne Bergstrom	Alex Smith
Sunday—8:30 A.M.					
Samuel & Jacob Kristine David Kristine Ali & Ben Brestensky	Betty Lou Nemcek Pat Ralston Lisa Boylan	John Nemcek	Karen Nigra	Tom Koharchik	Tom Koharchik
Sunday—11:00 A.M.					
Celeste Beacom Jacob & Erin Schaeffer Victor & Olivia Svitek	Dan Lucovich Patty Hughes Marushka Steele	Jeff Jones	Jill Zalewski	Dave Wesolosky	Joel Schaeffer

Mass Intentions

MASSES FOR THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

SATURDAY: 4:00 P.M.	May 26th ✦ Jerry Broderick (Jamie Phillips)
SUNDAY: 8:30 A.M. 11:00 A.M.	May 27th ✦ Charles B. Huth (Ellen B. Huth & Family) St. Mary Parishioners
MONDAY: 8:00 A.M.	May 28th ✦ Ken Hughes (Patrick & Laura Huth)
TUESDAY: 8:00 A.M.	May 29th ✦ Flora Trettel (Family)
WEDNESDAY: 8:00 A.M.	May 30th ✦ Elizabeth & Dale Harbison (Dave & Janis Harbison)
THURSDAY: 8:00 A.M.	May 31st ✦ Edward Sypulski (Darlene Orkis)
FRIDAY: 8:00 A.M. 6:30 P.M.	June 1st—First Friday ✦ Philip Bordonaro (Dick & Mary Bertino & Family) Benediction

MASSES FOR THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)

SATURDAY: 4:00 P.M.	June 2nd ✦ Joseph Klaput, Sr. & Jr. (Nannie Klaput & Family)
SUNDAY: 8:30 A.M. 11:00 A.M.	June 3rd ✦ Kady Jack (Freeport Volleyball Family) St. Mary Parishioners



The Altar Bread and Wine
were donated for this week
in honor of
JOHN & MARY ANN MILLER
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In acknowledging the Real Presence of Christ,
The Sanctuary Lamp (Candle) will burn this week in
loving memory of
DR. JOHN BOYLAN
By
John & Lisa Boylan



Collections

Offertory Collection for May 20th, 2018

No. of Envelopes Mailed Out: 606
No. of Envelopes Received: 222
Collection: Offertory - \$5,048.00
Electronic Payments (12) - \$2,253.00
Loose - \$353.00; Children - \$23.00
Communications Media Campaign - \$467.00

Total Collection - \$8,144.00

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