

The Most Holy Trinity

MAY 27, 2018



The Lord is God in the heavens above
and on earth below; there is no other.

Deuteronomy 4:39

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Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

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Go . . . and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.-- Matthew 28: 19

Special Prayer Intentions-these are the people for whom we will be praying at Mass:

Sat. May 26 4:30 pm **Mary "Sis" McElmoyle** (Ned)
Sun. May 27 9:30 am **Nettie Nester** (Rasami Nester)

Mon. May 28 **8:15 am Memorial Day Service @ Cemetery**
Through **No Masses**
Fri. June 1



The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

Sat. June 2 4:30 pm **Vincent Teichert** (Family)
Sun. June 3 9:30 am **Mr. & Mrs. John & Helen Kmetz** (Jack Kmetz Family)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION- Saturdays 3:45 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.; anytime upon request

Lay Ministers for the Weekend of June 2/3		
Ministries:	Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Sunday 9:30 a.m.
Lector:	Jim Novak	Dan Evans
E.M.:	G. Strubinger, D. Lisella, J. Miller	M. Evans, M. & K. Cartier
Altar Servers:	J. & J. Behrens	N. & D. Richards, B. Becker

RESPONSORIAL PSALM ~ BLESSED THE PEOPLE THE LORD HAS CHOSEN TO BE HIS OWN.

SANCTUARY CANDLE burns in Loving Memory of **Irene Pavlis** (From, Flo & Ann Marie)

THE SECOND COLLECTION this weekend is for Father's Day (Spiritual Bouquet).

Next weekend the second collection is for Capital Campaign-Improvements.



FATHER'S DAY IS JUNE 17. Spiritual Bouquet envelopes are included in your mailed packet. Please fill out the envelope and place in the collection basket at any Mass. The envelopes will

be placed on the altar & those intentions will be remembered at all Masses the month of June.

THE RECTORY OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED this Monday, May 28 for the Memorial Day Holiday.

WE WELCOME: Enzo Dominic Julian, Layla Belford, and Natalie Rose Pisulak, who were all recently baptized into our Immaculate Conception Parish community. Please pray for them, and their parents, as they begin their faith journey in Christ.



WCC Question of the Week

Reading II : Romans 8: 14-17

Why do you think Catholics make "The Sign of the Cross" when we pray?

FAMILY ACTIVITY: Make a holy water font or dish for your home to remind yourselves that you come and go each day in the name of the Trinity.

MEMORIAL DAY PRAYER:

Dear God, on this day we remember the sacrifices made for us by those who were willing to give their lives to ensure that our own would be spent in freedom. Let us never forget to pray, not only for the dead, but also for those still living and working in the cause of freedom around the world. As we celebrate and enjoy this time, give comfort and grace to those men and women who have sacrificed so much for our sake. We pray for the protection of our soldiers in their efforts, and bring them home safely at the end of their duties wherever that home may be. Amen.



BELOVED TEACHER~Many thanks to those who contributed to the memorial stone and helped with the installation of the foundation for the grave of Miss Alice Duffy. The stone was installed this past week and is a memorial to the life of a woman dedicated to the education of many of the children of Carbon and Schuylkill Counties.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL~COMMITMENT SUNDAY

As of May 22, our parishioners have raised \$7,766 from 57 parishioners representing 17.48% of our total number of registered families in our parish. We need the support of all of our parish families to reach our financial goal and to reach the 100% participation goal. If you have not made your pledge of support, you may return your pledge form to the parish office or make your gift online. Remember, every gift counts, no gift is too small. Every dollar helps those in need.

THREE-IN-ONE LOVE: When I was much younger, I used to think that God was totally invisible, not to be experienced as the people in the bible did. After all, they heard God's voice in the fiery cloud; they saw the waters parted so they could pass through--all the things that Moses talks about in the first reading. But then I ask myself, do I want my faith to be based on special effects? Or do I want to trust Jesus, who told Thomas, "Blessed are they who have not seen and have believed." (Jn 20:29)

Jesus was referring to his resurrection appearances, but it also applies to the Holy Trinity. When we see a newborn child, she can remind us of God the Father creating the earth and all living things. When we see the cross, we recall Jesus saving death and resurrection. When we share our faith with someone, we know that it is the Holy Spirit who gives us the words to speak and the courage to speak them. Seeing God's work around us, we can still experience God in Three Persons.

The three are not just equal parts of God, one-third of God each. Three infinite Persons are united in one substance or being, so the love they have for each other is infinite. Everything God does is done by all three Persons. So you could say that everything the Trinity does, is done out of love.

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CLEAN OUT YOUR CLOSET ~ Shrine of St. Theresa's Used Clothing Drive- June 9 & 16, 10am-2pm @ Madonna Hall. Collecting clean, wearable men, women, children's clothing, belts, handbags, stuffed animals, linens, & shoes. For pick-up call 570-669-6666.



THANK YOU FROM THE WOMEN'S CLUB for your generous support of the Bake Sale last weekend! We appreciate all the donations and

those who purchased to help the Women's Club in all they do for the Parish!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Have a child entering First through Eighth grade in the public school, non-Catholic private school, or are you homeschooling? Check out our Religious Education Program: Jim Thorpe Regional Catholic Whole Community Catechesis (formerly CCD or PREP). You will find registration forms & Parents' handbooks in the vestibule of the Church. Classes run for 2 weeks- July 16th to July 27th from 9 am until 1 pm. Classes take place in the St. Joseph School building, but begins & ends each day in St. Joseph Church. Cost is \$50/week/child. Homeschooling is also available. Contact Mrs. Merkel at 570-325-2791 ext. 18, with any questions or email at wccjt@ptd.net. Registration is due by July 1 or a \$25 late fee is incurred per child. No registration will be accepted after July 7th.



ORDINATION CELEBRATION & HOLY HOUR: Carbon/Schuylkill County Serra Club in conjunction with Deacon John Hutta invite all to attend a Holy Hour on Fri., June 1 at Sacred Heart Church, Palmerton at 6pm. Ordination to the Priesthood, Sat., June 2, 10:30am, Cathedral of St. Catherine of Siena, Allentown. We also invite you to a special dinner that all the Serra clubs of the Allentown diocese organize to celebrate the newly ordained. This dinner is planned for Mon., June 18 at St. Mary's Parish Hall, Hamburg. Reception begins at 5:30pm, dinner at 6:30pm. Tickets are \$40. For tickets or more info, call Mary Marzen at 610-597-6727 or marymarzen@gmail.com prior to June 1.

TO THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. JOSEPH & IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCHES

As was announced last Sunday, as of June 19, 2018, Rev. James J. Ward will be Pastor of both Immaculate Conception Church and St. Joseph Church.

Beginning Wednesday, June 20, 2018 the Mass schedule will be as follows:

Weekday Daily Mass will be held at 8:00 a.m.

Monday, Wednesday and Friday at St. Joseph Church

Tuesday and Thursday at Immaculate Conception Church

Weekend Masses:

Sat. Vigil: 4:30 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Church

6:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Church

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Church

10:30 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Church

The Mass schedule for both Parishes will be published in both bulletins each week.

For now, the times and locations of the weekend Masses have been determined by the summer weather. Immaculate Conception Church is air-conditioned, St. Joseph is not. Having the later Mass on Saturday and earlier Mass on Sunday will hopefully allow for cooler conditions at St. Joseph.



Parishioners of both parishes can attend any Mass at either Parish, and envelopes can be placed in either Church's collection basket and will be credited to the corresponding Parish of registration.



The Diocese has given permission for one Mass Intention from each Parish to be listed each day, regardless of the location of the Mass. So, there will be two (2) intentions for each weekday Mass (1 from each Parish).

The Sunday Mass intentions currently scheduled at St. Joseph Parish for 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. will be combined into the 8:00 a.m. Mass time.

James J. Ward

ENROLLING NOW
for fall 2018

St. Joseph
PRESCHOOL

**3 & 4 YEAR OLD PRESCHOOL
TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN**

- † **Faith Development:** Students develop their faith while learning & practicing Catholic –Christian prayers, hearing stories from the Bible, and becoming more familiar with stories about Jesus and the Saints.
- † **Fine and Gross Motor Skills:** Children develop and explore new skills including writing, cutting, coloring, art, dancing, play and more.
- † **Pre-Reading and Readiness Skills:** Counting, letter recognition and sounds are all learned while students take turns, listen and share.
- † **Language Skills:** Students learn in a variety of ways including books, music, field trips, technology, show and tell, and imaginative play.



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