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✠ Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity ✠

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THE TRINITY AND THE CROSS: “In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” It’s not an accident of piety that these two themes converge in the words and gesture of the Church’s most fundamental and most popular prayer. The cross is an image in time of the Trinity’s life in eternity. On the cross, Jesus Christ gave himself entirely. He held nothing back. Such is the self-giving of the Son for the Father, the Father for the Son. Each makes a complete and loving gift of his life to the other, and that gift, that life, that love, is the Holy Spirit. The sign of that love in the world is the Sign of the Cross. ~ *Scott Hahn*

“THEOLOGICAL SEASON” Last Sunday we celebrated Pentecost which follows soon after the Ascension. Pentecost turned the disciples from a rabble of trainees listening to their Master, and sometimes understanding him, into a group of Apostles fired from within by the Spirit who gives all understanding.

Pentecost is often called “the birthday of the Church”. It also marks the start of a short but intense season of what you might call “theological” feasts. Apart from Pentecost itself they include Jesus Christ the Universal High Priest (in some places), the Holy Trinity, and the Body and Blood of Christ. These feasts teach us that our religion is not only a matter of feeling but of understanding, not only of the heart but of the mind.

Characteristically, the Church concludes this mini-season with the feast of the Sacred Heart, reminding us of the opposite fact: that our religion is not only of the mind but of the heart as well. It all makes sense. Every one of us has a tendency to simplify and become one-sided, and these feasts between them give us balance. ~ *Martin Kochanski*

Eighth Week of Ordinary Time

May 27 – June 1

- Tuesday** 9:00 a.m. (*with Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotions*)
+ Gerard O'Malley by *Peter & Carol McNamee*
- Friday** 9:00 a.m. + Mary Margaret & Ann Vice by *Karen Yakabuski*
+ Ambrose, Emma & Jenna Pecaskie by *Ray & Linda Fish*

+ Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ + June 2, 2024

- Saturday** 10:30 a.m. *Funeral Mass:* + Glenn Allan Prince
4:00 p.m. + Peter & Annie Lorbetskie by *Dorothy Prince*
+ Clarence Prince by *Karen, Adam & Kaylee*
- Sunday** 10:30 a.m. Mass for the People

| Liturgical Appointments | June 1 | June 2 |
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| Readings | <i>John Morris</i> | <i>Beverly Glofcheskie</i> |
| Communion | <i>Beverly Glofcheskie</i> | <i>Ursula Jeffrey</i> |
| Offertory | <i>Bruce Sullivan</i> <i>Richard Luckasavitch</i> | <i>John Jeffrey</i> <i>Jamie Prince</i> |

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday 3:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. in sacristy.
Weekdays – before weekday Masses in sacristy or by appointment during office hours.

IN YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE REMEMBER:

- that the Lord Jesus would anoint with the gift of the Holy Spirit the process of calling forth a new bishop to shepherd our diocese.
- for parishioners and friends who are sick, especially: *Carmel Rumleskie*
- for those who have died, especially: *Francis (Frank) Anderchek; Doreen Dombroskie; Lucinda Jane (Hartwick) Jessup.*

ROMAN CALENDAR:

- Monday** - St. Augustine of Canterbury, bishop
Wednesday - St. Paul VI, pope
Friday - The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Saturday - St. Justin, martyr

ONE GOD – FATHER, SON AND HOLY SPIRIT: On this Sunday that follows Pentecost, we are celebrating the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. Thanks to the Holy Spirit, who helps us understand Jesus’ words and guides us to the whole truth (see Jn 14: 26; 16: 13), believers can experience, so to speak, the intimacy of God himself, discovering that he is not infinite solitude but communion of light and love, life given and received in an eternal dialogue between the Father and the Son in the Holy Spirit - Lover, Loved and Love, to echo St Augustine.

In this world no one can see God, but he has made himself known so that, with the Apostle John, we can affirm: “God is love” (I Jn 4: 8, 16), and “we have come to know and to believe in the love God has for us” (Encyclical *Deus Caritas Est*, no. 1; see I Jn 4: 16).

Those who encounter Christ and enter into a friendly relationship with him welcome into their hearts Trinitarian Communion itself, in accordance with Jesus’ promise to his disciples: “If a man loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him” (Jn 14: 23).

For those who have faith, the entire universe speaks of the Triune God. From the spaces between the stars to microscopic particles, all that exists refers to a Being who communicates himself in the multiplicity and variety of elements, as in an immense symphony.

All beings are ordered to a dynamic harmony that we can similarly call “love”. But only in the human person, who is free and can reason, does this dynamism become spiritual, does it become responsible love, in response to God and to one’s neighbour through a sincere gift of self. It is in this love that human beings find their truth and happiness.

Among the different analogies of the ineffable mystery of the Triune God that believers are able to discern, I would like to cite that of the family. It is called to be a community of love and life where differences must contribute to forming a “parable of communion”.

The Virgin Mary, among all creatures, is a masterpiece of the Most Holy Trinity. In her humble heart full of faith, God prepared a worthy dwelling place for himself in order to bring to completion the mystery of salvation. Divine Love found perfect correspondence in her, and in her womb the Only-begotten Son was made man.

Let us turn to Mary with filial trust, so that with her help we may progress in love and make our life a hymn of praise to the Father through the Son in the Holy Spirit.

From an Angelus Address by Pope Benedict XVI; June 11, 2006

OUR CEMETERIES: We remind you that our cemetery by-laws indicate that all flowers, ornaments, candles, etc. must be affixed to a monument. If they are not, they may be removed and discarded by the cemetery caretaker to enable proper grass cutting.

LAST WEEK'S SUNDAY OFFERINGS:

Total: \$3,137.00 (Envelopes: \$1,825.00; Loose: \$184.00; Visitors: \$168.00; Pope Pastoral Works: \$20.00; E-transfers for the month: \$940.00) [People at Mass: 4:00 p.m./99; 10:30 a.m./123]

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS FOR CHILDREN: Preparation for First Holy Communion and Confirmation in our parish is in accordance with diocesan policy which encourages a process of individualized family faith formation. Families who wish to have their children begin preparing for these sacraments are invited to speak to Fr. Burchat after Sunday Mass. Parents will also be invited to return to the practice of the faith with regular Mass attendance. The parish provides resources and catechetical assistance.

EVENINGS OF PRAISE, WORSHIP AND INTERCESSORY PRAYER: Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Lawrence O'Toole parish hall.

GOSPEL OF MARK STUDY: This study continues on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Lawrence O'Toole Church Hall. For more information, please contact John Morris, 613 729-6647. Feel free to drop-in as you can.

SCHOOL LITURGIES OF THE WORD: The children from St. John Bosco Catholic School come over to our church on a regular basis.

MADONNA HOUSE PUBLICATIONS has a new website launched on May 17, 2024! Enjoy *10% off* for a limited time at our online store, to purchase beautiful cards and prints and your favorite inspirational books by Catherine Doherty and other Madonna House authors. Visit publications.madonnahouse.org for the promo code & more details, or see attached poster.

SEEING WITH THE HEART: A Day of Reflection for Catholic Parents of LGBTQ+ Young Adults Saturday, June 1st, 2024, 9:00am - 4:00pm at Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre, Pickering manresa-canada.ca For more information or to register: Mike Hyland at 647-296-2499

VALLEY MANOR ROCKATHON: St. Francis Valley Healthcare Foundation will be hosting on Friday, June 21, 2024. Proceeds will go toward local healthcare needs, including much needed equipment at the Valley Manor. More information email at office@sfvhfoundation.com.

DIOCESAN WEEKLY BULLETIN: There are various diocesan events scheduled for youth and young adults at <https://pembrokediocese.com/weekly-bulletin/> Be sure to check it out!