MISSION STATEMENT
St. Bruno Parish is a community of people sharing a common faith in the teachings of the Catholic tradition. We come together to worship God and to spread the Good News that Jesus gave us. Through celebrating Christian unity, we provide emotional support and practice the works of mercy.

Please visit our website www.stbrunoparish.com for additional updates.

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Mass Times:
Saturday: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 10:30 a.m.
Reconciliation:
1st & 3rd Saturday 3:00-3:30 p.m.
What is the Trinity Doctrine?

In a nutshell, there is one God, eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son (Jesus Christ) and Holy Spirit. The three persons of the Godhead are coequal and co-eternal as stated in Gen.1:26, Isaiah 9:6, Matthew 3:16-17; 28:19

Trinity Doctrine - How Can We Comprehend It?
The most difficult thing about the Trinity Doctrine is that there is no way to adequately explain it. The Trinity is a concept that is impossible for any human being to fully understand, let alone explain. God is infinitely higher than we are, therefore we should not expect to be able to fully understand Him. The Bible teaches that the Father is God (Exodus 3:14), that Jesus is God (John 8:58), and that the Holy Spirit is God (Acts 5:3-4). The Bible also teaches that there is only one God (Deuteronomy 6:4; James 2:19). How these two statements of doctrine can both be true is incomprehensible to the human mind. However, this doesn’t mean that they’re both not true.

Trinity Doctrine - No Illustration Is Completely Accurate
With respect to the Trinity Doctrine, none of the popular illustrations are completely accurate descriptions. The water illustration is somewhat the best, but still fails to adequately describe the Trinity. Liquid, vapor and ice are forms of water. The Father, Son and Holy Spirit are not forms of God, each of them is God. Saint Augustine, one of the greatest thinkers of the early church, described the Trinity as comparable to the three parts of an individual human being: mind, spirit, and will. They are three distinct aspects, yet they are inseparable and together constitute one unified human being. So, while these illustrations may give us a picture of the Trinity, the picture is not entirely accurate or complete. An infinite God cannot be fully described by a finite illustration.

About a century later, in 325, the Council of Nicea set out to officially define the relationship of the Son to the Father, in response to the heresy of Arianism which denied the divinity of Christ. Led by bishop Athanasius, the council established the doctrine of the Trinity as orthodoxy and condemned Arius’ teaching that Christ was the first creation of God. Each time we celebrate our weekend Mass, we recite the Nicene Creed after the homily, as a profession of not only our belief and faith but also our understanding of who our God truly is for us all – A community of love between three equal yet distinct persons. It is that community of love that we try and emulate in this world.

Stay Spiritually Strong, Fr. Dan
(https://www.allaboutgod.com/trinity-doctrine.htm)
How to Teach Kids about the Trinity with an Apple

Grab an apple and share these five truths with your kids:

**An apple has three parts:** the seeds, the flesh, and the skin. When you cut an apple in half, you can see that each of these three parts are different (at this point, you can cut the apple open for your kids!).

1. The skin is like God the Father because He protects us.
2. The flesh is like God the Son because Jesus Christ took on human flesh.
3. The seeds are like God the Holy Spirit because He through His power, we grow in faith.
4. Each of the parts of an apple are different, but they are ALL apple.
5. So are the persons of God all different (Father, Son and Holy Spirit), yet they are ALL God.

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**Pray for all Frontline workers, First Responders, military personnel and their families. May God keep them safe in his hands.**

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**Archbishop Jerome Listecki** has granted us permission to begin the reopening of public Masses beginning May 30, 2020. The staff looks forward to your return to Mass - *the source and summit of our faith*. (dispensation until July 5 is active)

**The Combined Collections:** The Church in the United States will be held next week, June 13-14, 2020, supporting five causes important to Catholics throughout the country:

- Black and Indian Mission — Funds projects which help communities here in southeastern Wisconsin and across the United States.
- Catholic Campaign for Human Development — Assists low-income people build better lives for themselves and their families.
- The Catholic Communication Campaign — Provides for local and national communication needs, including the weekly radio broadcast of the Sunday Mass from the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, Milwaukee.
- Catholic University of America — Educates students in a spirit of faith.
- Retirement Fund for Religious — Ensures adequate retirement funding for elderly religious throughout the country.

This collection offers a wonderful opportunity to support hands-on efforts to help people in need. Please give generously...your gift does make a difference!

Donate online at archmil.org/CombinedCollections

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**Adult Formation**

**God so loved the world**

Bleeding Heart blooming in the garden symbolize unconditional love and compassion (*flowermeanings.org*). God’s love for each of us is bigger than that. In the first reading, God tells Moses: **The LORD is merciful, gracious, slow to anger, rich in kindness and fidelity. Translations limit the richness of the original language.** Empathy, compassion, a mother’s tender concern, patience, long-suffering, abundance, continuous outpouring of divine kindness, goodness, steadfast love, constancy, loyalty, and truth. **Put them all together and it’s more like abounding, incomparable, unconditional love continually poured out by God.** (Source: lector workbook). It’s like the love of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit for each other - so big that it OVERFLOWS onto every single one of us (Happy Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, by the way). Love cannot get any bigger than this.

*God so loved the world that he gave his only Son...that the world might be saved.*

Share the love, go forth glorifying the Lord with your life.

Mary Kral mkal@stpaulgenesee.net

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**Continue to spread the joy...**

*“Rivers do not drink their own water; trees do not eat their own fruit; the sun does not shine on itself and flowers do not spread their fragrance for themselves. Living for others is a rule of nature. We are all born to help each other. No matter how difficult it is....life is good when you are happy, but much better when others are happy because of you.”* Pope Francis

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**Please Note:**

There have been a number of staff & parishioners who have received text messages or email from someone impersonating staff members and leadership asking for help, money and/or gift cards. Please do not respond to these texts, delete them. Never open any links attached.

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**Masses for homebound Catholics air every Sunday at 5:30 a.m. on WITI, Channel 6 and 9 a.m. on WCGV, Channel 24.**
**School News**

St. Bruno Parish and school is a community of deeply committed members. This shows as parents have supported their children’s education these past months. It showed in an amazing way this past weekend when so many people were part of our Men Who Cook Virtual Auction. As of this writing, we do not have final totals, but it was clear by watching the activity last weekend that this community loves its parish and school. We who work on the school end of things are deeply grateful for your commitment. Thank you. To Michelle Vandenhouten and Britney Fowler, we send a huge expression of gratitude for sharing your skill, love, energy and time in organizing this grand event!

We have 14 successful 8th grade graduates! Our Drive-Through celebration on May 29, their last day of school, was great fun. After the drive-through, graduates and staff met online for the traditional Roast and Toast, and the videos were quite the entertainment. For all manner of reasons, more videos have been made this year than any year in school history, I am positive!

Our students have completed almost all of their work with a few loose ends to be tied up. Students came to school one by one this past week to clear and clean desks and lockers and to say ‘so long’ for the summer. Our school has come through 2019-2020 with our school mission successfully accomplished and with pride. We have learned our academic lessons, have continued to learn the importance of our faith and, even in stay-at-home days, practiced being the hands and feet of Jesus to serve and help others.

We look forward to 2020-2021 as we hope the world moves closer to health and safety. We are already planning adjustments to keep our school environment safe and productive for all of our children. Our small class sizes are indeed a plus! We ask our parish and school community to join our Memorare Army continue praying for our school to thrive, and it seems to be working!

As always, you can contact us by email or phone (checking messages remotely): **Mary MacDonald, Principal mary.macdonald@stbrunoparishschool.com** or Tammy tammy.price@stbrunoparishschool.com.

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**Child and Family Ministry**

Yesterday I got to attend Mass and receive communion along with and safely distanced from my fellow St. Bruno parishioners for the first time in 10 weeks. How appropriate to be able to come back on the feast of Pentecost, the birthday of our Church. This was certainly the longest I have ever gone without attending Mass. During his homily Fr. Dan told us that the Spirit is very much alive and well in our Church, and through the power of the Holy Spirit we were able to open our doors and celebrate Mass safely today. With great anticipation I waited for Fr. Dan to bring Jesus to me in the Eucharist, and I was overcome with tears the moment that I was able to partake in this great gift. It sure feels wonderful to be back celebrating Mass in person! This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity.

**What is the Trinity?**

The Catechism of the Catholic Church offers these words as an explanation of the Holy Trinity.

"The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of the Christian faith and of Christian life. God alone can make it known to us by revealing Himself as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit."

"The Incarnation of God’s Son reveals that God is the eternal Father and that the Son is consubstantial with the Father, which means that, in the Father and with the Father, the Son is one and the same God.” "Inseparable in what they are, the Divine Persons are also inseparable in what they do. But within the single divine operation each shows forth what is proper to Him in the Trinity, especially in the divine missions of the Son’s Incarnation and the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

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**That still sounds like a mystery to me!**

Let me offer my simple explanation of the Trinity. One God, 3 persons, each with a different role.

**God the Father** - is our creator and protector-our Father in Heaven.

**God the Son** - Jesus-the Human part of God, sent to earth to teach us how to live, love and save us from our sins. Jesus is our Redeemer, Teacher and Friend.

**God the Holy Spirit** - gives people the gifts needed to continue work Jesus taught while He was on earth. There are 7 Spiritual gifts: **Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel (Right Judgment), Piety (Reverence), Knowledge, Fortitude (Courage), Fear of the Lord (Wonder and Awe).**

God has ALWAYS been Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. God revealed the different persons of the Trinity during different times in Salvation History. The story of Salvation History is still being written through each one of us. How we answer the call of our faith, is up to each person. It’s important to find out what your spiritual gifts are and to use those gifts to build up the Church. Each of us have different gifts, but those gifts used together build up the body of our Church.

We acknowledge the Trinity when we pray these words: **In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.** The Triune God is central to our faith, covering all of the bases for humankind! It’s an important story to share with your family and your friends.

**Blessings, Amy Golden (aldgolden@gmail.com)**
**Why Do We Do That?**

**Catholic Tradition Explained**

**What Is the Purpose of the Pope?**

**Question:** Why do Catholics have a Pope?

**Answer:** To answer the question of why Catholics have a pope, we have to pull the lens back and think about the very nature of the Church herself. According to the Nicene Creed (which is the statement of beliefs that we recite each Sunday at Mass), we profess that the Church is “one, holy, catholic, and apostolic.” These adjectives are called the marks of the Church, and they help us see that the Church is bigger than just our individual parish communities or even the Christians living in a particular region or country.

To help ensure that the community of disciples would remain united in a communion of love, Jesus entrusted the Apostles with special authority to teach, heal, and forgive sins in his name.

And from among this group, Jesus chose Simon Peter to play a special role, designating him as the “rock” on which the Church was to be built (see Matthew 16:18-19; John 21:15-17). Peter “the Rock” became the visible sign of union within and among the Apostles. In time, as Peter and the other Apostles passed away, other men were chosen to take their place. The successors of St. Peter — who we honor as the first Bishop of Rome — and the successors of the other Apostles (the bishops) continued the work entrusted by Jesus to that first generation of Church leaders.

According to long-standing tradition, the successor of Peter was Linus, who was followed by Cletus, who was followed by Clement I, etc. This line of succession continues to Pope Francis in our own time.

Over the centuries, these Bishops of Rome — who came to be known as the “pope” (from papa, which means “father” in Latin) — still continue to act as the “rock” of the Church and as the visible sign of unity for all the Catholic Christians. The pope, more than any other bishop, stands as the Church’s primary teacher and as pastor of the Church throughout the world, helping to ensure that the Church remains what Jesus intended her to be: one, holy, catholic, and apostolic.

To learn more, see the “Catechism of the Catholic Church” (no. 857-862 and 880-882). ©LPi

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**Liturgical Intentions**

**Monday, June 8**
- Deceased members of Bretl Family

**Wednesday, June 10**
- Deceased members of Foster Family

**Saturday, June 13**
- Parishioners of St. Bruno & St. Paul
- Ted DeMaire

**Sunday, June 14**
- Deceased members of Foster Family

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**The Word Of The Lord**

**For the Week of June 8-14, 2020**

**Monday:**
- 1 Kings 17:1-6, Matthew 5:1-12

**Tuesday:**
- 1 Kings 17:7-16, Matthew 5:13-16

**Wednesday:**
- 1 Kings 18:20-39, Matthew 5:17-19

**Thursday:**

**Friday:**
- 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-16, Matthew 5:27-32

**Saturday:**
- 1 Kings 19:19-21, Matthew 5:33-37

**Sunday:**
- Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a, 1 Corinthians 10:16-17, John 6:51-58
- www.usccb.org/nab/

**Coronavirus Emergency Fund**

This fund will support the ministries serving those in need and members of our community who have been negatively affected by the pandemic. Give generously if you are able.

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**Mass Intentions**

Mass there is a specific intention. This is usually in memory of a loved one who has died, but it could be for a special anniversary or another special intention. These intentions are published in the bulletin every week for the upcoming week. If you would like to have a Mass celebrated for a special intention ($10 stipend) call the office, leave a message, someone will return your call.

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**Advertiser of the Week**

**Seasonal Services Ltd**

See their full sized ad in this bulletin.

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**Pray For Our Community**

**Good News!!!** During this odd time in the world we want to keep our focus on the GOOD and stay connected with all of you.

We are seeking photos and/or video of the GOOD things going on in your life. Big or small! Please submit to kdemarais@stpaulgenesee.net

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**LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

Today we celebrate the Divine dance, a perfectly choreographed interplay of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Together they dance and move as one though three unique Persons with distinctive, yet harmonious, patterns and steps. They provide a mirror into our soul. Within each one of us, the Divine dance continues, and the music of God’s love continues to inspire, sustain, and recreate us with every step and melody. Can you hear the music that the Triune God is playing? Where is the dance leading you? Our minds can never truly understand or know God. But our hearts can seek and find Him. From beginning to end, God is one and, at the same time, Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier. God’s holy Trinitarian dance is calling you to holiness. Join in and dance! ©LPi