

Sunday, May 30, 2021 – The Most Holy Trinity

Goal: As a community may we seek to be of one heart and one mind, to know, love and serve our Lord by Letting His love and light shine through each of us.

From the Cluttered Desk and Mind of Deacon Bob

Blessings to everyone here at St. John the Evangelist Church in Centerville-Saugerties. And welcome to Most Holy Trinity Sunday.

What a change! For the last seven weeks, we've been reading Acts of the Apostles, and the Gospel of John. Now it's back to the Old Testament for the first reading, and the Gospel of Matthew this week, then back to Mark's Gospel. Everything we've been focused on for the past seven weeks are "forgotten." Not quite.

This Sunday is intentionally named for the Holy Trinity, to remind us that all of the members of the Trinity are still here in our lives, and we are now to be the living evidence of their presence in us and in the world.

In the first reading from Deuteronomy, Moses reminds the Israelites of all that God has done for them. He recounts their deliverance from Egypt, their experience of the Living God at Mount Sinai, and the commandments He gave them at Mount Sinai. This is largely a recounting of what he has already told them in the earlier books of the Pentateuch. But he is reinforcing to them what is important, what they need to remember. In this first reading, Moses is focused on God the Father, the only person of the Blessed Trinity the Israelites know about. It is the Father Who afflicted Egypt, Who protected them in the desert, provided for them, spoke to them from the cloud and fire, and Who gave them His commandments.

In the reading from Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans, Paul is talking about the Spirit of God. This is the Spirit he, the Roman believers, and we have all received from the Father and the Son. We are adopted, we are God's children. He is our Father. And we are heirs. An heir inherits from the Father, not from some unrelated person or entity, but from the Father. And what do we inherit? The Spirit of God that He sent to us on Pentecost, the same Spirit that gave Peter the courage to go out and speak to the crowd.

Then in the Gospel, from the very end of Matthew's Gospel, the disciples go to Galilee, their home territory, as Jesus had directed them. There He appears to them, and commissions them to go out and preach to all the nations. He tells them to baptize "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." These are the words the Church uses in every Baptism. And then, His last words to His disciples are, "Behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." Jesus is with us. He never leaves us. We may wander away, but He will never leave us.

So Moses reminds the believers that the Father is with them, watching over them. Paul reminds the believers that they have received the Spirit of God, the Holy Spirit, and He lives within them. And then Jesus declares that He is with us always, until we die. We have the Blessed Trinity in us, with us, beside us, waiting to help us, protect us, guide us, instruct us. Ask each Person of the Trinity today to manifest themselves in you today. Be God's presence in your world today.

God bless you.

RESERVED MASSES:

Sun 5/29	5:30p.m.	D. Richard Rafferty <i>Req. by Rafferty family</i>
Sat 6/5	5:30 p.m.	Evelyn VanHeusen <i>Req. by Maureen O'Neill</i>

COMMUNION SERVICES:

St. John's has a Communion Service every Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday at 8:30 AM. All are welcome. Morning Prayer is prayed immediately before the service at 8:15 AM. Please come.

Please call 845-217-3333 to reach Alison at the Parish Office or for Religious Education. To reach Fr. Chris in an EMERGENCY, please call 845-246-4913.

FOOD PANTRY ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

If you might be interested in helping with this corporal work of mercy, please let Gabby Baker know. She can be reached at g.baker1@ppcsd.org.

EUCCHARISTIC MNISTERS

Assisting Fr. Chris this week will be Olivia Solerno. Next week, it will be Deacon Bob.

LECTOR

The lector this week is Mike Zollo. Next week, it will be Jeff Dudzik.

ATTENDANCE

Last week, we had 58 people at 5:30 mass..

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

This sacrament is one of the seven sacraments. As St. James says in his Letter, "If someone is sick, let him call the priest to pray over him and to anoint him with oil." If you or anyone you know would like to receive the Anointing of the Sick, please let Deacon Bob know, and he will arrange a priest to come and anoint them and pray over them. Call him at 845-706-1035.

I had the honor to be present this past week at the sacrament of the Anointing and Last Rites for a parishioner. The whole family was present for this sacrament, and the peace that was present during the anointing and the prayers, and the presence of God in that moment, was beautiful to experience. Please don't feel it is not so bad that you don't really need it; it is one of the seven sacraments: use it, just as you would the Eucharist or Confession.

CONTACTING MISSING PARISHIONERS

I'm sure you are aware that many people have not returned to church after the shutdown because of COVID. I would like to try and reach out to those who are not here, and see if they need assistance, encouragement, or support. Please try to remember who used to sit next to you, on either side, in front or in back of you, and give me, Deacon Bob, their names. With the help of other parishioners, I would like to contact them, by phone or by mail, and let them know they are missed, they are cared about, and see if there is anything we as a parish can do for them. Thank you for your help with this. It was good to see so many people I have not seen for a while at the Easter Mass. It reminded me again that there are many people who could be served by home Communion ministry, first by contacting them and then by bringing them Communion.

CLYNK

We are still doing Clynk with Hannaford. We are collecting deposit bottles in the shed out back, and then putting them in the specially-marked bags so that St. John's gets credit for the deposit value. You can also take a bag home with you and fill your own bag at home with all your deposit containers and bring it to Hannaford's yourself. Or leave it in the shed. Thank you for your continued support. This does help in our outreach.

COMMUNION CALLS

If you or someone you know would like to receive Communion at home, either because of illness or infirmity, or because they don't feel safe in church, please call me, Deacon Bob, and I will arrange for someone to come and bring Communion to them or to you. Call me at 845-706-1035. I have been contacted by a couple of people who would like to receive Communion. I do not have the time to do this. If anyone is willing to bring Communion regularly to people or couples at their homes, please contact me, Deacon Bob, at 845-706-1035, and I will give you the details. If you are considering becoming an extraordinary minister of the Eucharist, please contact me. There is some instruction that is needed which I will be glad to provide. I had the joy of instructing two people a few weeks as ministers of Holy Communion at home. It is a most rewarding experience.

JUNE FOOD BAZAAR

On June 24th & 25th, a food bazaar will be held at St. Mary's. Orders will be taken in advance for our famous fried dough, as well as delicious BBQ dinners from Stone Pony. If you would like to place an order or need more information, please contact Christine Molinelli at 845-246-6381 or via email: smsjfundraising@gmail.com. Order forms are available in the church.



YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:
Vincent Saturn, Gene Woodruff, Jane Fiore, Peter Kandora, John Lynch, Nancy Dwyer, Claire Miller, "Smokey" Woods, Zac Swart, Ann Deacon, Debbie Lieberman, MaryLou Dengler, Anne Monfrini, Joan O'Leary, Dan Kelly, Richard Teitter, Ann Nelson, Vinnie & Hilda McDermott, Loretta Beisel, Joanne Sussman, Brittney Ruskie, Thomas Houlihan Sr., Frankie Cullen, Walter Johnson, Charles Bowls, Joe Font, Debbie Volkle, Mike Leung, Pam Murphy, Debra Trees, Fred Belfance, John Bechtold, Paul Donlon, Olivia Trees, Joe Nista, Carol Loesch, Bruce Meservey, Mark Moore

To place or remove name from sick list, please call 217-3333