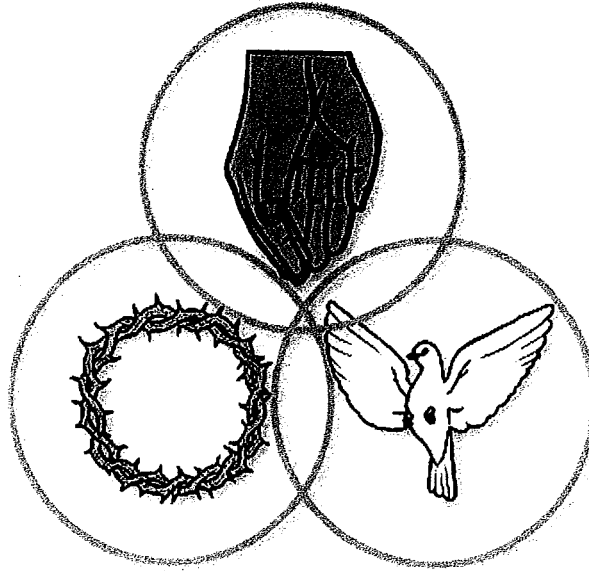


# THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

## June 7, 2020



### "THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY"

Dear Friends:

As we contemplate the Holy Trinity in our faith life, we are presented with a doctrine that seems very hard to understand. The idea of three persons in one God is kind of beyond our everyday experience. For me it is helpful to begin with the realization that God is beyond us, God is greater than us and God is in many ways beyond our normal understanding.

Maybe one of the best ways to help in our understanding is to look at the scriptures.

The first reading is from Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9. It is an encounter with Moses and God on Mount Sinai. This is a mystical encounter where God comes down in a cloud. And God speaks to Moses, defining Himself as the Lord who is merciful and gracious. Here we see the God of the Old Testament and a reminder that God is one.

The second reading is from 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 13:11-13 and we see the special affection that St. Paul had for the community at Corinth. St. Paul prays that the "God of love and peace" will be with the believers at Corinth.

Then St. Paul concludes with a blessing that refers to the Holy Trinity: "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you." Here we have a rare and clear reference to the Holy Trinity in the words of St. Paul.

The Gospel (John 3:16-18) is one of the most well-known scriptures in the Bible. It tells us that God so loved the world that He gave His only son so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life. Here you see the key to the meaning of the Trinity. The real key is the reality of God's love.

The Trinity, the communion of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, is truly based on love. Love is the beginning for us to understand the Trinity. If you want to reach a deeper understanding of God, a deeper understanding of Trinity, it is good to start with the reality of the power of God's love.

Fr. Wilson

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION for 2020-2021** - Our Religious Ed Program is essential in helping parents pass on the Catholic Faith to their children. If you have not yet registered your child/children, please return your registration papers to the office by the deadline date of **Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup>**, as books and supplies need to be ordered. If you misplaced your registration form or need to register your child in first grade, please call the office (845-373-8193) as we are here to accommodate you.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH :** Gerhard Herron, Evan Ciovacco, Lydia Casey, Mark Hamm, Grover Williams, Stephanie Merenda, Carol Wilson, Dawn Hazel Burrows, Jordana Bell, Lori DeLucca, Amanda Carneski, Linda Sartori, Winifred Capowski, Arthur Nadeau, LuAnn Ballantine, Frank D'Agostino, Sonja Kelly, Mike Butts, Erin D'Elia, Richard Piccoli, Dominic Nannetti, Santino Delfino, Ricky McGhee, John Daubman, Joseph Licurse, Joanne Balek, Michael Engel, Theresa Thompson, Linda Mary Dick, Leela Niranjana, Ralph Locantore, Fred Arni, Brandon Rojas, Leah Rost, Susan Consentino, Pat Boice, Arietta Carroll, Cecilia Cummings, Mary Wilkinson, Evelyn Tompkins, Mary Simmons, Marjorie Arni, Teal Burns, Jane Bly, Jennifer Boice, Nora Miller, Allen McPeck, Diana LaCurto, Genevieve Minischetti, Anita Nichols, Kathleen McGuire, Loretta Heller, Douglas Wilson, Donna Whalen, Stephen Bida, Leah Eurvard, Meghan King, Christine Darby, Peter Hill, Patricia Macura, Jerard Kain, Margaret and Roger Gregoire, Kyleigh Cummings, Caroline McEnroe, Patty Cassidy, Stephen Bida, Kathleen Herron, Michael Gaddis, Catherine DiRe, Baby Gemma Dadone and Joe Gatto

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED IN OUR PARISH:** Linda Sartori, Fr. John Bida, Peggy Ackerman, Rose Marie Mina Murdock, Calvin Brendaline, Thomas Jackson, Fernando Vazquez, Carmela Stuetzle

**IN THE MIDST OF HARDSHIP, ANXIETY & SUFFERING - (PSALM 139):**

O Lord, You have searched me and you know me.  
You know when I sit and when I stand.  
You understand my thoughts from afar.  
With all my ways You are familiar.  
Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord,  
You know the whole of it.  
Where can I go from Your spirit?  
From Your presence where can I flee?

Truly You have formed my inmost being.  
You knit me in my mother's womb.  
I give thanks that I am fearfully, wonderfully made.  
Wonderful are all your works.

In times of trial and uncertainty, Lord,  
help me to place my trust in You and praise You.  
When I cannot control what happens around me,  
help me to know that all is in Your care.  
May the celebration of the resurrection of your Son  
show me that You bring new life out of the darkest of life's moments!  
May I have faith in Your life-giving Presence,  
hope in Your promise for a brighter tomorrow,  
and love so that I can serve You and my sisters and brothers more fully.

**SUNDAY MASS** - Please see your Television Guide for the Easter Sunday Masses being offered on EWTN, Catholic Faith Network, Heart of the Nation (Channel 82) at 8 am and WPIX (Channel 11) from St. Patrick's Cathedral.

**SUNDAY COLLECTION** - This past week, we received \$3,745.35 in donations for our Church and an additional \$520.00 for our Cemetery. I am so very thankful to all of you who continue to support our Church during these difficult financial times. I pray that God will continue to bless you and your families with good health.

**2020 CARDINAL'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL** - As our pledges/gifts are winding down, I understand that making a pledge can be difficult during these turbulent times but perhaps you can consider making a one-time donation in an amount you can afford. Not all offerings are equal, but all sacrifices are.

**PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES:** . Timothy Walsh, Joshua O'Hara, Connor Washburn, Sam Kent, Jordan Paraszti, Gavin Carroll, Richard C. Belliveau, Jimmy Darnell, Mike Mazza, Nathan Tong, Mark Hall and Tyler Jasmin. Please keep our servicemen and their families in your prayers.

**ONE MINUTE MEDITATION** - The road to Heaven is hard but we don't have to travel alone. Jesus knew we would need a community where we could find support so He gave us the Church.