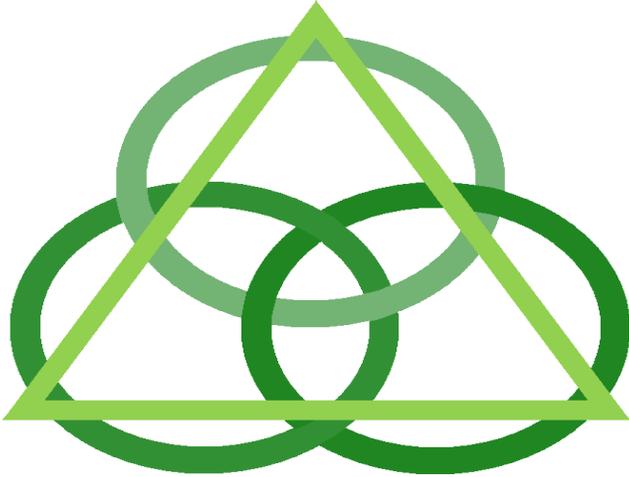
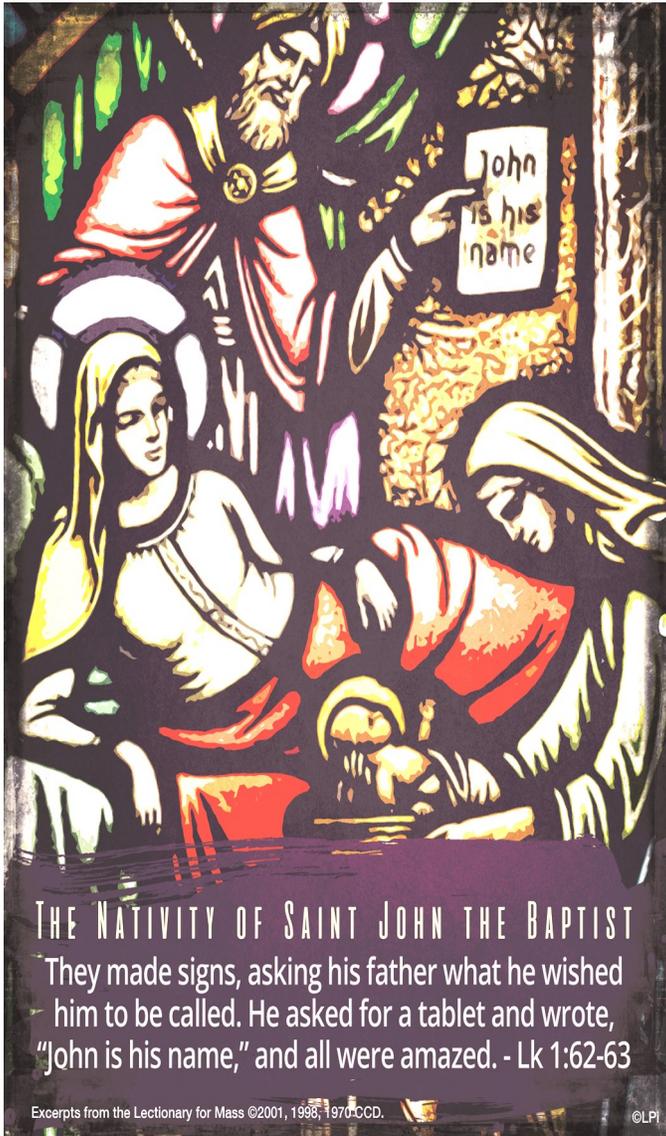


A Trinity of Persons,
One Eternal God:



Praise and Honor to You,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!



THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST
They made signs, asking his father what he wished
him to be called. He asked for a tablet and wrote,
"John is his name," and all were amazed. - Lk 1:62-63

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CHURCH OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

TRINITY, INDIANA

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Mass Schedule:

Weekend Masses

Saturday, 7:30pm; Sunday, 7:30am, 9:30am

Daily Masses

Monday—Tuesday, Thursday-Saturday 7:30am

(Rosary before am Masses); Wednesday 7:00pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday, 8:00am-9:00am

Confessions:

Saturday (After Morning Mass & Evening Mass)

Anytime by Request

Baptism: *Will be set up on an individual basis*

Marriage: *Please contact Father at least 6 months prior to intended date of wedding*

Parish Council Members:

Jason Rosenbeck (President), Larry Alig, Scott

Bruggeman, Dale Evers, Katie Muhlenkamp, Kent

Muhlenkamp, Laurie Muhlenkamp, Kristin Westgerdes

Bulletin: *Please submit items for the bulletin to the Parish Office in writing or email by Monday evening*

Missions: *On the 1st Sunday of each month, a 2nd collection is taken up to support needs of the South American Missions in Peru served by the Missionaries of the Precious Blood*

24 JUNE 2018

MASS SCHEDULE		PARISH SUPPORT	
THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST		10 JUNE 2018	
Saturday	June 23	SUNDAY	
7:30 pm	Rosamary Homan (Birthday)	TOTAL \$ 1,406.00
Sunday	June 24	Envelopes \$ 1,204.00
7:30 am	Living and Deceased of the Parish	Loose \$ 202.00
9:30 am	Loretta Welsch	Envelope Average () \$ unavailable
Monday	June 25	Overall Average (160) \$ 8.79
7:30 am	Dorothy and Victor Link	OTHER	
Tuesday	June 26	Candles \$ 81.50
7:30 am	Delores Muhlenkamp	Seminary Collection \$ 30.00
Wednesday	June 27	Hall Rent \$ 75.00
7:00 pm	John Bricher	Recommended Weekly Contribution is \$27.00	
Thursday	June 28	UP & COMING	
7:30 am	Poor Souls	2 July (Monday)	
Friday	June 29	CYO 4th of July Celebration—TBD	
7:30 am	Edna Rose	23 July (Monday)	
Saturday	June 30	CYO Survivor Contest—7:00pm	
7:30 am	Poor Souls	4-6 August (Saturday-Monday)	
THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		CYO Summer trip to Dylan State Park	
7:30 pm	Alvin Muhlenkamp (Birthday)	13 August (Monday)	
Sunday	July 1	Religious Ed. Com. Meeting—7:00pm	
7:30 am	Living and Deceased of the Parish		
9:30 am	Aaron Rose		

30 - 1 July	7:30 PM	7:30 AM	9:30 AM
Servers	Tim/ Regina/ Stanley Muhlenkamp	Dillon/Damon/Duston Muhlenkamp	Carson Westgerdes/ Greg Wellman/ Grant Wendel
Lectors	Angela Reinhart	Linda Wellman	Kayla Nietfeld
Distributors		Ed Wellman	Marg Reier/ Theresa Baucher/ Adam Westgerdes
Ushers	Kevin & Gerard Muhlenkamp	Jay Muhlenkamp/ Ron Rosenbeck	Steve Reier/ Ed Muhlenkamp
Gifts			Brian Link Family
Rosary			Luke Muhlenkamp Family

The Musings of Our Pastor

Fasten your seatbelts because my reflections this week are going to cover the gamut from "A - Z"! To be specific, "A" is for the word "apostolic" and "Z" is for the word "zeal". Before closing off this month of June (already!), the Church honors the larger-than-life servants of Christ, the Apostles Peter and Paul, whose feast is celebrated on Friday, June 29th. The survival, the growth and expansion, the fruitfulness of the Early Church after the Resurrection can be attributed in a big way to the leadership and ministry of Saints Peter and Paul. In many ways, the Apostle Peter helped the new way of Jesus to find its footing, direction, and identity within the vicinity of Jerusalem and within the context of the Jewish community. The Apostle Paul, however, had such missionary fervor and carried the Good News of Salvation in Christ to the far reaches of the world among the gentiles of Greek and Roman background. Peter and Paul did not see everything eye-to-eye. They had some significant conflicts or disputes as reflected in the Acts of the Apostles, but out of such tension or conflicts, under the guiding influence of the Holy Spirit, came critical developments in the doctrine, structure, and practices of the Early Church, which contributed to its survival and growth even to this very day.

What about this term "apostolic"? As Webster seeks to give people an understanding of the word "apostle", the following ideas are presented for consideration: a) one sent on a mission; b) one of an authoritative New Testament group sent out to preach the gospel and made up especially of Christ's 12 original disciples and Paul; c) a person who initiates a great moral reform or who first advocates an important belief or system; d) an ardent supporter. Therefore, "apostolic" is a matter of relating to an apostle, it is a matter of relating to or conforming to the teachings of the New Testament apostles, who did not preach themselves! They were sent out to proclaim Christ in words and in deeds, in private and in public, whether convenient or inconvenient. By reason of the call of faith celebrated in Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation, by reason of the gifts and resources of the Holy Spirit given to us in the Sacraments of the Church, we, too, are sent out on a mission to make Christ known to the world through our words and deeds. Influenced by the Gospel values of Jesus Christ, our Savior, we are to initiate or promote moral reform within society, especially by stamping out the ugly realities of sin in our lives or other places, and by upholding truth, justice, forgiveness, compassionate love, humble service and the dignity or rights of others to the best extent of our abilities. Such efforts give an "apostolic" splendor to our everyday lives, while contributing to the sanctification or renewal of the world. Essentially, that is our fundamental vocation as Catholic-Christian people living in today's secular world.

"Zeal", according to Webster, is quite simply "eagerness and ardent interest in pursuit of something", or what we speak of as "fervor". While the Apostles Peter and Paul had tremendous zeal in fulfilling the work of Christ, even in the face of truckloads of opposition and suffering, this often is not the case for ourselves. In simple matters of personal prayer or Sunday Mass, in simple matters of fidelity to the moral teachings of Christ and the Church, many of us need to be prodded and pushed to follow through on these responsibilities in an appropriate and virtuous manner. We tend to have a rather half-hearted, lukewarm spirit, which lacks genuine fervor or enthusiasm with regards to the things of Christ. As a result, we simply do not make much progress in reaching new levels of growth and maturity in our faith. As a result, the Church itself may not be fully alive and growing to maturity in the ways of Christ. As a result, the moral reform and sanctification of the world may be hitting a snag because we are not that powerful "leaven of goodness", that powerful "force for good" that Christ would like us to be as his Body, the Church.

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THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Today	9:30 am	---
Monday	6:30 pm	Baseball Game at St. Anthony Church
	7:00 pm	CYO Survivor Preliminaries
Tuesday	6:30 pm	Vacation Bible School
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Vacation Bible School
Thursday	8:00-9:00 am	Eucharistic Adoration
	6:30 pm	Vacation Bible School
Friday		
Saturday	8:15 am	Confessions
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Sunday		

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Cemetery Land—Site Development

Having acquired new land for the expansion of Holy Trinity Parish Cemetery, it is absolutely prudent to begin immediately with the development of the site for future burial plots. Available space for additional burial plots in the present cemetery is becoming more limited. The parish averages about 5-6 funerals per year. The Cemetery Commission in consultation with the Parish Council envisions a number of important steps that are needed to prepare the site for future use.

Drainage:

Proper drainage for the future cemetery is a most fundamental component. Excavation work for the drainage system will require some portion of time for the ground to settle, which some have calculated to be about a year. Hence, without too much delay or as schedules permit, the work on the drainage system will be completed.

Trees/Tree Line:

- A. Word has it that Fr. Francis Uecker, C.P.P.S., planted the trees on the west side of the cemetery, and he finished his term as Pastor in August, 1962, according to our Baptismal Records. Hence, the trees are over 50 years old, very overcrowded and many are not in very good shape at all.
- B. Trees within cemetery grounds can be a real nuisance or problem because the roots can affect the gravesites, tombstones and other such things. Likewise, should there be any need to trim or to take down trees within cemetery grounds, it can become an extremely difficult (and costly) task because of the risks of damaging tombstones, which would be upsetting to the surviving family members.
- C. Prior to the mid-1950's, by Church regulations, it was not permitted to bury the remains of stillborn or other unbaptized babies in the blessed ground of the parish cemetery. The remains of such individuals were buried along the fence row.
- D. Some parish members have made it known that their loved ones have been buried along the fence row, which is just to the west of the tree line. A massive fence post is hidden in the trees near State Road 67. The fence row is to be considered "sacred ground" because of the remains of any number of babies buried in that space over the years.
- E. Creating "Hallowed Green Space" to replace the trees/tree line will be initiated in the very near future through the following steps:
 - 1.) All of the trees will be cut down even with the ground, so as not to disturb any grave sites for the stillborn and the unbaptized located in the fence row.
 - 2.) Very shallow, minimal grinding of stumps will take place to allow for a small layer of ground to sustain and support the growth of grass in this "green space".
 - 3.) Somewhere along this stretch of "Hallowed Green Space", a memorial could be placed, in time, to remember those whose remains were buried in the fence row.

Cemetery Drive:

Some type of drive will need to be constructed from the current drive on the west side of the church through the south portion of the current cemetery (west of the grotto) and into the expanded cemetery. The specifics of the design and location of such a drive, along with any visual focus or landscaping for such a drive is not yet fully determined. The construction of such a drive, however, is certainly an important and timely priority.

Financial Resources

Thanks to some generous bequests, Holy Trinity Parish has substantial financial resources in the Cemetery Fund to cover the expenses for the site development needs of our expanded cemetery.

Cemetery Commission Members: Kyle Brockman, Kent Muhlenkamp and Ryan Wellman

...(musings continued)... There you have it, "A - Z", which today celebrates the apostolic zeal of St. Peter and St. Paul, which was absolutely crucial for the survival, growth and fruitfulness of the Early Church following the Resurrection. Let us seek their prayerful intercession on our behalf, especially that we might have a tad bit more of that same spirit of apostolic zeal to get the work of Christ done more effectively within our own lives and within the world today. May all that we do in the summer season be acceptable to the Lord as virtuous and pleasing in his sight. God bless you. —**Father Ken**

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

II Stephanie Wellman and Nick Pryor

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Parker May, who were married here this weekend.