June 7, 2020

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

Mass Schedule

Mon—Fri 8:15am
Wednesday 2:15pm (school Mass)
Saturday 5:30pm
Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:15am
Holy Days 8:15am, 7:00pm

Reconciliation

Friday 8:45-9:30am
Saturday 4:00-5:00pm

Parish Office

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www.h-t.org
Mon—Thur 8:00-4:30pm
Friday 8:00-2:00pm

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Monday—Friday 8:00-3:30pm

Community Outreach Office

503.641.1842
www.h-t.org/outreach
Tues, Wed, Fri 10:00-12:30pm

Congratulations to Holy Trinity’s Class of 2020!

“For I know well the plans I have in mind for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare, not for woe! plans to give you a future full of hope. When you call me, when you go to pray to me, I will listen to you. When you look for me, you will find me. Yes, when you seek me with all your heart, you will find me with you, says the Lord.”

— Jeremiah 29: 11-14
Into June we go! School is already done for the year for some, and quickly coming to an end for the rest. We have our school’s graduation on Monday evening of this week, with a drive-by set up for our grads to get their diplomas and then a “honk out”. If you live anywhere nearby, get ready for some noise! I am so proud of our students, their families, and our teachers for the ways they have adapted quickly to the online learning. No one would say it is better than what our norm had been, but most would quickly agree that the level of learning that was able to continue is impressive.

We are continuing to find ways of increasing our Mass attendance capacity and the Archdiocese is in ongoing dialog with the Governor’s team on protocols as we proceed. For those of you hesitant to come out in public I want to gently encourage you and describe the safety steps we are taking. In addition to fully sanitizing after every Mass following CDC guidelines, we are assisting folks in maintaining the social distancing in the pews and elsewhere, have all doors propped open so there is no need to touch anything, have hand sanitizer present, and we give clear instructions at each Mass to keep the Communion line safe. I have found everyone, without exception, to be mindful, thoughtful of others, and EAGER to be able to come back. We will welcome you when you feel ready to come back!

Okay……..a few words about finances. As you would guess we have taken a big hit on our offertory collections. We are not yet in a crisis position and the large number of parishioners who are on some form of online giving is making a huge difference. Expenses have not diminished, so I do ask you to please do what you can to support our parish through this difficult time. If you would like assistance in setting up online giving, our staff is happy to help. We do have a drop box right outside the office door that is emptied first thing every morning, so you can drop offertory envelopes or donations there at any time. Thanks for helping out!

Our seminarian intern, Tristan Schubert, is here for the summer and is off to a good start. I am eager for him to get connected with as many of you as possible and will need your help since we don’t have our usual social gatherings to facilitate that. He can be reached via email at tristan@h-t.org if you want to drop him a note of welcome. Take a look at the Monday Reflection video from last week on our YouTube Channel for a brief interview I did with him (www.youtube.com/c/HolyTrinityCatholicChurch97005). He will regularly be posting a Tuesday Reflection beginning this week, and he’s also written an introduction on the next page.

Congratulations to Jeanne Bart and Nathan Cummings, who were married here on May 30th! Blessings to you both, and to all of our married and engaged couples.

Alfred Nieves (father of our Music Director, Mark) passed away on May 27th after a very long illness. Please keep Mark, Erin, and the rest of their family in your prayers, and may Alfred’s soul, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

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**Mass Intentions**

| Saturday 6th |
| 5:30pm | +Modesta Bonifacio |
| Sunday 7th |
| 8:00am | +Joseph Buu Van-Dinh |
| 9:30am | +Ryker Smith |
| 11:15am | Holy Trinity Parish |

| Monday 8th |
| 8:15am | +Peggy Hiss and Holy Trinity 8th graders – Class of 2020 |

| Tuesday 9th |
| 8:15am | +Joseph Vithayathil |

| Wednesday 10th |
| 8:15am | +Elizabeth Thiercof |

| Thursday 11th |
| 8:15am | +Hudson Black |

| Friday 12th |
| 8:15am | +Norma Darling |

The flowers for this weekend are in loving memory of Elizabeth Thiercof.
Hello and thank you for the warm welcome I’ve already received from many of you. For those of you who do not know me yet, I am Tristan Schubert and I’ve just completed my first year of seminary at Mt. Angel. I have lived in Beaverton all my life and my family has attended St. Juan Diego parish since its genesis by Fr. John Kerns.

We’ve always been active participants with my dad and younger sister in the choir, my mom on the social justice committee, and myself helping lead youth group and confirmation classes. My parents both work in computer programming related jobs and my sister is set to graduate from college next year.

I attended UC Davis for college, graduating with a degree in civil and environmental engineering, but began hearing God call me in a different direction in my senior year. I was a very active member of the Newman Center, the college campus Catholic ministry, and the love and joy filling that community inspired me to seek out serving God in a more direct way.

After college I did begin a master’s program in renewable energy engineering, but completed just one year, leaving after I had spent more time exploring God’s will for me and determining that He was calling me to enter seminary. My first year at Mt. Angel was a fantastic experience of prayer and community and I’m excited to return when classes resume.

In my free time, my main enjoyment is reading — primarily fiction — and I love sharing and discussing books with friends. I also enjoy Ultimate Frisbee, cooking, playing piano, and games, especially complex board games. I’m very excited to be with you all this summer and I invite you to come and introduce yourselves to me after Mass. I may need a reminder of your name a few times, but I’m eager to get to know you and serve you and your parish in any way that I can.

We are deeply saddened to announce that Fr. John Waldron passed away on Thursday, May 28th. Fr. Waldron served as pastor of Holy Trinity from 1991-2004, and retired from St. Patrick’s in Canby in 2014. He was a kind, funny, wonderful priest and much beloved by the HT community. His funeral arrangements are currently pending, and we will be sure to alert you all when we have those details. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace.
Hello, families! The end (of the school year) is nigh, so I thought I’d send you an update about religious education and sacramental prep. It’s still too early to tell what the Fall will look like, but I can tell you there are many wheels a-turning, and lots of ideas coming together. (All my ideas are terrific. Brett’s are iffy at best.)

★ Religious Ed: Things will almost definitely look a little different next year. Our Sunday morning program has grown a lot in the last few years, and we’ve filled up many of our classrooms. We were already in discussion about expanding Religious Ed from one Sunday session to two, in the hopes of fitting more students in the program. The drawback, of course, is that this takes a lot more volunteers! Please begin considering whether you have an hour’s worth of time, energy, and joy to share with our younger Holy Trinitarians. We’ve also lost two of our lead catechists this year who had to relocate to other cities, so no matter what happens the need for new volunteers will be great!

★ VBS: Most summers, the local parishes collaborate on a VBS for kids. There’s no practical to make that work with the hundreds of kids that we usually have. We hate to see that ministry vanish, however, so Holy Trinity will be trying an experiment this year: online VBS. We’re already working on plans for a self-guided video-based VBS that families will be able to work through at home, and at their own pace. Keep an eye on this space in the bulletin (and on the parish website) for more information as the plan comes smoothly together without any issues at all. (That’s definitely how it’s going to happen, right?)

★ Confirmation: Our Confirmation program is large, with up to 50 people in a class. Plans were already in motion to reduce these large gatherings to smaller, more comfortable groups. Should the classes need to be moved online, rest assured that Holy Trinity is ready to enter the digital age!

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"Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting? The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Cor 15:55-57).

Pentecost weekend, a large group in our parish completed their sacraments over four of our five liturgies. We had Baptisms, Confirmations, and First Communions; and we had Baptized Christians professing their faith in the beliefs of our Catholic faith, and were confirmed and joined us at the table of Eucharist. It was GLORIOUS!

Let’s think about what happened. Each of the people who completed their sacraments said “yes” to their faith in Jesus Christ. As Catholics, that is something we do every time we go to Mass, practice and live our faith. Watching our neophytes reminds all of us of both the beauty of what we believe, and the power and strength that comes from that.

We have been fighting the Coronavirus, hunkered down, hiding behind masks. We turn on the news and see the violence that has erupted in our cities. Jesus Christ is bigger than all of that. In Jesus Christ, we have nothing to fear.

The beauty and promise of our sacraments remind us that the promise of our faith is so much bigger than what the world would tell us. Let’s live our faith, and bring it to a world in whatever ways we can. It begins in our homes and spreads wherever we go. Let our hope and belief in Jesus Christ help to change the world. Amen? AMEN!
Pope Francis noted in his 2019 message for the 52nd World Day of Peace that “good politics is at the service of peace. It respects and promotes fundamental human rights. . .enabling a bond of trust and gratitude to be forged between present and future generations.” As with many things, however, politics “has its share of vices” along with its virtues.

H.R. 1, “For the People Act,” was passed by the House in March 2019. This bill would protect voting rights, limit gerrymandering, improve ethical practices, reduce the impact of corporate funds, and increase accountability. It has been stalled in the Senate for over a year now.

In Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, the USCCB urges all Catholics to make their voices heard in the public square. Part of making our voices heard is through direct communication to our elected officials. Reach out to our senators and tell them why accountability from our elected officials and voting rights protection is important to you! Their contact information can be found online at h-t.org/social-justice.

Join us in the USCCB’s nationwide effort called Walking with Moms in Need: A Year of Service, to assist pregnant moms and families in need.

Did you know? The Mother and Child Education Center in NE Portland connects, educates, and supports parents during pregnancy and early infancy. They continue to serve clients with appropriate social distancing during this difficult time, and are accepting donations of new baby clothing with tags still on them, diapers, wipes, and monetary contributions. Call them at 503.249.5801 or check their website at momchildpdx.org.

Be sure to check out the Listen to Your Heart brochure online at h-t.org/respect-life-ministry — it has many great resources to help pregnant women!

Last week I wrote about focusing on the good that I see happening around us. This week I thought maybe I could show you an example I have written about before.

I have mentioned before how our church neighbors at Beaverton Foursquare jumped at the chance to help feed hundreds of families within the Beaverton School District each week. Working together with the Oregon Food Bank, the School District, and volunteers from multiple churches and organizations within our community, we have been able to send over 500 food boxes to multiple school sites each week for most of the last couple of months. It has been uplifting to see how so many came together to help multiple neighbors in need. It has truly been a great example of God’s love in action.

With the official closing of the school year coming next week, this program will come to an end. We are, however, exploring various possibilities of a smaller, or different version, that will be sustained throughout the summer. Stay tuned for more information as it becomes available.

Please pray for all of those who have received food through this program that they may continue to find the support and resources they need to address their food insecurity.
Ms. Cindy Hittner is retiring at the end of June! While we are so excited for her, we know all of our students, parents, and teachers will miss her greatly. Ms. Hittner has loved each of our students, taken care of them when hurt and sick, and been the welcoming, gracious face of our school for seven years. In retirement, she’s looking forward to gardening more, getting her fill of antique stores, and being with her grandkids. Thank you for your love for Holy Trinity!

Our fantastic Elementary Art teacher, Mrs. Shawn Karakas, is also retiring this year. Mrs. Karakas has single handedly beautified our halls and impressed every visitor with the gorgeous art work she encourages and teaches our students to do. We are excited for what retirement brings to Mrs. Karakas — more time in her studio to create art, time for her music, and time for grandkids! Thank you for your love for Holy Trinity!

With our beloved Ms. Hittner retiring at the end of June, we are excited to welcome our new Administrative Assistant: Ms. Tabitha Spieler. Ms. Spieler is a Catholic school graduate and is really excited to serve our community and staff. Please help us welcome her when you see her around the school or via email. Ms. Spieler will train with Ms. Hittner through June and take over the office July 1st. Her email is tsplier@htsch.org.
**Scripture Readings**

**Monday 8th**
1 Kgs 17: 1-6 | Mt 5: 1-12

**Tuesday 9th**
1 Kgs 17: 7-16 | Mt 5: 13-16

**Wednesday 10th**
1 Kgs 18: 20-39 | Mt 5: 17-19

**Thursday 11th**

**Friday 12th**
1 Kgs 19: 9a, 11-16 | Mt 5: 27-32

**Saturday 13th**
1 Kgs 19: 19-21 | Mt 5: 33-37

**Sunday 14th**
Dt 8: 2-3, 14b-16a | 1 Cor 10: 16-17
Jn 6: 51-58

**Holy Father’s Intention for June**

**The Way of the Heart**

We pray that all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus.

**Pope Francis @Pontifex**

If the events of life – with all its bitterness – risk suffocating the gift of #Prayer within us, it is enough to contemplate a starry sky, a sunset, or a flower, to reignite the spark of thanksgiving. #GeneralAudience

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**Parish Finances**

**For the Weekend of May 30-31**

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