May 16, 2021

The Ascension of the Lord

**Mass Schedule**

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**Reconciliation**

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**Parish Office**

503.643.9528  
www.h-t.org  
Mon–Thur    8:00-4:30pm  
Friday      8:00-2:00pm

**School Office**

503.644.5748  
www.htsch.org  
Monday–Friday 8:00-3:30pm

**Community Outreach Office**

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

Photo by Pokie Hurd
We are nearing the end of the 50 days of the Easter Season, and celebrate the Feast of the Ascension this weekend and Pentecost next weekend (Yes, Ascension “Thursday” had been transferred to Sunday many years ago because it is such a big event in the whole plan of God’s saving work).

The school year is winding down too and currently on our radar are all the usual end-of-year events: final student projects, music program, and of course, graduation. It’s been quite a year and as I have written numerous times in this bulletin, I am incredibly proud of our school staff for their creativity, stamina, and perseverance with all the changes that had to happen all year long. May next school year be much more NORMAL!

Here at the parish we are preparing for some changes, too. As we announced a couple of weeks ago, Fr. Hans will be reassigned this summer and will become pastor of a parish (technically he will be named “Administrator”, but will function as pastor). Location will be announced in a couple more weeks. We do not yet know who will be coming as our new Parochial Vicar. He will have big shoes to fill! Our plan is to have a reception for Fr. Hans after all four Masses the final weekend of June.

And, as you will read in Al’s column in this bulletin, he will be leaving our Outreach Ministry after nine wonderful and fruitful years here. He too will have big shoes to fill. He has exciting plans underway and those plans will dovetail directly with our work here at Holy Trinity. We have finalized the hiring of his successor and training is underway. Michelle Dieter is assuming our position here overseeing the ministry of our parish Food Closet and Outreach. She has been one of our volunteers so will not be a strange face to our faithful crew. Welcome Michelle!

Congratulations to Rebecca Cruze and Chandler Willison-Gish, who were married here on Saturday, May 15th! Blessings to you both, and to all of our engaged couples!

Last week, funeral services were held for Deloris Dobler and for Craig Sandberg. A service is scheduled for Patrick Vasnaik on Monday, May 17th at 11:00am, and for Cathy Davis on Saturday, May 22nd at 2:00pm. Blessings on them and on their families.

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**Scripture Readings**

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**Sunday 23rd**


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**Parish Finances**

For the Weekend of May 8–9

- Offertory $25,840
- Food Closet $4,255
- Backpacks / Duffel Bags $30
- Additional Gifts $200

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**This Week At Holy Trinity**

**Sunday, May 16th**

- 12:30-2:00pm, Gym — HTYM
- 3:00-4:00pm, Church — Religious Ed.

**Monday, May 17th**

- 11:00am, Church — Funeral for Patrick Vasnaik
- 5:30-7:00pm, Field — CYO Track & Field

**Wednesday, May 19th**

- 6:30-8:00pm, Fireside — Young Adult Ministry Book Group

**Thursday, May 20th**

- 9:00am — USDA Food Box distribution in Beaverton Foursquare’s parking lot
- 5:30-7:00pm, Field — CYO Track & Field
- 6:00pm, via Zoom — Baptism Preparation Class
- 6:00-7:00pm, Church — Holy Hour of Adoration
- 6:30-8:00pm, Cafeteria — Cub Scout Pack 598

**Friday, May 21st**

- 7:00-8:00pm, via Zoom — HT Zoom Bingo (email Debbie G. at debbie.a.m.gray@gmail.com to join the fun!)

**Saturday, May 22nd**

- 2:00pm, Church — Funeral for Cathy Davis
Hello to everyone at Holy Trinity, and thank you for the many warm welcomes I’ve already received! My name is Shawn Raymond Daniel, and I’m thrilled to have Holy Trinity as my summer assignment for 2021!

I’m originally from Boise, Idaho. While growing up, my family made many trips over to Portland to visit other family members. Consequently, I’ve always regarded Portland as my “adopted hometown,” and a place I’ve always loved.

I’m a convert; I was raised in the Assemblies of God, but stepped away from the church until I felt God’s call to the Catholic faith while in my thirties. The Catholic Church had not been “on my radar” at all until the young daughters (ages five and two-and-a-half) of a friend of mine repeatedly insisted I come to Mass with them.

I had become something of a father-figure to them, and I in turn came to think of them as my “adopted kids” and loved them both very much. As I spent much time with them every week, the girls also wanted me to come to Mass with them, which at first I declined. After repeated requests they prevailed, and I joined them for my first Catholic Mass.

The experience of sitting in the church flooded me with memories of my youth and a feeling of “home” as I sat there in the pews. I truly felt at peace and at home as I sat there, and ended up attended most Sunday Masses with the girls over the course of the next four to four-and-a-half years. This was my introduction to the Catholic faith.

Through my love of two children (and their love for me), I was brought back to my love of God (although His love in me never waned, as evidenced by the many blessings He has bestowed on me throughout my life). A “take-away” from my conversion story is to never underestimate the power of children, as their love helped change my life and put me on the course that I’m on now.

Please bear with me as I learn your names, as I’ve never been great at remembering people’s names (something that I’m constantly trying to improve upon). I greatly look forward to meeting and knowing all of you at Holy Trinity!
Our LAST Sunday afternoon gathering for the year is this Sunday, May 16th! Come have some fun in the (hopefully!) sun with Ally before she heads back to Notre Dame for the summer! Join us at 3:00pm in the church.

Watch this space for updates about registration for next year’s classes and the 2021 sacramental process for First Communion and Confirmation.

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday 15th**
5:30pm  +Joseph Dung Giap

**Sunday 16th**
8:00am  +George Prusynski
9:30am  Holy Trinity Parish
11:15am  +Catarina Lan Pham Cao

**Monday 17th**
8:15am  In Thanksgiving from the Comoda Family
        +Thomas & +Martha Kieu-Cong

**Tuesday 18th**
8:15am  +Maria Nguyen Thi Minh-Hanh
        Continued Healing for Betsy R. Quitigua

**Wednesday 19th**
8:15am  +Elvira Ortiz
2:15pm  In Thanksgiving from Nhung Wooley

**Thursday 20th**
8:15am  +Mariea Dragulet

**Friday 21st**
8:15am  +Claudio Russo & +Marta Malni

The flowers for this weekend are in loving memory of Matty & Ann Bernard.

**Youth Ministry | 6-12th Grade**

Join us on Sundays at 12:30pm in the school gym for fun activities, prayer, and small groups! All 6th - 12th graders welcome.

Check out our website (h-t.org/htym) for more information.

follow us on Instagram!

@holytrinity.ym

**Religious Education | K-5th Grade**

Chris Storm – cstorm@htsch.org

**For What It’s Worth: Thoughts on Faith**

Erin Nieves — ern@h-t.org

“What if...?” We have been reading from the Acts of the Apostles, and Fr. Dave, Fr. Hans, and Deacon Brett have been marveling at the activity of the Holy Spirit in the Early Church. Acts demonstrates the active voice and power of the Holy Spirit and the faithful response of the Early Church. Pentecost is coming, but our personal Pentecost is already with us through the grace of the sacraments that we have received and the promise of Jesus Himself.

So what’s different about us and the Early Church? Is the Holy Spirit silent, absent, on vacation? Or is it our penchant for listening that is missing? The faith of the Apostles and first Christians demanded listening and prayer for the inspiration and guidance that they needed as followers of Jesus. Shouldn’t that be true of us well?

Imagine what would be possible if we were spirit led, starting each day with the request, “come Holy Spirit” and watching for that same Spirit to show up. “It can’t be that easy!” you say. Isn’t it? Perhaps we are just missing the cues, the direction, the holy assistance that is constantly coming in our baptized and fully initiated direction.

As we approach the Feast of Pentecost, let’s invite the Holy Spirit to be a welcome guest in our lives. In fact, let Him take up residence and move in! Pentecost is coming! +

**Holy Father’s Intention for May**

The World of Finance

Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.
To celebrate the end of the Laudato Si’ Special Anniversary Year, Pope Francis invites the world’s Catholics to joyfully participate in Laudato Si’ Week 2021, to be held May 16–25! This week will also be a time to reflect on what the COVID-19 pandemic has taught us and how we can prepare for the future with hope. Laudato Si’ has enlivened Catholic communities across the globe to work against the ecological crisis and climate emergency. Visit h-t.org/our-common-home to join the celebration as we reflect, pray, and take action for our common home!

Birthright is a non-profit, all-volunteer organization that helps women at any stage in their pregnancy and especially those facing an unplanned pregnancy, located in Hillsboro with additional locations in Southwest Washington, Portland, and Salem. Birthright is a pro-life, non-judgmental organization that cares about the welfare of every woman who walks through their door. Their mission is to provide women a safe, quiet place to receive the support and resources they need during a challenging time. To learn more about Birthright and how you can support their mission, visit birthrightoregon.org.

Oregon experienced a horrific 2020 wildfire season in the midst of a global pandemic. Nine lives were lost, and nearly 40,000 individuals were displaced; over 4,000 homes and 1,100 other structures/businesses were destroyed; and over 1.2 million acres of land were burned. 2021 is already shaping up to be an active wildfire year: at the end of March, nearly 200 homes in Bend were evacuated because of a brush fire. The National Drought Mitigation Center notes that nearly the entire state is abnormally dry and more than three-quarters is experiencing moderate drought or higher. May is Wildfire Awareness Month, and we encourage you to visit h-t.org/health-ministry for simple ways to make sure your home and family are prepared for potential wildfires!

Nine years ago I was provided with an opportunity I never expected. This opportunity has changed my life in so many ways, most of which are difficult to articulate. Because of this opportunity I have met countless individuals filled with kindness and compassion; people who experience sheer joy from helping others. These individuals have opened my eyes to the true meaning of caring for one another. These are individuals right here at Holy Trinity and scattered throughout Beaverton, Washington County and beyond. These are people of various faiths or no defined faith at all. Each has had an impact in their own way.

I have also met people who, in spite of many life challenges, continue to carry on; demonstrating their incredible personal strength and faith in a power greater than themselves. Struggling and yet positive, fractured but not broken, proud and yet gracious. These, too, have had their impact.

Being a part of the Community Outreach at Holy Trinity has been an incredible blessing for me. I have laughed and cried, often in the same day. I have known we made a difference and struggle with searching for how we can do more. Listening to the Holy Spirit, I know there is always more; more that is needed; more that we are capable of; more that is expected of us.

Over the last seven years, working with others in the community, I have been searching for how we can, in fact, do more. I believe the Beaverton Resource Center, which opened on May 4th, is a step in that direction. Taking what I have learned here at Holy Trinity and applying it on a bigger scale will allow the Beaverton Resource Center to serve a broader community in a more comprehensive way. I am excited about all of the possibilities! With that in mind, I will be retiring from Holy Trinity effective June 4th.

It has been my privilege to have been a part of our Community Outreach for these past nine years. We are blessed to have fellow parishioner Michelle Dieter taking my place effective June 7th. You will continue to see Cathie and me at Mass; you’re not getting rid of us! As I start this new venture with the Beaverton Resource Center, I ask for your prayers, and if so inclined, your support. As always, please remember to:

GO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!
As a way to keep spirits high and school fun, we have been adding in themed free dress days. Last week, we had Twin Day! Our talented teachers teamed up to find a twin and impress (confuse?) the students.