

**The Feast of the Holy Trinity**  
*"All that the Father has is mine."*

The pale pink of sunset was slowly fading as a veil of black velvet sprinkled with diamonds turned evening into night. The waxing moon cast shadows on the earth below and the evening sounds of frog song yielded to the melody of the stream behind my home. Some twelve hours later the black curtain lifted slowly to reveal the sun shining in beauty, forcing back the night and I was ready to greet the day with joy. Ah! The miracles of night and day. We understand that mystery; scientists have told us how it happens. But for ancient peoples it was a mystery to be explained. We are a species that seems to love to solve mysteries and many of the mysteries that face us can be solved by good sound reasoning.

However, the mystery of the Triune God is not one that anyone has ever been successful in solving or has even come close to explaining. The Trinity, like the Eucharist, is a mystery we either accept or we reject. Unlike the ancient peoples who had many gods to explain the changes in the seasons, the rising and setting of the sun, thunder and lightning, we have one God. We have a God for whom all things are possible. And it is this God who has created all things. Try, for example, to explain the fact that on one tree there are millions of leaves and not one is like the other; each leaf is unique. And while we may be able to explain the rising and setting of the sun, no one has ever explained Who put that in place and holds it there in its steady rhythm of rise and set.

There's a wonderful old movie entitled Oh, God! in which God, played by George Burns, comes to earth to visit Jerry, a grocery store produce manager, to give the word that God is not dead. They are discussing the issue of extinction of plants and animals. There's a line in that discourse that has stuck with me these many years in which God says to Jerry, "Just try making a mackerel from scratch!" That's the power of our heavenly Father. We may invent things, improve on things, destroy things, but we have never been able to create things. Oh, we may think we created the internet but when you really think about that you come to realize that all that was done to "create" it, was to use things already in existence and put them together in a new way! We can't and never could, create that mackerel! So instead of trying to explain this astonishing Triune God, let's praise Him for all He has done and continues to do for us in our weakness. There's a canticle in the book of Daniel that reads. "All things the Lord has made, bless the Lord:/ give glory and praise to Him." It goes on to list a variety of creatures and items that the Lord has created and at the end of each, the canticle reads, "give glory and praise to Him." We can forget to give our Lord glory and praise. Yet each minute of every day, something comes into our lives for which we need to praise our loving God. I watched a young bird just learning to fly; it made several attempts but seemed to be a bit fearful of the height of its perch on my eaves trough. The mother, getting a bit impatient with her timid young, gently nudged it to the edge of the perch and with another nudge sent it over the edge! Fly it did! I had been privileged to see this little miracle. We can think that God is no longer performing miracles the way He did in earlier times, miracles recorded for us in the books of the Old and New Testaments, but I wonder if it's that we don't recognize the miracles that He performs in our daily lives. Instead of trying to explain the mysteries of our faith, let's accept them as the miracles they are and bask in the wonder of His love and His compassion.

Wishing you a week of blessing and many small miracles. Betty Bruch



**JUNE 16, 2019**

**MOST HOLY TRINITY**

**SACRED HEART PARISH**

Sacred Heart Church  
 24 Albert St.  
 Langton, ON



St. Michael's Church  
 978 St. John's Road  
 Walsh, ON



**Weekend Mass Schedule**

Saturday – 5:00 pm  
 Sunday – 8:30 am (St. Michael's)  
 Sunday – 10:30 am

**Daily Mass**

Tues. – 5:00 pm  
 Wed. to Fri. – 9:30 am

**Reconciliation**

20 min. prior to weekday mass  
 Sat. 4-4:45 pm  
 Sun. 8-8:20 am, or by appt.(St. Michael's)

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 Brian Hanley, Deacon

**Office Hours:** Tues. and Thurs. 9 am – 4 pm;

**Baptisms** – Contact Rev. Thomas—6 months notice **Marriages** – Contact Rev. Thomas— one year notice required

**Schools** – Sacred Heart, Langton - St. Michael's, Walsh - Our Lady of Fatima, Courtland

**THIS IS THE HOLY TRINITY**

Today we celebrate the Holy Trinity, one of the most confounding mysteries of our faith. Through this mystery we experience our relationship to God: Creator, Savior, and Holy Spirit. This relationship is not easy to understand or to describe. It does not become clearer through analysis. Its complexity mirrors the complexity of all our relationships. We understand our relationships with our spouses, our children, our parents, and our friends only through daily give-and-take, annual rituals, and the life-changing moments we share. We understand our relationships only as we live them. The relationships we have with those we love, and who love us, sustain us through an uncertain and difficult life. This is the Holy Trinity.

What is striking about today's readings is that each is incomplete. What they do offer is a description of a moment in our relationship, a memory of a time and an event when our relationship made sense even though that sense may be beyond our ability to describe fully. Often that is all that our faith offers, that is, a memory of what is possible, what is promised, what has been given. A memory of eternity, of love beyond understanding is to be cherished and nurtured even if not fully understood. This is the Holy Trinity.

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**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Today's feast, extending a dimension of Easter joy into Ordinary Time, reminds us that every aspect of worship centers on the mystery of God in three persons. At baptism, we are initiated into Christ and the Spirit. The Creed we recite at Mass every Sunday has its roots in the ancient celebration of baptism, when a new believer was questioned at the edge of the waters of the font with three questions: Do you believe in God, the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit? Three questions, three affirmations, three immersions into the saving waters. Because every liturgy abounds with references to the Trinity, not only in words but in blessings by the sign of the cross, this feast was not easily accepted into the calendar. Pope Alexander in the eleventh century remarked that the liturgy is so laden with praise of the Trinity that there was no need for a special feast. Two hundred years later, while in exile in France, Pope John XXII proclaimed the feast, but it was not until 1911 that Pope St. Pius X gave it status as a solemnity.

A favorite image in art for today is the Icon of the Trinity, showing three glorious winged men seated at a table laden with bread and a cup of wine. It recalls Abraham's hospitality to angels and gives expression to the inner life of God, a life lived in relationship, a life poured out in abundance whenever Christians gather at the table of the Eucharist to give praise to the Father, in Christ, in the embrace of the Spirit.

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**PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE – SACRED HEART, LANGTON			
DATE	TIME	MASS INTENTION	BY
Tues June 18/19	5:00 pm	<b>Graduation Mass for OLFS at SHC</b> • Joe DeVos	• Helena Mattan
Wed June 19/19	9:30 am 5:00 pm	• Gladys Pieters <b>Graduation Mass for STMS at STMC</b> • Jeanne DeLeeBeeck • Louis Keursten	• Langton CWL • Armin & Frances Kunkel • Don Chechak
Thurs June 20/19	4:00 pm <i>Caressant Care</i>	• Joe DeVos	• Rick & Terry Rigole
Fri June 21/19	9:30 am	• Ray Amirault	• Trudy Konopetski

DATES TO REMEMBER		
DATE	TIME	EVENT
Tues June 18/19	5:00 pm	Graduation Mass for OLFS at SHC
Wed June 19/19	5:00 pm	Graduation Mass for STMS at STMC
Sun June 23/19	8:30 am	Group First Communion for STMS at STMC
	10:30 am	Group First Communion for SHS & OLFS children at SHC
Mon June 24/19	5:00 pm	Graduation Mass for SHS at SHC
Tues June 25/19	1:45 pm	Year End Mass for OLFS at OLFS
	7:30 pm	Parish Pastoral Council
Wed June 26/19	1:45 pm	Year End Mass for STMS at STMC
Thurs June 27/19	9:30 am	Year End Mass & Feast of Sacred Heart of Jesus for SHS at SHC

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**  
 Wed Jun 19/19: St. Romuald  
 Fri Jun 21/19: St. Aloysius Gonzaga

WEEKLY OFFERTORY – JUNE 9, 2019	
<b>St. Michael's</b>	
Regular Envelope	\$ 555.00
Thanksgiving Appeal	\$ 10.00
Building Fund	\$ 5.00
Loose	\$ 99.25
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$ 669.25</b>
<b>Sacred Heart</b>	
Regular Envelope	\$ 1454.00
Building Fund	\$ 20.00
Loose	\$ 154.00
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$ 1628.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2297.25</b>

*Thanks!* 

**Happy Father's Day**

**ORGANIST NEEDED AT SACRED HEART CHURCH LANGTON**  
 Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Parish Langton requires an organist (a paid position) for Sunday Mass at 8:30 am (in Walsh) and 10:30 am in Langton. If interested, please call the Parish Office at 519-875-4438.

**YEAR OF PRAYER**  
 As Bishop Fabbro announced at the Mass of Chrism, we will begin a special "Year of Prayer" to ask for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit on our diocese as we seek to become a mission-oriented Church that forms disciples of Jesus. Our goal is to get everyone in our diocese praying for the gift of the Spirit in one way or another, as individuals, as communities, as families. This prayer will be said at every weekend mass. Everyone is encouraged to use this prayer at home, individually or as a family.

**PRIEST PENSION FUND COLLECTION**  
 The Priest Pension Fund collection date is June 15/16 - this Father's Day weekend. Envelopes can be found at the back of the church, but if you have misplaced your envelope please write on your donation envelope Priest Pension Fund and your name and address. Please also keep all our priests in your prayers. Your generosity is a sign of the care and affection that we feel for our priests, who retire after many decades of having ministered to our spiritual needs. Our priests give us a lifetime of service, this Father's Day lets give back!

**NORFOLK PREGNANCY & FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS**  
 The Norfolk Pregnancy & Family Resource Centre is holding a Stroll-A-Thon event on July 20, 2019 from 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM in 2 locations: Port Rowan & Waterford. It is our hope that this event brings awareness and support across the county. We are asking people to sign up to participate in this family-friendly walk and raise support through pledges. We are also asking for dedicated supporters who may not be able to make it to the event, to financially sponsor the event. If you would like to sign-up or offer a sponsorship and donation, please contact us by emailing info@norfolkpc.org or calling 519-428-2177. We are praying that this event is well loved and supported as we have lost a major fundraising opportunity when the Domino's fundraiser was canceled, and the financial support is greatly needed. We would not exist without the support of our local churches.

 A special congratulations to **Nico Oud** who received his First Communion last weekend.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
 Vacation Bible School is coming back this summer for one amazing week at St. Mary's Church in Tillsonburg. St. Mary's will be hosting a "Cool Kingdom Party" July 22nd – 26th from 8:30 am until noon each day. Vacation Bible School is open to all children entering JK/SK until grade 6 in September. Registration forms (pink in colour) for children entering JK/SK this fall up until grade 6 are available at the back of the Church. WE ARE ALREADY TWO-THIRDS FULL! The deadline to get your form in is July 1st. VBS fills very quickly and we can only take 80 campers – don't delay! Contact Colleen Hanley 519-842-3324 ext. 23 for more information.

**CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER**  
 The Catholic Engaged Encounter (CEC) provides quality preparation for marriage in a weekend retreat presented in a prayerful atmosphere. The weekend is truly a spiritual experience, enriched by the availability of the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the celebration of the Eucharist. The weekend is Catholic in thought, morality, ritual and expression. It gives couples the opportunity to discover the deep meaning of the Sacrament of Marriage within the Catholic Church and offer couples a unique experience which focuses strongly on fostering good communication in marriage and the importance of God in their relationship. The program solidly supports Church teaching in all areas. New dates available: Nov. 1-3 2019; March 6-8 2020, and Oct. 17-19, 2020. Please contact Terry and JoAnne Burrell (St Thomas Aquinas Parish-Sarnia) 519 542-8826, jotab@cogeco.ca.

**PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND & JORDAN UNDER SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE OF REV. FRANCIS THEKKUMKATTIL, PASTOR OF ST. PHILIP'S PARISH, PETROLIA, ON**  
**October 18-29, 2019- 12 days CA \$3990. (taxes & tips Incl.)**  
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