

## Pastor's Note

### May 30, Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

Today, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Trinity, a day we marvel at how fortunate we are to be in a relationship with God.

In the first reading from Deuteronomy, we read how Moses reminds the people of the close and loving relationship God established with them and of the obligations and blessings that flow from such a relationship. This reading stresses the oneness of God.

In the second reading from Paul to the Romans, through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit we have become children of God and coheirs with Christ his Son. This reading focuses on that we are not just members of God's people, but members of God's family.

In the Gospel of Matthew, we read that in his last appearance to his Apostles, Jesus commissions them to preach the Gospel to all peoples and promises to be with them to the end of time. Scripture scholars call this "the great commission." Jesus commissioned his Apostles to preach the gospel to all nations saying that he would be with them always.

God is with us as Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit and when we are with God, we are also with one another. Let us reflect on this great mystery and prepare ourselves for next week as we celebrate Corpus Christi, the Body and Blood of Christ.

#### ***We are open!***

In following the Guidelines from the CDC, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and Diocese of Pittsburgh, this weekend we can reopen to full capacity for daily and Sunday masses. New signs have been put up indicating that those who are fully vaccinated may attend Mass without wearing a mask. Those not fully vaccinated or those fully vaccinated who feel more comfortable seated around others who are wearing masks, reserved sections are available while attending Mass.

We will still refrain from singing and passing the collection basket and shaking hands at the sign of peace until further notice. Offertory collection boxes will still be available up front for people to contribute. Parishioners may also drop off their weekly envelopes at the parish office in the secured mailbox or mail them in or participate in our online giving program.

Thank you for your patience and flexibility during this transition time. Special thanks to our parish staff and volunteers for all their hard work.

Bishop Zubik has dispensed every one of the Sunday obligation indefinitely so those who are at risk or with health issues still can refrain from coming to Mass. Those who are unable to attend Mass physically are still welcome to view the Mass via Livestream.

#### ***Mission Appeal***

Next weekend is our Annual Mission Co-op Appeal. This year we have been assigned to assist the **Diocese of Muranga**. Please be as generous as possible.

#### ***Congratulations***

Congratulations to the Class of 2021 of St. Bede School and Sister Thea Bowman Catholic Academy. St. Bede School will hold their graduation ceremony this coming Wednesday, June 2 and Sister Thea Bowman will be held Wednesday, June 9. Special thanks to Sister Daniela and Stephanie Michael for their leadership. It was a very different school year with being open for in person learning or the option to be online, but our students and faculty adjusted quite well. Both schools will see an increase in enrollment for the Fall 2021 school year. Best wishes to our graduates and to our students, faculty staff!

#### ***Parish Improvements***

With the generosity of a parishioner, we were able to purchase new LED Lighting for the main overhead lights at St.

James. Special thanks to **Bob Seeger** for installing the lights.

Verdin Bell Company recently completed an annual check up on the St. James Bells and Tower.

New mulch has been installed along the side of Mother of Good Counsel and trees and shrubs were recently pruned.

Trees and shrubs in front of St. Bede Church were recently pruned and cleaned.

### ***Congratulations***

Congratulations to **Betty Zane Grindle** and **Grayson James Holtzman** and **Makenzie Rose Mitchell** who are being baptized this weekend.

### ***Happy Birthday***

Happy Birthday to **Fr. James Adeoye** who is celebrating his birthday this Monday, Memorial Day, May 31!

### ***Welcome***

A special welcome to **Scott, Eve,** and **Patrick Brown,** and **Danielle Crumrine,** and **Lila** and **Sylvia Hulsey,** and **Saira Herboth** who recently registered at St. Mary Magdalene.

### ***Something to Think About...***

Human beings, by changing the inner attitudes of their minds, can change  
the outer aspects of their lives.

*William James*

**With God All Things Are Possible!**

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