

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We remember in our prayers Edmond Bresh, Wendell Barry, Helen Reynolds, Helen Popp, Irene Smith, Florence Rasmussen, Robin Lupinski, Judy DiLorenzo, Yvonne Walsh, Tom Milos, and Georgine Keeler.

NEWS

The front patio has been resurfaced and the Reflection Garden by the flag pole has been completed and is ready for use!

A SURVEY OF THE BIBLE – SECOND LETTER OF PETER

The author of this letter writes to warn the believers about false teachers who are peddling damaging doctrine. He begins by urging them to keep close watch on their personal lives. The Christian life demands diligence in pursuing moral excellence, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, brotherly kindness, and selfless love. By contrast, the false teachers are arrogant, greedy, and covetous. They scoff at the thought of future judgement and live their lives as if the present were all that mattered. The author reminds them that although God may be long-suffering in sending judgement, ultimately it will come. In view of that fact, believers should live lives of godliness, blamelessness, and steadfastness.

The principal divisions of the Second Letter of Peter are as follows: cultivation of Christian character (ch. 1); condemnation of false teachers (ch. 2); and confidence in Christ's return (ch.3).

NOTEABLE SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Justin, Martyr. St. Justin was born in Palestine around the beginning of the 2nd century. Despite pagan influences he came to believe God's message was embodied in the Christian teachings and his conversion account describes that Christian moral beauty and truth brought him to Christ. His writings are well respected to this day. June 1

Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs. St. Charles was a page in the royal court of Mwanga, the king of the Buganda in the south of what is now Uganda. Mwanga became mentally unstable and increasingly hostile to Christians. One morning the king assembled the pages and told those who were Christians to stand apart. When they said they intended to remain Christians, they were burned to death. One of their executioners reported that the young men prayed softly as they died. June 3

Boniface, Bishop and Martyr (d. 754). St. Boniface was sent by Pope Gregory II to consolidate the missions in Germany. Boniface established several monasteries there and recruited helpers and material support from Europe and was very successful in his missionary apostolate. He was made bishop and papal legate. When he was almost 80, he resigned his positions and returned to Frisia, in the north of modern day The Netherlands, where he was martyred. June 5

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**St. Joseph of Stratford
National Catholic Church**

*The heart has its reasons of
which reason knows nothing.*

~ Blaise Pascal



May 30, 2021 – Most Holy Trinity Sunday

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In today's gospel passage (Matthew 28:16-20) we gain insight into the faith and spirituality of the apostles. The passage states that when they saw Jesus on the mountain, *they worshiped, but they doubted*. Seeing the resurrected Jesus was an experience beyond their ability to reason, so they doubted. But their doubt did not prevent them from embracing what they saw by faith, they worshiped. Faith and reason are not opposed. Reason operates on matters of the head. Faith operates on matters of the heart.

Grace and peace,
Fr. Tom

Mass Times

Mass celebrations are Saturday Vigil at 4:00pm & Sunday Morning at 10:00am

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