

# St. Mary's Catholic Church

Feast of the Most Holy Trinity

June 7, 2020

Dear Parishioners:

A newly ordained priest was giving a talk on the **Holy Trinity** to a group of senior citizens. Mustering up all the theological and doctrinal information he learned while in the seminary he tried to explain the dogma of the **Holy Trinity** to his elderly audience. The more he theologized, the less he was able to articulate the theological concept of One God in Three Persons. After listening for some twenty minutes of his explanation Mrs. Smith turned to her husband and shouted out: "I always believed in **The Most Holy Trinity**...until now!"

Today we celebrate the feast of **The Most Holy Trinity** which is one of the central mysteries and distinct **truths** of our Catholic faith. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church states: "From the beginning, the revealed truth of the **Holy Trinity** has been at the very root of the Church's living faith." It has been jokingly said that more heresies have been preached on this Sunday than on any other day of the year. That may or may not be true but we can all acknowledge the confusion and misunderstandings generated by the theological doctrine of the profound truth of One God in Three Persons. We believe in One God yet this God is Three unique and distinct Persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The Father is not the Son, the Son is not the Father and the Holy Spirit is neither the Father nor the Son. The doctrine of **The Most Holy Trinity** is both profound and personal as it offers new pathways for us to reflect upon God's love for us and it draws us into an intimate, dynamic, and life-changing relationship with God. In acknowledging and honoring the **Holy Trinity** we experience and celebrate God's extravagant love for us.

Most theologians prefer a Scriptural approach in their understanding and their articulation of the doctrine of the **Holy Trinity**. Although Scripture does not contain a fully articulated doctrine of the Trinity, Scripture does contain the basic elements that eventually were molded by faith and tradition into our understanding of who God really is. Our God chose to reveal His very nature to us via "salvation history." This revelation is recorded in Sacred Scripture which speaks to us more personally about the **Holy Trinity** and provides us a link between God's inner life and us. Scripture reveals that our God is a God who creates, redeems, and sanctifies each one of us.

Scripture describes God as a Father who created children in His own likeness and image and breathed into them the very breath of life. God wanted the best for His children but they rebelled and went their own way. Despite their rebellions and infidelities the Father never abandoned or gave up on His children as we see in...

## Weekend Masses

Sat June 6 4:00 p.m. Jim Alt  
Sun June 7 8:00 a.m. For our parish  
Sun June 7 10:00 a.m. Kathy Sehlhorst , Tim Kahle

Sat June 13 4:00 p.m. Fr. Chris Bozar  
Sun June 14 8:00 a.m. For our parish  
Sun June 14 10:00 a.m. Special intention

## SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults \$5,230.00 Loose \$207.00  
Total \$5,437.00  
36 envelopes returned = 17%



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## Assignments for June 13 & 14, 2020

**Money Counters:** Angie Wenger, Janet Begg  
**4:00 p.m.**

**Greeters:**  
**Cantor:**  
**Ushers:**  
**Lector:**  
**E.M.:** Jennifer Tschuor  
**Servers:**

**8:00 a.m.**

**Greeter:**  
**Cantor:**  
**Usher:**  
**Lector:** Shannon Wannemacher  
**E.M.:** Cathy Hermiller  
**Server:**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Greeters:**  
**Cantor:**  
**Ushers:**  
**Lectors:**  
**E.M.:**  
**Servers:**

## **Readings for June 14, 2020**

### **Corpus Christi**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Deut. 8:2 – 3, 14 – 16  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:16 – 17  
Gospel Reading: John 6:51 – 58

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...today's first reading from the Book of Exodus. As our reading reminds and reassures us: "The Lord is a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity."

The Gospel of John has played a pivotal role in providing material that helped formulate the doctrine of the **Holy Trinity**. Today's brief Gospel passage is an example of that. Our passage reminds us that God so loved the world that He gave His only Son to the world that whoever believes in the Son might have eternal life. God the Son took on our human nature and came into our world not to condemn us but rather to redeem and save us. God the Son promised that if we follow Him, the Father will love us all the more and the Father and Son will make a home with us. God the Son also promised to send us the Holy Spirit as our Helper (Advocate) to enable all this to happen. Scripture tells us of that Holy Spirit dwelling within us who immerses us into a spiritual fellowship called the Church and endows us with gifts and strengths to follow the Son. The Holy Spirit draws us into communion and communication with Jesus and with each other.

We believe in a God who created and sustains our world and who gave to each one of us the precious gift of a life with a purpose. We believe in a God who redeemed us by giving His life so that we might be freed from sin and have the gift of eternal life. We believe in a God who sanctifies us and guides us through our conscience and helps us to live as the people of God that Jesus called us to be.

Today we celebrate the feast of the **Most Holy Trinity** not as an abstract dogma but rather as an **active presence** in our life. The meaning of this uniquely Catholic doctrine of the **Holy Trinity** is as simple as it is theologically exciting. Simply put-God is always very close to you and me. It is a deeply liberating truth to realize that our God is not far from us but rather our God is very close to us in many ways. . We meet God in the created world outside of us. We meet the same God in the Church, Scripture and in the Sacraments which bring us Jesus' cleansing and saving power. We meet the same God in the depths of our souls thru the power of the Holy Spirit. Our God is present in creation, upon the Cross and within our hearts. We have the privilege and the power to know God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit: the God who sustains, who redeems and who makes us holy. That is the wonderful truth of the **Holy Trinity** for you and me. Have a Blessed Week.

Love & prayers,  
Fr. John

**IMPORTANT:** The faithful of the Diocese of Toledo **continue to be dispensed from their Sunday obligation until further notice.** Please use your best judgment when considering the gradual return to Mass.

**To read about the new guidelines** that will be implemented at St. Mary's with the gradual return to Mass, please follow this link:  
<https://d2y1pz2y630308.cloudfront.net/2319/documents/2020/5/RECONNECT.pdf>

To sign up for our liturgy schedule for the month of June, please visit this link:  
[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1A9FG4qqyfGtXWPMM4bIcCKm2\\_YN9ZRTX1nVPHFh1pZM/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1A9FG4qqyfGtXWPMM4bIcCKm2_YN9ZRTX1nVPHFh1pZM/edit)

**Congratulations to Debbie Bullman and Grace Schroder** on coming into the church! God bless you!!



**Congratulations Graduates!** Please join us in honoring Luke Denecker, Isaac Inmon, Andrew Lovett, Libby Schaadt, Adam Basinger, and Anna Crisp. Congratulations on a job well done and may God continue to bless you in all your future endeavors!

**Congratulations** to Austin and Bethany Barnhart on the baptism of their son, Eli. Welcome to the family, Eli!

**St. Gerard's in Lima** live streams Mass throughout the week at 8:30 a.m. Monday – Friday, on Saturday at 5 p.m., and on Sunday at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. To view this live stream, go to their website: <http://www.stgerardchurch.org/> and click on the icon on the right side of the page that says "Live Webcast Watch Here"

**Mennonite Home Communities of Ohio** is thankful for the generous volunteer support from area churches and community members in sewing gowns. More than 30 people responded to our request for help to sew 100+ gowns. These washable gowns will allow MHCO to reduce the need for disposable PPE which we were having a hard time finding due to the demand. Gowns are an important part of a caregiver's protective equipment for oneself and also for other community members. We no longer are worried about running out of gowns. Thank you for your support of MHCO and the many volunteers who have helped!