

# The Most Holy Trinity

May 30, 2021

## Saturday, May 29<sup>th</sup> St. Paul VI, Pope

8:30 am - St. John – in pectore  
 9:00 am - 9:30 am – Confessions at St. John  
 4:00 pm - St. John – The Benefactors of St. Vincent de Paul  
 by SVDP Corpus Christi Conference

## Sunday, May 30<sup>th</sup> The Most Holy Trinity

7:30 am - 7:55 am – Confessions at St. John  
 8:00 am - St. John – Anna Boivin by Isabelle Handy  
 9:35 am - St. Elizabeth – For the People  
 11:30am - Queen of Peace - in pectore  
 Confessions at QP before Mass (time permitting) or following Mass as needed

## Monday, May 31<sup>st</sup> The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 am - St. Elizabeth – Charles & Charlotte Farrow by Linda Frechette

## Tuesday, June 1<sup>st</sup> St. Justin, Martyr

8:30 am - St. John - NO MASS

## Wednesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> Sts. Marcellinus & Peter, Martyrs

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm – Holy Hour of Adoration with Confessions at St. John  
 5:15 pm - St. John – Deceased Members of Sheridan Council #421 KofC

## Thursday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs

8:30 am - St. John – Edward Pechalonis by Ray & Diane Bailey

## Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup>

8:30 am - St. Elizabeth - Susan Maurice by Ray & Diane Bailey  
 9:00 am - 10:00 am – Holy Hour of Adoration with Confessions

## Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup> St. Boniface, Bishop & Martyr

8:30 am - St. John – in pectore  
 9:00 am - 9:30 am – Confessions at St. John  
 4:00 pm - St. John – Jim Brahaney by Susan Dugan

## Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup> The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

7:30 am - 7:55 am – Confessions at St. John  
 8:00 am - St. John – For the People  
 9:35 am - St. Elizabeth – Jerry Fournier by Jean Fournier & Family  
 11:30am - Queen of Peace - Joseph Dugway by Priscilla Messier  
 1:30 pm - St. John - Mass and Corpus Christi Procession

Please pray for parishioners who are ill or in need of your prayers, especially:  
 Pam Austin, Charlene Chase, Connie Lapage, Martin Fortin, Charlie Weis,  
 Randy Thomas, Dick & Anita Bedor, Karson St. Marie

6/6/21	St. John	St. Elizabeth	Queen of Peace
LECTORS:	4pm 8am D Houde	9:35am J Simard	11:30am M Goldrick

The **FORMED** program is available to everyone in our parish. To start enjoying this free gift, please visit the FORMED website:

1. Go to: nekatholic.formed.org
2. Click on REGISTER to create a personal account

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Corpus Christi Conference offers assistance in name of Jesus to the needy in our community. To contact us call: Patrick McWilliams: 274-3542 Ann Lovett: 751-8187; the Rectory: 748-8129 We will arrange a visit to see if we are able to serve you!

## PARISH EVENTS

May 31<sup>st</sup> - The Office will be Closed Monday for Memorial Day  
 June 6 1:30 pm Mass and Corpus Christi Procession

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Fiscal Year: 7/1/20-6/30/21 Budgeted Regular Collection: \$243,650  
 Reg. Collection Year-to-date: \$119,166.04 + On-Line: \$71,786.59  
 Collections & Receipts: May 23, 2021 Reg. Offertory: \$3,024.24

## Second Collections

May 30<sup>th</sup> No Second Collection June 6<sup>th</sup> Stewardship

## UPDATED GUIDELINES FROM BISHOP COYNE

The Bishop has updated the Covid guidelines for church celebrations, and so you will notice that the holy water fonts are again in use, and masks are no longer mandatory. The social distancing, however, is still in effect. Let us pray that this too will soon be unnecessary.

## Futures Pregnancy Care Bottle Drive

The Baby Bottle Drive has now ended. Please return your baby bottles this week. Thank you for all who donated.

## Special Memorial Mass on Feast of Corpus Christi

Many families losing loved ones in the past year have experienced difficulties grieving due to not being able gather for the funeral liturgies. The 1:30pm Mass on June 6<sup>th</sup> will be for any who have died in 2020 up to the present date. We would like to mention their names in the prayers of that Mass. If you would like your loved one's name mentioned, please write the name on the sheet at the back of the church, or contact the rectory office this week.

## The Holy Spirit at Work at Corpus Christi

*Congratulations to all who received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Pentecost Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>:*

*Hadley Bailey, Aidan Choquette, Isabelle Demers, Sophia Demers, Rikki Gingué, Carolyn Giroux, Elizabeth Godin, Brady Ingalls, Declan Johnston-McWilliams, Emma Lovett, Richard Rutherford, Gabriella Ste. Marie and Kenney Winn.*

*Also, we want to congratulate and welcome Benjamin G. Britch and Francis B. Arant, who were Baptized, Confirmed and received their First Holy Communion at the Mass on the Vigil of Pentecost. Francis' wife, Amanda, also received the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion, and the blessing of their Marriage at the same Mass!*

*Congratulations to all who received Sacraments on the Feast of Pentecost!*

## Looking for Lectors

We're in need of volunteers to read at the 4:00 pm Mass. If you're willingly to help, please call the Parish Office - 748-8129. Thank you.

## Spiritual Bouquet for Fr. Hahr

We are offering a Spiritual Bouquet for Fr. Hahr in thanksgiving for his time here at Corpus Christi Parish. Please pledge to pray for him and note the devotional prayer and number of prayers which you intend to offer on the sheet provided. The sheets are located in the entrance of each church and will be available for the next two weeks. We have been truly blessed having Fr. Hahr as our Pastor for the last 3 years. May God bless him as he continues on his journey. Thank you. The Vocation Ministry

## Holy Communion of the Faithful



The Priest is the one person at the Mass who *must* receive Holy Communion, and receive under both the species of the Body and the Blood of Christ, and receive these which were consecrated at that particular Mass, and this has to do with the completion of the Sacrifice. If at any point during the Mass the Priest were to drop dead, or otherwise be unable to

complete the Sacrifice once the Eucharistic Prayers had begun, another Priest must be summoned to complete what was begun. This has everything to do with the Sacrifice of the Mass, which only the Priest can accomplish, and the reason that the faithful are obligated to attend holy Mass on all Sundays and Holy Days of obligation, viz. to witness the holy Sacrifice. Secondary to this is the opportunity to receive Holy Communion, which is extended to those Catholics who are in a state of grace, having prepared themselves by a previous sacramental Confession.

“We know from the Gospel that not only the Apostles but also the disciples of Jesus had part in the Breaking of Bread after the Resurrection. Accordingly, all the faithful souls are invited to come and to partake of the Sacred Banquet. The Communion of the Faithful is a figure of *the Eucharistic repast of the risen Christ with His disciples.*” Those not conscious of having the guilt of mortal sin, are invited to receive Holy Communion by consuming the Sacred Host. Here there is no talk of symbolism – it is JESUS CHRIST HIMSELF WHOM WE RECEIVE! Here, in the Sacred Host, He is truly Present – Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity – and by consuming this sacred Gift, we enter into Holy Communion with Jesus Christ, and through Him, we have Communion with the Father and the Holy Spirit.

As Jesus said: *If any one love Me, he will keep My word, and My Father will love him, and We will come to him, and will make Our abode with him* (Jn 14:23). What is the command of Christ besides the obvious moral law and the way of life He shows us? It is nothing less than this: *Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in yourselves ... For My flesh is true food, and My blood is true drink. He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him. As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so he who eats Me, he also will live because of Me* (Jn 6:53-57). And also at the Last Supper: *Take ye, and eat. This is My Body ... Drink ye all of this. For this is My blood* (Mt 26:26-28).

In Holy Communion Jesus Christ enters our soul, and with Him the Father and the Holy Spirit. If we consider the preparations that we make, and the welcome desire and anticipation we have for treasured friends to our earthly homes, how much more should we be prepared and desiring for the visit of Jesus to our souls! What sacrifice would be too much to be found worthy of such a visit? And, yet, how often does that visit of Christ to our souls in Holy Communion begin and end in distraction and worldly thoughts? Is it possible that we could abandon Christ, keeping Him waiting in the parlor of our souls, while we're in the basement finishing up those last little projects that occupied us all week? Be resolved at your next Holy Communion to be truly present to Christ as He desires to be present to you. Speak with Him. Thank Him. Ask Him for the help you need. When He entered the upper room on that first Easter, His words were an offer of heavenly peace. May we attend to Him in Holy Communion, and truly receive that peace. It is a thing especially commanded on the Lord's Day, when we're not only commanded to rest, but that we should rest *in the Lord*, and so anticipate what awaits us in the Kingdom of Heaven.

## June 2<sup>nd</sup>: Feast of Saints Marcellinus and Peter

**S**aint Helen went to the Holy Land and returned to Rome with remnants of the true cross of Christ. This same Helen was the mother of Constantine, the Roman Emperor who legalized Christianity in 313 and who called the Council of Nicea in 325. When Saint Helen died around 328, her Emperor-Son placed her body in a monumental, sumptuous sarcophagus of rare, porphyry marble from Egypt. The deeply carved red stone shows Roman soldiers on horseback conquering barbarians. These are not scenes likely to adorn a pious woman's tomb. It was probably meant to be Constantine's own sarcophagus, but when his mother died, he used it for her. And Constantine did one more thing for his mother. He built a large church on the outskirts of Rome over the catacombs, or burial place, of today's Saints, Marcellinus and Peter, and placed his mother and her giant tomb inside of the church.

That one so famous and powerful as Constantine would build a church over the catacombs of Marcellinus and Peter, and honor this church still more with his mother's tomb, testifies to these martyrs' importance to the early Christians of Rome. And since they were martyred in approximately 304, only a decade before Constantine conquered the eternal city, their memory must still have been fresh when Christianity was legalized. Until this time, Christians worshipped in dark, hidden places. As they first stepped into the public light to build the ancient churches whose walls, pillars, and foundations are still visible today, these Christians honored those who came before them. They honored those whose deaths were all the sadder because they perished so close to the day of Christian liberation.

Little is known with certainty about Saint Marcellinus and Saint Peter. Tradition tells us that Marcellinus was a priest and Peter an exorcist and that they were beheaded on the outskirts of Rome. A few years after the bloody event, a little boy from Rome heard about their deaths from the mouth of their very executioner, who later became a Christian. That little boy was named Damasus, and he went on to become Pope from 366–384. Decades later, remembering the story he had heard as a child, Pope Damasus honored Marcellinus and Peter by adorning their tomb with a marble inscription recounting the details of their martyrdom as he had heard them so long ago.

The circumstances of Marcellinus' and Peter's deaths were likely similar to those of other, better-documented martyrdoms: some public declaration of faith, arrest, perfunctory trial, a chance to offer sacrifice to a Roman god, a refusal, a last chance to be an idolater, a last refusal, and then a swift, businesslike beheading. It was over quickly. Then came the calm. Then came the night. And out of that darkness emerged a candle-lit procession of humble Christians, walking slowly and silently toward the place of execution. The headless corpses were placed on white sheets and carried solemnly to an underground burial niche. A small marble plaque etched with the martyrs' names was placed nearby. An oil lamp was lit and left burning. Thus the veneration began. Thus it continues today.

Marcellinus and Peter were important enough to be included in the official list of Roman martyrs and to have their names remembered in the liturgy of Rome. As the Mass celebrated in Rome became standard throughout the Catholic world, the names of Marcellinus and Peter were embedded into the Roman Canon, the First Eucharistic Prayer. And there they are read at Mass until today, more than one thousand seven hundred years after they died. The Body of Christ forgets nothing, retains everything, and purifies its memory to honor those who deserve honoring.