

# The Most Holy Trinity

## May 30, 2021

Date	Intentions	Requested by
5/30 11:00	Antonia Horvath +	Joanne La Poma
6/2 12:00 Latin	Special Intention	
6/3 12:00	Bob & Keri Allen	
6/4 9:00	Peter Anderson	Mr. & Mrs. Truex
6/5 4:00	Shirley Rodgers +	Tom & Rose Hill
6/6 11:00	Maureen Rodriguez +	Tom & Rose Hill



### Our Lady of the Mountains—Offertory

**Weekend of May 23, 2021 Attendance—114**

**Offertory—\$ 2,486 On line giving—\$490**

Please consider making your offertory donations on-line. Visit our website: <https://olmhighlands.com/online-giving> for more details.

**The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 10th at 10:30. All parishioners are welcome to attend.**

### Quo Vadis Days/Duc in Altum Camps

Attention all Catholic young men and women ages 15-19! Do you know where your life is going? The Lord Jesus has a great plan for you! You are invited to attend the annual Quo Vadis Days/Duc in Altum camp to spend time with other young men and women looking at the Lord's call in your life while having fun. The men's camp will be held from June 14-18 2021 at Belmont Abbey College in Belmont. The cost of the camp is \$150. Registration deadline is June 9, 2021. The women's camp will be June 21-25, 2021 at Belmont Abby College. If you are interested visit the website for more information:

[www.charlottevocations.org](http://www.charlottevocations.org)

### The Mystery is the Masterpiece

The Most Holy Trinity is the central truth and, indeed, mystery of our lives as believers in God. Even so, few seem to be able to talk about it. (Or is it them?) Must we be satisfied to take this truth as an inscrutable object of faith that we can easily ignore? Not at all! We are immersed in Trinitarian reality in many ways.

Please consider these clues to God as more than just Person of the Father. Remember the words of God in scripture when the world and all its wonders were coming to be. The formulas for each stage in creation begin with "Let us..." (Genesis 1:26). This is not merely the "Royal We." This is God as a plurality of being. In Isaiah, the seraphim cry out "Holy, holy, holy..." (Isaiah 6:3) Ancient Middle Eastern superlatives come in threes, but why not consider it a sign of God's three-ness? And these Old Testament foreshadowings are nothing compared to our well-known baptismal formula, "I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." Notice that "name" is singular, and yet refers to three persons. Finally, as Christ tells the Apostles in today's Gospel, they are to go out and teach in that same singular triple name.

### Saint of the Week

Sometimes Jesus withdraws from us so that we may not attach ourselves too much to the joys of sense. When He withdraws, however, He sends the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, who sustains, helps, and consoles us. ~St. Joseph Marello (1844-1895)  
Bishop, Spiritual Director, Feast Day May 30

## Father's Column

## GUIDELINES

### Welcome Back and Moving Forward

Memorial Day weekend is finally upon us marking the opening of the season. Welcome back to you seasonal parishioners! If COVID prevented you from coming at all last year, either to the mountains or Mass despite where you were, a double welcome to you. I'm especially excited to be here for the first time for the duration of the entire season with relatively normal conditions. It is my hope that we can return completely to our normal parochial life.

As we look forward to our common future, it is my desire to begin formulating a pastoral plan to identify the needs of our community and chart a course to address them. Shortly before COVID, we began these discussions only to be stymied by the pandemic. It is time for us not only to re-open, but to make plans for our future.

Our initial attempt at pastoral planning was further hindered by the reality of our unique situation in the context of the broader diocese as the diocese itself attempted to begin (but delayed due to COVID) its own diocese-wide pastoral planning, one facet of which was to be the designation of new parishes. The Highlands-Sapphire priestly arrangement is one that will likely remain; however, both are missions, a rather anomalous situation for a priestly assignment. Further, the diocese is divided up geographically into what are called "vicariates." Sapphire is in the Asheville vicariate, and Highlands in the Smoky Mountain vicariate. If the Highlands-Sapphire priestly assignment is to remain, the diocese will likely be redrawing the vicariate line in order to reflect this reality.

Despite these setbacks, the diocese is finally able to make progress in this regard I trust we will be able to proceed in short order. Please join me in prayer for inspiration and guidance as we continue to grow as a community.

### From the Diocese of Charlotte Concerning COVID-19

1. Beginning Pentecost Sunday, May 23, 2021, the general dispensation from attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation will be narrowed to include only those who remain vulnerable to the coronavirus.
2. Religious services no longer require social distancing or face covers.
3. Those who remain vulnerable are advised to continue wearing face coverings or attend Mass virtually.
4. The options of receiving Communion from the chalice and extending the Sign of Peace are to remain omitted until further notice.
5. The faithful retain the right to receive Communion on the tongue or in the hand. (Excluding Latin Mass where Communion must be received on the tongue.)

### *Ladies of OLM*

Join us for a Woman's Ministry Planning Luncheon! We are starting something new and would love your input. We will meet in Fellowship Hall at 11 am on Thursday, June 17th to share your ideas and have a little fun. Contact Janet at 828-526-4590 or email [prescherjanet@gmail.com](mailto:prescherjanet@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

### **BECOME MORE INVOLVED AT OUR LADY OF THE MOUNTAINS!**

**Women's Club      Men's Club**

**Lector      Usher      Flowers**

**Fellowship Brunch**

**Please call the office for more details!**

### **Pope Francis' Monthly Intention for May**

#### **The World of Finance**

Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

**Please pray for our parishioners and their relatives and friends:**

Belinda Rudzik, Sarah Bryan, Donna Barry, Nancy McGowan, Carolyn Neupauer, Alsia Sutton & Family, Christine Walker, Laura Sanders, Mary Catherine Cann, Griffin Harper

**Also for those in our book of prayer intentions, and those for whom there is no one to pray.**

**Please pray for all the men and women serving the United States in the military.**

**Please pray for the souls of our beloved deceased.**

James Urbanski, Pat Pittari, Clara Lewicki, Fr. Ubald Rugirangoga, Scott Peek, Sr., Stewart Austin, and Ron Simmons, Harry Vaughn