

Holy Trinity Church

Sunday, May 3, 2020

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Jesus says, "I came that they may have life, and have it to the full." Good stewards are grateful for the gift of life and joyfully share their abundance with others.



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Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00 p.m.
Saturday Spanish Mass: 7:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass: 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday Mass: 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday-Friday Mass: 9:00 a.m.

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Confessions:

- Saturday afternoons 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.
- Sunday mornings 9:30 - 10:15 a.m.
- First Saturday of each month before Mass at 8:15 a.m. and after the 9:00 a.m. Mass.
- Heard upon request.

Prayers for the Week

- Jesus, this Easter transform me as You did Simon Peter.
- Father, I will serve You not by my own intelligence or wisdom, but by Your Spirit.
- Father, may I never be used by Satan. May I not recognize Satan's voice.
- Father, I will live no longer for myself but for Jesus. Help me to love Jesus in the Mass ever more deeply.
- Father, make me a troublemaker by Your standards.
- Father, send the Holy Spirit to cry out in my heart "Abba".
- Father, may I live the "radical newness" of my Baptism.

CCD Class Times (In Trinity Hall):

- Pre-School thru 6th : 9:00 - 10:15 a.m. Sunday
- Grades 7th thru 12th : 7:00 - 8:15 p.m. Wednesday

Meetings:

- Council of Catholic Women: 2nd Monday of Month at 7pm
- Knights of Columbus: 4th Tuesday of Month at 7:15 pm
- Bible Study: Every Wednesday after 9:00 am Mass
- Spiritual Life Committee: 2nd Tuesday of Month at 7:15 pm
- AA meetings Sundays in Trinity Hall at 6:00pm

Baptism:

- Please contact Fr. Patrick or the Church Office at least 4 weeks prior to the desired baptism date.
- Completion of the Baptismal Class is required.

Weddings:

- There is a six-month marriage preparation period in the Diocese of Knoxville.
- Contact Fr. Patrick for an appointment.

Planning to Move?

- Please keep your address and telephone number current on our church records.
- If you move out of the parish, we will need a forwarding address for your year-end contribution statements.

Parish Registration:

- If you attend Holy Trinity Church on a regular basis, you should complete a registration form.
- Remember that in order to receive sacraments (other than Confession or Eucharist), or to be a Godparent or Sponsor, you must be registered.
- Registration forms are available in the narthex & the church office & provide for the optional receipt of offertory envelopes. You may fill out the form in the office, mail it, or drop it in the collection basket

Dear Parishioners:

And lo! We have come to the month of May, the month of Mary! Pope Francis has given us two prayers which he asks be added to your daily Rosary during the month of May for relief from the coronavirus.

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the foot of the cross, were united with Jesus' suffering, and persevered in your faith. "Protectress of the Roman People," you know our needs, and we know that you will provide, so that as at Cana in Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this time of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us. For he took upon himself our suffering, and burdened himself with our sorrows, to bring us, through the cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

The second is too lengthy to reprint here but prays for various groups (the sick, those who mourn, national leaders, physicians, nurses, volunteers, etc.). Why not clip this out and put it in your prayer book, missal, or pocket? Praying for those in need at this difficult time aids them, but can also be of comfort to ourselves. Let us pray.

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One thing that should regularly be in our prayers is the family. The assault on family life continues in our country. About 40% of the children born in the US are born to unmarried parents. Fewer people marry at all. The divorce rate continues to be high. And yet, most Americans seem unconcerned. A recent Pew survey indicated that only 16% of respondents said the steady collapse of the traditional American family is "a bad thing". (That is down from a low 29% 10 years ago.) A greater number (34%) said the changes were good and 32% said it didn't matter. The family—mother, father, children—is the backbone of society and that backbone is breaking. And never forget, children learn from their parents.

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We all want to know: **when will public Masses resume?** As you might have already seen in the news, Bishop Stika has announced that his target date is 30/31 May, the great solemnity of Pentecost. Pray that it will not be delayed. I see parishioners or talk with them directly and/or on social media and I know the hunger of faithful Catholics for the Eucharist. It pains me greatly that I cannot give them this food of life. And I pray for all of you daily, in my Masses and additionally, too. Please pray for your priest, too.

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If you are asked "are you saved," how should you respond? Here's how: **As the Bible says, I am already saved (Rom 8:24, Eph 2:5-8) but I'm also being saved (1 Cor 1:18, 2 Cor 2:15, Phil 2:12) and I have the hope**

that I will be saved (Rom 5:9-10, 1 Cor 3:12-15. Like the apostle Paul I am working out my salvation in fear and trembling (Phil 2:12) with hope and confidence in the promises of Christ (Rom 5:2, 2 Tim 2:11-13).

Fr. Patrick



Saint for May is St. Isidore, the Farmer.

His feast day is **May 15th**; the Novena will be prayed **May 6th - 14th**. St Isidore, the Farmer was born in Madrid, Spain about the year 1110. He came from a poor and humble family. From childhood, he worked as a farm hand on the De Vargas estate. He was very prayerful and particularly devoted to the Mass and the Holy Eucharist. He loved the good earth; he was honest in his work and careful in his farming practices. It is said that domestic animals and birds showed their attachment to him because he was gentle and kind to them. Master De Vargas watched Isidore at plowing and he witnessed two angels as his helpers. Thus, people said of him that plowing with angels; he did the work of three farmers. Isidore married a sweet and pious maidservant, Maria. They had only one son who died young. Both were most charitable and ever willing to help neighbors in distress and the poor in city slums. St. Isidore died on May 15th, 1170 (the Spanish feast day), his saintly wife, a little later. He was canonized on March 22nd, 1622 (the old Roman Rite American feast day). The earthly remains of the holy couple are found over the main altar of the cathedral in Madrid, Spain. Maria was not officially canonized but is honored as a saint throughout Spanish countries. Her head (cabeza) is carried in solemn processions during times of drought. By a special decree of the Sacred Congregation of Rites, dated February 22nd, 1947, St. Isidore was proclaimed as the special protector of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference and American farmers. How beautiful and appropriate for the Catholic farm family to be devoted to this simple and saintly couple, who like farmers everywhere are "partners with God" in furnishing to the world food, fiber and shelter.

The peacemakers shall be called the sons of God, who came to make peace between God and man. What then shall the sowers of discord be called, but the children of the devil? And what must they look for but their father's portion?
St. Bernard of Clairveux

Our Weekly Mass Schedule

First Saturday May 2 nd	For Al Caldiero by The LaMontes
Saturday May 2 nd	For the parishioners by Father Patrick
Sunday May 3 rd	For the parishioners by Father Patrick
Tuesday May 5 th	For Morales Roman Family by the parishioners
Wednesday May 6 th	For Kathleen Austin+ by the parishioners
Thursday May 7 th	For Helen LaShier by the parishioners
Friday May 8 th	For Donna McCormack by the parishioners
Saturday May 9 th	For the parishioners by Father Patrick
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Sunday May 10 th	For the parishioners by Father Patrick

Saturday May 9 th 5:00pm	
Deacon	
Lector	
Servers	
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	

Sunday, May 10 th 10:30am	
Deacon	
Lector	
Servers	
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	

Holy Trinity's Parish Stewardship

Attendance for	5:00pm	7:00pm	10:30am
04/26/2020	0	0	0

Envelope and Offertory Collections

	<u>Weekly with Vanco</u>	<u>Month-to-Date with Vanco</u>
Collection:	\$ 6,975	\$ 22,145
Fixed Expense:	\$ 6,254	\$ 25,018
Difference:	\$ 721	\$ (2,873)

The Rice Bowl Collection – Thank you to all who participated in our annual Rice Bowls this year! We collected \$327.50 to send to CRS for their important work around the world.

The Holy Land Collection provided \$580 for this vital ministry. Thank you to all who gave generously in this collection.



The Living Rosary for Life started **May 1st**. If you didn't sign up, it's not too late you can still participate. Please call Trish Morrill at 865-475-4217 to get started. It will be said daily during the month of May.

Please take ten minutes each day to pray your assigned decade of the rosary. This is a wonderful way to pray for pre-born babies, their moms and dads and the special intentions of the Virgin Mary.



Food Pantry – Thank you for your contributions this weekend to the food pantry. Your gift of food helps those in need in our area.



The Month of May is the "month which the piety of the faithful is especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady," and it is the occasion for a "moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world pray to the Queen of Heaven. During this month Christians, both in church and in the privacy of the home,

offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. In this month, too, the benefits of God's mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance." (Paul VI: *Encyclical on the Month of May, no. 1*).

Save these Dates:

Parish Picnic June 7 th , 2020
Appalachian Outreach Week July 13 th -17 th , 2020
Rummage Sale October 30 th -31 st , 2020



Weekly Collections – Since Mass has been suspended by Bishop Stika, we have to think outside the box regarding collections. The office will be open Tuesday – Friday 9am-4pm, if you would like to drop your donation off. You can also give **electronically** by going to htjctn.org and **click on Online Giving** and set up an account or **mail your donation** in to **Holy Trinity Church P.O. Box 304, Jefferson City, TN 37760**. Please do not mail any cash!



The Annual Parish Picnic for parishioners & their houseguests only will be on **Sunday, June 7th** after the 10:30am Mass. We are asking each

family to sign-up for the needed food items and the Knights of Columbus will be grilling hot dogs and hamburgers. There will be places to sit at the picnic tables but you also may consider bringing your folding chairs. We hope to see all of you here. If you can help in any way, please contact Donna Dunn at (631) 495-0031.

Appalachian Outreach Week July 13th-17th, 2020 - Won't you please help share your gift of time, by helping to cook or serving the volunteers. These volunteers, of all denominations, come together for a week of work and fellowship. They help those who can't afford home repairs or are physically unable. We'll also need help setting up for breakfast and dinner, and cleaning up after the meals. If you have any questions, please call Pat Duda at 423-231-2613. You can sign up in the Narthex during June and July.



Save the Date for Holy Trinity's Bi-annual Rummage Sale on October 30th & 31st. Please hold onto those items you may have been planning on donating or throwing away. Items can be dropped off at the church beginning October 25th. All proceeds from the rummage sale go to the Parish.

"Change for Life" to support Life Outreach
(Mother's Day to Father's Day)

Next weekend in the narthex, you will find "empty" baby bottles. If you want to help this cause, take a bottle home and place it in a visible spot as a reminder to pray for the safety and salvation of mothers and their unborn babies. Any change you put in the bottle is an offering to help women who seek assistance at Life Outreach Center.

ProLife News and Notes: Abortion proponents work tirelessly to promote abortion and are taking advantage of the pandemic to promote fetal stem cell research in finding a coronavirus cure and are promoting tele-med and mail order abortion. In a recent letter to the F.D.A. they state, "Given the coronavirus pandemic, it is incumbent on the F.D.A. to relax its regulations on mifepristone, at least temporarily." Mifepristone is the first of two chemical abortion pills used to kill the baby in the womb. Abortion advocates would like the current regulations removed on abortion pills that state that only a medical doctor is able to dispense the drugs after determining the size of the unborn baby and that the drug cannot be sent in the mail. The significant risks of abortion increase at 8 weeks of pregnancy and beyond. They are pushing for a removal of the ban President Trump put in place last year to defund research using aborted fetal tissue. In a recent letter sent to President Trump, signed by Sen. Bill Cassidy, a medical doctor from Louisiana, and 34 other pro-life senators, they ask that the ban on fetal tissue research be maintained. The letter states, in part, "The facts show that aborted fetal tissue from ongoing abortions has never been used in the production of a single vaccine, and most vaccines today use more efficient, modern cell lines and production techniques. Notably, the few attempted transplants of aborted fetal tissue have made most patients worse, not better." Please pray for the pro-life senators and our president and that the regulations on abortion safeguarding women's health be kept in place and that the respect for and ethical treatment of all life be always held in highest esteem. Democratic Michigan governor, Gretchen Whitmer, in a recent podcast stated that abortion is NOT an elective procedure; she also stated, "You know, a woman's healthcare, her whole future, her ability to decide if and when she starts a family is, is not an election, it is a fundamental to her life. It is life-sustaining." Abortion is certainly not life-sustaining nor is it healthcare. She allowed abortion in Michigan during the pandemic deeming it essential. The Michigan Catholic Conference called her remarks, "removed from reality". Pray for a change of heart and mind for Gov. Whitmer.

A Prayer for the Protection of Religious Liberty

O God our Creator
Through the power and working
of your Holy Spirit
you call us to live out our faith
in the midst of the world,
bringing the light and saving truth
of the Gospel to ever corner of Society.

We ask you to bless us in our vigilance
for religious liberty.

Give us the strength of mind and heart
to readily defend our freedom
when they are threatened,
give us the strength to make our voices heard
on behalf of the rights of your Church
and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith.