

# Holy Trinity Church

## Sunday, May 17, 2020

### Sixth Sunday of Easter

Those who obey the commandments, Jesus says in today's Gospel, are the ones who really love Him. Does my stewardship reveal my love for Jesus?



**Father Patrick Resen—Pastor**  
**Father Alex Waraksa—In Residence**  
**David Oatney—Deacon**  
**Matt Pidgeon—Deacon**  
**Jim Prosak—Deacon**  
**Jack Raymond—Deacon**

**Holy Trinity Catholic Church**  
**475 N. Hwy 92, P.O. Box 304**  
**Jefferson City, Tennessee 37760**

**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.**

#### Parish Office:

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**Parish Code: BFRHHH**

#### 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

- Father, protect me from being brainwashed.
- “In my work, Lord, be glorified...”
- Father, show me the relationship between truth, freedom, and love.
- Father, may I be more concerned with being separated from the Holy Spirit than I am with having to endure upheaval.
- Father, send the Holy Spirit to turn any cowardice we may have into boldness.
- Father, stir into flame the Holy Spirit in my life today and next week.

#### CCD Class Times (In Trinity Hall):

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

#### Meetings:

- Council of Catholic Women: 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of Month at 7pm
- Knights of Columbus: 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of Month at 7:15 pm
- Bible Study: Every Wednesday after 9:00 am Mass
- Spiritual Life Committee: 2<sup>nd</sup> 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:

Public Masses to resume May 30<sup>th</sup> as you no doubt know from Jennifer's weekly update emails, from the *East Tennessee Catholic*, or from other media. *Deo gratis!* They will resume, albeit, with some very specific restrictions as contained in the bishop's decree. You might not agree with all of them; I might not. It doesn't matter: Bishop Stika is the pastor of the diocese and it is his decision. It is not imprudent. What is important is that we will have public Masses again!

As you can see from the decree and explanatory drawings and statements, we cannot accommodate all our parishioners at only three Masses with the spacing requirements. I have therefore decided that I will add another Mass so that we will have the two Masses on Saturday evening and two Masses on Sunday. I also have my Mass at Cor Jesu Monastery. In order to balance all these the first Mass on Sunday will be at 10:00am followed by a Mass at 11:30. These times will, I believe, disrupt people's schedules and habits the least compared to any other arrangement. We will also put chairs in the narthex to allow some additional seating consistent with the spacing. Please note that this means some who usually go to the 5pm will have to come to a Sunday Mass and the same for those who usually come to the 10:30am. Focus on what is important: you can again be fed by the Holy Eucharist!

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I want to offer a big **THANK YOU** to all who have continued to give during this difficult time. The bills aren't taking a quarantine or a vacation; they still must be paid. The contributions have exceeded what I had feared but do not reach what we need to keep the doors open and the lights on. If you haven't been sending in your collection offering, please do so. Remember that most months we were already in the red any downturn hurts us significantly.

*And with continued thanks:*

Another big thank you to an anonymous donor who gave very generously so that we might weather this crisis. Thanks be to God for his generosity and love of God and of the parish.

And yet another big thank you to all who have donated their time and sometimes money to deal with the problems and keep the parish functioning. I think of Sandy Miranda and her son who have several times cleaned the church and the offices and brought candles for Adoration. And to Phil, Josh and Nick LaMonte and Alberto and Alex Miranda who have volunteered to mow the church and rectory lawns; that's no small job. And to Jennifer for keeping so on top and a great many various and sundry needs that have arisen trying to keep things as normal as possible. All of these folks volunteered their services; they weren't asked. Don't forget to give them word of thanks. I've run out of room, so, I look forward to

seeing you on Pentecost—or before if you come for Adoration during the week. And don't forget: Confession available upon request.

**Fr. Patrick**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of our parishioner William Healy who passed away on Tuesday, May 5, 2020 at the age of 82. He was born on June 22, 1937 in Chicago, IL to William and Bernice Healy. William was married to Linda Kappich. He was blessed with 3 children, Joe, Joanne and David. He served in the U.S. Navy, where he loaded missiles onto fighters. He then worked in purchasing for major corporations such as Caterpillar and Duo-Fast. He enjoyed classic cars and his beloved dog, Tidbit. Please keep Linda, their children and all the family and friends in your prayers during this most difficult time. William will be dearly missed by them.

**RCIA** – Please continue to pray for our Candidates, Darryl Hall & his sponsor Deacon Jim Prosak, Jeannie Bohrer & her sponsor Gloria Bohrer and Catechumen Tammy Thorton and her sponsor Mary Legge as they open their hearts to God's graces and grow in their faith. Also, please keep the RCIA team of Deacon Jim Prosak, Deacon Jack Raymond and Mary Legge in your prayers. Darryl and Jeannie will enter into full communion with the Catholic Church at the 11:30am Mass on Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Rising Above the Pandemic** – Bishop Stika said, "Hope is one of those things that opens the doors for us in a variety of different ways. We have to trust in Jesus and His divine mercy. We'll get through this." We are learning new ways to celebrate Mass, attend school, and still help the needy. People are learning to livestream on their computers or phone and attend class via computer. Holy Trinity parishioners are learning to keep current through our website and Jennifer's emails. We're finding out new isn't necessarily bad. Hopefully life as we knew it will resume.

"If we think we don't need God who reaches out to us through Christ, because we believe we can make do on our own, we are headed for a fall.

**God alone can truly save and free us."**

**Pope Francis**

## Our Weekly Mass Schedule

Saturday May 16 <sup>th</sup>	For Chris Mynuk+ by KOC
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Sunday May 17 <sup>th</sup>	For Eileen Glow+ by The LaMonte Family
Tuesday May 19 <sup>th</sup>	For Jim Shannon by Terry Shannon
Wednesday May 20 <sup>th</sup>	For Reuben Mellberg by the parishioners
Thursday May 21 <sup>st</sup>	For Viki Morulewicz by the parishioners
Friday May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	For Robert Mynatt by the parishioners
Saturday May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	For Chris Mynuk+ by KOC
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Sunday May 24 <sup>th</sup>	For Eileen Glow+ by The LaMonte Family

Saturday May 23 <sup>rd</sup> 5:00pm	
Deacon	
Lector	
Servers	
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	

Sunday, May 24 <sup>th</sup> 10:30am	
Deacon	
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### Holy Trinity's Parish Stewardship

Attendance for	5:00pm	7:00pm	10:30am
05/03/2020	0	0	0

### Envelope and Offertory Collections

	<u>Weekly</u>		<u>Month-to-Date</u>
Collection:	\$ 3,440	Collection:	\$ 6,401
Fixed Expense:	\$ 6,254	Fixed Expense:	\$ 12,509
Difference:	\$ (2,814)	Difference:	\$ (6,108)

**CCW Meeting** has been cancelled for May. We look forward to seeing all women of our parish in September after the summer break.

CANCELLED

**Knights of Columbus Meeting** for May has been cancelled. We look forward to seeing everyone in June.

CANCELLED

## Don't Forget Your "Change for Life" Baby



**Bottle** - This supports Life Outreach (*Mother's Day 5/10/2020 to Father's Day 6/21/2020*). You will find "empty" baby bottles in the Narthex. 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.



**Spring Spruce-Up:** May 23<sup>rd</sup> is our spring spruce-up day here at Holy Trinity. The Knights of Columbus need your helping hands to make the church grounds look beautiful. Bring your shovels, rakes, and trimmers for bushes. Whatever tools you can bring will be appreciated. Call Mike Searcy at 865-850-5499 to let him know what you can bring to help. The spruce-up will take place between 8am - 11:30am on Saturday. All parishioners are asked to help us in beautifying our church grounds.

**Dandridge Food Pantry** needs empty egg cartons. They have a farmer that donates fresh eggs so they need cartons to distribute them. Please leave in the food pantry corner of the Narthex and Eileen Hatrick will deliver them to Dandridge Food Pantry.

**Grief Share Support Group** - Need help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member or friend? Come and join us to begin your journey from mourning to joy. Weekly meetings will be held at Faith Baptist Church, 118 Colossians Ct., Jefferson City beginning Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> thru August 26<sup>th</sup> from 6:30pm - 8:30pm. To register contact the church office by phone 865-475-7608 or email [info@faithbaptist.net](mailto:info@faithbaptist.net). Cost for the 14 week support group is \$20 which includes one workbook.

**Catholic Communication Collection** is next Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. Working to keep the Gospel message in the world, CCC provides Catholic content for radio, the internet, television, and print publications. CCC focuses on finding new ways to bring the Gospel message to you by working to be wherever the faithful and those seeking the faith are. CCC provides content on the internet to strengthen marriage, in podcasts for daily readings, on TV for Christmas Mass, and on Facebook for news, discussions, and sharing of the faith.

**The Parish Picnic** scheduled for Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled due to Bishop Stika's directives. The picnic will be rescheduled at a later date when we are allowed to meet in large groups.

**CANCELLED**



**Free Face Masks** - Barb Rogers is making cloth masks and giving them out free; but if you would like to make a donation, she will put that towards the food pantry donations. Please bring or mail your donation to the church office. There will be a basket in the Narthex with 3 sizes (large, medium and child) for you to pick from. Be sure to thank Barb for the giving of her time to help others.

**Chrism Mass Celebrated** - Mass of the Holy Chrism will be celebrated at the Cathedral of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus on **Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>**, at **11am**. The Mass is restricted to priests and deacons only. The Mass will be streamed live on the diocesan website [dioknox.org](http://dioknox.org).

**Did you know Holy Trinity has a Library?**



Holy Trinity Library has a wide range of books that will make our walk with God so much more meaningful. Be sure to visit the Library in the Parish Life Center and please continue to peruse the books placed each weekend in the narthex. The library is open Tuesday through Friday, 9:00am-4:00pm.

**Scam Alert Warning** - There have been reports of different scams going on all over the country. People are praying on our country's concerns during this COVID-19 pandemic and we want our parishioners to be ever vigilant. One of the scams are companies selling special cleaning products that will kill the virus. The products have not been proven to do what they are telling people. Also, with the stimulus money distributed, there are phone scammers trying to get your personal information or money. Never give out your information over the phone unless you have been the one to contact the company and never purchase gift cards to pay something over the phone. If you get a call and it doesn't sound right, ask a family member or friend what they think before doing anything.

**PRO-LIFE NEWS AND NOTES:** I wanted to



share an uplifting article I read in a recent **40 Days for Life** publication. Paula is a young woman who experienced tragic events in her life beginning at 16 when she joined a community youth group, not realizing that the adult mentors were Planned Parenthood employees. Slowly she was influenced to volunteer for Planned Parenthood after hearing remarks such as, "You care about women, right?" Paula began helping to organize Planned Parenthood booths at events and within 2 years she was counseling clients and lobbying public officials. At the University of Memphis, she headed up a pro-abortion student group, which brought her into dialogue with the pro-life student group, which planted seeds for her pro-life conversion. However, because her heart had become hardened after hearing for so long that pro-life people lie, her conversion took some time to manifest. In 2016, Paula became pregnant but miscarried; she was saddened, had a funeral for her baby, and grieved for months. Her heart began to change after this, and she grew closer to the Lord. After beginning to feel better, she decided to date again, but her first encounter with a young man led to a terrifying rape at gunpoint. She became pregnant after the rape but welcomed the pregnancy—she now had a purpose in life. When her church members learned she was expecting they began pressuring her to abort the baby, even late into her pregnancy, offering to pay the \$10,000 cost to fly across country and undergo an expensive third trimester abortion. Church members called Paula's child the "spawn of Satan" and accused her of "tainting the gene pool". Even after the birth of her son, Caleb, the church community complained that the baby was a "bad influence" on the other children. After the church made a large Mother's Day donation to the abortion industry, Paula and Caleb left the church and found a new faith community. Today, Paula is happy to speak all over the country, empowering expectant mothers in crisis to choose life. She is the community outreach director for the Memphis Coalition for Life and has saved many babies as a sidewalk counselor outside of Planned Parenthood. Paula states, "Without my faith, I'm not sure I would be alive. God's plan was bigger than any plan I could ever have for myself. Caleb was the best change of plans ever." Pray for Paula and all sidewalk counselors and for an end to the scourge of abortion.