

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY — MAY 30, 2021

*Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. — Matthew 28:19*

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Parish Office: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:00 AM-4:30 PM (Closed 1:00-2:00 PM)
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For Sacramental emergencies after hours, please call the parish office and follow the prompts.

HOLY MASS

Saturday (Christ the King).....5:00 PM
Sunday9:00 AM; 12:00 PM (Español)

CONFESSION

Saturday (Christ the King)..... 4:15-4:45 PM
Sunday8:15-8:45 AM

TODAY FEAST: THE MYSTERY OF THE BLESSED TRINITY

Today we celebrate the solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. The Church sets aside this Sunday to focus our attention on the mystery of the Blessed Trinity, God who is one, but three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The first reading from Deuteronomy emphasizes both God’s awesome greatness and amazing nearness. It might seem beyond belief, but the God of all creation speaks to us, protects us, and guides us. The second reading from Saint Paul’s Letter to the Romans describes how we are to relate to the three persons who are one God. We are led by the Spirit to meet God the Father as adopted children. Our adoption is such that we are even heirs with our brother, Christ, the second person of the Trinity, in whose sufferings we must also share. In Matthew’s Gospel, Jesus speaks with his authority as God and sends us to teach and baptize in the name of the Trinity. *Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.*

THIS WEEK’S ACTIVITIES

Sunday, May 30

8:15 AM..... Confession (SM)
9:00 AM..... Mass (+Jimmy Dean Robbs) (SM)
11:20 AM.... Rosary (SM)
12:00 PM Mass (Pro Populo) (Español - SM)

Monday, May 31 - Office closed for Memorial Day

8:00 AM..... Mass (Deacon James) (SM)
9:00 AM..... Legion of Mary (SM Parish Hall)
7:00 PM Emaús Group (SM Parish Hall)

Tuesday-Friday, June 1

8:00 AM..... Mass (+Fr. Stephen Raich, OFM) (SM)
5:00 PM Viewing/Vigil for Fr. Michael Kottar (SM)

Wednesday, June 2

11:00 AM.... Funeral for Fr. Michael Kottar (SM)

Thursday June 3

No events scheduled

Friday, June 4

7:00 PM Mass (+Fr. Michael Allison) (Español - SM)

Saturday, June 5

8:00 AM..... Baptisms (SM)
9:30 AM..... 1st Communion class (SM Parish Hall)
4:15 PM Confession (CK)
5:00 PM Mass (+James Chaffee) (CK)

Sunday, June 6

8:15 AM..... Confession (SM)
9:00 AM..... Mass (+Ellen Carscaddon) (SM)
10:20 AM.... Confirmation Class (SM Parish Hall)
11:20 AM.... Rosary (SM)
12:00 PM Mass (Pro Populo) (Español - SM)



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LEGION OF MARY - PILGRIM VIRGIN HOME VISITATION

How beautiful that the Mother of the Lord Jesus has come to this home!

The Legion of Mary invites you to bring our Lady of Fatima - the Pilgrim Virgin - into your home for a 2-week visit. You will enjoy praying the Holy Rosary with her and bringing your family together to share in the special time of prayer to deepen your faith, hope, and charity. Due to COVID-19, we deliver and pick up the Pilgrim Virgin, but we do not come into your home. Visit www.SaintMaryShelby.org and follow the sign up link, then contact Peggy Collins at 704-300-5136 to arrange the visitation.

The Pilgrim Virgin home visitation schedule has been extended until December. If you don't have access to a computer please call Peggy to set up an appointment!

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER

Please pray for Carol Annette, Mary Baxter, Jerome Bickimer, Eric Bilow, Sally Currie, Bridget Custer, Adam Gehring, Claudio Ginebra, Patrice Hammitt, Evelyn Hill, Sean Hobart, Fred Hunt, Lonnie Johnson, Laurie Johnston, Gary Lyncosky, Jimmy Marks, Pat Mullen, Joanne Nestved, Gerri O'Mallan, John Reynolds, Declan Richardson, Audrey Russo, Bea Stroupe, Jim & Mary Zeunik, and for the repose of the soul of Fr. Michael Kottar.

STEWARDSHIP

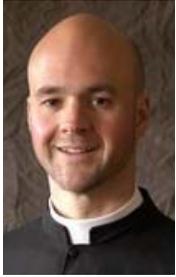
*It is important that we budget our hours as we budget our income
so we are able to give our time to be involved in church and community activities.*

- Monthly Offertory:

	March 2021	Monthly Budget	March 2020
SM	\$13,015	\$20,215	\$24,777
CK	\$3,954	\$4,510	\$1,709
- Diocesan Support Appeal: The DSA helps provide annual funding for 50 ministries and programs necessary to carry out the mission of our diocese. Our parish's assessed goals are \$26,181 at St. Mary and \$2,741 at Christ the King. Please be as generous as possible. Thanks to those who have given already.
- Upcoming Special Collections: 5/30 - Debt Reduction (CK only);
- Cleaners THANK YOU: 5/30 - Armando, Amaya Family; 6/6 - Salvador, Margarita S., David
- Please bring donations of non-perishable food (see suggestions below) and Boost & Ensure and leave them in the barrels at St. Mary or Christ the King. Thank you for your generosity! Food needed for May and June: Canned Fruit and Veggies. Boost & Ensure are always needed.
- Online Giving: Please consider using online giving for your weekly tithe to St. Mary or Christ the King. You can use credit or debit cards, or your bank account. Text giving is now available at both churches. Learn more at SaintMaryShelby.org/online-giving.
- Parishioner in need: A longtime St. Mary parishioner from the Latino community suffered a stroke leaving him paralyzed on one side and unable to work, and does not receive government assistance. The parish is helping him with a few basic needs. If you would like to help defray the cost, please contribute to the Poor Box or place a check in the collection basket with "Poor Box" on the memo line. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Father's Day Masses - Father's Day is June 20: the Masses that weekend will be offered for the intentions of all Fathers (living and deceased) who are enrolled, and their names will be listed in the bulletin. The deadline to return envelopes for Father's Day Masses is June 14. The envelopes are part of the envelope packs mailed to your homes. Contact the office if you need an extra one, or if you need to begin envelope delivery.

Thank you to the Catholic News Herald for this beautiful tribute:

FATHER MICHAEL T. KOTTAR, 53, PASSES AWAY



COLUMBUS, Ohio — Father Michael T. Kottar, 53, passed away on the Vigil of Pentecost May 22, 2021, after a battle with Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease. He had served as a Catholic priest for 27 years.

Viewing will be held from 5 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, June 1, 2021, at St. Mary, Help of Christians Catholic Church in Shelby, North Carolina. A 6 p.m. Vigil Service will be led by Monsignor Patrick J. Winslow.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by the Most Rev. Peter J. Jugis, Bishop of Charlotte, at 11 a.m. Wednesday, June 2, 2021, at St. Mary, Help of Christians Catholic Church. A private burial will follow at Belmont Abbey Cemetery. A reception and lunch for family and friends of Father Kottar will be held at 2:30 p.m. at St. Mary Parish Hall.

Father Kottar was born Dec. 6, 1967, in Youngstown, Ohio, the son of Michael and the late Kathleen (Kropelak) Kottar. He attended Immaculate Heart of Mary School and Ursuline High School. He was drawn to a priestly vocation from an early age as an altar server, and after high school he went on to further his studies at the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio. He earned a bachelor's degree in philosophy from St. Alphonsus Redemptorist Seminary in Suffield, Connecticut, and in 1994 he earned a Master of Divinity from Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

He was ordained to the Catholic priesthood on May 28, 1994, for the Diocese of Metuchen, New Jersey, by the Most Rev. Edward T. Hughes. He served in the Metuchen Diocese for five years, at St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church in New Brunswick (1994-1996); St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Colonia (1996-1997); St. Mary's Catholic Church in South Amboy (1997-1998); and St. Augustine of Canterbury Catholic Church in Kendall Park (1998-1999).

In 1999, Father Kottar moved to the Diocese of Charlotte, North Carolina, where he served first at St. Matthew Catholic Church in Charlotte (1999-2000), considered one of the largest Catholic parishes in the United States. He then served as administrator at St. John Baptist de la Salle Catholic Church in North Wilkesboro, before moving in 2002 to the Charlotte Diocese's smallest parish, Holy Redeemer Catholic Church in Andrews, in the western tip of North Carolina, where he served first as administrator and then as pastor.

In 2007, Father Kottar was appointed pastor of St. Mary, Help of Christians Catholic Church in Shelby and Christ the King Catholic Mission in Kings Mountain. He loved the mix of people and cultures there. He also had a passion for the outdoors, hiking, Caribbean cruises and reading history.

Throughout his priestly ministry but especially during his last pastorate, he was known as a defender of life, a champion of the poor, and a teacher who loved to lead Scripture studies and pilgrimages to sacred shrines. He was a gifted writer and eloquent speaker, which showed in the inspirational homilies he delivered.

He often preached that our purpose in this life is to give glory to God. Although his life was brief, he lived it fully – loving and serving God and, in his words, “meeting so many good people along the way.” He devoted his life to the Church and once was quoted as saying that people loved priests because they bring them closer to Christ. He had a deep love for Christ in the Eucharist, and he encouraged people – especially young men discerning a vocation to the priesthood – to pray the rosary and develop a relationship with the Blessed Mother.

In addition to his parish of 300 families at St. Mary and Christ the King, he is survived by his father Michael H. Kottar of Pickerington, Ohio; twin sisters Amy (Michael) Akers, also of Pickerington, and Renee (Gregory) Selby of Nazareth, Pennsylvania; and four nieces and nephews: Paige, Benjamin, Kyra and Vincent. He was preceded in death by his mother.

In lieu of flowers, Father Kottar requested that memorial contributions be made to the Diocese of Charlotte Seminarian Education Fund. Donate by mail to 1123 S. Church St., Charlotte, NC 28203, or securely online at www.charlottediocese.org/development/donate_semed/

***Due to the limited seating in the church,
the best time to pay respects to Father will be at the viewing on Tuesday 5:00-9:00 PM.***

Vocations Camps for Young Men & Women

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 Quo Vadis Days camp for men or Duc In Altum camp for women to spend time with other young people your age looking at the Lord's call in your life while having fun and strengthening your prayer life. QVD and DIA are led by priests, religious, and seminarians of the diocese and are supported by the diocesan Office of Vocations. Quo Vadis Days will be **June 14-18** and Duc In Altum camp will be **June 21-25** both at Belmont Abbey College. The cost of the camps is \$150. **Registration deadlines: Wednesday, June 9 for QVD, Wednesday, June 16 for DIA**, but don't delay as these could sell out.

▶ **QVD:** Visit charlottediocese.org/vocations/quo-vadis-days or contact Father Brian Becker, at bjbecker@charlottediocese.org.

▶ **DIA:** Visit charlottevocations.org, or contact Sister Mary Raphael at 704-370-3402 or mraphael@charlottediocese.org

FEAST OF FAITH: Liturgy and the Holy Trinity



The Trinity is the central mystery of our faith. We believe that God is one, yet three: total unity and rich diversity. God is not a monolith, but a dynamic community of persons, a perfect, loving harmony of three. And the liturgy is the work of the Trinity. We begin all our liturgical celebrations with the sign of the cross, a reminder of our Trinitarian baptism, and the simplest of all professions of our faith. We believe that God is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and we gather in the name of this triune God. Throughout the Mass, we address our prayers to God the Father, through Christ our Lord, in the Spirit's power. And the Father hears our prayer, transforming bread and wine into the Body and Blood of his Son by the Holy Spirit. The Church is "the sacrament of trinitarian communion" (*Sacramentum Caritatis*, 16). It is the Trinity who holds us together as well. In the words of Saint Cyprian, we are "a people made one by the unity of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit" (quoted in *Sacramentum Caritatis*, 16).

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DAILY NOVENA PRAYER to St. JOSEPH

○ Saint Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires.

O Saint Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me from your divine Son all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ, Our Lord, so that having experienced here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of fathers.

O Saint Joseph, I never weary of contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms. I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Hold Him close in my name and kiss His fine head from me, and ask Him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath. St. Joseph, patron of departing souls, pray for me. Amen.



Pray for the repose of the souls of the deceased members of Knights of Columbus Council 11946:

Anibal Angel
Bill Campbell
Berney Gehring
Karl Giffin
Bill Hill
Rev. Michael Hoban
Dave Hobart
Joe Izzi
Paul Judge
Marty Kane

Bob Kingery
Rev. Michael Kottar
Butch Lowery
Joe McNamara
Dick Nann
Conway Pagett
Paul Pasco
Ibrahim Sara
Paul Territo
Ed Vito

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.
And let perpetual light shine upon them.

May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.