

## May 31, 2015 Most Holy Trinity (B)

### From The Desk of Msgr. Corrigan:

On Wednesday twenty-five of our young parishioners received Confirmation from Bishop Walsh. Confirmation is one of the seven sacraments of the church. We believe that the Holy Spirit comes in a very special way to an individual in this sacrament. We also believe that the Holy Spirit is always present in the Catholic Church. We are now reading in the Scriptures on Sunday how important this belief in the Holy Spirit was to the early church. In the beginning all the followers of Jesus thought He was coming back very soon. Just before his return there would be some kind of apocalyptic event. The existing world would be destroyed and people would be tested and judged. They were wrong. It didn't happen. Now what? How could they continue on by themselves? Years later when the Acts of the Apostles was written they realized that they had continued on and were even growing in numbers. How were they able to do this? They attributed their success to the Holy Spirit of God. Today we still believe that same Spirit is with our church.

I was thinking about Pope Francis's visit to us in September and his message about climate change. Most people know that the earth is in serious danger. Look at all the movies and TV shows about the disasters that will come to us in the future. Some have the earth completely destroyed (or at least all the humans), some have most of civilization wiped out with a few humans left fighting one another (post apocalyptic dystopia). Many today have pessimistic views of the future because they don't think humans have within themselves the courage, ingenuity, strength and sacrifice to change the way we are living now. Here is where the belief in the Holy Spirit may prove crucial. Like the early church we leave our rooms and go out into the world and face the great challenges-knowing that this what God wants us to do and believing that the Holy Spirit will give us the courage to do what we must do "to renew the face of the earth". Pope Francis could inspire all the people of the earth. Let us be ready to help him.



### COLLECTION:

The collection for last Sunday, May 24, 2015 was \$3,062.00.

The second collection this Sunday May 31, 2015 will be for the Catholic NY Newspaper.



### Food Collection:

Next Sunday will be our monthly food collection. Please remember the needy in our community when you do your shopping this week. Thank you.



### Most Holy Trinity:

On this solemnity of the **Most Holy Trinity**, the focus is not so much on who the three Persons of the **Trinity** are, but rather on who we are as **God's** people in relation to the **Holy Trinity**. For **God** has sought us out and saved us through **Jesus Christ**, and given us a Spirit of adoption, so that we might call on **God's** name. Let us pray today in thanksgiving for the wonderful gift of the love of **God-Father, Son, and Holy Spirit**.

In the first reading, Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40: Moses reminds the people of their special bond with God. They have every reason to be faithful to the covenant.

Responsorial Psalm, Psalm 33: "Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own"

In the second reading, Romans 8:14-17: Paul describes our relationship with each person of the Trinity. Because of our union with God, we enjoy true freedom.

In the Gospel, Matthew 28:16-20: Jesus commissions the disciples to go to all nations, baptizing all people in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Today's Focus: Clothing the Mystery: We try to express the mystery of the **Trinity** in human words. Perhaps considering the mystery through our relationship

Question of the Week: What is the significance of the image of "adoption" by **God**? What would it mean for me to live as **God's** adopted child?



Praying with the Word: Almighty **Father**, through your Spirit you have made us brothers and sisters of **Jesus** your **Son**; help us to live as faithful sons and daughters in our daily lives. **Amen**.



Let us invoke the Holy Spirit each day: He guides us along the path of discipleship in Christ.

### Religious Education News:

The last class for all grades will be on Saturday June 6, 2015-All must attend.

