

May 27, 2018

Trinity Sunday

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." Matthew 28: 16-20

" . . . when God is in it."

A Quaker pastor remembers the insight he learned from a woman who was part of the meeting he once pastored:

"[This] elderly woman had committed herself to works of mercy. As I got to know her better, I was astounded at the many ways in which she had blessed hurting people. Though her income was modest, she lived simply so she could give generously. Though her many commitments kept her calendar full, she still found time to be present for those who needed comfort. The longer I knew her, the more I marveled at her charity, given the scarcity of her resources. Because of her humility, she was reluctant to talk with others about her own accomplishments. But one day she let slip the principle that guided her life, when she said to me, 'Little is much when God is in it.'

"I have thought of that many times since, appreciating its truth more and more as the years pass. Little does become much when love is present. Love does magnify our works. Jesus knew this. He knew even the smallest gesture of love could transform the darkest situation and so fully committed himself to divine love that we are still awed by his life. Believe me when I tell you this: We can be like him, and like all the other God-bearers our world has known . . . We can be like him when we say yes to the Divine Presence that is also in us, as thoroughly as we are able. As we do that, our lives, and the lives of others, will be transformed. God's joy will be in us, and our joy will be full."

Today's solemnity of the Holy Trinity celebrates the many ways God makes his presence known in our lives, in the manifestations of his love in our lives and our world. This Sunday of the Trinity invites us to look with a new awareness to behold God in our midst: God is the Father and Creator of all life, including our very selves, who fashions every molecule and atom that nurtures and sustains our lives; God is the Son and the Brother, the Redeemer who teaches us the unfathomable love of the God we seek; God is the Spirit of that love that creates and enables us to break out of the isolation that entraps us and become family and community. May this Solemnity of the Trinity reawaken our senses and our consciousness to behold God's love in our lives, making even the "little" into "much" that is holy and sacred.

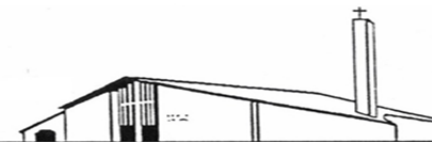
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ST. STEPHEN'S PARISH SCHEDULE

SUNDAY MASSES Saturday Evening - 6:00 P.M. Sunday Morning - 10:30 A.M.	ROSARY Saturdays from 1:30 pm until 2:30 pm. RECONCILIATION Saturdays at 3:00 P.M.; anytime by request
MARIA REGINA PARISH SCHEDULE	REGULAR WEEKDAY MASSES Monday and Wednesday at 7:00 P.M. Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 9:30 A.M. Thursday Adoration 10 A.M. - 12 NOON 1st Friday - Acadian Village - 2:00 P.M. 3rd Friday - Silverwood Manor - 2:30 P.M.
SUNDAY MASSES Saturday - 4:30 P.M. Sunday - 9:00 A.M.	

MARRIAGES. Six months notice is required; a year's notice is recommended.

BAPTISM PREPARATION. Next Session - *May 28th, 2018 - Please call to register*

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT. The 3rd Sunday of the month beginning at 2:00 P.M. and ending with benediction at 4:00 P.M.

PRAYER MEETINGS.
St. Stephen's Prayer Group — Wednesday at 7:45 P.M. in the Parish Meeting Room.
Word & Spirit Prayer Group — Tuesday at 8:00 P.M. in St. Anne's Hall.

OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY - 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm
 TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY 8:30 am - 4:30 pm,
 FRIDAY - 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM **CLOSED DAILY 12:00 - 1:00 PM**

RECEIVED WITH THANKS MAY 19 & 20:

Sunday Collection	\$	2,824.65
Capital Repairs	\$	142.00
Shepherds Fund	\$	70.00
Pope's Pastoral Work	\$	5.00
Insurance	\$	5.00

SANCTUARY CANDLE: For the intentions of Clinton Young as requested by his family.

SCENT-FREE : Please be aware that some people have allergic reactions to perfumes and other scents. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated!

COMMUNION IN THE PEWS: Holy Communion will be served to those who are unable to go to the altar at the end of Communion.

SUNDAY MASS: Parents are encouraged to attend Sunday Mass with their children as a way to develop a closer relationship with God together.

VOLUNTEERS: We are looking for volunteers for our Bereavement Team (funeral service planning) and Hospitality Ministry (greeters). If you would like to participate or get more information, please contact the Parish Office.

EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Sunday, June 3, is the Feast of Corpus Christi which commemorates the presence of the Body and Blood of Christ in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following morning Mass and conclude with Benediction at 5pm.

"The feast of the Most Holy Trinity invites us to commit ourselves in the everyday events in order to be the leaven of communion, of consolation, and of mercy."
~ Pope Francis

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

St. Stephen's - Parish Meeting Room

Year 1 Celebration (Remembering Our Baptism) Tuesday, **May 29**, at 6:00 pm in the Church

Year 3 (Group A) Monday, **May 28th** at 6:00 pm

Yrs 5 & 6, Thursday, **May 31** at 6:00 pm

Yr.7 Pre-Confirmation, Sunday, **May 27th** at 6:00 pm

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS: On this Sunday, the week after Pentecost, we celebrate The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity in the Church. We have celebrated this particular weekend in the Church for more than 700 years. Depending on your age, you may recall St. Pope John XXIII who organized and oversaw Vatican II. Interestingly, it was Pope John XXII (1316-1364) who made this celebration official in the Church.

We consider the Holy Trinity to be one of the great mysteries in the Church. It is the mystery of the identity of God. Who is God? God is one God in three Divine Persons — the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Whether we are aware of this consciously or not, this is something each of us acknowledges in a number of ways, especially when we go to Mass. Every time we make the Sign of the Cross, we are making a statement about the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

That statement is made often. At minimum it is made when the celebrating priest opens Mass with a sign of the cross. Just prior to the Gospel Reading we do an older version of the sign of the cross by making a small cross on our forehead, our lips, and our chest. The priest concludes the Mass with a blessing, and we all make a Sign of the Cross.

There are so many other times before, during, and after Mass when we make the sign or the cross, and there may be other times in our daily lives when we do it. Pope Francis has said, "Every time we make the sign of the cross, we draw closer to God." Perhaps we should do it even more often.

4YOUTH: On the Sunday after Pentecost, the Church celebrates Trinity Sunday. The Trinity is the mystery of one God in three persons. These three persons - the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit – are not three Gods, but are one God, yet we believe that the three are also distinct from one another. The Trinity is called a mystery because it cannot be understood by reason alone. God as three in one was revealed to us by Jesus. Jesus, the Son, speaks about his Father in heaven and prays to him. He sends us the Holy Spirit, who is the love of the Father and the Son. Don't worry if you can't understand it – great minds have been trying to figure this out for thousands of years! Just accept that it's true. Each time that we bless ourselves "In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" we reaffirm our belief in the three persons of God.

ASKED TO ANNOUNCE:

WEST ST. CEMETERY COMMITTEE: The West Street Cemetery Committee have opened an account at the Recycling Depot on the Hansen Highway. If anyone would like to donate their recyclables please let a staff member know at the time of drop-off. If you are unable to bring your recyclables to the Depot and wish to donate them, please call 643-5910 to arrange for pickup.

HOLY ROSARY FOR MAY: The Knights of Columbus will be reciting the Rosary each Sunday in May at 7:00 pm. All are encouraged to attend.

AL-ANON: Al-Anon is a program that offers information, support and fellowship to family and friends of problem drinkers. For information on local meetings call 643-6153 or 709-638-8311 (cell).

CHASE THE ACE: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Council 3742 Knights of Columbus are sponsoring their 5th Chase the Ace fundraiser. This event will be starting on **Sunday June 3rd**. Ticket sales start at 1:00 pm. Ticket sales end at 3:45 pm with the draw taking place at 4:00 pm. This will start out as an elimination jackpot of \$1500.00. Proceeds in aid of K of C Charities.

ST. ANNE'S GUILD: There will be a meeting for members of the St. Anne's Guild on Monday, May 28th, after evening Mass.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL: Just a reminder that the St. Vincent de Paul society is not accepting donations of clothing or other items at St. Anne's Hall.

HUMOUR: A couple had two little boys, ages 8 and 10, who were excessively mischievous. The two were always getting into trouble and their parents could be assured that if any mischief occurred in their town their two young sons were in some way involved.

The parents were at their wits end as to what to do about their sons' behavior. The mother had heard that a clergyman in town had been successful in disciplining children in the past, so she asked her husband if he thought they should send the boys to speak with the clergyman.

The husband said, 'We might as well. We need to do something before I really lose my temper!' The clergyman agreed to speak with the boys, but asked to see them individually. The 8 year old went to meet with him first. The clergyman sat the boy down and asked him sternly, 'Where is God?'

The boy made no response, so the clergyman repeated the question in an even sterner tone, 'Where is God?' Again the boy made no attempt to answer. So the clergyman raised his voice even more and shook his finger in the boy's face, 'WHERE IS GOD?'

At that the boy bolted from the room and ran directly home, slamming himself in the closet. His older brother followed him into the closet and asked what had happened. The younger brother replied, 'We are in BIG trouble this time. God is missing and they think we did it.'