

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

27 MAY 2018

Readings for Sunday, May 27: Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40; Romans 8:14-17; Matthew 28:16-20.

The Lord God is one, there is no other. We have been chosen as his own, and through the Spirit, are able to call God, *Abba*. Through baptism all nations are called to share in the life of the Son and acknowledge the triune God.

Readings for Sunday, June 3: Exodus 24:3-8; Hebrews 9:11-15; Mark 14:12-16, 22-26.

St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish Special Day of Prayer is Monday.
Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament: Monday after 9:00 A.M. Mass to 4:00 PM in the Chapel.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<u>Date</u>		<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
28 May	MON. 9:00 AM	Francis Wolfe, Sr. Family	Francis J. Czeiner Family
30 May	WED. 9:00 AM	Nicholas Giampietro	Ron & Carol Fry
31 May	THU. 9:00 AM	Jeff Bolonski	Dennis & Paula Bolonski
1 June	FRI. 9:00 AM	Decd. Members Class of 1968, St. Pius X HS	Tony Vitacco
2 June	SAT. 4:00 PM	90 th Anniversary of St. Gabriel Lodge	St. Gabriel Lodge
3 June	SUN. 9:00 AM	Those Enrolled in St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish Memorial Fund	



ETERNAL REST grant unto them, O Lord. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND SUFFERING of the parish especially those in homes and hospitals.

REMEMBER OUR TROOPS: Pray that God will bless and protect our young men and women in the military.



We welcome THOMAS, ROSEANN, KRISTI & STEPHANIE GRACE who recently joined St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish.

FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING on Thursday, May 31 at 7:15 PM in the Rectory.

SENIOR CITIZENS Anniversary Mass on Tuesday, June 12 at 11:00 AM, followed by a Luncheon in the social hall.

NO ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT ON MONDAY, MAY 28.

THE ROSARY PRAYER GROUP leads the recitation of the Rosary every Sunday before the 9:00 AM Mass. They also pray the Rosary before the 9:00 AM weekday Masses. All are welcome to join in these special Marian devotions.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - June 2/3:

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Melanie Warzeski

Extraordinary Ministers - Frank Durante, Sherry Durante, Terry Donnelly, John Bracaglia, Shelly Stockmal, George Siver

Altar Server - Maeve Donnelly

Greeters - Maria DiMarco and Ginger Scheidt

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Jim Mich

Extraordinary Ministers - Jim Bucciaglia, Denise Bucciaglia, Jack Bucciaglia, Lori Carr, Helen George

Altar Server - Tommy Miller and Madelyn Miller

Greeters - Sylvia and Tom Marcheskie

REFLECTIONS FROM THE DESK OF FR. GREGORY J. HICKEY

Feast of the Holy Trinity

This is the time for commencement addresses as people graduate and move on in life. Today's first reading is like a commencement address Moses is giving to God's people as they prepare to enter the Promised Land. Moses knew he had to part from the people for he was soon to die. So he shares some words of wisdom with the people before they crossed the Jordan into the Land that would be their new home. He tells them there is no other God than the Lord (Yahweh) and that only for being faithful to their God will they prosper. His advice is good advice for today's world where polytheism and paganism, which were popular in the days of Moses, have been replaced by atheism, hedonism, and materialism.

This weekend's Feast of the Holy Trinity traces its origins back to the fourth century during the time of the Arian Heresy. Arianism taught that Jesus was not fully God. It taught that he was a creature higher than the angels but not equal to God the Father. The heresy almost destroyed the Church. The Council of Nicea (in 325 A.D.) proclaimed that Jesus was equal to the Father in every way and we profess that as our faith every week in the Nicene Creed. Indeed, it is a great mystery how God is three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

These three persons are so closely united in nature and in love that we proclaim there is only one God. This mystery is revealed to us in the Scriptures better, but it remains a mystery and will always be a mystery until we are fully united with the Trinity in heaven.

There is one important element that can help us understand the Trinity just a little bit more, and that is love. In everyday experiences we have seen that love has the power to draw two people together and make them one in mind and heart and yet the two people retain their own individuality. The Bible tells us God is love, and it is the power of divine love that make Father, Son, and Holy Spirit one God without destroying the distinction between three persons. It is that love that overflowed and created the universe. It is that love that made us, redeemed us, and has forgiven us our sins, and that calls us to enjoy eternal bliss in the kingdom of heaven when it comes time for us to leave this world.

If anything, the mystery of the Trinity communicates that God is a family, a family so closely united that although they are three persons, they are one God. Oneness is not only an important characteristic of God, but God wants us to share their oneness with Him and one another. It's what He prayed for at the Last Supper with such passion that all of us be one as we are one. We have over 400 different groups who call themselves followers of Christ who can't get along with one another.

Today's mystery is just a peek into who God is, a peek that should inspire us to function more like a family, not a divided family but a united one. This peek into the mystery of God shows us another aspect of the character of unity. God is not sitting alone. God is not needy for a few friends to talk with or to enjoy; the three persons are in such perfect oneness with each other that they are overflowing with love. It is in their overflowing love that God wants us to be part of God's community of love, part of God's family; and here we touch another deep-down mystery. Why would God love us so much to let us share God's life and want to make us part of God's family? Perhaps in today's celebration of the Eucharist, we may gain or understand or even experience God's love more fully.

One day when each of us meets the Trinity in heaven, the mystery will be revealed. Presently, we go on faith not sight. We experience the Trinity in various ways during our lifetime but will never fully comprehend the Trinity in our lifetime.

Happy Feast!

Fr. Hickey

TESTIMONY REQUESTED! The Historical Commission for the sainthood cause of Fr. Bill Atkinson, OSA (1946-2006), seeks information on him from the general public. We are asking anyone who knew Fr. Atkinson to contact us and relate what you know about him. No story or encounter is too small. Whether you met him at Msgr. Bonner High School or at Archbishop Prendergast High School, or at any of the parishes where he celebrated Mass or the Sacraments, we wish to have your written recollections. In particular, we are interested in obtaining any personal letters or documents, mementos and unpublished source materials that may be used to foster a greater understanding of Fr. Atkinson's life. Photographs or videos of Fr. Atkinson would also be useful. Please give your contact information to us, the Historical Commission for the Cause of Fr. Bill Atkinson, OSA, by email at Atkinson.cause@gmail.com or by phone message at 610-519-6937.

Parish Support

WEEKLY BUDGET.....	\$5,000
DEPOSIT FOR MAY 20, 2018.	\$3,702
Regular Sunday Collection -	\$3,612
Parish Giving -	\$90
WEEKLY DEFICIT.	(\$1,298)
Year to Date Budget.....	\$235,000
Year to Date Collections.....	\$211,450
Average per week Collection.....	\$4,499
Year to Date Deficit.	(\$23,550)
Average per week Deficit.....	(\$501)

MAY 21, 2017

Deposit.	\$3,567
2016-2017 Deficit to Date.	(\$27,349)
Difference from previous year.....	\$3,799



Raffle Drawing

PARISH LOTTERY RAFFLE TICKET based on the PA Pick 3 Evening Number. Winning ticket number must be the exact number drawn for the PA Pick 3 Evening Number. Tickets are \$5.00 each and are sold on a monthly basis. The prize for the winning ticket is \$50.00 on weekdays and \$100.00 on Sundays and one specially-designated weekday. Tickets are available after the Masses on weekends and at the parish office on weekdays. **This is our major fund raiser for the parish. We encourage each family to purchase at least one ticket each month. Your support is greatly appreciated.**

LOTTERY CALENDAR RAFFLE TICKET WINNERS

- May 14 - #237 - Cathy Keck - \$50.00
- May 15 - #904 - Rod & Linda Faust - \$50.00
- May 16 - #142 - Lew Chillot - \$50.00
- May 17 - #852 - Mary Ann Dailey - \$50.00
- May 18 - #707 - unsold
- May 19 - #451 - unsold
- May 20 - #371 - unsold

MASS ATTENDANCE for May 19/20:

7:30 PM Mass - 192
 9:00 AM Mass - 181
 Total Attendance - 373
 Mass Attendance for May 20/21, 2017 - 366

“CONSIDER REMEMBERING YOUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL”. For further information, please call the parish office.

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ST. GABRIEL OF THE SORROWFUL MOTHER PARISH MEMORIAL FUND DONATION received in memory of:

MARTHA (MARTY) HUNSBERGER from Ron & Carol Fry;
DAN LONG from Carol Fry;
LARRY ENDICOTT from Ron & Carol Fry;
MARY JEAN SALZER from St. Gabriel Senior Citizens, Tom & Louise Roberts, Gerry & Ralph Murgia;
FRANCESCO FERRARO from Ronald DiGiosia.

We are collecting cards for Sister Carolyn as she will celebrate her 70th Jubilee on June 30. You can place cards for her in the collection baskets or drop them off at the parish office. **THANK YOU!**



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CLOTHING DRIVE on Saturday,

June 9 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Look for the GreenDrop truck in the church parking lot where an attendant will be available to assist you with your donations. Please place your donations of usable men’s, women’s, and children’s

clothing in plastic bags or boxes. Household items such as kitchenware, games/toys, small appliances under 50 pounds, electronics, sporting goods, books, CDs & videos are also accepted. Unfortunately, furniture, large appliances, TVs or computer monitors cannot be accepted. For a full list of acceptable items visit www.gogreendrop.com.

MAGNIFICAT BOOKS - Those who purchased the Magnificat can pick up their JUNE issue at the parish office.

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