

Welcome to

Most Blessed Trinity Parish

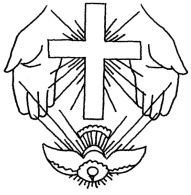
Seventh Sunday of Easter



May 23-24, 2020

Most Blessed Trinity Parish is a Christ-centered sacramental family, modeled after the love of the Trinity—the Father, Son and Holy Spirit—3 persons in 1 God. We are dedicated to grow in their love and continue the Great Commission of spreading the Gospel to all nations, starting right here in Western Schuylkill County.

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MOST BLESSED TRINITY PARISH

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May 23-24, 2020, Year A—Cycle II

WELCOME!

All are most welcome at Most Blessed Trinity Parish. Please register as soon as possible. Also, please call the rectory when changing your address.

Mass Intentions for the Week

If NOT listed to be rescheduled, ALL these Masses are PRIVATE (FR. PAUL ONLY). Times might vary.

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Saturday, May 23

Church—Vigil: 4:00 PM Anniversary Blessings for Ed and Eleanor Wassel

Sunday, May 24

Chapel—9:00 AM For the People of the Parish by Fr. Paul

Church—10:30 AM+William Burke, Jr. by Sally, Brady and Tyler

Weekday Masses are held at the Church in Tremont

Monday, May 25—Memorial Day

8:00 AM Living and Deceased Members of Easter Memorials by Donors

Tuesday, May 26—St. Philip Neri

7:00 PM Health and God's Blessings for Jean Jeppson by Tom and Cathy Santai

Wednesday, May 27

8:00 AM +Michelle Novak by Tom and Cathy Santai

Thursday, May 28

8:00 AM Living and Deceased Members of Easter Memorials by Donors

Friday, May 29

8:00 AM +David MacDonald

Saturday, May 30

8:00 AM +Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Mitsky by Daughter

Pentecost Sunday

Church—Vigil: 4 PM +Karen Wassel by Ed and Eleanor Wassel

Sunday, May 31

Chapel—9:00 AM +Joseph Plesnarski by Family

Church—10:30 AM Health and God's Blessings for Jake Ritzheimer by JoAnn and Elmer



Next Week's Readings

Acts 2:1-11 Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34
1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 Jn 20:19-23

Thank YOU for supporting our Parish despite the Coronavirus crisis by mailing us your envelope or doing on-line giving !

Meetings of our Parish Groups?

As long as ALL Masses are still private in nature to guarantee public safety, ALL Church groups have also been cancelled until further notice.

Sunday Collections

Total-May 16-17 \$1,218.44



Thank you for your continued support for your Parish.

ASK FATHER PAUL: "Why is the man who will become the next pope elected instead of simply chosen by the old Pope before he dies?"

Now that's a good question. Good choices can come by all sorts of methods. But if a traditional election were not the approved and unvarying way of replacing the Apostle Peter with successors, then harmful chaos and division might easily result when a pope died unexpectedly. A method that strengthens the unity of the Church is best for determining the man to occupy the office that symbolizes such unity. Election befits papacy. While alive and well, St. Peter himself approved the election process as the most suitable way to initiate a replacing of Judas with the Apostle Matthias (Acts 1). St. John Chrysostom reminds us that Peter had the right to make the choice all by himself, but he was too wise for this. He wanted to prevent the appearance of favoring anyone. As the first pope, St. Peter brought the issue forward. In doing so, he said that he was just submitting to Scriptural prophecy. The first pope also set forth the proper qualifications. The elective process began with prayer about the right choice, the nomination of two candidates who met the qualifications followed this, and then the Apostles asked the Lord to show them by lot which of the two was His choice, since God alone knows every human heart. It is no doubt true that this happened before the first Pentecost of the Church. And so Peter was not yet equipped with the Holy Spirit to the same degree that all reigning popes since his day have been. However, we should never forget that neither had the other Apostles who helped elect St. Matthias yet arrived at Pentecost. Whether such an election took place before or after our first Pentecost still keeps the entire People of God on the same level as regards the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. Of course, a formal election without also prayer and the Spirit is woefully inadequate for the task of electing any successor of the Apostles. A pope would never claim to be the Christian who possesses a monopoly on the Holy Spirit, because he does not. The cardinals' role in electing a new pope reminds every Christian generation of this grand fact. The Holy Spirit always guides all of us to the next pope, each of us with our own duty to perform. After a recent pope's death, the Faithful have the serious duty to pray that the cardinals will seek God's choice. This is rarely ever a man whose name a dying pope faintly whispered into someone's ear.

Diocesan Coordinators for Minors

Safe Environment: Ms. Pamela Russo, MSW, MS, Secretary for Youth Protection, (610) 871-5200, ext. 2204

Victim Assistance: Ms. Wendy Krisak, M.A., NCC, LPC, Direct Phone (800) 791-9209

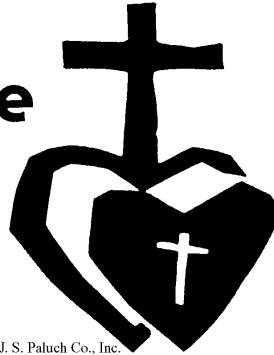
To learn more about the Diocese of Allentown's Youth Protection Programs, Sexual Abuse Policy, and Code of Conduct, please visit www.allentowndiocese.org and click on "Youth Protection" in the upper right-hand corner of the page.

Our Second Collection next weekend, May 30 and 31, has been designated for Major Building Repairs.

ON-LINE GIVING UPDATE

The Diocese is **READY** on its own website for Processing of Credit and Debit donations to MBT: 1) Go to www.allentowndiocese.org/parish-support 2) Under "Universal Offertory Form" section, designate our parish and fill in all other fields. 3) Note a processing fee.

**May Your Love
Live in Them**



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"HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!"

Among our PREP children, the following are turning a year older in the month of May: Ella K. All of you are so very special to our parish! Jesus loves children everywhere.



The Bishop encourages the faithful to **PRAY** with their family members frequently, and to pray Rosary as a family, both for all affected by this pandemic and for all who care for the sick at home, as first responders, and in hospitals and other institutions.

**THE CHURCH IS OPEN
FOR PRIVATE VISITS AND PRAYER**

We pray that you are healthy. As long as there are no more than ten people in our Church at one time, it should be open to you to be a place of refuge and comfort, and a source of strength for the faithful. For security reasons it is closed over night (5PM to 9AM). At this pandemic time, **IF YOU ARE SICK**, God is calling you to go to the doctor, **NOT** to Church!

ALL HEALTHY ADULTS OR FAMILIES WHO DESIRE TO PRAY ALONE WITH GOD ARE MOST WELCOME TO DO SO INSIDE OF MOST BLESSED TRINITY CHURCH. FATHER WOULD APPRECIATE THAT YOU ALSO BRIEFLY STOP BY THE RECTORY BEFORE YOU BEGIN YOUR PRAYERS IN THE CHURCH.

IF OPENING & CLOSING TIMES DO NOT SUIT YOUR SCHEDULE, ARRANGE YOUR TIME WITH FATHER.

PHONE FATHER PAUL TO SCHEDULE YOUR CONFESSION WITH HIM.

SACRAMENTS AND LAST RITES

IF there is a loved one in a hospital or nursing home who needs confession or Last Rites, and **IF** the priest may not yet enter, he is still allowed to administer Last Rites without Viaticum and General Absolution by praying prayers of these rites outside the building, near the window of the person in need. All patients and medical staff inside the facility can benefit from General Absolution, as long as they believe in the Sacrament of Penance, desire to receive it, and have the proper disposition for it. If the patient makes a recovery, one should remind him or her that there yet remains a duty of making a Sacramental confession.

Bishop Schlerf's MASS "streams live" daily on the Internet. Get details at www.ad-today.com DAILY TIMES: Monday to Saturday—8AM, Sunday—10 AM

Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service

If you have an allegation of abuse against a bishop, please contact the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service at www.ReportBishopAbuse.org or by calling 800-276-1562.

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<p><u>Liturgical Schedule</u></p> <p>Church: Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM, Sunday 10:30 AM Chapel: Sunday 9:00 AM Daily Mass: 8:00 AM at the Church (except Tuesday at 7 PM)</p>	<p><u>Holy Day</u></p> <p>Church: 8:00 AM, 7:00 PM Chapel: Vigil 7:00 PM</p>						
<p><u>Sacrament of Reconciliation</u></p> <p>Church: Saturday 3:15-3:45 PM, 1st Friday 6:00 PM Chapel: Sunday 8:15-8:45 AM or by appointment</p>	<p><u>Sacrament of Marriage</u></p> <p>Couples should contact Fr. Paul as soon as they are engaged, at least 6 months before the date of the marriage.</p>						
<p><u>Sponsor Certificates</u></p> <p>Letters of recommendation for sponsors may be obtained by calling the rectory, and will be issued for registered parishioners who meet the qualifications as set forth in Canon Law.</p>	<p><u>Sacrament of Baptism</u></p> <p>Parents must be registered for at least 3 months and be practicing their faith. Baptism classes are set at the convenience of the parents and rectory.</p>						
<p><u>Home Bound Outreach</u></p> <p>Please call the rectory if you are physically unable to attend Mass and you will be visited during the first week of the month.</p>	<p><u>Diocesan Schools in Pottsville</u></p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td>Assumption BVM School (gr. K-8)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">(570) 622-0106</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nativity BVM High School (gr. 9-12)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">(570) 622-8110</td> </tr> <tr> <td>St. Joseph Center for Special Learning</td> <td style="text-align: right;">(570) 622-4638</td> </tr> </table>	Assumption BVM School (gr. K-8)	(570) 622-0106	Nativity BVM High School (gr. 9-12)	(570) 622-8110	St. Joseph Center for Special Learning	(570) 622-4638
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<p><u>PREP</u></p> <p>Church: Sun. 9:00 – 10:15 AM Loc. Sup. Dawn Myers Chapel: Sun. 10:00 – 11:15 AM Loc. Sup. Stella Durkin</p>	<p><u>Hall Use (Church and Chapel)</u></p> <p>Pastor must first approve. Rent and liability fees may apply.</p>						