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# Most Blessed Trinity Parish

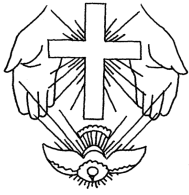
## 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time



## June 27-28, 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

**Pastor: Rev. Paul L. Rothermel**  
**Office Manager: Michele Antalosky**  
**Coordinator of Religious Education: JoAnn Yesenosky**  
**June 27/28, 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.**



### Thirteenth Week in Ordinary time

**Saturday, June 27**

**Church—Vigil: 4 PM +Bonnie Ganly by Ryan, Dana and Jayden**

**Sunday, June 28**

**Chapel—9:00 AM +Gayle Kobularik by Irene Faust**

**Church—10:30 AM Health and God's Blessings for Joseph and Brandon Wolff on your Future Endeavors by Sis**

***Weekday Masses are held at the Church in Tremont***

**Mon., June 29—Solemnity of Ss. Peter and Paul**

8:00 AM +Emma Mitsky by Daughter

**Tuesday, June 30**

6:00 PM +Nils Jeppson

**Wednesday, July 1**

8:00 AM Health and God's Blessings for Sharon Velchko and Todd Brauer by Jean

**Thursday, July 2**

8:00 AM +David Morasky by Tom and Cathy Santai and Family

**Friday, July 3—St. Thomas; First Friday**

8:00 AM +Rachel Kurtz by the Yesenosky's

**Sat., July 4—First Saturday; Independence Day**

8:00 AM Living and Deceased Fathers on Father's Day Envelopes by Donors

### Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time

**Church—Vigil: 4:00 PM +Gedona Zunno by Daughter Helen**

**Sunday, July 5**

**Chapel—9:00 AM For the People of the Parish by Father Paul**

**Church—10:30 AM Health and God's Blessings for Logan Barr on your Future Endeavors by Sis**

### Next Week's Readings

Zec 9:9-10 Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14  
Rom 8:9, 11-13 Mt 11:25-30



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

### Meetings of our Parish Groups?

**As long as the Diocese prohibits such meetings to guarantee public safety, ALL Church groups have been cancelled until further notice.**

### Sunday Collections

**Total-June 20/21 \$ 2,265.00**

**Thank you for your continued support for your Parish.**



**Our Second Collection next weekend, July 4 and 5, has been designated for Regular Maintenance.**

**Ask Father Paul:** "I was taught that there is no limbo. Is this right?"

One good priest deserves another. I've asked Father Edward Connolly to respond. Here is the gist of what he sent to me. "If a baptized baby dies, I know absolutely and without the slightest shadow of a doubt that he or she is in Heaven. If a baby dies without having been baptized, I know that he or she is in God's safekeeping. I know that God is just and merciful. I know that the baby will not experience pain or distress and is in peace. But I do not know that he or she is in Heaven, enjoying the Beatific Vision. In other words, it is my OPINION -- dare I say, 'my educated opinion'? -- that the unbaptized baby is in the state (place) we call 'LIMBO.' That was the opinion of St. Thomas Aquinas, and he was surely no slouch when it came to Theology. If I understood Fr. Paul correctly (and I certainly don't speak for him) his OPINION and mine are pretty much the same, perhaps identical, on this matter. First of all, please note that I emphasized the word 'OPINION' above. I did not say 'FAITH.' I reserve the word 'FAITH' for such things as HEAVEN, HELL and PURGATORY. If someone were to ask me if I believe in Heaven, Hell and Purgatory, I would say, 'Oh, yes! Absolutely and without qualification. The Church teaches dogmatically and infallibly that these three post-mortem states (places) exist. If a Catholic were adamantly to deny the existence of Heaven, Hell or Purgatory, he would no longer be a Catholic. He would be a heretic, no longer a member of the Church.' We are not similarly bound 'by Faith' to believe in Limbo. We must, however, not be so temerarious -- a fancy word I learned in the Seminary, that means "bold" or "brazen" -- as to adamantly deny that Limbo exists. That is because it is part of the 'common teaching' of the Church. The Church has never seen fit to teach it dogmatically or infallibly. I am almost certain that She never will. Why not? Because the Bible and Sacred Tradition are not clear on what happens to unbaptized infants, and the Church is careful not to say more than She knows. But what if a priest were to say that the Church used to teach that unbaptized infants go to Limbo, but that that was 'back in the Middle Ages,' and that 'we are more enlightened now,' and that we now know that unbaptized infants go to Heaven. My reaction would be, 'Poppycock and Balderdash!' (I did not learn those words in the Seminary. They were in my vocabulary way back in grade school.) A priest could, however, say, 'In my opinion, unbaptized babies go to Heaven.' In which case, I would say, 'Thank you for your opinion. I respectfully disagree, but we are still friends.' I haven't touched on the Theology of WHY Limbo is the 'common teaching of the Church.' I will save that for another day."

### 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](http://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.

### Diocesan Coordinators for Minors

Safe Environment: Ms. Pamela J. Russo, M.S.W, M.S., 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](http://www.allentowndiocese.org) and click on "Youth Protection" in the upper right-hand corner of the page.

**BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC ANNUAL APPEAL**

As of today, 32.69% of our parish families have joined the 2020 *BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC ANNUAL APPEAL*. In other words, 35 parishioners have contributed \$9,634 to support food programs, senior services, community outreach, Catholic schools, and more. Every dollar helps those in need. Our parish goal is 100% participation! Remember, every gift counts, no gift is too small. If you have any questions or would like to make a gift, please call the parish office or visit the Appeal website at [www.BecauseWeareCatholic.org](http://www.BecauseWeareCatholic.org).



**A WEEKLY BULLETIN SENT UP-  
ON REQUEST**

The Co-vid-19 Virus can live on paper from ten minutes to as many as five days. Until now, since the epidemic began, we have resisted printing bulletins for bulk distribution at our Masses. Without further pre-cautions, anyone might touch your copy, or you might touch their copies. Not everyone has access to a computer. But if you do, then you may print out copies for yourself and those near to you. We do encourage all others to take heart. All they need to do is call the rectory to receive a clean bulletin in the mail.

**SCHEDULE YOUR CONFESSION WITH FATHER PAUL.**

This requires face-to-face social distancing, masks worn by both the priest and the penitent, and good ventilation.

**SACRAMENTS AND LAST RITES**

IF you have a loved one in a hospital or nursing home who needs confession or Last Rites, the priest must conform to all safety policies of the facility. Contact is made with the patient by a disposable cotton swab and no skin contact. In cases of lock-down, Last Rites (without Viaticum) and General Absolution can occur outside the building, near the window of the person in need. If the patient makes a recovery, one should remind him or her that a duty exists of making a confession "sin by sin" to a priest when personal duties start again. General Absolution takes place only in emergencies.

**Nativity BVM High School** is looking for Part-Time Teachers in Chemistry and Math. A Bachelor's Degree in Chemistry/Science Education and /or Mathematics is required. Chemistry and math certification is preferred. Interested candidates for either position should send resume, certifications and all clearances by 7/3/20 to: Nativity BVM High School, Attn. Mrs. Lynn Sabol, Principal, One Lawtons Hill, Pottsville, PA 17901. [lsabol@nativitybvm.net](mailto:lsabol@nativitybvm.net) .

**NOTE DATE CHANGE:** The Tower City Food Pantry will distribute food on **Saturday, July 11th**, from 10-11:30 AM, at the **Moose Lodge, 536 E. Grand Ave., Tower City. DRIVE-THROUGH ONLY.** It is available to people who live in the Williams Valley School District and to those who are unemployed because of the Coronavirus, but you must pre-register by calling Donna Hunter @ 717-647-9486.

**The Sanctuary Candle at the Church  
burns for Nils Jeppson**



**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](http://www.ReportBishopAbuse.org) or contact this service by calling 800-276-1562.

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<p><b><u>Liturgical Schedule</u></b></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 6 PM)</p>	<p><b><u>Holy Day</u></b></p> <p>Church: 8:00 AM, 7:00 PM                  Chapel: Vigil 7:00 PM</p>						
<p><b><u>Sacrament of Reconciliation</u></b></p> <p>Church: Saturday 3:15-3:45 PM, 1<sup>st</sup> Friday 6:00 PM                  Chapel: Sunday 8:15-8:45 AM                  or by appointment</p>	<p><b><u>Sacrament of Marriage</u></b></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><b><u>Sponsor Certificates</u></b></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><b><u>Sacrament of Baptism</u></b></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><b><u>Home Bound Outreach</u></b></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><b><u>Diocesan Schools in Pottsville</u></b></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><b><u>PREP</u></b></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><b><u>Hall Use (Church and Chapel)</u></b></p> <p>Pastor must first approve.                  Rent and liability fees may apply.</p>						