



May 5, 2024

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This is some important information for all of us.

May is a month that the Catholic Church has consecrated to our mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary. People pray the rosary, crown Mary, or have a personal and special devotion to the Mother of God. On **May 12, we celebrate also our Mother's Day, and we will have the crown of Mary.** Let us ask Mary, our heavenly mother, to intercede not only for our mothers, but for all mothers in the world. The Blessed Virgin Mary has been present in human history through her different apparitions. Our Lady of Guadalupe, Our Lady of Chiniquirá, Our Lady of the Rosary, Our Lady of Fatima, Our Lady of Lourdes, Our Lady of the Mount Carmel, Our Lady of the Snow, Our Lady of the Milk, Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, Our Lady of Graces, Our Lady

of La Salette, Our Lady of Knock, Our Lady of the Good Event, Our Lady of Laus, Our Lady of Good Help, Our Lady of Pontmain, Our Lady of Hope, Our Lady of Gietrzwałd, etc., are some of the apparitions of our Blessed Virgin throughout the world. They are manifestations of God's love to us regardless the culture, nationality, language, or race. For this reason, this month is consecrated to her, so that all humankind can praise the Lord through the presence of our Blessed Mother.

The Roman Catholic Church will celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. Let us remember that this day is one of the Holy Days of obligation. It is very important that we do not confuse the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord with the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Heaven. In the Ascension, Jesus ascends to Heaven by His own power and will because Jesus is divine (let us remember that Jesus is 100% God and 100% human being). On the other hand, Mary, who is only a human being, goes to Heaven by the power of God. God took her to Heaven. The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord is one of the most important solemnities in the Roman Catholic Church, and it is described in Mark 16:19, Luke 24:50–51, and Acts 1:2–11. This special moment in the life of the Lord and the Church happened 40 days after the Resurrection of the Lord. **This Solemnity will be celebrated on May 9th. Here, at Holy Trinity Church, we will have two Masses: 9:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.** Let us participate in this celebration as the family who we are.

On May 19th, we will celebrate the Solemnity of Pentecost. We will celebrate that day the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the Roman Catholic Church. **We ask each one of you to be in red that day as a sign that the Holy Spirit is coming and is in each of us.** In addition, **we will start to pray the Novena to the Holy Spirit from May 10th to 18.** This Novena will be prayed after the homily in daily Mass, and before starting the Eucharist on weekend masses. I encourage you to pray this Novena and ask for the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit.

God bless you, and may the Blessed Virgin Mary be with you always!

Fr. Jorge Ramirez

Our Mission

We are a Catholic faith community blessed with the joy of God's love. Together we share this love with all who hunger for God's presence in their lives. We follow Christ who taught us to find God by giving our lives in service to others and gathering to celebrate a Eucharist that welcomes everyone. Join us on this journey!

PASTORAL EMERGENCIES: If you have a pastoral emergency after office hours; please call **(315) 604-8070**.

WEEKEND MASS TIMES: Saturday (vigil) **4:30 p.m.**
 Sunday **8:30 a.m.** and **10:30 a.m.**

DAILY MASS TIMES: Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m.

FAITH FORMATION: See our website or contact Tricia Kull for more information at (585) 265-4750 or Tricia.Kull@dor.org.



**May
 Penny Sunday
 May 11 & 12th**

The Bethany House has been serving women since 1977. Their mission is to provide temporary housing, assistance and support to women and children in Rochester afflicted with homelessness and instability.

Cemetery Cleanup Thank You!

Parishioners, Knights of Columbus members and friends of the cemetery worked in wet and windy conditions removing sticks, branches and pine cones from our 158 year old cemetery. It is a major task taking care of the cemetery grounds, one we couldn't do without volunteers, so please know how much we appreciate all that you did:

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| Phil Overfield | Jeff Piersall |
| Mark Rivet | Gary Smith |
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Stewardship by the Book

Jesus' commandment is that His disciples love one another, even to the point of laying down their lives, if necessary. What gifts of myself - my skills and talents, my time and resources - will best demonstrate my love for God's people?

Becoming Catholic

The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults is a spiritual journey for adults interested in joining the Catholic Church through Baptism or in completing the Sacraments of Initiation. For more information, please contact Fr. George or Mary Kramer.

Penny Sunday "thank you"

Dear Holy Trinity Parishioners,

Just a note to thank you for your generous donation to Rochester Hope's Food Pantry. We understand that this donation comes from the "Penny Fund" and that certainly was a lot of Pennies! Our N. Clinton Avenue Neighborhood has seen so much violence and poverty yet it is still full of life and hope. Thank you to Holy Trinity Church for being part of the hope!

Sincerely,

Rochester Hope Board of Directors



FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY



The Knights of Columbus, 4th Degree, will be holding a US Flag retirement ceremony on **Sunday June 9th at 1:00 p.m.**, weather permitting. It will take place at the K of C Council Home, McGivney Center, behind Murphy Hall. Members of the public are invited to attend and observe the ceremony. There is a collection box, in the Gathering Space, for those who have flags, which they would like to be respectfully disposed of.

**Senior Ministry
 Events**



Don't miss out on the following upcoming Senior Ministry Events!

Monday, May 13. Pathway to priesthood; Fr. George's journey from Colombia to Webster. Trinity Hall 1:30 p.m.

Monday, July 16. The Aging Process: Concerns, Myths, and Staying Healthy. Trinity Hall 1:30 p.m.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

III Justin Moore and Lindsey Sicker



Altar Candles will burn this week for the following:



The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn in Loving Memory of Antonio Micali, req. by the Micali family.

Our Blessed Mother’s Altar Candle will burn in Loving Memory of Marie Gyles, req. by sister, Anne and daughters, Joanne and Christine.

St. Joseph’s Altar Candle will burn in Loving Memory of Brian Smith, req. by the Smith and Schultz families.

If you would like a candle lit in memory of a loved one or for special intentions, please call the parish office.

A REMINDER: If you need a devotional candle lit immediately for a loved one, a special occasion, or special intentions, you are invited to light the small votives that are on the side altars of the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph. They will burn for about 4-5 hours.

Please Remember in Prayer Our Beloved Dead



Bruce Kirchhoff, Walter Mikulski, Rocco Yervasi, John Creatura and those who mourn for them.

Our CMA Campaign Prayer

O God, our loving Creator and giver of all good gifts, bless our parishes, strengthen our faith and grant us the spirit of Christian Stewardship so that we may give generously of our time, talent and treasure to the building of Your Kingdom here in our church and throughout the world.

We pray for your help in achieving success in this campaign, so that we can help others throughout our Diocese.

This we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

AMEN

The Eucharistic Revival: A Year of Parish Revival

Session 6: *Jesus and the Eucharist. The Story of the Eucharist*

If you were leading a RCIA class and were asked to tell the story of the Eucharist, I am willing to bet that you would do an admirable job recalling the accounts of the Last Supper in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke. If you are really good, you may point out that the Gospel of John doesn’t mention the Last Supper, but it does include the Bread of Life Discourse. If any of the above are included in your Eucharistic story, you get a gold star. The truth is, the story of the Eucharist actually starts in the *Old Testament*, in many places.

Let’s start with the Israelites, at the time that they were enslaved in Egypt. God selected Moses to lead them out of exile and into the promised land, said to flow with milk (abundance) and honey (prosperity). Their time spent in the desert after leaving Egypt was a long, tough period. Before long, the Israelites began to murmur against God and Moses because they felt they would certainly starve to death. Once again, God met their needs by providing food for them to eat, manna. Each night, this “bread from heaven” would descend and the Israelites simply needed to collect it in the morning so that their bodies would be sustained. The only hitch was that manna could only be kept for one day before it would become corrupted. Through the ages, the Jews saw Moses as a prophet like no other. They accepted that there would never again be one like him, until the Messiah came. This Messiah would be recognized because he would come, bearing manna. Don’t forget that the Old Testament predicts the New Testament, and the New Testament fulfills the Old, in excess. How can you exceed bread from Heaven?

When Jesus entered His public ministry, He found the Jewish people were waiting for the Messiah, who they expected to bring manna. This was evident when Jesus was giving the Bread of Life Discourse in Capernaum. The audience sought a sign, like their fathers received when God gave them manna in the desert. Jesus instructed them, “Do not labor for food which perishes (manna), but for food that which endures to eternal life (Jn 6:27).” Jesus tells the crowd, “I am the living bread which comes down from heaven, if anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread which I shall give for the life of the world is my flesh (Jn 6:51).” When the crowd goes on to request the bread of which Jesus is speaking, He reveals “I am the bread of life; he who comes to me shall not hunger, and he who believes in me shall never thirst (Jn 6:35).” The Bread of Life is Christ’s flesh, given to us in the

Eucharist. As predicted in the Old Testament, the Messiah did bring Bread from Heaven. He is this Bread. The Eucharist is food that does not perish, it nourishes us spiritually and grants us eternal life.



Join us again, or for the first time, at the next session, “The Story of the Eucharist”. We will gather Thursday, May 9 at 6:30pm in Trinity Hall. Sign up is in the Gathering Space, but of course, if you find yourself available, all are welcome!

FROM THE OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

Dear Families,

We come to the close of our Faith Formation school year...but not the end of Faith Formation!! We continue to learn how Jesus calls us to love one another and *live* our Faith through our words and actions. This is a lesson that has no end and no graduation...it is our life-long Journey of Faith!

THANK YOU to our students, parents, and catechists for a wonderful and fruitful Faith Formation year at Holy Trinity. Together we were strengthened as we shared the love of Christ with each other, and especially with our children and youth. I am honored to have journeyed with you through our lessons, conversations, and experiences and I look forward to all that God has planned for our faith community in the next school year!

Registration is now open for our summer VBS, "God is Good!" (visit the Welcome Desk or our website), and enrollment will open this week for our 2024/2025 Faith Formation and Sacramental Preparation classes. Until then, let us continue to live our faith through our thoughts, words and actions as we share the love that God has for us with everyone we meet...just as Jesus showed us in his loving example!

We thank God for the gifts that he has provided us with this year and will continue to pray for all our parish families as we look forward to continuing – together – to form disciples!

God Bless all of you!
~Mrs. K



Mass Intentions: May 4th - May 12th
All weekday and weekend Masses will be
live-streamed

Saturday -

May 4, 2024

10:00 a.m. For all the sick people of Holy Trinity Church
 4:30 p.m. (VIGIL) † Marie Gyles, req. by daughters, Joanne and Christine and sister, Anne

SUNDAY - SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 5, 2024

8:30 a.m. For the people of Holy Trinity, living and deceased
 10:30 a.m. † Schoene and Wesley Families, req. by family

Monday - Easter Weekday

May 6, 2024

9:00 a.m. † Maria Nguyen & Theresa Dinh, req. by the Tran Family and children

Tuesday - Easter Weekday

May 7, 2024

9:00 a.m. † Brent Natzle, req. by Barb Kostick

Wednesday - Easter Weekday

May 8, 2024

9:00 a.m. † Adrienne Overfield, req. by family

Thursday - ASCENSION OF THE LORD

May 9, 2024

9:00 a.m. † Mary Curatalo, req. by Marie & John Sirianni
 5:30 p.m. † Elizabeth Alexander, req. by Ryan & Sharon Scherer

Friday -

May 10, 2024

9:00 a.m. † Heather Sutton, req. by Madeline Azoulay
 2:00 p.m. **WEDDING: Justin Moore and Lindsey Sicker**

Saturday -

May 11, 2024

4:30 p.m. (VIGIL) † Father Tim's ordination anniversary, req. by parishioners, friends and Holy Trinity staff

SUNDAY - SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 12, 2024

8:30 a.m. † Dante Mastrosimone, req. by family
 10:30 a.m. For the people of Holy Trinity, living and deceased

This Week at Holy Trinity Church

Tuesday, May 7

9:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Legion of Mary - Marian Room
 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Confession - Church

Wednesday, May 8

9:30 a.m. St. Monica Ministry - Church
 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Stitching Group - Wing Room
 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Webster Hope Garage Sale dropOff - McGivney Center (building behind Holy Trinity)

Thursday, May 9

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Adoration - Church
 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Eucharistic Revival - Trinity Hall

Friday, May 10

8:30 a.m. Rosary - Church

Saturday, May 11

9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Men's Group - Wing Room
 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Confessions - Church

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MASS TIMES:

Monday - Friday: 9:00 a.m.
 Saturday: 4:30 p.m. Vigil
 Sunday: 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
 Tuesday: 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.. (Oct. - June)

(no Tuesday confessions during the summer)

If you find that you are unable to attend Mass in person, you may view our live-stream at <https://livestream.com/accounts/18862485/events/5598269>

Victims of sexual abuse should always report to the civil authorities. To receive help and guidance from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester contact our Victims Assistance Coordinator:

Deborah Housel at 585-328-3228, ext. 1555 or 1-800-388-7177 ext: 1555 or email to victimassistance@dor.org housel@dor.org



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