

Masses For The Week**Monday - May 27 - Memorial Day****NO 6:30 Mass**

9:00 George Spindler, Anniversary

Tuesday - May 28

6:30 Paul F. Wilson

9:00 Peter Grudzinski

Wednesday - May 29

6:30 Bob & Billy Bandelt

9:00 Peter Sousa

Thursday - May 30

6:30 Joan Helen Durant

9:00 Margaret McCabe & Family

Friday - May 31

6:30 Anne Lopes

9:00 Marian Spencer

Saturday - June 19:00 **Multiple Intentions Announced at Mass**

5:00 Peter S. Rossello

7:00 Ellen Nugent Castle

Sunday - June 2

7:00 The People of the Parish

8:30 Al Kump

10:00 James R. Ford

11:30 Antonio & John Burburan

1:00 Mary & Frank Agrella, Anniversary

5:30 Lucy Speelman

Readings For The Week

Mon. Sirach 17:20-24; Mark 10:17-27

Tues. Sirach 35:1-12; Mark 10:28-31

Wed. Sirach 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17

Thurs. Sirach 42:15-25; Mark 10:46-52

Fri. Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Luke 1:39-56

Sat. Sirach 51:12cd-20; Mark 11:27-33

Sun. **Genesis 14:18-20** Melchizedek blessed Abram and the creator of heaven and earth.

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 Paul handed on the tradition that the Lord Jesus broke bread with his disciples.

Luke 9:11b-17 After teaching about God's reign and healing those in need, Jesus took five loaves and two fish, raised his eyes to heaven, and blessed and broke them for his disciples to distribute to the crowd. Afterward, leftover fragments filled twelve wicker baskets.

Saint Maria
Faustina

Divine Mercy Novena
Every Friday at 2:00 p.m.
in the Eucharistic Chapel
ALL ARE WELCOME!

Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift**Weekend Collection for May 18/19**

Amount Budgeted: \$17,500.00

Amount Received: \$15,933.67

Thank you for your generosity & support!**Reflection & Living Stewardship**

Today's psalm reminds us that we have been crowned with glory and honor and given rule over the works of God's hands. But we must be good stewards, for the Lord will surely hold us accountable for the use of those gifts.

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who recognize that life is a gift from God and sacred trust. "What are you going to do today with your gift of **your** life?"

Please pray for the women and men in our Military



and their families and friends as they selflessly protect and defend our nation against all forms of terrorism. God bless them especially during this Memorial Day weekend. Let us never forget!

Charismatic Prayer Group**T.G.I.F.: Thank God I'm Free!**

And while you are thanking God, remember to say a prayer for all of the men and women who have paid with their lives so that we can live, work and pray freely. Have a safe Memorial Day. No meeting on May 27th.

Our next meeting is Monday, June 3rd at 7:30 p.m. in the Church. All ages 18 and over are welcome. Don't leave your chair empty. Call (516) 993-9672 for any prayer requests or more information.

St. Martin of Tours HOP Club

May 20 #366	M/M Lucio Gandolfo	\$25.00
May 21 #203	E. Delaney	\$25.00
May 22 #77	Carmela Ambrosio	\$25.00
May 23 #42	Christine Anderson	\$25.00
May 24 #78	Ellen Johnson	\$50.00

St. Martin of Tours Wedding Banns

1st Joseph Sciabica & Amanda Drauch



*"Whatever you do for one of these,
the least of my sisters & brothers,
you did it for me."*

This week the pantry is low on rice, juice & juice boxes, cake mix & icing, macaroni & cheese, pasta sauce, oil, sugar, salt, mayonnaise, ketchup, salad dressing, pork & beans, Chef Boyardee cans, hearty soups, jams & jellies, black beans, chick peas, kidney beans, cannelloni beans, dish soap, laundry soap, shampoo, conditioner, tooth brushes & toothpaste.

As always, thank you for your tremendous generosity!

Food Pantry:

208 Broadway, Bethpage

Monday: 9:30AM - 2:30PM

Thursday: 2:00PM – 7:00PM

Phone: (516) 931-7332

Appalachia

Appalachia is home to some of the worst poverty one will find in the United States. Low income, lack of urbanization and high unemployment are just a few of the challenges facing this region.

If you've been thinking about a way to help those in our own homeland, perhaps this is something to consider. Children's spring and summer clothes for newborn through young adult sizes including socks, etc. would be greatly appreciated.

Kindly send all donations to one of the following:

Christian Help Inc.

Virginia & Lincoln Street

PO Box 1257, Kermit, WV 25674

Attn: Sister Therese or

Holy Trinity Catholic Church

2536 South U.S. Highway 421, Harlan KY 40831

Attn: Margorie

Please pray for the sick of our parish:

Reminder: please call the rectory at 931-0818

To remove a name off the list.

*Helena Carroll, Pat Pedone, Vincent Valenti
Ledwin Mason, Leevalli Annearosa, Fran Pignataro
Skylar Vega, Catherine Dalessio, Leigh Murphy
Helena Mulligan, Richard Piernini, John Tortorice
Joseph Simon, Douglas Torres, Gina Cava
James Robertson, Amy Hayes, Mom & Dad
Helena Mulligan, Bill Kelly, Salvatore Milo, Jr.
Matthew Messina, William John Staudt, Jimmy Stiffa
Sharon Shiepkio, Christopher Gratton, John Mitchell
Salvatore Accardi, Mary Donahoe, Christine Ketchem
Peggy Namiotka, Pat Cannata, Barbara Thompson
Donald Castor, Joann Bruno, Nick Markakis
Patsy Carni, Dorothy Quinn, Maria LaSalle
Henry & Marie Niemczyk, Eileen McKenna-Fitzpatrick
Bud Pehrsson, Joseph Hughes, Sr.*

SECOND COLLECTION

St. Martin of Tours will have a second collection at all masses this weekend in solidarity and prayerful support for the people of Moore, Oklahoma and surrounding areas. They have lost family, neighbors, friends and whole neighborhoods. We ask God to send His Holy Spirit to give them comfort, hope and faith as they begin the process of rebuilding their lives again. We ask this in Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Week of May 26 - June 1, 2013**Altar Bread & Wine**In Loving Memory of**Malachy Mulligan****Rest in Peace******Acts 7:49: "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."******Marianne Foubert, Edwin F. Quinn***

Message from the Pastor

I have never been a David Letterman fan. I prefer reruns of *Seinfeld* as I go to bed. Still, his top ten lists on various topics have become popular. I was thinking of the top ten reasons why I love being a Catholic. I have no doubt people of other faiths have their great reasons for loving their traditions and I respect them in their beliefs, but these are why I feel so blessed to be a member of the Catholic Church.

The Eucharist: What a gift our Lord Jesus gives us in the Eucharist. Every time we celebrate Mass, be it in the greatest cathedrals in the world or in a simple mission chapel, be there a great choir or a few sleepy participants, Jesus is present to us in a most profound way. This is my body, this is my blood. At every Mass, we enter once again into the dying and rising of Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit as we lift our hearts in prayer. Also, the Eucharist gives us the wonder of the Real Presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. The red burning candle of the sanctuary lamp, in whatever Catholic church we go to, in any place of the world, speaks of us of the promise of Jesus to be with us until the end of time.

The Sacraments: Each of the seven sacraments of the Catholic Church is a powerful experiences of God at important moments in our lives. We enter into our community at baptism, the weight of sin is lifted at Penance, we are strengthened by the Holy Spirit at Confirmation, we celebrate that Christ is the heart of married love, we receive a special anointing at the time of illness or infirmity, we are given deacons, priests, and bishops to help us, and we have the bread of life to feed us.

Standing with the Poor and the Forgotten: I think of our own parish and our Parish Outreach to those in need, the St. Vincent de Paul Society, the Right to Life committee seeking to protect the most vulnerable. Our parishioners are very generous to the food pantry and to the right to life programs. This is at the heart of the Catholic faith. *What you do to the least of my Brothers and Sisters you do to me.*

Mary: I know people of other faith traditions sometimes do not understand why we Catholics love the Blessed Mother so much. They sometimes wonder if we are making her a false idol. One of the last gifts that Jesus gave us from the cross was his mother: he told us *Behold your mother*. At that moment, Mary became a mother to us all. Mary was in the upper room with the apostles on the first Pentecost. She is the mother of the Church. The very fact that Jesus, being fully human as well as divine, had a mother brings home the reality of the incarnation of Jesus: *The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.*

Saints: I love our saints. Anthony finds our car keys, Anne will help find us a man, Christopher will help us drive safely, and Jude is in charge of all impossible cases. I think of the saints as our friends, our companions of faith who are in heaven cheering us on. They are examples to us, they help inspire us. They remind us that God took flesh in a very real world and they, through His intercession, care about every aspect of our lives. They remind us how close God is to us.

The Communion of Saints: As Catholics we pray for our deceased. We have Masses said for them and we may seek memorial to remember them. We believe in eternal life and that that our beloved may be still waiting to enter the Glory of God in purgatory or that they are home with God forever. The communion of saints reminds us that life is eternal and that death is not the final victor. Jesus told us: *In my Father's house there are many mansions and I go to prepare a place for you.*

The Pope: I have found Pope Francis to be very inspiring. Still, I have admired all the Holy Fathers who have served while I have been alive. Each one had different gifts and talents. Sometimes, I am frustrated with some of the ways of the Church, but I am happy to belong to a Church that has a structured leadership that traces itself back to the first apostles.

History: Our church has a long history going back to the first Pentecost. Sometimes, our Church has failed. There are times when we persecuted Jewish people and forced people to convert to Catholicism. We have experienced sinful popes and priests. Still, through terrible persecutions and challenges, our Church has survived and grown. It is a very human church but one that shows us the face of Christ through the Holy Spirit.

Traditions: We are the church of May Crownings, Stations of the Cross, Ash Wednesday, candle lighting, Corpus Christi processions, St. Joseph's Table, St. Anthony's Bread, novenas, statues, First Communions, St. Blaise Throat Blessings, Benedictions, relics, and the rosary.

Art: Some of the greatest art in human history has been commissioned and created by the Catholic Church: Michelangelo's Pieta and Sistine Chapel, De Vinci's Last Supper, Gregorian Chant, the Icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris, and St. Martin of Tours Church in Bethpage.

It is hard to rank these loves since each is so very important to me, and in many ways, they are intertwined with one another. I wonder what list you might come up with. You are welcome to share what would be your list with me at woodscssr@aol.com.

Father Pat, CSSR
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Memorial Day is Monday, May 27th. Please note that there is NO 6:30 Mass. The rectory office is closed and will open on Tuesday morning at 9:00.

Please enjoy a happy and safe holiday, all the while remembering those in our armed forces who have given their lives in service to our country and precious freedoms.

First Saturday Devotions

Please join us for First Saturday Devotions on **June 1st at 8:30 a.m.**



consisting of the Rosary of Reparation, reading about Fatima and consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 26: Relay for Life Fundraiser at the Church
- May 27: Memorial Day Service & Parade
- May 29: Full of Grace 7:00PM in Church
- June 4: Book Club Meeting 7:15 PM
- June 14: Youth Ministry Adoration 7:00 PM

Notes of Thanks

Many thanks for your support and contributions for the **Multiple Sclerosis Walk** that took place on Saturday, May 18th at Eisenhower Park.

There is still opportunity for those who want to contribute by calling Maria Osicki at 644-5653 for information.

Again thanks to all for your support and prayers! God bless you!

Maria Osicki and the Awesome Threesome Team

Thank You, Apollo Ladies!

May, the month dedicated to the Blessed Mother was honored by a group of Apollo ladies. They made sixty five rosaries and donated them to the Pastoral Care of the Sick Ministry. St. Joseph Hospital and homebound parishioners will be the recipients.

Howard Cragg furnished the supplies and gave instructions and Jo Ryan did the organizing.

A very big thank you to these caring ladies!

GLUTEN, PEANUT & DAIRY FREE HOSTS



St. Martin's always has a supply of hosts available for anyone who is allergy-sensitive to these types of foods. Please seek out the sacristan **before mass** so that the priest is prepared to include it for consecration.

Please be sure to follow this procedure every time you attend mass.

Christian Mothers Rosary Confraternity

Our General Meeting is Tuesday, June 4th at 7:30p.m. in St. Alphonsus Hall at which time will be the installation of officers followed by a pizza party.

All women are most welcome!

The Legion of Mary



The object of the Legion of Mary is the glory of God through the holiness of its members developed by prayer and spiritual works of mercy.

Come and join members of the Legion on Wednesday, June 5th at 7:30 p.m. at 208 Broadway (the Parish Outreach building) for our formation meeting.

The Legion of Mary are the hands of Mary under the direction of our pastor and spiritual director. For more information, please call the rectory at 931-0818.

St. Martin's Life Teen program
LIFE TEEN is for all high school aged teens (9th-12th grade). Life Teen gathers every Sunday for the 5:30pm Youth Mass and every Sunday night from 7-8:30pm in the Youth Center (room 107 of the school) for our Life Nights. Each week we gather to grow in faith and friendship with Christ & each other. Check out our parish website for a calendar of events at www.smtbethpage.org or contact Erin at EKHoran@yahoo.com.

EDGE The Edge program is for all middle school aged student (6th-8th grade). Edge meets every other Thursday evening from 7-8:30pm. This program is a wonderful way for young adolescents to grow in their faith as well as build lasting friendships.

PARENT LIFE Parent Life is designed to give parents an opportunity to support their parish ministry programs while strengthening their own relationship with Christ and His Church. Parent Life meets once a month on Sundays following the 5:30pm Mass in the school building. **All parents and adults are welcome!**

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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

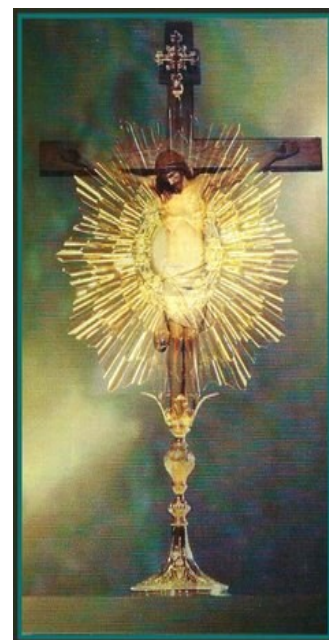
The Life Teen Youth Ministry has Eucharistic Adoration with Benediction every 2nd Tuesday of the month beginning at 7:00 PM in the Church.

Our next service is Tuesday, June 11th.

We fervently hope that you come and join us in prayer and adoration of the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

The music and praise that are lifted up to Heaven will bring you to a place of peace and hope, and leave you with a deeper yearning of He who was, He who is and He who is to come!

Everyone is welcome!



BETHPAGE MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Monday, May 27, 2013

Memorial Church Service

8:00 a.m.

Bethpage United Methodist Church

192 Broadway, Bethpage

Rev. Dr. Robert Leibold, Pastor

Parade begins at 10:00 a.m. by the old post office.

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MEMORIAL DAY

BLESS 'EM ALL

War Song by Fred Godfrey 1917

"HONOR TO THE SOLDIER, AND SAILOR EVERYWHERE, WHO BRAVELY BEARS HIS COUNTRY'S CAUSE. HONOR ALSO TO THE CITIZEN WHO CARES FOR HIS BROTHER IN THE FIELD, AND SERVES AS BEST HE CAN, THE SAME CAUSE - HONOR TO HIM, ONLY LESS THAN TO HIM, WHO BRAVES FOR THE COMMON GOOD, THE STORMS OF HEAVEN AND THE STORMS OF BATTLE."
Abraham Lincoln, March 18, 1864 Remarks at Sanitary Fair, Washington, D.C.

Memorial Day is a day of remembering the men and women who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. Some may remember it called, "Decoration Day." It originated after the American Civil War to commemorate the Union and Confederate soldiers who died in the Civil War. In the 20th Century it was extended to honor all Americans who have died while in military service.



As we celebrate this Memorial Day weekend with our families and friends, be it at a park or the beach, or standing on long lines for that special sale, may we keep in mind those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice for this freedom we share. Hopefully, we can make time to stand and watch a parade passing by. Take a look at those veterans who hold our flag with such honor. Maybe we could take a moment to pass through Pinelawn Cemetery. It has an incredible effect on the heart as we look, row upon row of those who gave their lives or served for this beautiful country we call America. The experience gives an understanding of how many of all ages, races, and religions, lay together in union for home and country.

Don't forget to fly the American Flag! After 9/11 most homes displayed one. Remember those who went to war to defend us, who put themselves in harm's way, who may have not made it back home. Keep it flying for those who served in WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam and those that serve now.

One of our parishioners, Harry Smith joined the U.S. Navy in 1944. He served on the *USS Tolovana*, *USS Barnes* and *USS Quartz*. He served in Guam, Saipan, R.S. Pearl Harbor. He has received the American Theatre Asiatic Pacific - Victory Medals, and Freedom Medal. He is part of the "Greatest Generation," that was there and understands the price that can be paid for the freedom we celebrate this weekend. His message is, ***TO KNOW THE HORRORS OF WAR, IS TO WANT PEACE!***

So, THANK YOU, Harry for serving, to all of you who have served, and to all of those that didn't make it back. Say a prayer for each and every one of them, and keep in your prayers those that serve around the world today. Keep in mind their families, their children, those who wait for the day the door opens...and Mommy and Daddy, son, daughter, husband or wife, have come back home!

And MAY GOD, BLESS AMERICA!

Wounded Warrior Project: <http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/>

Long Island/Metro Retrouvaille

Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped thousands of couples worldwide experiencing all types of marital difficulties.

For confidential information about Retrouvaille program, or to register for the upcoming weekend that begins on **Friday June 7th—9 at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception**, Huntington, please call 1-800-470-2230 and you will be connected directly and confidentially to a couple from Long Island/Metro Retrouvaille who can help.

Please call or go on the web to make a reservation. Weekends get filled up very quickly.

1-800-470-2230
www.retrouvaille.org

LA SALLE REGIONAL SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Annual NY Mets Game

June 28, 2013 at 7:10 PM

NY METS

VS

Washington Nationals

\$22.00 (normally \$32.00)

All tickets must be ordered on line at:
Mets.com/lasalle

Any questions, please contact
Kathleen Verbil
(516) 249-8396

New Church Roof

As you know, we have had water leaks in our Church roof for some considerable time. Hurricane Sandy made this leaking worse. Last year, we thought our roof had been hit by lightening and the Fire Department had to open the bell tower. Even before they did this, water tended to come through the open spot where the bell cord is.

During this past week, our old roof has been torn down and a new one has replaced it. This complete new roof is part of our insurance coverage for Hurricane Sandy. The deductible was \$5,000.00.



Since we have our electric bell system, and since the bell tower was rarely used, we have decided to seal the bell tower lest we continue to have water concerns for the church.

This new roof was not part of the feasibility study, nor was it listed in our case study that was presented to you. This repair had to be done and since the bulk the cost was covered by insurance, I felt we could not wait.

Also, T.J. Hance, our maintenance man, has informed me that new doors have arrived to replace the battered ones of our church.

I thank you all for your patience in these matters.

Father Pat, CSSR

Rebuilt

I have missed the last several weeks in presenting some ideas from this book. You might recall I wrote this several weeks ago in the parish bulletin:

I recently read an excellent book about a Catholic parish in the suburbs of Baltimore. The book is called "Rebuilt" by Father Michael White and Mr. Tom Corcoran. It is the story of how they took a dying parish and brought it back to the point where they have overflowing crowds. As I read it, I appreciated how much life and energy we have here in St. Martin of Tours and what committed parishioners we have. We do not face the many problems that these two men did in their parish. We are a very alive and vital parish. Still, I think there are many things, especially about evangelization, that we might learn from reading the book. Evangelization is a very popular word in church circles; quite simply, it means that I love my faith and I am happy to share it with others who might also come to love it. The authors, in line with the teaching of the Church, say that this is really one of the primary missions of a parish.

Here are some more thoughts from the book.. The author writes about some of his parishioners who come to Mass with a consumer and minimalist focus. There are times when I find him a bit judgmental, but his ideas are also quite thought-provoking.

From "Rebuilt":

Evangelization is in fact the grace and vocation proper to the Church, her deepest identity. She exists in order to evangelize. Pope Paul VI

For Jesus, evangelization was his commitment to bring good news of God's kingdom to everyone, including some unlikely people-at least from the perspective of some religious people at that time. Jesus said over and over again, I came to seek and save what was lost. Before he ascended into heaven, Jesus gave this great commission: Go therefore and make disciples of all nations.

Nativity (the parish of the pastor) was a convenient outlet for demanding religious consumers, and what they were demanding more than anything else was just to get it over with (it being communion...to fulfill whatever reason they felt an obligation: guilt, fear, or just to get their mothers-in law off of their backs, whatever. It all came down to the consumption of Communion, so the greatest value in our parish culture was to be easy and fast. Arriving late and leaving early were the rule rather than the exception. Parking strategically and positioning yourself in the pew to beat everyone out were the marks of the truly skilled. We had demanding parishioners who tried to insist that we bring communion to their children in religious education classes. Since they had no intention of bringing their children to class and Mass,, they wanted to streamline both!

In a minimalist's approach, the music is bare bones, but better yet, there is no music. The preacher does not preach. He just says a few things but should not take long. Mass should be thirty minutes and scheduled so as not to get in the way of the important things of the day: watching football and brunch.

Our Parish Tabernacle

One of the most special items in our church is the parish tabernacle that, from what I have been told, goes back to the beginnings of our parish church. As you know, like the altar and ambo (the pulpit) it is one of the most sacred areas of our Church. The tabernacle is where we keep the Blessed Sacrament, the Eucharist. We light the red sanctuary lamp in the Church because we believe Christ is truly present in the hosts kept in the tabernacle. The nave, the body of the Church, where the community sits, is also considered holy since the people gathered together, are also the body of Christ.

For the last year or so, we have been having trouble with the doors on the tabernacle. They have been getting off of the track they are on and it becomes very difficult to lock the tabernacle. We also have the fear, as happened several years ago, that the tabernacle, after it is locked, will not be able to be opened. This happened several years ago, and the tabernacle, with the Blessed Sacrament within it, had to be sent to Kansas City for repair. The Bishop of the Diocese had to be notified and all efforts were made to respect the presence of Christ in the Eucharist. We certainly do not want our parish to have to go through this again. At the time, it did cost a considerable sum of money to fix the tabernacle and I have been told the parishioners were most generous in their response to this need.

I think our tabernacle is beautiful and it is my strong desire to resolve this problem. I love how it looks and its history as part of our parish is very important. Presently, we have placed a temporary tabernacle in front of the tabernacle to reserve the Blessed Sacrament. As pastor, and I am sure you feel the same as parishioners, I have a serious responsibility to care for the Eucharist and to keep the Blessed Sacrament locked when the tabernacle is not in use. That is why we have placed this temporary tabernacle in the Eucharistic area of our Church.



Since our tabernacle is very old, it is not easy to find the person who can repair it. We are considering other options that might allow us to use our tabernacle and add some kind of inner doors. That is being considered. I would prefer to repair it as it is since I think it is so special and beautiful. I am in contact with a person who might be able to assist us in finding a more local repair person (rather than the original company in Kansas). If it looks like this process may take a long time, I may have the tabernacle removed from the Church and put the temporary one on the marble table where the old one has been since I think it would look better.

The tabernacle is a very important part of our parish and I promise to keep you informed about what is going on. — Father Pat, CSSR

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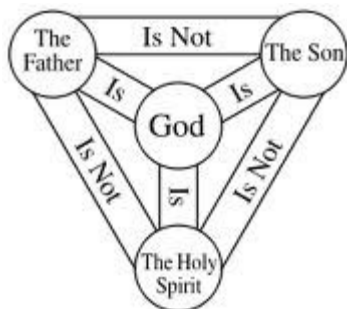
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<http://thecatholiccounselingcenter.com>.

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY



Trinity Sunday, officially "The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity," is one of the few celebrations of the Christian Year that commemorates a reality and belief rather than a specific event or person. On Trinity Sunday we remember and honor the Eternal God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Trinity Sunday is celebrated the Sunday after Pentecost, and lasts only one day, which is symbolic of the unity of the Trinity. The Eastern Churches have no tradition of Trinity Sunday, arguing that they celebrate the Trinity every Sunday. Westerners do as well, although they set aside a special feast day for the purpose.

The Trinity is one of the most fascinating - and controversial - Christian dogmas. The Trinity is a mystery. By mystery, the Church does not mean a riddle, but rather the Trinity is a reality above our human comprehension to grasp, but ultimately must know through worship, symbol, and faith. It has been said that mystery is not a wall to run up against, but an ocean in which to swim. The common wisdom is that if you talk about the Trinity for longer than a few minutes you will slip into heresy because you are probing the depths of God too deeply.

The Trinity is best described in the Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed, commonly called the Nicene Creed. Essentially the Trinity is the belief that God is one in essence (Greek *ousia*), but distinct in person (Greek *hypostasis*). Don't let the word "person" fool you. The Greek word for person means "that which stands on its own," or "individual reality," and does not mean the persons of the Trinity are three human persons. Therefore we believe that the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are somehow distinct from one another (not divided though), yet completely united in will and essence.

How can this be? Well, think of the sight of two eyes. The eyes are distinct, yet one and undivided in their sight. Another illustration to explain the Trinity is the musical chord. Think of a C-chord. The C, E, and G notes are all distinct notes, but joined together as one chord the sound is richer and more dynamic than had the notes been played individually. The chords are all equally important in producing the rich sound, and the sound is lacking and thin if one of the notes is left out.

On Friday, June 14, 2013 at 8:00 p.m., the Hibernian Festival Singers will be hosting "Irish Night" at Bay Shore High School. The show will feature Andy Cooney and his Band, the Innisfree Irish Dancers and the Hibernian Festival Singers, under the direction of Christopher Bitella. Reserved seat admission tickets are \$30 per person. For further information, please call (631) 665-1371 or (631) 563-1032.

STOCKHOLDERS APPRECIATION

For all those who have supported our Life Teen Youth Ministry by buying stocks to support our teens, you are invited to attend a ***Stockholders Appreciation Dinner on Friday, June 7th at 7PM at the Youth Center*** located on the first floor of the school building.

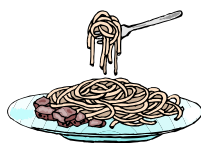
Please fill out the R.S.V.P. below and hand it in to the rectory office as soon as possible. Come and enjoy a night out on us!

Name: _____

Phone: _____

How many? _____

For Stockholders Dinner - June 7th



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