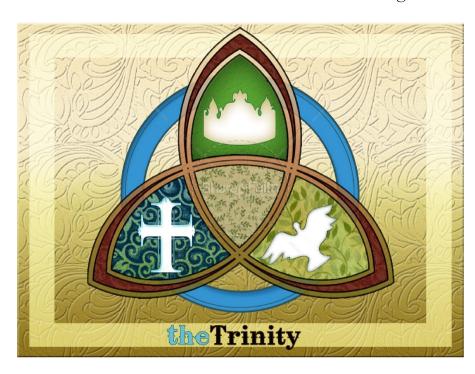
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The Most Holy Trinity June 4, 2023 Year A

Church Hours

Sunday Mass 9AM Wednesday Daily Mass 9AM Thursday Daily Mass 9AM

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Please call the office about arranging Baptisms, Marriages, the RCIA Program, Sacraments of Anointing, Reconciliation, Sick Calls, the schedule for Holy Days, and our Rosary Ministry.

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MASS/MUSIC

Entrance: I Sing The Mighty Power Of God #431

Lord Have Mercy #913 Glory To God #914

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9

Responsorial Psalm: Glory and praise forever! Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Gospel Acclamation: Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

Homily: Father Gerry Kaggwa Gospel: John 3:16-18

Nicene Creed: page 9

Prayers of the Faithful: Response: Lord hear our prayer

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory: All Hail, Adored Trinity #713

Holy: #917

Memorial Acclamation: When we eat this bread, and drink this cup we proclaim your death O Lord until we meet again.

Lord's Prayer: page 26 Lamb of God: #922

Communion: Abba! Father #546 Mediation: Eyes Has Not Seen #473

Recessional: Holy God We Praise Thy Name #197

<u>June Birthdays</u>

1st-Fritz Sitterding, 2nd-Walter Donovan, 7th-Michelle Puttmann, 13th-Charles Hartz,14th-Johnna Harris & Marge Dembeck, 16th-Tom Foley, 17th-Arlene Warren, 21st-Marla Bury, 24th-Gerri Lohr, 25th-Zaida Wohleking, 27th-Sharon Hawksworth & Carl Ambrose, 28th-Baylen Miller.

If you would like to add your name to the Birthday/Anniversary list please contact the office.

June Anniversaries

Ist-Fritz & Suzanne Sitterding, 13th-Gary & Lynne Richardson, 21st-Dave & Emily Filippi & Scott & Kathy Kauffman, 25th-Ray & Jean Kostesky, 27-Don & Sandi Delagrange, 28th-Bob & Barbara Smith.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today-The Most Holy Trinity

June 7th-Bible Study 9:30am

June 11th-The Most Holy Body and Blood Of Christ (Corpus Christi)

June 14th-Bible Study 9:30am

June 15th-Scholarship Meeting 10:00am

June 25th-12 Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 29th-Parish Council Meeting 9:30am

July 2nd-13th Sunday in Ordinary Time "Welcome Fr. Johnny"

July 6th-Eucharistic Adoration 9:30am-10:30am

July 9th-14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Community Leader

Baylen Miller/Joe Sychterz

Sacristan Sandi Delagrange

John McCormack May 28, 2023

Mike Ballato/Mary Ellen Sherwood

Altar Server

Holy Communion

Cub: D. Marcil/T. Shoemaker/L. Petralia

Extraordinary Minister for

Bread: L. Dreelin/B. Plunkert

Music Cantor Marianne Krop

Collection Counters O'Brien/Smith's

OFFERTORY COLLECTION from May 28, 2023

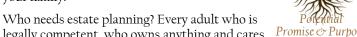
Collection: 2,407 Second Collection: Holy Father 239 Total Offertory Collection Year to Date \$ 117,202 Total Budget Projection: \$ 111,444 Loan Amount \$ 159,894

Our second collection today is for Debt Reduction.

We signed the following principal checks this week: \$206 May Telephone; \$571 Credit Card purches in May for Sundry items.

LEGACY

Proper estate planning can reduce administrative time, expense and inconvenience. Careful estate planning can also be one of the best gifts you give



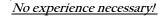
legally competent, who owns anything and cares Promise & Purpose about who receives it at the time of their

disability or death. In addition, estate planning is necessary for anyone who wants to leave a bequest for their church.

Have you moved to another state since signing your estate planning documents? If so, consider having the documents checked by an attorney in the new state. In addition, this might be a good time to consider naming your church to receive a gift through your estate plans.

ROSARY

Please join us as we pray the rosary every Sunday before Mass. We begin at 8:30 am in the new worship area & we welcome all to join in this beautiful devotional prayer.



We have books and rosary beads available for use.

Please join us next Sunday-June 11th for our Social Sunday after Mass. Come and enjoy this opportunity for camaraderie, story-telling, and good coffee and snacks.

SOCIAL SUNDAY

Please bring a side dish to share.



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In memory of our pastor and friend, Fr. John Boddie, from whom flowed love and kindness to all who knew him. May his soul rest in peace. Money from these ads are used as scholarships given to the youth of our church. Please make your checks payable to <a href="https://doi.org/10.1001/jhtps://d

pace is \$100. Thank you for your continued support. *The Scholarsl*Committee

Website for scholarship application: www.church-of-the-visitation.org

Application deadline: Early March 2023

In memory of

Mollie McMurtrie

my long time friend.

I will miss you.

JoAnn Nolte

In loving memory of Joseph H. Nolte Jr.



Forever, JoAnn

Take Home Lesson for Trinity Sunday

June 4, 2023

A God of Love

Today's second reading from the conclusion of Saint Paul's second letter to the Corinthians contains perhaps the clearest and most illuminating acclamation of the Trinitarian God in the entire New Testament, emphasizing "the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit." (2 Cor 13:13)

We then hear from Saint John's Gospel an equally beautiful statement about Jesus and his relationship with the Father:

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life." (John 3:16)

The Catechism teaches that God's very being is love. By sending his only Son and the Spirit of Love in the fullness of time, God has revealed his innermost secret: God himself is an eternal exchange of love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and he has destined us to share in that exchange. (CCC 220)

Bishop Robert Barron writes about this eternal exchange of love in his book Eucharist:

"God is a community of persons. From all eternity, the Father speaks himself, and this Word that he utters is the Son. A perfect image of his Father, the Son shares fully the actuality of the Father: unity, omniscience, omnipresence, spiritual power. As the Father gazes at the Son, the Son gazes back at the Father. Since each is utterly beautiful, the Father falls in love with the Son and the Son falls in love with the Father - and they sigh forth their mutual love. This holy breath is the Holy Spirit. These three "persons" are distinct, but they do not constitute three Gods. This means that God is a family of love, a sharing of life, a breathing in and breathing out, a looking toward each other."

"The whole history of salvation can be read as the Trinitarian God's attempt to draw the human family into a relationship that mimics the love that God is. When we love God with our whole heart and mind, we necessarily love all those whom God has loved into existence."

We live within the Trinity whenever we live in love.

How does this mystery connect to your daily life?

DISASTER

An overflowing toilet in the women's bathroom caused disastrous consequences to our admin wing a week ago. Water flowed for close to two days unto the floor and all surrounding areas.









Servpro cam immediately and dried our facility in three days. Our plumber cleaned our 100' of clogged drain and routine work began again this past week, except for the use of the Daily Chapel.

SADNESS ABOUNDS

For those who did not attend last Sunday's Mass, Father Gerry read Bishop Knestout's letter announcing Father's reassignment to Blessed Sacrament Parish in Norfolk effective July 1st. We are truly saddened by Father's announced departure. We were blessed to have

had his presence among us these past seven years and will cherish our memories of Him and the Legacy he left us, a New Worship Area. Many questions exist; his replacement's



background, a farewell gathering, his last Mass with us, and the introduction of our new Pastor. We will answer them as we get them. For the moment, in our sadness, wish Father well as he moves on to a new challenge and pray for him and the well being of our parish.

KNIGHT'S MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Knight's conducted a Memorial Day Service last Monday honoring the fallen veterans of our Parish buried in the cemetery. Due to inclement weather, it was held in the church. Father Gerry gave the benediction, John Weidner was the EMCEE, John McCormack read the roll, and Anne Baltrusaitis played Aahokan Farewell on the violin. We thank all who participated for honoring our fallen heroes.









MULCH MEN AND WOMEN

Our deepest thanks to the following individuals who showed up Saturday a week ago to mulch our many islands and gardens. They deposited 20 yards of mulch in what Kevin Hayes and Dave Marcil classified as record time for a group of non-landscapers: Evelyn Scott, Mary Ellen Sherwood, Dan Peterson, Dave Marcil, Frank Lohr, Joe Brinkley, Nick & Tim Wohleking, Steve Kirsch, Tom Jessee & Kevin Hayes.

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

The most Holy Trinity is the central and most profound mystery of the Christian faith and life. While we human beings can grasp certain aspects of this ultimate truth about God, precisely as a mystery, a full understanding is beyond our limited human comprehension. Yet, this deep mystery of God's inner life and essence is also one of the most informative on that, reflecting on the Trinity can shed invaluable light on what it means to be a human person.

Throughout history and in cultures throughout the world people have, by reason alone and after much consideration, concluded that God exists. Yet, we would devote ourselves to study over several lifetimes and never come to the conclusion that God is a Trinity of person-one and yet three: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We know this truth and other divine mysteries in our human weakness only because the Lord has revealed them to us. And he has revealed this truth not as a matter of curious theological trivia disconnected from our everyday lives, but in order to share his divine life with us.

The mystery of the Blessed Trinity, as the mystery of God in himself, is "the source of all the other mysteries of faith, the light that enlightens them. It is the most fundamental and essential teaching in the 'hierarchy of the truths of faith" (CCCC 235).

The essential elements of this divine mystery are that we worship one God who is an eternal loving communion of three Persons-Father, Son and Holy Spirit-who are all equal in power, all co-eternal, and all divine. One divine nature, they differ only in that the Father is not the Son; the Son is not the Father; the Spirit is not the Son; the Spirit is not the Father. While this mystery of one and yet three might at

first seem contradictory and irrational by human reckoning, of we delve deeper, we will find, like the other paradoxes of the faith, an amazing and profoundly life-changing truth.

REGRETS

Yesterday, we celebrated a Mass of Resurrection for beloved parishioner Bill Gray who died Monday a week ago from a long term illness. Bill and Linda joined the parish in 2010 and immediately became active parishioners. Bill was buried in our cemetery following the Mass

buried in our cemetery following the Mass. Our prayers and blessings are with Linda and the family. Holy Trinity Sunday June 4, 2023 Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. The one God, who reveals Himself to us as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The mystery of the Holy Trinity is a basic doctrine of Faith in Christianity, understandable not with our heads and reason but with our faith. It teaches us that there are three distinct Persons in one God, sharing the same Divine Nature, co-equal and co-eternal.

This Mystery of three person in one God is well explained and taught by Jesus himself in the Gospels. In John's Gospel, especially chapters 15–18, we have a detailed account of Jesus' teaching of the role of each Person of the Holy Trinity: a) God the Father creates and provides for His creatures. b) God the Son redeems us and reconciles us with God. c) God the Holy Spirit sanctifies us, strengthens us, teaches us, and guides us to God.

In the language of the Bible, the figure three symbolizes completeness and perfect symmetry, and re-appears at all the key moments of the Jesus story. At the Annunciation, God the Father sends His angel to Mary, God the Holy Spirit comes upon her, the Power of the Most High overshadows her, and God the Son becomes incarnate in her womb. Three figures make up the nativity scene in Bethlehem, the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Their first visitors were the three wise men.

At the baptism of Jesus, when the Son receives baptism from John the Baptist, the Father's Voice is heard, and the Holy Spirit appears as a Dove. Later, in the desert preparing to begin his public life, Jesus was tempted three times by the devil. And the figure three appears prominently in his teaching parables: The Prodigal Son is about a father and his two sons; the Good Samaritar tells of the three passers-by, the priest, the Levite, and the Samaritan; the Sower sowed his seed in three kinds of soil, yielding three kinds of harvest. Simon Peter is asked by Jesus three times, "Do you love me".

The crucifixion scene has three figures, Christ between two thieves. Before his resurrection, he spent three days in the tomb. At the Ascension, Jesus gives the missionary command to his disciples to baptize those who believe, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Our whole life of faith as Christians is founded and based on the Trinity. All prayers in the Church begin in the Name of the Holy Trinity and end glorify ing the Trinity. All Sacraments are administered (we are baptized, confirmed, anointed, our sins are forgiven, our marriage is blessed, Bishops, priests and deacons are ordained) in the name of the Holy Trinity. We bless ourselves, and the priest blesses us, in the Name of the Holy Trinity. The Three Persons in the Trinity, the Father the Son, and the Holy Spirit, together, they represent the fullness of love. The Father loves the Son, the Son loves the Father. The Holy Spirit is their love for each other. We are made in the image of a triune God. God the Father, who created us, his Son who saved us, and the Holy Spirit who continues to guide us.

As people who believe and profess the Holy Trinity, each one of us is called to

reflect that loving relationship of the Holy Trinity in the world. First, because we were created in the image of God, the Trinity and second, because of our Baptism. Since our baptism we share in the love and relationship between the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in an incredibly special way. Our lives should reflect the Trinity. We should always strive to love like the Father, compassionate like his Son, and dispose our talents in the service of others like the Holy Spirit.



Very Reverend Gerry Kaggwa V. I

Please Remember in your Prayers

Loyce Beville, Bill Gray, Lee Hollingsworth

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If you need to add to the prayer list please call the office, email, or leave a note in the box outside the office. Remember to put family or friend by their name.

ANGEL TREE THANK YOU'S



The Middle Peninsula Regional Security Center sent us a thank you letter recently, delayed through USPS error. Concerning our Angel Tree

Program. A copy is on the admin bulletin board in the Narthex, but we wanted to note the following extracts:

- "Thank you so much for your generosity and for taking time to be a blessing to my family"
- "I sincerely thank you for the gifts for my children. The holidays are hard in here but knowing they were shown this level of love made it easier"
- Thank you all for the gifts for my son...I really appreciated it, because it made both our Christmas. I had the opportunity to watch him open the gifts and hear about him playing with them. He really loved everything. Than you again"
- "Thank you all for ALL of you Help for my family. God less You!"
- Thank you so much for the gifts for my...boys. We are grateful for your kindness"

Please except my deepest apologies for the great delay in printing the Thank you from the inmates whose children benefitted from your generosity through the Angel Tree Program. A combination of mix up through the USPS and human error created this lengthy gap.

Mary Sychterz



Loving Memory

Alma and Fritz Sitterding

Supporting Our Youth



n Loving Memory of Bobby Warren

> Your Family Arlene, L.C., Faye, Caitlyn & Courtlyr

"Gone but not to be forgotten"

In Loving Memory of "Vinnie Recupido" Barbara Hollingsworth



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Jerry McMurtrie

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> Thank You Lord Art & Carol Smith

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SAINT THERESA OF CALCUTTA'S "ANYWAY PRAYER"

People are often unreasonable, illogical, and self-centered; forgive them anyway. If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives; be kind anyway. f you are successful, you will win some false friends and true enemies; succeed anyway If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you; be honest and frank anyway. What you spend years building, someone could

destroy overnight; build it anyway. If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous; be happy anyway The good you do today, people will often forget

tomorrow; do good anyway. Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough; give the world the best you've got anyway

You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and God; it was never between you and them anvwav

Breathe in Love, Exhale Peace.

In Loving Memory Of

David E. Brinkley

In Loving Memory of "Vincent Recupido" Dolores

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J & L Petralia





In Memory of Thomas R. Shepherd, Jr. and Thomas R. Shepherd III

In Memory of Lavonne Pearce 1st Secretary of COV Volunteer

In Memory of **Bob Hartman** My Love of My Life Jenny

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Best wishes to all the youth at Church of the Visitation

Mary Virginia & Tom Bliley



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