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#### Masses in Masontown

Monday, Wednesday, Friday ...8:00 am Saturday ......6:00 pm Sunday .....8:00 am & 11:30 am

**Confessions:** Saturday 5:00-5:30 pm **Adoration:** Check bulletin

#### Masses in Footedale

Tuesday & Thursday	8:00 am
Saturday:	4:00 pm
Sunday	9:30 am

**Confessions:** Saturday 3:00-3:30 pm **Adoration:** Check bulletin

**Office Hours:** Monday through Friday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

**Bulletin Articles:** The deadline for placing articles in the bulletin is Monday at Noon.

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**Sacrament of Baptism:** By appointment. Prior to your baby's Baptism, you must be a registered, practicing member of this parish.

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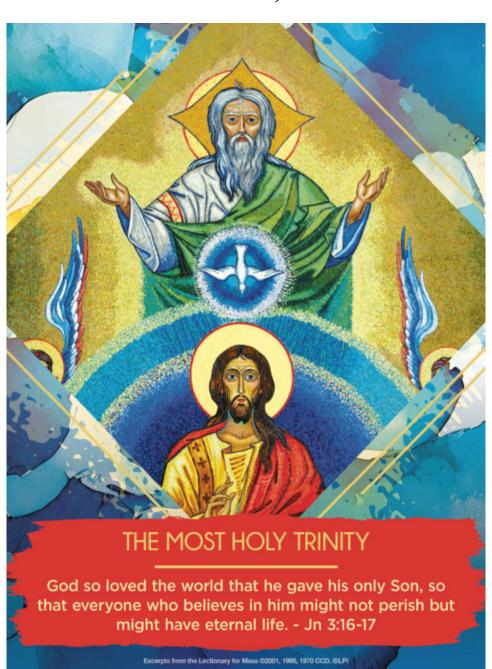
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June 4, 2023



## Fr. Arnel's Reflections - The Most Holy Trinity Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9; Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; John 3:16-18



Today the entire Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. The Trinity is the most complex and yet profound concept within all Church teachings. If you do not fully understand the Trinity, do not be overly concerned because no one can fully understand it. It is a great and yet wonderful mystery, not in the sense of a "murder mystery" but a mystery too great to be understood by mere mortals. Great because it embodies the very triune nature of God and Wonderful because it permits God to be who He is that which is above and beyond all creation.

Throughout the seasons of Lent and Easter we heard much about the Father sending His Son Jesus to earth to teach mankind how to live and then afterward to be the sacrificial offering to atone for the sins of mankind. On Pentecost Sunday, we hear about the Holy Spirit and His role in directing and guiding the People of God, the Church, toward salvation. These three Persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, collectively are called the Holy Trinity; however, they are all within the One True God. This is why it is a mystery. We, who are mere mortals can only "see" it from the human point of view and not from the divine view, and that is probably a good thing. Would you really want to understand everything about God and humanity? Perhaps we will someday.

From the Book of Exodus we hear of the Father giving the Law, the Ten Commandments, to Moses. In the Book of Wisdom and Proverbs we can read the "Spirit of Wisdom," who is usually considered to be the Holy Spirit, is with the Father at the event of creation of the world. From the Book of Daniel in the Responsorial Psalm, we hear the praises of the Father for His creation, which brought forth the Son of Man, Jesus Christ. Finally in the Second Reading and the Gospel, we again have all three Divine Persons represented. So, where do we fit into this picture?

We are the reason that: All creation by the Father, the Life, Death and Resurrection of the Son, together with the guidance of the Holy Spirit came to be. All of this was gifted to mankind out of God's Divine Love in order that He might share Himself with mankind, the only part of creation made in the "image and likeness" of God that can respond to Him in His love.

As we celebrate today this great feast, we are challenged to respect ourselves and others because everyone is the temple of the Holy Spirit where all Three Persons of the Holy Trinity abide. Furthermore, we are called to practice the Trinitarian relationship of love and unity in the family relationships of father, mother, and children because by Baptism we become children of God and members of God's Trinitarian family. Finally, let us have the firm conviction that the Trinitarian God abides in us, that He is the Source of our hope, courage and strength, and that He is our final destination.

#### YEAR OF PARISH EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL (June 11, 2023 – July 17, 2024)

As you know, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops initiated a three-year process to invite all Catholics to reflect upon the mystery and meaning of the Eucharist in our lives. This process is called the **EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL**. The first year is focus in the Diocesan level in which the diocesan staff, bishops and priests were invited to respond to the Lord's personal invitation and equipped them to share His love with the faithful through Eucharistic Congresses and events.

Next weekend, we will celebrate the Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus (Corpus Christi). In this celebration, we will launch the Year of Parish Eucharistic Revival which is the second phase of this process. The Year of Parish Eucharistic Revival aims for fostering Eucharistic devotion at the parish level, strengthening our liturgical life through faithful celebration of the Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, missions, resources, preaching and organic movements of the Holy Spirit.

This feast of Corpus Christi honors Jesus Christ, Really, Truly and Substantially Present under the appearances of bread and wine. This Presence happens through the change which the Church calls **TRANSUBSTANTIATION** ("change of substance"), when at the Consecration of the Mass, the priest says the words which Christ Himself pronounced over bread and wine, "This is My Body," "This is the chalice of My Blood," "Do this in remembrance of Me." (CCC 1328-1344)

And so, next weekend June 10 & 11, there will be a Eucharistic Procession inside the church (except for the 9:30 a.m. which is outside) after each Mass. Each procession will begin with the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before processing inside or outside the church while singing songs. It will end with benediction in the sanctuary.



# June Faithful Challenge:

# Perticipate in a Eucharistic Procession this Month

Bishop Kulick's June Faithful Challenge is to attend a Eucharistic Procession. This month we celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi, also known as the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, on June 11. Many parishes will provide opportunities for Eucharistic Procession. The Diocesan Eucharistic Procession will be held in the Everson-Scottdale communities. Eucharistic processions have been a long part of the Church's liturgical and devotional life. These allow us a way to utilize our entire body to witness to the presence of our Lord in the Eucharist. They are outward signs to the greater community that we are living and expressing our faith through this beautiful devotion to our Lord.



Visit TheAccentOnline.org for a list of Eucharistic Processions!

#### The Holy Trinity

Throughout the Easter Season we have been celebrating the work of the Trinity. Perhaps that is why the church celebrates the Holy Trinity on this first Lord's Day after Eastertime. It helps to remind us of what we celebrate every Lord's Day - the risen Christ sends the Holy Spirit to be God's presence in us and in all God's creation. As Christians, we are called to begin and end whatever we say or do, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

#### **Symbols Used to Illustrate the Trinity**

Since the 16th century, the Trinity has been represented by an older man (the Father), a younger man (the Son), and a dove (the Holy Spirit). Another is a triangle surrounded by light rays with an eye inside. A version of this symbol is on the Great Seal of the United States and is reproduced on the one-dollar bill. Yet another symbol is that which tradition says was used by Saint Patrick - the shamrock.

The Father is my trust, the Son is my refuge, the Holy Spirit is my protection.
O holy Trinity, glory to Thee!

#### 2023 Diocesan Lenten Appeal

**Thank You** to everyone who made a 2023 Diocesan Lenten Appeal gift. Our pledge total as of May 30 is \$49,316; we reached 105.6% of our Diocesan Target and now all gifts will be returned to our parish to be used to enhance the security of our parish facilities. Thank you sincerely for your support of our parish!

PARISH CASH BASH - Sunday, JUNE 25 at the social hall in Footedale. Doors open at 2:00 pm; cash drawings begin at 2:30 and take place every ten minutes through 7:00 pm. Donation of \$20

includes food and refreshments. Tickets are available at the Parish Office.

#### Stewardship of Treasure

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Parish Sympathy is expressed to the families of † Michael Reposky

who was buried Thursday, May 25;

† Domenick Leo "Pinky" LeDonne

who was buried Wednesday, May 31.

May God grant them eternal life and comfort their families. May they rest in peace.

Sincere, heartfelt sympathy is expressed to the Maykuth Family on the sudden passing of Toby.

May God grant him eternal life and comfort his family. May he rest in peace.

Parish Sympathy is expressed to the family of † Irene O'Brien who entered eternal life on Christmas Day. A Memorial Mass will be held for her at 10:00 am on Saturday, July 1, at the Masontown worship site.

Please remember these and all of the faithful departed in your prayers. ♥

Thank you for the following donations to Saint Francis of Assisi Parish:in memory of Renne S. Kremposky by Colette Freiberg, Rose Gabeletto,Rosemary Reagan, Patty & Larry Stavish

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Saturday, June 3 -- Vigil: The Most Holy Trinity

4:00 pm-F (M) Andrea Shimek (SFOA Christian Mothers)

6:00 pm-M (A) Brian Coll (Family)

**Sunday, June 4 -- The Most Holy Trinity** 

8:00 am-M (M) Kathy Gable (Mary Ann & Dave) 9:30 am-F (M) Ann Valusek (Larry & Mary Schupp)

11:30 am-M (A) Pro Populo

Monday, June 5 -- Saint Boniface

8:00 am-M Betty Berish (Anna Hornick)

Tuesday, June 6 -- Saint Norbert

8:00 pm-F Frank Smith (Walter Smith)

Wednesday, June 7 -- Weekday

8:00 am-M George & Elizabeth Parish (Dtr Mary Anne)

Thursday, June 8 -- Weekday

8:00 am-F Peter & Veronica Mullen (Cech/Livingston)

Friday, June 9 -- Saint Ephrem

8:00 am-M Richard Zaiglin (Frank Michalik Family)

Saturday, June 10 -- Vigil: Body & Blood of Christ

3-3:30 pm-F Confessions

4:00 pm-F (M) Steve Tretinik (Daughter, Elaine Boyd)

5:00-5:30 pm-M Confessions

6:00 pm-M (M) Gene & Nancy Barnhart (Hospitality Com)

Sunday, June 11 -- Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

8:00 am-M (A) Pro Populo

9:30 am-F (A) Agnes Frost (Wally & Terri Frost) 11:30 am-M (M) Clarinda Tokish (Nancy Tokish)

(M) Fr. Marlon / (A) Fr. Arnel

#### Mass Readings for the Week Ahead

Monday: Tb 1:3; 2:1-8; Mk 12:1-12 Tuesday: Tb 2:9-14; Mk 12:13-17 Wednesday: Tb 3:1-17; Mk 12:18-27

Thursday: Tb 6:10-11; 7:1, 9-17; 8:4-9; Mk 12:18-27

Friday: Tb 11:5-17; Mk 12:35-37 Saturday: Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20; Mk 12:38-44

Next Sunday: Dt 8:2-3, 14-16; 1 Cor 10:16-17; Jn 6:51-58

Coffee and Donuts will be available after all Masses this Sunday, June 4. Please join us!





We come together today to celebrate our triune God, one God and yet three persons.

God the Father created the world and everything and everyone in it.

God the Son was born into this world, a part of humankind, and chose to sacrifice his life to save us all.

**God the Holy Spirit** was sent into the world by the Father and the Son to be with us always.

In our limited imaginations we cannot hope to truly comprehend this sacred mystery, but we join together in praise and thanks to God - Father, Son and Spirit.

On this Solemnity, we are reminded to encourage one another, to show affection and support. Can we do it? Can we do it in our daily interactions, in our families?

Can we even do it on social media?

#### **Eucharistic Procession**

All are invited to a Eucharistic Procession on Sunday, **June 11** (the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ) following the 9:30 am Mass in Footedale.

**Memorial Candles** burn this week in loving memory of or for the special intention of:

† Sanctuary - 2023 Graduates

† **Blessed Mother -** *Irene O'Brien* requested by Lydia Coll

† **Saint Joseph** - *David James* requested by Elaine Boyd

† Saint Anthony - Frank & Mary Ann Kordella requested by sons, David & Frank Jr.

† **Sacred Heart** - *Richard Lemansky* requested by Dave & Cindy Madison



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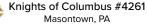
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