

St. Mary's Our Lady of the Lake

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Serving Our Neighbors in Christian Love*

June 7, 2020 ~ The Most Holy Trinity

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God so loved the world that
he gave his only Son.

JOHN 3:16

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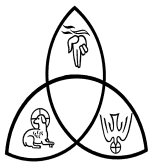
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Re-Opening Up-Date

We have no date to reopen but we have a committee.

Pandemic Safety Chair: Ray McGoldrick
Committee: Erik Stengler, Maureen Murray, Jeff Woepple, Kitty Dykstra and Karen Walker
Volunteers (so far): LJ & Wayne Alexander, Roger Davidson, Hank and Joan Nichols

When we re-open it will be with masks, hand sanitizer and safe-distancing but it will be with peace and patience, please. The tracking that is necessary will require a lot of patience and understanding. Plan on this now so you won't be surprised later. More info to come.



"I Believe in One God"

"We firmly believe and confess without reservation that there is only one true God, eternal, infinite (immensus)

and unchangeable, incomprehensible, almighty, and ineffable, the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit; three persons indeed, but one essence, substance or nature entirely simple."

-Lateran Council IV: DS 800

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Our experience over the past two months has shown us in profound ways the absolutely critical nature of communications when it comes to connecting us to each other and to our parish communities. Despite social distancing requirements, we have been able to share the Good News and reach out to those in need through livestream Masses, prayer services and inspirational messages; through social media on multiple platforms; through our diocesan website and our newspaper, The Evangelist, and through so many other avenues available to us now. That is why I am asking you to consider a gift to the Catholic Communication Campaign, which will be taken up the weekend of June 6-7 in our Diocese.

Typically, this collection would be taken up in parishes, but since we are not yet back to full Mass schedules, this year's collection will be more challenging than ever — and yet more important than ever. A full 50 percent of the funds collected through this campaign stay right here in our Diocese to support our communication efforts directly. The other 50 percent supports Church communication projects around the world.

Your support for the Catholic Communication Campaign allows our diocesan Communications Office to work with various departments, parishes, schools and organizations to promote their ministries. You have a direct hand in our efforts to spread the word about vocations, respect life, Catholic schools, youth ministry, special liturgies, and more. With your help we are able to inform and inspire, educate and evangelize.

We encourage you to visit www.rcda.org/media and www.evangelist.org to learn more about what we're doing to share the Good News in the Diocese of Albany. You can keep up with national and worldwide Church news by following www.usccb.org and www.vaticannews.va/en.html.

Please prayerfully consider supporting the collection this year. It is only with your help that we can effectively proclaim the Good News across the Diocese and around the world each and every day.

Thank you for your generous support.

Your servant in Christ,

+Edward B. Schaeferberger

Dear Parishioners;

I must announce that our Faith Formation Coordinator, Maureen Davidson, will be stepping down effective July 31, 2020 in order pursue, in her own words:

"...due to my Fall and Spring college schedule I have to leave the program as Faith Formation coordinator. I am pursuing a longtime dream of becoming an occupational therapist, and, while I was able to take evening courses over the past year; however, beginning in August, my courses will be taught full-time, every other weekend, which precludes me from managing the Faith Formation program on Sundays. Also, it is a very intense program and I will be using every spare minute to complete assignments, study, and participate in clinicals, on top of working my day job."

We are so blessed to have Maureen able to step in to both teach and coordinate this very important program in our parish. She is not leaving the parish but with her work load she may not be as visible. We wish her well and hope to see her as often as possible. If you'd like to contact Maureen her email is Cooperstowncatholic@gmail.com. I'm sure she would appreciate hearing from you.

This means we must now be looking for someone to head our Faith Formation Program. If you are interested or know someone, please contact Karen Walker at 315 269-8434 or at pastor@stmaryscoop.org for details. We may need more than one person to fill this paid position so please don't be shy in getting more details.

Since we are all getting used to this digital technology and way of learning, we may be able to provide some on-line or zoom classes so that in the future the weather or illness may not keep us apart. It's a new frontier!

Peace,
Karen Walker

BISHOP SCHARFENBERGER PENS COLUMN ABOUT GEORGE FLOYD AND AMERICA'S "ORIGINAL SIN" OF RACISM

Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger has written a column addressing the killing of George Floyd, the subsequent violence in our country, and America's "original sin" of racism. The column is posted in its entirety on the website of The Evangelist and will be in print on Thursday as well.

Here are excerpts from the Bishop's column:

"Scratch the surface and we see that racism and its vestiges persist. America's "original sin," as it has been called, must be not only acknowledged but vigorously resisted and corrected. Yes, the use of excessive force by some police is intolerable and must be addressed, especially as, racially and ethnically, it is systemically applied differently....

"...In the current crisis, however, the manner of response of public officials cannot be dismissed as an insignificant factor. Was there ever any doubt about what we all saw in that viral video? Then why did it take so long to remove the offending officers and finally place one under arrest? Recall that, before the violence escalated, protestors were simply demanding justice, for the most part, peacefully. Why did it take five days to respond? Why this and similar delays in other cases with apprehension of law officials acting violently against someone offering no resistance?

"...Justice delayed is justice denied. In this, everyone must play a part. If history teaches us anything, it is that the man with his head held to the ground could have been you or your brother. Where the police power of the State is not subject to restraint and the rule of equal treatment under the law, that man, black or white, could be you or me, Christian, Muslim or Jew. In pursuit of justice, all must ante up."

Read the full column here: <https://www.evangelist.org/Content/Default/Homepage-Rotator/Article/DEMAND-JUSTICE/-3/141/28361>

Thank you for your generous support

May 24 Mailed Donations \$ 650.00 / E-giving \$ 582.44
May 31 Mailed Donations \$ 1,255.00/ E-giving \$ 1,148.31

Thank you for using the Food Pantry Offering box located under the painting of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in church. You have donated \$911.23 to the Cooperstown Food Pantry!

CATHOLIC IQ

- 1) What occupation did Paul use to make a living?
 - a) black-smith,
 - b) made tents,
 - c) fisherman,
 - d) taught philosophy
- 2) In what city did Demetrius start a riot shouting "Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!"
 - a) Athens,
 - b) Ephesus,
 - c) Iconium,
 - d) Orlando
- 3) Finish this verse: "It is more blessed to give than to ..." (Acts 20:35)
 - a) steal,
 - b) receive,
 - c) preach,
 - d) pray

Answers from last week's questions

- 1) What did Jesus offer to the Samaritan woman at the well?
b) living water
- 2) Jesus said the Father would send someone else in his name after he was gone. Who?
c) the Counselor or Comforter- the Holy Spirit
- 3) If Jesus is the vine, his disciple are what?
b) the branches

Pray for the sick and homebound of our parish:
Fr. Peter Pagonis ~ Ivy Bischof ~
Maureen Brennan ~ David Butler ~ Vin Cronin ~
Mary Devenpeck ~ Robert Davenport ~
Richie Davy ~ Stephen Markuson ~ Senator Jim
Seward ~ Bradley Smith ~ Sarah Tarr

Pray for members of the military
from our families
Liam Dolan-USMC ~ Ryan Barrow

Please call the Parish Office to add any names.



SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

Thus the LORD passed before him and cried out: "The LORD, the LORD, a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity." (Ex 34:6)

PSALM:

Glory and praise for ever! (Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 (52b))

SECOND READING:

Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you. (2 Cor 13:11b)

GOSPEL:

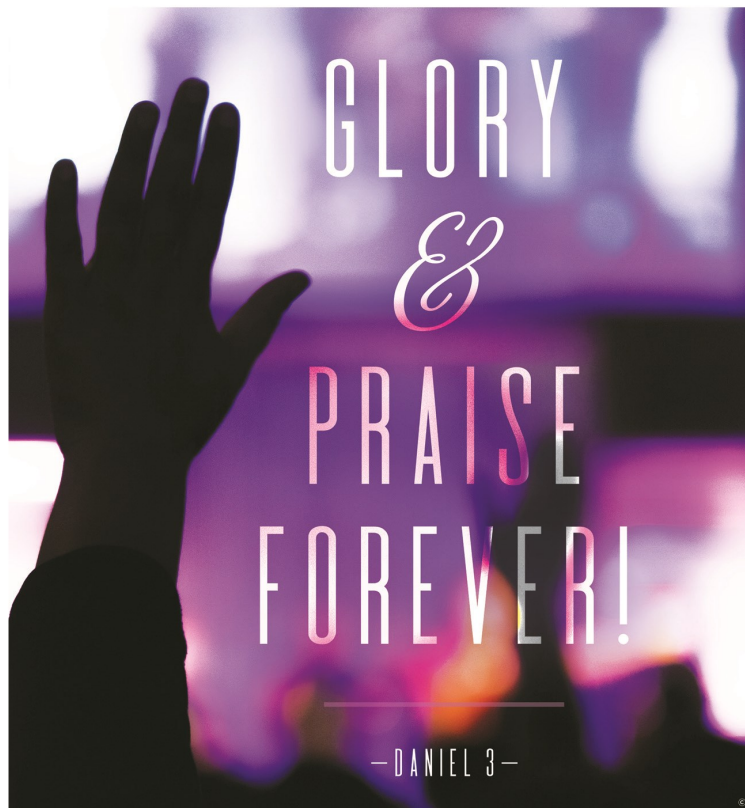
God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. (Jn 3:16)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 7, 2020

Sunday: The Most Holy Trinity
Tuesday: St. Ephrem, Deacon and Doctor of the Church
Thursday: St. Barnabas, Apostle
Saturday: St. Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ; Flag Day



**WE RECEIVE
THE SPIRIT OF
TRUTH SO THAT
WE CAN KNOW
THE THINGS
OF GOD.**

—ST. HILARY OF POITIERS

REFLECT

FIRST READING

In Moses' appeal to the Lord to remain with the Israelites despite their sinfulness, God reveals his fidelity and mercy. Where do you see these aspects of God in your life journey?

SECOND READING

We hear today one of the earliest New Testament references to the Holy Trinity in Paul's closing remarks to the Christians in Corinth. For Paul, the Trinity embodies grace, love, and fellowship. What insight does this offer us about our Triune God?

GOSPEL READING

This well-known text from the Gospel of John reveals to us God's self-sacrifice for our salvation. Why do you think so many people reject or simply ignore this offer of eternal life from God?

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Where is that guy with the rainbow wig holding a “John 3:16” sign in the end zone at NFL football games? Younger readers may not have any idea what I am talking about! You used to see this guy on TV all the time wearing “Jesus Saves” shirts and holding his sign. Most thought he was a harmless guy, but now he is serving multiple life sentences for taking hostages at a hotel near LAX in 1992. His name is Rollen Stewart and he believed — and continues to believe while in prison — that Jesus’ second coming is imminent. His extreme actions were meant to make people take notice and listen to him. Now he sits behind bars, and most in the world see his

name as nothing more than an answer to a trivia question.

It is a sad story when people hurt others or use extreme methods in the name of God. Mr. Stewart’s belief that simply getting people to listen to his message is the most important step in their salvation is misguided. His poor stewardship should stand in stark contrast to our good stewardship. Our actions, seasoned at times with our words, should be the evidence people need to see the transformative power of Jesus Christ. We do believe that he is indeed coming again. But once you have committed yourself to him and live in his life on earth, when he returns is not our main concern. We are ready whenever that time comes, and hopefully, we can help others be ready as well by our example.

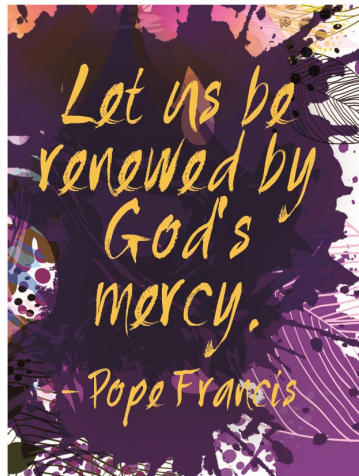
—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

WHY DO CATHOLICS HAVE A POPE?

To answer the question of why Catholics have a pope, we have to pull the lens back and think about the very nature of the Church herself. According to the Nicene Creed (which is the statement of beliefs that we recite each Sunday at Mass), we profess that the Church is “one, holy, catholic, and apostolic.” These adjectives are called the marks of the Church, and they help us see that the Church is bigger than just our individual parish communities or even the Christians living in a particular region or country.

To help ensure that the community of disciples would remain united in a communion of love, Jesus entrusted the Apostles with special authority to teach, heal, and forgive sins in his name. And from among this group, Jesus chose Simon Peter to play a special role, designating him as the “rock” on which the Church was to be built (see Matthew 16:18-19; John 21:15-17). Peter “the Rock” became the visible sign of union within and among the Apostles. In time, as Peter

and the other Apostles passed away, other men were chosen to take their place. The successors of St. Peter — who we honor as the first Bishop of Rome — and the successors of the other Apostles (the bishops) continued the work entrusted by Jesus to that first generation of Church leaders.



According to long-standing tradition, the successor of Peter was Linus, who was followed by Cletus, who was followed by Clement I, etc. This line of succession continues to Pope Francis in our own time.

Over the centuries, these Bishops of Rome — who came to be known as the “pope” (from papa, which means “father” in Latin) — still continue to act as the “rock” of the Church and as the visible sign of unity for all the Catholic Christians. The pope, more than any other bishop, stands as the Church’s primary teacher and as pastor of the Church throughout the world, helping to ensure that the

Church remains what Jesus intended her to be: one, holy, catholic, and apostolic.

To learn more, see the “Catechism of the Catholic Church” (no. 857-862 and 880-882).

LIVE THE LITURGY

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Today we celebrate the Divine dance, a perfectly choreographed interplay of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Together they dance and move as one though three unique Persons with distinctive, yet harmonious, patterns and steps. They provide a mirror into our soul. Within each one of us, the Divine dance continues, and the music of God's love continues to inspire, sustain, and recreate us with every step and melody. Can you hear the music that the Triune God is playing? Where is the dance leading you? Our minds can never truly understand or know God. But our hearts can seek and find Him. From beginning to end, God is one and, at the same time, Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier. God's holy Trinitarian dance is calling you to holiness. Join in and dance!

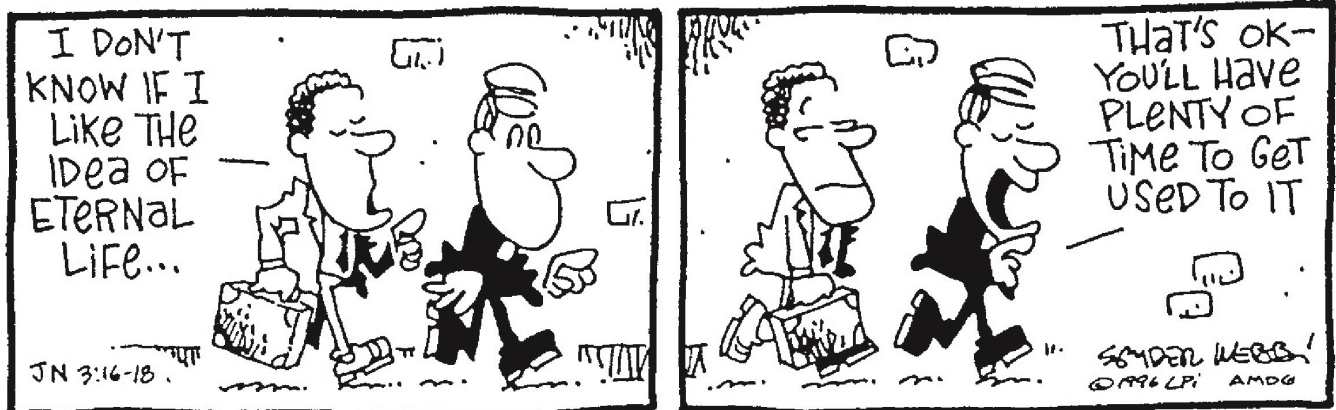


PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

Our parish is grateful for your continued support at this time. Thank you!



TRINITY SUNDAY



THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

A well-choreographed dance can be truly inspirational. Each movement and step are interconnected, each contributing a piece of the unfolding artistic story. The beholder is caught up in the rhythms, music, and gestures, realizing that none are dispensable and all are necessary. The same is true of the Divine Dance of the Trinity. Each Person plays a part, using unique gestures and movements that are connected to the other Divine Partners. They tell a story of love. Every movement and step is born of love and flows on into eternity. The Divine Dance never ends.

God the Creator powerfully, yet with gentle love, leads. Creating and recreating, birthing and sustaining, He dances with the compassionate incarnate Son, guided by the breath of the Holy Spirit. They are three distinct Persons but move as One. On one hand, the cascading flow of their Presence appears motionless, yet on the other, flows and moves with effortless attention. They share one heart, one goal, and one purpose and invite all of creation to join in their dance, their joy.



The energy of the Trinity flows through all created things. It is a dance of the heart, not of the mind. It has to be experienced, not dissected, and contemplated, not understood. We stand in awe of the Divine Dance and find ourselves watching in amazement all that God creates and sustains. The dance continues in the majesty of a mountain, the power and wonder of an ocean, and the vastness of the universe. It moves in the cry of a newborn infant and in the soul of one who has been forgiven. It flows in the cry for

justice and in the wounds of the oppressed. It circles through the changing of seasons, the cycles of birth and death, and the wisdom that one acquires when they love God.

The Dance never ends. Its movements and rhythms go on forever. The Trinitarian Dance sustains all things, endures all things, and brings hope. You are invited to dance. Don't just watch as if you were simply a spectator. Join in the dance and move as they move.

*"Without love, deeds,
even the most brilliant,
count as nothing."*

-St. Therese of Lisieux

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Local businesses and sponsors that advertise on bulletins need you now more than ever before. Please encourage and remind others to show their support during this time.

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3 EASY STEPS

TO KEEPING YOURSELF & OTHERS HEALTHY!

We are cautioned to be especially careful during the Coronavirus outbreak. Here are some simple ways to keep sickness away.



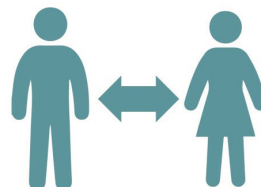
WASH YOUR HANDS

Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds using soap and water. If you can't wash your hands, use hand sanitizer frequently.



DON'T TOUCH YOUR FACE

Especially around the eyes, nose and mouth. If you must sneeze, use a tissue or your arm.



KEEP YOUR DISTANCE

Practice social distancing during this epidemic and stay away from large groups. Instead, call, email or check up on family and friends using social media.

T R U S T

P E R S E V E R A N C E

G L O R Y

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Remember in Your Prayers

**ALL THOSE AFFECTED BY THE CORONAVIRUS
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD**



*Compassionate and Loving Father,
In the face of confusion and concern
impart to us the calm of Your presence.
In You allow us to find hope and healing.
Be with those who serve the sick and
give them Your caring hands.
Be with those who lead and give them
Your spirit of wisdom.
Be with those who have fallen ill and
give them Your comforting heart.
Wrap Your arms around our world
and hold us in Your love.
Allow us at this time of trial to then
serve as instruments of that love
to all we meet.
We ask this in Your Name.
Amen*

*God so loved the world
that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who
believes in him might not
perish but might have
eternal life. For God did
not send his Son into the
world to condemn the
world, but that the world
might be saved through
him. - Jn 3:16-17*

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