

The Holy Name Society will be holding a Chicken BBQ Sunday June 12<sup>th</sup> \$13.00. Noon to sold out

**Save the Date:** Sr. Lisa is retiring from the Parish. There will be a reception for her on Saturday June 25<sup>th</sup> - 5-7pm. Best wishes on her retirement

This Sunday we celebrate Trinity Sunday



As always, I like to share the deep traditions and meaning of our Church. This Sunday is Holy Trinity Sunday and with that I will share what this Sunday means to us as Catholics.

Trinity Sunday is the first Sunday after Pentecost to honor the Holy Trinity – the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. While the word “trinity” does not appear in Scripture, it is taught in Matthew 28:18-20 and 2 Corinthians 13:14 along with many other Bible passages. The Bible tells us, “And Jesus came and said to them, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit’” (Matthew 28:18-20). The concept of the Holy Trinity can never be completely understood. That is the mystery. But it is clearly taught in Scripture. Understanding this comes through the work of the Holy Spirit; therefore, it is appropriate that this mystery is celebrated the first Sunday after Pentecost, when the outpouring of the Holy

Spirit first occurred. In order to better understand Trinity Sunday, you must first know Pentecost Sunday and why it is celebrated.

The English word “Pentecost” is translated from the Greek work pentekostos which means “fifty”. This comes from the ancient Christian expression “pentekoste hemera” which means “fiftieth day”. In fact, Christians borrowed the phrase from Greek-speaking Jews who used the phrase to refer to a Jewish Holiday known as the Festival of the Weeks. Leviticus 23:16 instructs people to count seven weeks (50 days) from the end of Passover to the beginning of the next holiday. Jews celebrate Pentecost 50 days after the end of Passover. Christians observe the day 50 days after Easter.

Pentecost is recorded in the New Testament in the Book of Acts. The account begins with the Holy Spirit descending on a group of followers who, upon receiving it, begin to speak in tongues. The Bible tells us “And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the houses where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, and the spirit gave them utterance” (Acts 2:1-4).

Before Jesus was crucified, He told the disciples that the Holy Spirit would come after Him. Jesus said: “And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever – the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you” (John 14:16-18). Just as Jesus said, 40 days after the resurrection (10 days after He ascended into heaven), the promise was fulfilled when Peter and the early Church were in Jerusalem for Pentecost.

Many Christians recognize Pentecost as the birth, or the birthday of the church as it commemorates the establishment of the church as a result of the Apostles’ teachings on the gospel and the baptism of thousands of followers. Pentecost is when the Apostles went out among the people and began spreading Jesus’ message, thus establishing the beginning of the church. With the descent of the Holy Spirit, a New Covenant is inaugurated. It is one of the most ancient feasts in the Church, mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles (20:16) and Paul’s First Letter to the Corinthians.

The languages spoken by the early Christians were heard by thousands of Jewish pilgrims who were in Jerusalem to celebrate Shavuot, and those languages were intelligible. Those who were there spoke of the miraculous messages connected with God’s mighty works. While those who heard the messages in their own languages were amazed, others thought the Christians were just drunk, particularly because it was a feast day for the Jews. But they were not drunk. They were filled with the Holy Spirit. Pentecost was not just an event that happened many years ago. Pentecost is now.

On Trinity Sunday, the Christian Church ponders with joy and thanksgiving what the Father, Son and Holy Spirit have done to accomplish the salvation of sinful humanity. It is brought to remembrance how Christians should respond to the love God has shown for us, praising Him and giving Him glory. We remember the Father as our Creator, the Son as our Savior and the Holy Spirit as our Comforter. Scripture that is read at Pentecost often includes Psalm 8 which says, “O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory

above the heavens. Out of the mouths of babies and infants, you have established strength.” 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 appeals to believers to aim for perfection and live in peace, ending with the prayer that the grace of Christ Jesus, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all, including again the commission Jesus left for believers in Mathew 28:16-20.

Trinity Sunday is to explain, to the best of our ability, the clues written in Scripture to guide us to a fuller understanding of our triune God. The Father is God from the beginning (John 1:1). Jesus revealed Himself as equal to the Father in John 10:30, “I and the Father are one.” Together, they sent the Holy Spirit. The Bible tells us, “For there are three that bear record in Heaven, the Father, the Word and the Holy Spirit, and these three are one” (1 John 5:7-11). To understand the Trinity is to understand God more fully.



**Save the Date:** Annual Church Festival with Flea Market is scheduled for Saturday August 13<sup>th</sup> 1 day only.

### **Pierogi Making**

We are accepting donations for supplies. In need of russet potatoes regular, regular cream cheese, large eggs, all purpose flour & regular sour cream. Donations can be brought to the Parish Office Monday-Thursday 9AM-3PM. Monetary donations are accepted. Please place in envelope marked Pierogi supplies

Tuesday June 14 & 21 @ 8am for peel of potatoes and making of potato ball s

Wednesday June 15 & 22 @ 8am making of potato pierogi

June 28 making of cabbage pierogi

\*\*Students in Grade 7-10, this is great way to complete some of the required service hours with assisting at the Church Festival\*\*

The St. Pio Prayer Group Meeting are on the first Friday of each month. All are welcome Call Gazak 315 507 2735 for question



Eucharist Devotion: An hour of Eucharist Devotion every Thursday after 12:10am. Prayers, Litany, Chaplet of Divine Mercy and time for private prayer

**As a reminder, please TURN OFF all cell phones while attending Mass or leave in your vehicles.**

### **Other events in the Utica Area**

St Anthony Festival this year will be held on Saturday June 11 from 5pm-9pm and June 12 from 8am-12pm. There will be sandwiches, water and soda. Pizza Fritta only on Sunday



**Registration 2022-2023.** It is important to remember that the Sacrament of First Communion and Confirmation is a 2-year required program. Those making First Communion are to attend 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and Confirmation is 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> grade. If anyone has any questions, please reach out to me directly.

The Faith Formation Program is in need of a Catechist for Kindergarten. If you would be interested in teaching this class, please message me directly. Virtus training is required.

If any family wishes to be removed from the weekly mailing, please email me directly.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday @ 3:15 pm prior to Mass and the 1<sup>st</sup>  
Thursday of the month after the 12:10 Mass**

**Mass Schedule**

**Saturday 4pm**

**Sunday 7:30 AM, 8:30AM, 10AM Polish Mass and 11am**



Let's remember that as Catholics, it is important to attend Sunday Mass. At Mass we are able to stand mystically at the foot of the cross and witness for ourselves the same self-sacrifice of Jesus, in an unbloody manner. Mass is a celebration of this sacrifice. It is the active participation of all that come together in the place of worship.

**June 11<sup>th</sup> The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity**

**Sunday Readings**

**First Reading: Prv: 8:22-31**

**Responsorial Psalm: PS 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9**

**Second Reading: Rom: 5:1-5**

**Gospel: Jn 16:12-15**



## The Gospel of Gospel of John 16:12-15

Jesus said to the disciples, “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason, I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

### **Collect for Trinity Sunday:**

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Let us pray** God in three persons, blessed Trinity, we pray for peace in the world, in our communities and our families: create in us a love for peace, not peace that is absent from struggle, nor peace that is blind to injustice but the peace that makes whole what now is broken. This we pray in the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Ame

God is about life with love, a union of the three persons of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. A manifestation of the love God has for His children. He has made us His children by the gift of the Holy Spirit. As God’s children, what is our task in this time and place? At this moment in our history, we are still in a time of deep wounds. So, what is our task? Our task is to become

healers, help to heal the deep wounds, deep suspicions, anger, and confusion. Sometimes we might wish we could live in an age of peace and a time without conflict, but remember, God has placed us here in this time and this place for a purpose. We need to be those healers who can help pull people back, to help restore civility and reason in a period of time when we have been challenged. We can do it. WE CAN DO IT WITH GOD'S HELP! We need to trust in our faith and let our faith override our fear. The Trinity offers us a model of sharing, belonging and community. It also challenges our individualism and our demand that our rights be met all the time. The Trinity asks us to be mindful of our responsibilities to those around us in our families, our neighborhood, and our church community. The Trinity also shows a loving God that is willing to become as we are so that we may become like Him, like Him as in His son Jesus. Consider, The doctrine of the Trinity as a gracious gift of God. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, though they have existed for eternity in perfect communion and fellowship with one another. Jesus is spiritually unified with his father. They are distinct persons but one God. His Father lives in him and he lives in his Father. Now He is praying for a similar unity for us. "Father, may they be one as we are one? Would you live in them and do your work through them?" It's as we are with our heavenly Father in relationship with him that we become unified with believers who are also with him. The key word is "with." That's what Christianity is, going through life day by day WITH Jesus and the Father. As God, He saw fit to extend the divine fellowship to creation. God has graciously revealed himself to us as he truly is – the blessed Trinity. So today as we celebrate Trinity Sunday, even though we have been physically apart we were always together with God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

As we close, let us pause and reflect on The Trinity as an unifying catalyst. One that will help guide us, one that can bring us together, one that provides us with Hope and gives us the courage to go out into the world as healers. So, it is important to see that there can be wonderful possibilities for the future, optimism about the future – we can see the many unrealized possibilities and hope based on the creativity and inexhaustible wealth of possibilities God offers.

Let us Pray: Dear God, we pray on this Trinity Sunday that the world will see that the Father, Son and Holy Spirit can bring us together as you have brought the Trinity together as one. Unite us as God's children and show us the wonderful possibilities you can give us, we pray this in your name Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.



Parents, the Faith Formation Program is over for 2021-2022, it is important that as parents you continue to foster your children's faith. Each week I will continue to send enriching ways you can share this week's Gospel with the children in a way they can understand.

I also hope to see the smiling faces of the children in Mass.

The Mystery of the Trinity

Theme Trinity Sunday

Object: A mystery novel; a hard-boiled egg.

Scripture

But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. 15 All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you." John 16:13-15

Do you like mystery stories? When I was young, I loved to read mystery books. My favorites were the Hardy Boys and Nancy Drew. Recently, I saw a good mystery book, "What Really Happened to Humpty?: From the Files of a Hard-Boiled Detective." We all know that Humpty Dumpty had a great fall, but in this book Humpty's brother Joe Dumpty, who is a detective, investigates to try to find out what really happened. Did Humpty fall, or was he pushed off that wall? If he was pushed, who did it? Was it Little Miss Muffet, Goldilocks, Old Mother Hubbard, or the evil Big Bad Wolf? I won't spoil the mystery by telling you the ending. You will just have to read it for yourself.

Today we are going to learn about a different kind of mystery. Today is a special day in the church called Trinity Sunday. Do you know what Trinity means? The first thing I want to ask you is, how many Gods are there? Right, there is only one God. The Bible says there is "One God and Father of all," but God is made up of three persons – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. That is what we call the Trinity. Perhaps you have noticed that when someone is

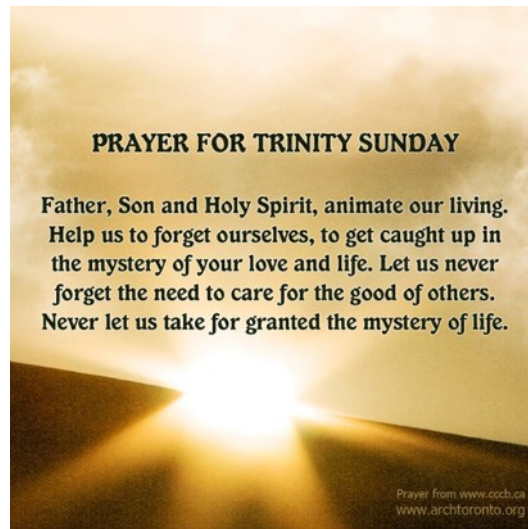
baptized the pastor says, "I baptize you in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit." Have you ever heard this before? Good! Now you will know when you hear those words – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – we are talking about the Trinity – one God in three persons.

As simple as that sounds, the Trinity is hard to understand. It is a mystery to us - something we can think about and wonder about. People have used many, many different things to try and help explain what the trinity is. Since we started out today talking about Humpty Dumpty, I think I'll use an egg! (Hold up a hard-boiled egg.) How many eggs do you see? That's right! I have one egg. As you probably know, the egg is made up of three parts. The first part is the shell. (Crack the egg and peel the shell.) The next part you see is the egg white. Next, I am going to cut the egg in half. Now what do you see? Right! You see the yellow yolk. The egg has three parts – the shell, the white, and the yolk – but only ONE egg. In the same way, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are three persons but only ONE God! Mystery solved!

Let's pray, God, we thank you for being all-powerful and all-knowing and for loving us. We thank you for the things in life that we don't completely understand and for giving us the faith to believe them anyway. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, Amen.

## **Weekly Prayer**

As we reflect on Trinity let us all prayer to the Holy Trinity that they may help us understand their love for us and others





## **Diocese of Syracuse News**

From Bishop Lucia:

On June 18, the Diocese of Syracuse will join with other Dioceses in the United States to open a 3 year process of Eucharistic Revival and Renewal in the Catholic Church in the United States. The goal of the revival is to deepen faith and understanding in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, and to inspire a return to the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist. The Opening Liturgy of the Eucharistic Revival will be Saturday, June 18 at the 5:10 Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception – the vigil of the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. Following the Opening Liturgy, there will be a Eucharistic Procession from the Cathedral through the streets of downtown. Look for more details to come!

### **First Saturday Devotions:**

Bishop Lucia will be celebrating First Saturday devotions beginning this Saturday. He will be in the Utica Area on Saturday September 3rd at 8:00 am - Holy Trinity Church, Utica

3) From the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry: 3 items

### **Middle School Summer Pilgrimage**

**August 13, 2022 - Niagara Falls, New York**

### **SAVE THE DATE**

Come join the Diocese of Syracuse Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry on a special summer pilgrimage for middle school students! They will visit Niagara Falls, ride the Maid of the Mist, visit a Marian Shrine for Mass, and finish off the day with Laser tag and dinner at LAZERTRON!

This event is open to boys and girls entering grades 6th through 8th.

The cost of the trip will include all activities, a t-shirt, and dinner.  
Registration will open shortly.

Contact Kateri Lickona at 315-470-1475 or [klickona@syrdio.org](mailto:klickona@syrdio.org) for more information.

## **Steubenville Youth Conference**

**July 15th - 17th, 2022 - Franciscan University, Steubenville OH**

### **LIMITED SPACE REMAINING**

There is a limited amount of space remaining to bring a youth group to the Steubenville Summer Youth Conference (*Fearless!*) with the Diocese of Syracuse Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry. Come join us for a life-changing weekend with other young people from across the country who are seeking to draw closer to Christ and renew their faith. The weekend is packed with engaging sessions, concerts, prayer, and other opportunities!

This event is open to youth entering 9th grade and graduating 12th grade.

Contact Kateri Lickona at 315-470-1475 or [klickona@syrdio.org](mailto:klickona@syrdio.org) for more information and to register.

## **Young Adult Hike with Bishop Lucia (I would love to see young adults from our Parish Go)-See attached flier**

**Date: June 25, 2022 ~ 2 pm**

**Location: Labrador Hollows, Tully & Christ the King Retreat House, Syracuse**

Young adults (ages 18-39) from across the Diocese of Syracuse are invited to join Bishop Lucia on the second annual summer hike! The hike will take place at Labrador Hollows Unique Area in Tully, New York, beginning at 2 pm. Following the hike, young adults are invited to Christ the King Retreat House where the Bishop will celebrate Mass. The evening will conclude with dinner and drinks, catered by Limp Lizard BBQ, and the opportunity to socialize.

(The cost of the event covers dinner, beverages, and dessert at the Retreat House)

**Register:** <https://yahike22.eventbrite.com>

General Itinerary:

2:00 pm - Check-in at Labrador Hollows main parking lot

2:15 pm - Hike begins

5:00 pm - Vigil Mass at Christ the King Retreat House (500 Brookford Road, Syracuse NY)

6 - 9 pm - Dinner and social time

Have a Blessed and Safe Week.

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