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*Jesus said to them,
“All power 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 28:18-19

Come and pray with us!

The Most Holy Trinity - May 30, 2021

We celebrate Eucharist

Monday-Thursday 9:00 AM; Saturday 5:00 PM; Sunday 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM
(The 9:00 Weekday Mass & Sunday 11:30 Mass are live streamed on Facebook.)

We celebrate Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30 PM - 4:15 PM; Wednesday after 9:00 AM Mass

WE ARE HERE FOR YOU!

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Remembering Our Sick

Please pray for those in our parish who are sick,
their families and caregivers:

Kathy Barry	Patricia Becker
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Judy Viskupic	Peter Warns
Elaine Wilkinson	

If you would like to have the name of your loved
one listed in our prayers for the sick, please
contact the Parish Office at 631-265-2200 x122.

Mass Intentions Schedule

Week of May 30th, 9AM Mass

Mon. Vince Mazurek (living)
Tue. Lamarque family (living)
Wed. Maureen O'Malley (living)
Thu. Mary & Michael Dillon

Saturday, June 5th, 5PM Mass

John Mattera, James A. Perry Jr., Josephine & Basil
Grieco, Michael Farco, Eileen Daley, Vincenzo
Baratta

Sunday, June 6th, Corpus Christi Sunday

8:00 AM People of the Parish
9:30 AM Robert Harrigan
11:30 AM Daniel Walker, Alfonso Mastrantoni,
Suelynn Setzer, James Tracey, Sonny Confusione,
Angelo LaSala, Enrico Frantellizzi



Scripture Readings for June 6, 2021



+ *Exodus 24:3-8*
+ *Hebrews 9:11-15*
+ *Mark 14:12-16, 22-26*

TRINITY SUNDAY

by Father Michael

You may have noticed a new piece of artwork has been added to our Worship Area. It is a tapestry depicting the baptism of the Lord by John the Baptist. Appropriately, this piece is hanging over our baptismal font. This tapestry was created by the American artist, John Nava. His most famous work is a striking series of tapestries that line the walls of Our Lady of Angels Cathedral in Los Angeles. The original (much larger) version of our tapestry was created for the baptistry in the Cathedral. I feel the style of this artwork complements the style and architecture of our Worship Area. We thought Trinity Sunday was an appropriate occasion to introduce this piece: "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." The cost of the tapestry was underwritten by a generous parishioner. Many thanks.

I am happy once again to be scheduling training for new Altar Servers. Children in fourth grade or above are invited to share in this ministry. Training sessions will take place on Tuesday afternoons beginning in June. It is another piece of "normal life" returning to the parish.

I need to finalize the rooming list for those going on the Travel Club's trip to New Hampshire in July. So far we have 34 happy travelers. This is the last chance to sign up. Please call me this week if you may be interested.

Keep our Confirmation candidates in your prayers this week. Part of their preparation for the sacrament is to have a "conversation" about their faith formation leading them to this important day in their lives. We asked some of our holy and kindly parishioners to meet and conduct these meetings with our young people. It is not an oral exam. It is meant to be a conversation about what they learned about their faith in preparation for the sacrament. They may be asked questions about a memorable scripture reading or a saint they studied in their classes. Most of the kids walk in as nervous wrecks, but they emerge saying it was a positive experience for them.

This is a holiday weekend. While everyone enjoys a day off, we cannot overlook the reason for the holiday. We are mindful of all those who heroically gave their lives in service to our nation. We thank all those who currently serve or who have served in our military. These days when peace around the world is so fragile, we cannot take for granted the efforts and sacrifices that are made to secure our freedom and safety. May God bless our Nation. And may God's promise of peace come to life in all corners of our world.

Come join us next weekend at the 11:30 Mass when Fr. Jim McNamara will be here at Holy Cross to celebrate Mass with us!

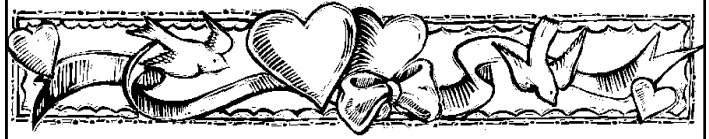
PARISH NEWS

Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses

June 5th/6th



5:00 PM Fr. Michael
8:00 AM Fr. Michael
9:30 AM Fr. Michael
11:30 AM Fr. Jim McNamara



Banns of Marriage - Second Time

Nicole Martins & Andre Costa



The Bread and Wine for the week May 30th - June 5th have been donated in loving memory of Anne Mattera by the Emerson family.

The Parish Office is closed on Monday, May 31st, for Memorial Day. There is a 9:00 Mass Monday morning.

Parish Outreach

Thank you for your generous support of our Outreach Pantry. Currently, we are not in need of anything to fill our pantry shelves. Your continuous generosity is greatly appreciated!

Youth Ministry

Our Youth Ministry year is winding down. We will have a Youth Night on Sunday, June 6th, 6-8 PM, and our last meeting for this year will be 6-8 PM on Sunday, June 13th. If you would like to attend or have any questions, please feel free to contact Allie Roecklein, Coordinator of Youth Ministries, at youthgroup@holycrossrc.org or call the parish office.

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED!

Are you in fourth grade (or above) and interested in becoming an Altar Server?

Girls and boys interested in serving are invited to come to trainings and find out all that is involved in being an Altar Server. At the end of the three training sessions, you will be able to assist at Mass as an Altar Server. Training will be held from 4:30 to 5:30PM on three consecutive Tuesday afternoons on the following dates: June 1st, 8th and 15th.



YOU ARE INVITED!

Come join us
and follow the

ROADMAP TO



Please RSVP by

Wednesday, June 16th.

*Return the tear-off below
to the office or place in
one of the baskets, and
you'll be on your way!*

Fr. Michael Turns 60

Have a bite and some laughs as
Fr. Michael celebrates his
60th birthday

Sunday, June 27th,

3 to 6 PM

on the lawn at the parish house,
weather permitting, (in the atrium if
it's raining). Park in the parish
parking lot, walk the path over to
the house. Follow the signs and
you'll be there in a jiff! (Shuttles will

be available
for those
unable to
walk the
path.)



Name/Family Name:

Number of people attending:

Phone # : _____

Appetizers

Beverages

Dessert

NO PRESENTS PLEASE! YOUR PRESENCE IS THE PRESENT.

LITURGY BYTES

Corpus Christi



Next weekend's feast reminds us of the importance of the Real Presence of Our Lord in the Eucharist. Corpus Christi is Latin for the "Body of Christ." In recent years, this feast is celebrated as a solemnity on the Sunday following Trinity Sunday as per the liturgical reforms of the second Vatican Council. At its core, the solemnity is a celebration of the tradition and belief in the Eucharist as the Real Presence of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. Important for us to keep in mind is that every Sunday is a feast of the Eucharist, because by participating in the Mass, and in receiving communion, we are honoring and celebrating the Eucharist. Still, this feast has its own history.

Through the efforts of St. Juliana, her devotion sparked celebrating this feast in a joyful manner. It was because of her great veneration for the Eucharist at an early age and her visions that occurred for over 20 years before she told anyone about them. It was recorded that she shared her visions only with some of the Sisters from her religious community. Years later, she finally revealed the vision to her confessor, who brought it to the local bishop. This priest was instrumental in having Corpus Christi become an annual celebration in their diocese. Eventually, an archdeacon for that diocese of Liege shared her devotion and interest, and this man later became Pope Urban IV and instituted the Solemnity of Corpus Christi as a feast for the entire Latin Rite. Pope Urban also requested St. Thomas Aquinas to write special prayers and hymns for the feast. Perhaps you might be familiar with these hymns: *Tantum Ergo*, *O Salutaris Hostia* and *Pange Lingua*. The first two are usually part of Benediction, and the last one is used on Holy Thursday in some parishes.

Let us treasure the precious gift of the Eucharist not just once a year but every day of our lives and realize the privilege it is to share in the Eucharist.

Have a blessed, healthy, and safe week! ~~~~*Michele Hahn*

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Last weekend, on the Feast of Pentecost, Anthony Barkman, Casey Swingle, Jessica Vargas and Thomas Vargas celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation. Here are some pictures of the celebration which took place at the 11:30 Mass and some pictures of the festivities that followed!



NEWS FROM PARISH OUTREACH

Please join Outreach for our

Father's Day Drive

Saturday, June 19th, and Sunday, June 20th,

at all the Mases to benefit the men of



We will be collecting the following:

Cologne

Shaving Cream

Razors

Deodorant

Men's Shower Gel

Please drop off all items in the bins (marked Father's Day) located in the Atrium of the Church no later than June 21st. Thank you for your support!

Happy Father's Day!!!

MORE FROM PARISH OUTREACH

Emergency Broadband Benefit, Helping Households Connect During the Pandemic

Help Has Arrived: The Emergency Broadband Fund is now available to help eligible American households connect to broadband; the Emergency Connectivity Fund will soon help schools and libraries.

The Emergency Broadband Benefit is an FCC program to help families and households struggling to afford internet service during the COVID-19 pandemic. This new benefit will connect eligible households to jobs, critical healthcare services, virtual classrooms, and so much more.

About the Emergency Broadband Benefit

The Emergency Broadband Benefit will provide a discount of up to \$50 per month towards broadband service for eligible households and up to \$75 per month for households on qualifying Tribal lands. Eligible households can also receive a one-time discount of up to \$100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet from participating providers if they contribute more than \$10 and less than \$50 toward the purchase price.

The Emergency Broadband Benefit is limited to one monthly service discount and one device discount per household.

Who Is Eligible for the Emergency Broadband Benefit Program?

A household is eligible if a member of the household meets one of the criteria below:

- Has an income that is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines or participates in certain assistance programs, such as SNAP, Medicaid, or Lifeline;
- Approved to receive benefits under the free and reduced-price school lunch program or the school breakfast program, including through the USDA Community Eligibility Provision in the 2019-2020 or 2020-2021 school year;
- Received a Federal Pell Grant during the current award year;
- Experienced a substantial loss of income due to job loss or furlough since February 29, 2020 and the household had a total income in 2020 at or below \$99,000 for single filers and \$198,000 for joint filers; or
- Meets the eligibility criteria for a participating provider's existing low-income or COVID-19 program.

There are three ways for eligible households to apply:

- Contact your preferred participating broadband provider directly to learn about their application process.
- Go to [GetEmergencyBroadband.org](https://www.getemergencybroadband.org) to apply online and to find participating providers near you.
- Call 833-511-0311 for a mail-in application, and return it along with copies of documents showing proof of eligibility to:

**Emergency Broadband Support Center
P.O. Box 7081
London, KY 40742**

After receiving an eligibility determination, households can contact their preferred service provider to select an Emergency Broadband Benefit eligible service plan.

A MESSAGE FROM PARISH OUTREACH

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Coping with COVID



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- Emotional support
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- Managing COVID-related stress
- Identifying and meeting children's needs

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COMMUNITY NEWS

The Sisters of St. Dominic of Amityville *Celebrate Irish Night*

This year marks the 20th Anniversary of our Beauty of the Spirit Luncheon (BOSL). As we have all been living in a time of great uncertainty and stress, we thought it most appropriate to bring you a message of hope and healing.

Our 2021 BOSL virtual event will focus on the mind-body-spirit connection. Sisters, Associates and friends will share inter-active segments on tai chi, artful journaling, and other holistic healings with you.



Please join us virtually on Friday, June 25, 2021, as we gather together, uplift each other and renew ourselves in body, mind and spirit! Please consider supporting our efforts by purchasing one or more of the following:

- An event ticket for \$40, which includes one entry into our door prize raffle.
- Sweepstakes Raffle tickets. Tickets are \$10 each, or 6 for \$50. Extra tickets are available on our website or by contacting the Advancement Office at 631-842-6000 ext. 246

As many Congregations across the country were forced to close their buildings and work to find new ways to worship and conduct their ministries in the face of COVID-19, we know the need to enhance our digital and technological capacities to provide worship and other programs remotely.

Proceeds from the luncheon will assist enhancing internet services, video conferencing subscriptions, as well as investing in desktop and laptop computers, tablets, and smartphones to strengthen the creation and delivery of streaming worship, workshops, and other gatherings. We hope to continue presenting online gatherings or a combination of physical and online opportunities that will strengthen our offerings for years to come.

As always, thank you for your continued support of the Congregation. We hope you will join us on June 25th!



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BACKGROUND SCREENING UPDATE

The Office for the Protection of Children and Young People

The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People (The Charter) promulgated by the Bishops of the United States in 2002 outlines specific practices and guidelines providing standards of safety in parishes and dioceses throughout the United States. As directed in The Charter, the Diocese of Rockville Centre requires all employees, clergy, and volunteers to complete three requirements within thirty days of employment or volunteering:

1. Attend **Protecting God's Children Program (Virtus)**
2. Sign the Codes of Conduct
3. Complete a background screen application. The Diocese requires all those who remain in active ministry be rescreened at 5-year intervals. volunteers/employees.

A Word on Background Screening of Volunteers:

The Office for the Protection of Children and Young People (OFPCYP) has streamlined the volunteer application process enabling volunteers to complete the three safe environment requirements in one step. Individuals wishing to volunteer in a parish or school:

1. Register to attend a Protecting God's Children class and create a Virtus account on the Virtus website: www.Virtus.org
2. Electronically acknowledge the Diocesan Code of Conduct - provided during the Virtus registration process.
3. Follow the instructions to complete the Sterling Volunteers background screening application offered during the Virtus registration process.

Active Volunteers:

If you are active in a parish ministry, have already attended Virtus and have been background screened, you may be at - or beyond - the **5yr. rescreening requirement**. If this is the case, you will receive an email from **Sterling Volunteers** asking you to complete the background screening application on-line. You may access the background screening application by following the prompt in the email or logging into your Virtus account. **Please be aware - this is not a scam nor has your email been hacked.** The OFPCYP has been working with your parish to update the Safe Environment records and noted it is time for you to be rescreened. You may also be prompted to electronically re-sign the Code of Conduct when you log into your Virtus account.

Edit Your Virtus Account:

To access your Virtus account www.Virtus.org you will need your Username and Password. If you need assistance, please contact Virtus: 1-888-847-8870 or helpdesk@virtus.org. Once in your account, review your account information - particularly your email address. If your account requires updating, please hit the TOOLBOX tab at the top of the screen. On the left side of your screen, in the green column, click "Update My Account." You will be able to make the necessary changes. Please remember to hit the SAVE button at the bottom of the screen.

Questions or concerns: mmcmahon@drvc.org; amendoza-cantos@drvc.org; jwinter@drvc.org; pditomasso@drvc.org

Thank you to all who continue to serve in a ministry during these extremely challenging days.

WHAT'S NEW?

Summer Cash Sizzle

For many years the Cash Calendar was a part of the Holy Cross routine. This fundraiser provided some additional financial support to the parish. In addition, many parishioners enjoyed participating in it. Unfortunately, it was one of the many parts of parish life that was lost to Covid. At this time, it is unlikely that we have enough parishioners attending Mass on a weekly basis to support a monthly drawing. And so, we introduce the "Summer Cash Sizzle." This is a similar idea, however it will be offered initially on a quarterly basis.

- \$10 per ticket
- Tickets are available for purchase through June, July and August.
- Drawing will be held August 30.

Because we anticipate smaller participation, there will be a different pay scale:

- * 1 Prize @ \$250
- * 2 Prizes @ \$100
- * 10 Prizes @ \$50
- * 15 Prizes @ \$25



- This formula was based upon selling 250 tickets @ \$10 each. If more than 250 tickets are sold, the number of prizes will be increased. *(In the event the response is strong, we will resume a monthly drawing as soon as possible.)*
- Tickets will not be sold after Mass. Please use the tear-off tickets below. You may return your entries by placing them in an envelope and depositing it in the basket on weekends, or returning them to the Parish Office.

Thank you for your support!

Summer Cash Sizzle

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