

# THE HOLY TRINITY

June 7, 2020

## Father

ONE GOD  
and Father of all,  
who is over all  
and through all  
and in all.  
*Ephesians 4:6*



A few months ago, at the National Organization of Continuing Education of Roman Catholic Clergy Convention in Newark, New Jersey, the keynote address was given by the president and publisher of Paulist Press, Father Mark David Janus, C.S.P. Father Janus shared that he is a native of Rochester, New York, which was the home of Eastman Kodak, famous for imaging in photography—many of us grew up with the phrase “a Kodak moment.” Consider all the advances in technology even in our own lifetime. Father Janus noted that we must never stop adapting. He concluded that life is not so much about “survival of the fittest” but “survival of the adaptable.”

## Son

THE WORD  
became flesh and  
made his dwelling  
among us, and we saw  
his glory, the glory as  
of the Father’s only  
Son, full of grace  
and truth.  
*John 1:14*

Now we find ourselves in an unprecedented time of a pandemic. We have had to make swift modifications in our lives relying greatly upon technology. Livestreaming, social media and email blasts are now the new norm in the wake of restrictions and social distancing.

One key in this regard is collaboration. It is vital that we work with those around us. Another key is delegation. It cannot be business as usual.

## Holy Spirit

THE ADVOCATE,  
the holy Spirit that  
the Father will send  
in my name ~ he will  
teach you everything  
and remind you of all  
that I told you.  
*John 14:26*

The final key amid all this change is prayer. We need to keep praying and cultivating a deep relationship with the Lord Jesus. We reflect upon this relationship especially this weekend as we mark Trinity Sunday and the the relationship they have with each other and the relationship we have with them. God must be our rock and fortress in this time of change.

The Church is permeated with the Holy Spirit. Therefore, change is inevitable. The Spirit transformed fear into faith for those first followers. The same Spirit can and will do wonders for us today and everyday, helping us to change and grow as we face the joys and challenges of our lives in 2020 and beyond.

### *Did you know....*

St. Thomas is still planning on having the annual festival this year on September 18, 19, 20 unless a higher authority says otherwise. Tickets are being printed and vendors have been secured. Pray that all does well.

### Temporary Mass Times

(beginning May 26, 2020)

Tuesday and Friday  
8:30 am in Church

Saturday  
4:30 pm in Church

Sunday  
9:00 am and 11:00 am in Church

Confessions will be heard every Saturday  
at 3:30 pm in Church

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## This & That by Deacon Skip

This past Sunday we observed the feast of Pentecost, one of the major feast days of the Church year. One of the readings from the Vigil Mass comes from the book of Genesis and is a telling of the story of the Tower of Babel.

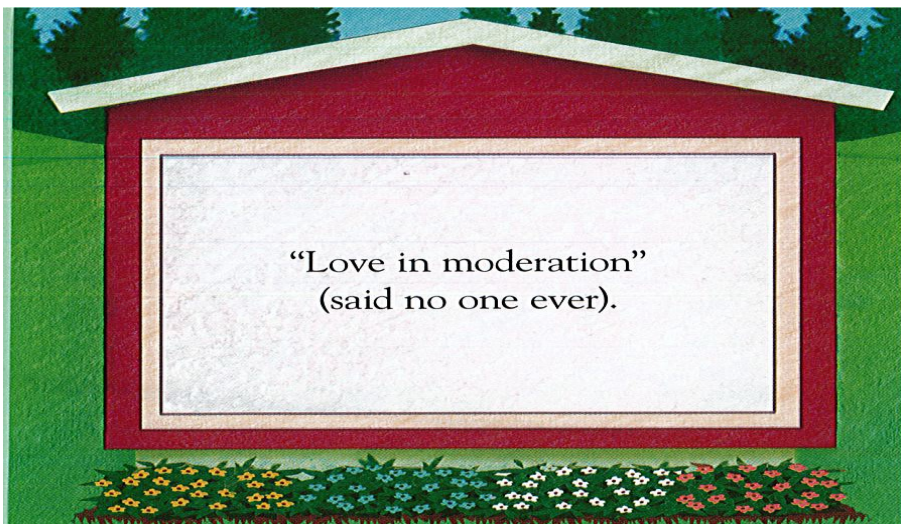
The story is fairly well known. The people decide to build a tower that reaches to the sky. God stops the construction by causing everyone to speak a different language. No one understood one another so construction halted and bit by bit the different speaking peoples wandered off into different directions.

One of the problems with building the tower was that the people had taken great pride in themselves and had forgotten or ignored the presence of God in their lives. The other issue that sort of gets forgotten is that the people were under a directive to fill the earth. They had all congregated in one valley. God's solution was actually quite ingenious. No one understood one another and so they all went their separate ways, and so the earth was filled.

Sometimes I worry that we are victims of our own undoing, of our own Tower of Babel. Like our Biblical ancestors we look to our own achievements and forget and ignore the presence of God in our lives. Not only that, we speak to one another but do not understand one another. It has become as if we each speak a language that only we understand. And have little regard for what someone else says.

It is time to remember the presence of God in our lives. It is time to hear and understand the words of others.

Bear with us as we work out the kinks in social distancing in the church. All of the restrictions and limitations are a result of guidelines established by the Archdiocese and have been put into place to protect us all from further infection. One of the last things we want to do is open the church only to unleash another wave of Covid-19. If anyone has a suggestion, don't hesitate to say so, but be patient. We're working on it.



## Scripture Readings for the Week of June 7, 2020

### Sunday, June 7, 2020

#### Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56;  
2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18

### Monday, June 8, 2020

1 Kgs 17:1-6; Ps 121:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8;  
Mt 5:1-12

### Tuesday, June 9, 2020

#### Saint Ephrem, Deacon and Doctor of the Church

1 Kgs 17:7-16; Ps 4:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8;  
Mt 5:13-16

### Wednesday, June 10, 2020

1 Kgs 18:20-39; Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4,  
5ab and 8, 11; Mt 5:17-19

### Thursday, June 11, 2020

#### Memorial of Saint Barnabas, Apostle

Acts 11:21b-26; Acts 13:1-3;  
Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Mt 5:20-26

### Friday, June 12, 2020

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16; Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc,  
13-14; Mt 5:27-32

### Saturday, June 13, 2020

#### Memorial of Saint Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church

1 Kgs 19:19-21; Ps 16:1b-2a and  
5, 7-8, 9-10; Mt 5:33-37

### Sunday, June 14, 2020

#### Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Corpus Christi

Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15,  
19-20; 1 Cor 10:16-17; Jn 6:51-58



We are in need of a volunteer to set tables for funeral luncheons. If you are interested, please call the parish office at (734) 427-1533. Thank you!



## FOOD PANTRY

The Ministries Building will be open EVERY Thursday from 10am-1pm to drop off donations for the pantry. Cash or check offerings for the pantry should be clearly marked as such. *Offertory envelopes or financial contributions to the parish may be dropped off at that time as well.* Please enter using the side doors facing the parking lot across from the Parish Office Building. We are in great need of items to help the hungry in our community. Ready to eat items like soups and stews and canned vegetables and fruits are great. Pasta and pasta sauces are also easy for people to make quick meals. Mac and Cheese and Peanut Butter and Jelly are always good staples. Paper products are always in demand as well. Many of these items can be purchased at your local Dollar Store. **These times are only for dropping off donations. Anyone wanting to receive items from the pantry needs to call to schedule an appointment at (734) 425-9771.**

**\*\*WE ARE NO LONGER IN NEED OF  
NEWSPAPER COMICS OR EGG  
CARTONS.\*\***

### BOTTLE DRIVE

FUNDRAISING



We are collecting cans and bottles for the pantry. Please put your bottles and cans in the trailer on the north side of the ministry building.

## Women's Bible Study



The Wednesday Night Womens's Bible Study will resume in the Fall. Date to be announced.

Mercy of God I trust in Thee  
These times we live in are  
Now not so free

Mercy of God, we call upon you  
forgive us our sins  
Our hearts renew

Mercy of God through your life  
We are saved because  
You conquered our strife

Mercy of God but we are free  
Your resurrection to life  
Our gift Forever will be

Mercy of God we plead with you  
Stop this coronavirus  
The earth renew

Mercy of God we trust in you  
Given new life in us  
Let your light shine through

Mercy of God fill us with peace  
Peace within and your love  
May in us forever increase.



We pray for our beloved deceased parishioners, family and friends who have passed during the months of March and April:

*"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them."*

Carolyn Cassell  
Rita Chateauvert  
Carmella Chomiuk  
Frank Chrzanowski, Jr.  
Beverly DeLaRosa  
Jane Ingrody

Rose Knapp  
Ronald Robertson  
Joan Rollins  
Leona Satkowiak  
Laurence Williams



Dennis Karczynski  
Grand Knight  
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Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. ... John 14; 1

To all my fellow parishioners, Jesus ask us to trust Him. None of us know why this pandemic has happened. And, quite frankly I feel like I woke up in the Twilight Zone sometimes. I can't believe what has happened. Everything and in every way I knew this world has been shredded apart. But, here is the aha moment or the Epiphany. My ways are not God's ways, and my wisdom is God's folly. As I have grown older I realized my plans are not God's plans. I personally think he has hit the reset button on us. Just like some of us have done to our children or a friend a time or two. This is my opinion only that we have gone too far in the wrong direction. In spite of the sadness created, look at how closely families are being brought together. They are walking together, playing games together, and actually talking to one another. Things I took for granted and miss terribly are going to a restaurant for a meal, be close to others and talking, shopping at a store, going to a movie and even more.... Going to church and receiving communion. I took all these and so many more things for granted. Jesus warns us not become to comfortable in our own little worlds. This situation has brought out the worst and best in people. This is a true struggle of good and evil.

What hurts, is I don't hear God mentioned in the news reports around this, or a national day of prayer or a world day of prayer suggested. I hear all the negativity and blame. I hear all the partisanship, protesting with guns, and accusations. I don't hear, "let's turn to God." Maybe I am missing something and have selective hearing. But, what I do know is Jesus, I trust in You, I believe in You and I love you with all my heart. This too will pass, but will we learn and grow better from it?

Dennis Karczynski  
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Grand Knight

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Please bear with us. The bulletin has temporarily been shortened due to restrictions from our publishing company.
- Confessions will be heard in the Church every Saturday at 3:30 pm in the Church.
- Visit our website at [www.thomastheapostle.org](http://www.thomastheapostle.org) for updates and online masses. Online masses can be viewed by clicking the "online masses" tab at the top of the website.
- For the safety and well-being of our parish community, parish office hours will temporarily be limited. Please call and leave a message if you have any questions. We will return your call.
- Mass will be available to you each day via live-stream and other media channels.
- **ONLINE GIVING now available through our website at [www.thomastheapostle.org](http://www.thomastheapostle.org).**

Bulletin Editor

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Bulletin article deadline is Monday before the issue date by 12:00 p.m. During holidays articles must be submitted two Mondays before issue. All articles and submissions are subject to approval and editing.

Worship Schedule		June 13 & 14, 2020	
MINISTERS	SAT 4:30 PM	SUN 9:00 AM	SUN 11:00 AM
CELEBRANT	FATHER LAWRENCE ZURAWSKI	FATHER LAWRENCE ZURAWSKI	FATHER LAWRENCE ZURAWSKI
ALTAR SERVERS	JERRY KARCSZYNSKI	STEPHANIE GALDES	PHIL BUSTOS
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SACRISTAN	CAROL STEC	ANN MYLES	TEREZE AULA
MASS INTENTIONS	RICHARD HALL +EILEEN JUDGE	STUART BRADLEY +DON BERRY	PARISHIONERS OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

**First Saturday Memorial Association 2020-2021**

The opportunity to renew/join our First Saturday Memorial Association is now through June 28.

The St. Thomas the Apostle First Saturday Memorial Association is a special offering made by the parishioners celebrated on the first Saturday of every month at the 4:30 PM Mass throughout the year.

These intentions will be published weekly in our bulletin. New membership will begin July 2020 and run through June 2021. Cost is \$75.00 for the year.

Please fill out the information below and return it in an envelope with your payment through the collection basket, mail or dropped it off at the Parish Center. Thank you!

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

INTENTION: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please PRINT clearly ONLY ONE LINE PER INTENTION.**

*Weekday Masses*

**June 8-June 12, 2020**

**Tuesday, June 2**

**8:30 am.....CHURCH  
MAGGIE ROSE HILL**

**Friday, June 5**

**8:30 am ..... CHURCH  
LISA HILL**

**ARE YOU REGISTERED AT  
ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE?**

If you have been looking for a new parish we would appreciate you considering St. Thomas the Apostle as your parish.

Stop by the Parish Center and fill out a registration form or download one from our website [www.thomastheapostle.org](http://www.thomastheapostle.org). You can stop by the office, or put it in the collection basket at Mass. Young adults over 18 should be registered on their own registration form.





Missy Taylor  
 Director of Religious Formation & Coordinator of Youth Ministry

**RELIGIOUS FORMATION  
 2020-2021 REGISTRATION**

We will now be accepting registrations for the upcoming Religious Formation year. Forms will be mailed to our existing families who had students enrolled in the program this year. The forms are also available on our website, and in the Gathering Space of the Church. I can always send them by email to those interested as well. Our date to return is Monday, September 28th at 6:00pm. Although we completed the year in a strong online program, we hope to resume our "normal" style of learning. Please remember it is NEVER too late to sign children up for this program. We have catch-up classes for those who have not had previous catechesis. We look at each case on an individual basis. Please call me if you have any questions or concerns.



I am so excited to share with you that we were able to compile enough prayers to create our VIRTUAL LIVING ROSARY. With the help of Father Larry, we were also able to present Mary with a crown of flowers and begin the rosary in church. This moving tribute to our Blessed Mother can be viewed on our website as well as our Facebook pages. I would like to thank everyone who was able to submit a video for this wonderful way to honor Mary! God bless!!



In continuing to practice social distancing with the safety of our parish family in mind, we will not be holding an "in person" Vacation Bible School this year. However, we will be providing an opportunity for a Virtual Vacation Bible School that you can access digitally and enjoy with your children at home. Please let me know if you are interested, and I'll add you that email distribution list so you can be part of this great experience. I will share links the week that our VBS was scheduled to be held (June 22-26), so please notify me of your interest before June 21. Thank you and we look forward to this new way of sharing His message with our young people!!

**ATTENTION ALL GRADUATES!**



If you are graduating in 2020, we would like to celebrate you!! This is for both high school and college graduates. We hope to schedule a Mass later this summer, but would like to recognize you in our bulletin and on our website and Facebook pages. Please send me a photo of you (either a senior photo or one in cap and gown) along with information as to what school you graduated from, any honors you received along the way, and future plans. I will spotlight a new graduate each week in the bulletin and post all graduates to our social media pages as I receive them and leave them up on our pages throughout the summer. I will keep you updated on a potential Mass date as we get more information on that. Congratulations on your accomplishments and may God bless you and watch over you as you enter into this new phase of your journey!

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