



THE MOST HOLY TRINITY



Then Jesus approached and 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." - Mt 28:18-19

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MASS:

Wednesday 9:00 a.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Parish Pastoral Council:

Chris Bonacci; Shawna Bonacci; Andrea Neff; Eddie Odom; Amy Pollice; Joe Vivacqua; Tony Winterburn

As If God Were Present

Back in the days when Bishop James Malone was still alive, he would sometimes have me accompany him to black churches in the area to attend an ecumenical Sunday service.

To go with him was to enter a different world liturgically, with frequent fervent shouts of "praise God!" and "amen, brother!" to whatever point the minister was making. The congregation was always engaged in the service. But the memory that most stands out in my mind about those services was that almost every single person there was dressed as if he or she believed that God were present.

The men wore suits, ties, white shirts, polished shoes. The women wore stylish dresses or pantsuits. Everyone seemed to have taken the time to be well-groomed. These were clearly congregations where it would be unthinkable to walk into a worship space dressed as if one were on the way to the beach or a ballgame.

Of course these visits with Bishop Malone all took place about 30 years ago. In the interim, America has grown much coarser and cruder, as we all know. So perhaps the members attending the present-day gatherings in those churches might be less dressy. But somehow I doubt it. There was always a sense then, and I suspect there remains a sense now, that going to church was categorically different from any other event of the week.

There has surely been a "casualization" in many aspects of American life in recent decades, which I was all for when it involved dress-down Fridays at work. But even today when I see a black congregation at worship on television, it's obvious that they are not coming into sacred space wearing beach footwear or tee shirts with the logos of their favorite sports team or local bar, as so many of our present-day Catholics across the country seem to do.

Of course these days, with church attendance down dramatically in every denomination, one hears the argument that we should be grateful for every warm body that turns up, no matter what they might be wearing. It all seems to be part of the unfortunate reality that Americans, Catholics included, have largely abandoned a sense of the sacred. But wouldn't it be a powerful statement if we came to church dressed as if we believed the Lord of the Universe were present there?

— Lou Jacquet

Congrats to Our Graduates!

We congratulate the graduates of 2024:

Grace Ambrose, Austintown Fitch

Delaney Blacksher, Ursuline

Vincent Dominic, Boardman

Christopher Flora, Cardinal Mooney

Alex Shina, Cuyahoga Falls

Jason Long, Masters in History, Youngstown State University

A/R Cake Boxes Project Set

The parish Altar/Rosary Society will be making "No Oil, No Egg" cake boxes. "Our goal is 500 boxes but we can't do it without your help," explained member Deborah Zalovcik.

"During the month of June, we are asking for cake mix and icing donations, as well as sprinkles and candles. All boxes will be donated to our pantry and St. Vincent de Paul's pantry as part of Simple Acts of Kindness."

SVDP Store to Open

The long-awaited St. Vincent de Paul Store at the corner of Market and Rt. 224 (formerly Jo-Ann's) will open on June 4 at 11 a.m.

Bishop David Bonnar will dedicate the facility at 10 a.m. on June 3.

Proceeds benefit St. Vincent de Paul outreach efforts to the poor in Mahoning County.

Sunday, May 26

9:00 a.m. Dick and Rita Flora by Family

Wednesday, May 29

9:00 a.m. Paul, Angeline, and Louis Belanger by Lorraine Alarcon

Sunday, June 2

9:00 a.m. Patty Mayerchak by Yurco Family

Please Pray For Our Sick

Sr. Marjorie Haidet, Frank Lightner, Michelle Smith, Ken Mains, Judy Lazar, David Deihl, Barbara Bonninsegna, Sherri Creech, Mary Beth Celio, Fr. Richard Brobst, Charles Slivkoff, Harold and Debra Brown, Rita Thomas, Christine Kalhoun, Blanche Ruggiero

Receiving the Sacraments



Students from St. Patrick's Saturday morning Faith Formation classes made their Confirmation on Tuesday evening, May 7 at St. Columba Cathedral. Included in the group is parishioner Lucy Mitchell, pictured far left.



Indiana Martin O'Leary received his First Communion April 27 at St. Christine Church. With him is Father Robert England, who presided. Indiana is the son of Patrick and Jessica O'Leary, parishioners of St. Brendan. Photo courtesy of the O'Leary's.

Sunday's Scriptures: Examining Our Roots Post-Pentecost

Today's readings are from Acts 2: 1-11; 1 Corinthians 12: 3-7, 12-13; Gospel of John 20: 19-23.

Today we celebrate the solemn feast of Pentecost, a day honoring the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples, and the birthday of the Church. It is fitting that we honor God's plan in building up the Body of Christ.

Many people are fascinated with their genealogy, wanting to know what people came before them, and how did their ancestors contribute to their life? As Catholic Christians it would serve us well and energize our faith to examine our roots and the subsequent people who helped form the beliefs and practices that have led us to Christ.

Who were these early followers that shaped the Faith? Our first reading describes them as "Parthians, Medes, Elamites...inhabitants of Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia...Jews and converts to Judaism, Cretans and Arabs..." There were people of many nations in the streets of Jerusalem on the day that the Holy Spirit poured his power upon the disciples in the

Upper Room.

Peter and the Eleven stood before the crowd and with conviction and power preached about the death and resurrection of Jesus, the need for repentance, and the promised outpouring of the Holy Spirit on all who would believe. Three thousand were baptized and added that day.

The Apostles went out from Judea to the ancient world, preaching the same message and baptizing those converted in water and the Spirit. The Church grew through apostolic contact and teaching. St. Paul is added to the numbers, and the Gospel spreads throughout the Middle East, Asia Minor, Greece and eventually Rome.

These early believers obey Christ's commands and follow Jesus, facing rejection by family and friends. Following in the footsteps of the Apostles, many have faith and love of Jesus so encompassing that they would even die as martyrs rather than betray or deny Christ. This pattern of conversion from the world to Christ has continued for over 2,000 years.

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Church At Home Collection

Next weekend, parishes in the Diocese of Youngstown will hold the annual "Church at Home" combined collection to support the national and local work of three important Church ministries.

The collection benefits the Campaign for Human Development, the USCCB Communication Campaign, and the Catholic University of America and Newman Campus Ministries.

Ursuline Nuns Hold Labyrinth Walks

The Ursuline Sisters are offering Guided Labyrinth Walks at the Ursuline Center in Canfield. Times include June 20, 6:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; July 18, Aug. 15, Sept. 19 and Oct. 20, 6:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Various topics led by Ursuline nun or Associate. Call 330-793-0434, ext. 351.

Sunday's Scriptures

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Today, some of us have sadly strayed from the fervor and boldness of these early saints into a state of mediocrity. But Jesus promises that the Church of Pentecost will live on until His return: "You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it" (Mt 16:18).

Let us be fervent and bold, for our genealogy is filled with heroes and saints. "We are the Church. We are the Body. We are God's great work of art." Amen. Alleulia.

— Geri Jacquet

Your Sacrificial Offering

Amount needed monthly to meet expenses

For May 2024 **\$29,440.00**

Week of May 19, 2024

Sunday Collection	\$2,753.00
Increased Operating Exp.	\$185.00
Major Repairs	\$00.00
Rentals	\$1,050.00
Maint. Support	\$1,110.00
Total	\$5,098.00

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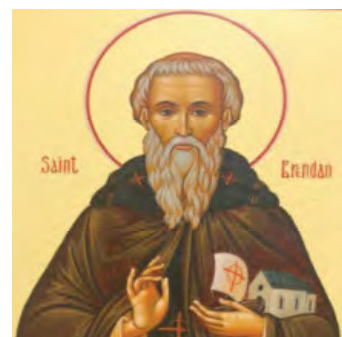
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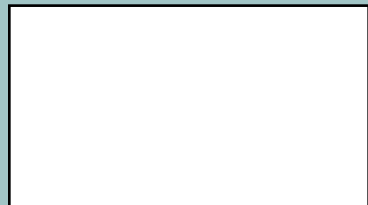
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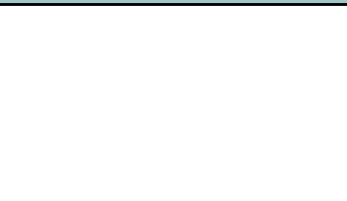
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