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# The Most Holy Trinity June 12, 2022

## Sunday, June 12

### **The Most Holy Trinity**

Proverbs 8:22-31; Romans 5:1-5; John 12-15

8:00 AM Mass at St. Anne

10:00 AM Mass at St. Philip Neri

*(Fr. Lou Anderson, celebrant)*

## Monday, June 13

### **St. Anthony of Padua**

1 Kings 21:1-16; Matthew 5:38-42

## Tuesday, June 14

1 Kings 21:17-29; Matthew 5:43-48

9:00 AM Mass – St. Philip Neri

†Rudy & Johanna and Josef Marek  
by Elizabeth Marek

## Wednesday, June 15

2 Kings 2:1, 6-14; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

**9:00 AM Mass – St. Anne**

†Ron Baker by Joe and Carolyn Battle

## Thursday, June 16

### **St. Ephrem**

Sirach 48:1-14; Matthew 6:7-15

9:00 AM Mass – St. Philip Neri

†Cathy Karns by Tom Eichenberg

*Office Closed*

## Friday, June 17

2 Kings 11:1-4, 9-18; Matthew 6:19-23

9:00 AM Mass – St. Philip Neri

†Carl Yost by Betty Yost

**10:00 AM Scripture Study**

## Saturday, June 18

2 Chronicles 24:17-25; Matthew 6:24-34

3:00 PM Reconciliation at St. Philip Neri

4:00 PM Mass at St. Philip Neri

## Sunday, June 19

### **The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**

Genesis 14:18-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26;

Luke 9:11b-17

8:00 AM Mass at St. Anne

10:00 AM Mass at St. Philip Neri

## Father Mike's Musing

Last weekend we celebrated Pentecost - the Feast of the Holy Spirit. We celebrate how the Spirit leads in the midst of complexity and teaches us the simplicity of discipleship: Trusting fully in Jesus. We can only do this by the power of the Holy Spirit.

It makes sense that after the Feast of the Holy Spirit we should celebrate the Trinity. In order to understand the role of the Holy Spirit we need to know about the mystery of the Trinity. Early Christian writers expressed it this way: *The Father is God, Jesus the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God, but there are not three gods, but one God.* Everything we can say about the Father we can also say about the Son and Spirit, except this: We designate God as Father because He has a Son. Jesus is the Son because of His relationship to the Father. A father begets a son.

The Bible tells us God the Father has a son. What does this mean? The Bible also says that Adam is the son of God. So is David. And so are we. What's the difference between Jesus and us? The difference is that we were born in time. We all know our birthday and could even calculate the approximate date of conception. You could look up the date of your baptism and perhaps remember when you accepted Jesus in personal way. However you look at it, we were born in time. Jesus though was born eternally. As we say in the Profession of Faith Jesus is *"the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages, God from God..."* Here on earth a father is always older than his son. Not so in Heaven. That relationship of Father and Son exists eternally. And the love between them is a distinct person - the Holy Spirit.

The Bible teaches that the purpose of our existence is to enter that eternal relationship. We are called to become sons and daughters of God through Jesus in the Holy Spirit. Yet there is a problem. We are made for God, but as St. Paul teaches, in our natural state we feel distant from God, we fear Him, we run away from Him. We think He is going to take away our freedom, that He will judge and condemn us. In spite of all this distance, even hostility, we hear that in Jesus *"we have peace with God."* Those are wonderful words. In Jesus we have peace with God. He lifts us up to the Father. For that reason we lift up Jesus - not by our own power, but by the Holy Spirit. Next week we will see how we literally lift up Jesus in the Eucharist. We will celebrate Corpus Christi - the Body and Blood of Jesus. But for today we have this message: The Trinity - the relationship of Father, Son and Holy Spirit - exists from eternity. We only find lasting happiness by entering that relationship: perfect goodness, beauty, truth. Jesus alone can lift us to the Father in the Holy Spirit.

**Weekly Contributions**

**June 4-5**

	<u>St. Philip Neri</u>	<u>St. Anne</u>
Offering Env. (37)	\$1,965.00	(14) \$1,355.00
Loose	<u>255.00</u>	<u>24.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,220.00</b>	<b>\$1,379.00</b>
<b>Wkly. Budget</b>	<b>\$3,596.15</b>	
<b>O/ (U) Budget</b>	<b>2.85</b>	
<b>Haiti</b>	<b>\$330.00</b>	
<b>YTD Budget</b>	<b>\$172,615.20</b>	
<b>YTD Collection</b>	<b><u>168,479.92</u></b>	
	<b>(\$4,135.28)</b>	

**St. Philip Neri June 18, 4:00 PM**

**Eucharist:** None at this Time  
**Word:** Karen McKinney  
**Hospitality:** Steve Leporowski  
 Jim Kaverman

**St. Philip Neri: June 19, 10:00 AM**

**Eucharist:** None at this Time  
**Word:** Tom Eichenberg  
**Hospitality:** Leo Rosneck  
 Stacey Rosneck

**St. Anne: June 19, 8:00 AM**

**Eucharist:** None at this Time  
**Word:**  
**Hospitality:**

**Msgr. Victor Gallagher Council 12668**



**FATHER'S DAY**

*Pancake  
Breakfast*



Knights of Columbus members will be serving a breakfast Sunday, June 19 following Mass. Included with pancakes will be scrambled eggs, toast, sausage, coffee & juice. A free will offering accepted. Come and join us as we pay tribute to our fathers, grandfathers, and future fathers of our parish family.

**Prayer Chain**

We would like to update the prayer chain. If you would like to be on the prayer chain list we would love to have you. You make a phone call to the next person on the list and pray for the person in need. Please call the parish office if you are interested.

Thank you

**Faith Formation News**

This weekend we celebrate in a special way the Most Holy Trinity. We are called to reflect on the love of God the Father, Jesus the Son and Holy Spirit, the great community of love. I was reading an article the other day; I cannot remember what the article was called or who wrote it (oh boy! One of those moments). However, a phrase from the article caught my eye and it sent me to the Trinity, "The center will hold."

With all that is going on in our world and around us these days we so need to stay close to the center of our lives: The Most Holy Trinity. As I write this gas went to \$5.19, the funerals continue for the children killed in Texas and there were several Mass shootings over the weekend. Buying groceries has become a time of discerning of what can I give up and what do I really need, as prices continue to climb. The center will hold!

It is a perfect time to reflect on the Trinity. Is the Most Holy Trinity the center of your life? Do you have a relationship with Father, Son, and Holy Spirit? Do I surrender all to the Trinity? Am I willing to leave my comfort zone and follow the promptings of the Holy Spirit? As a person who likes to be in control, I find this a challenge each day. However, I still desire to surrender my life and the path it will go according to the Trinity of Love.

In the second reading from the letter to the Romans it says, "Not only that, but we even boast of our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance, proven character, and proven character, hope, and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us." I consider myself a person of endurance, of resilience, being able to adapt to change. This has come over many years of learning to have a daily prayer time, a time to read scripture, a time of quiet reflection and listening. A time to be with the love of the Most Holy Trinity. As we all know life can and does change in an instant. But the center will hold. Hope endures. The center will hold. Stay close to the center, the Most Holy Trinity. For the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit will endure for all eternity.

In love,  
 Beth Dake, Director of Faith Formation

**In Sympathy**

Please remember Michael Leporowski, son to Steve Leporowski. Michael passed away June 6, 2022.

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

**Farewell Party for Father Mike**

The weekend of June 25 and 26 after the Masses at St Philip Neri there will be a farewell reception for Father Mike. This is a time for us to say our good-byes and wish Father Mike well in his new assignment. There will be goodies in the parish room after the 4 pm Mass on Saturday and the 10 am Mass on Sunday.