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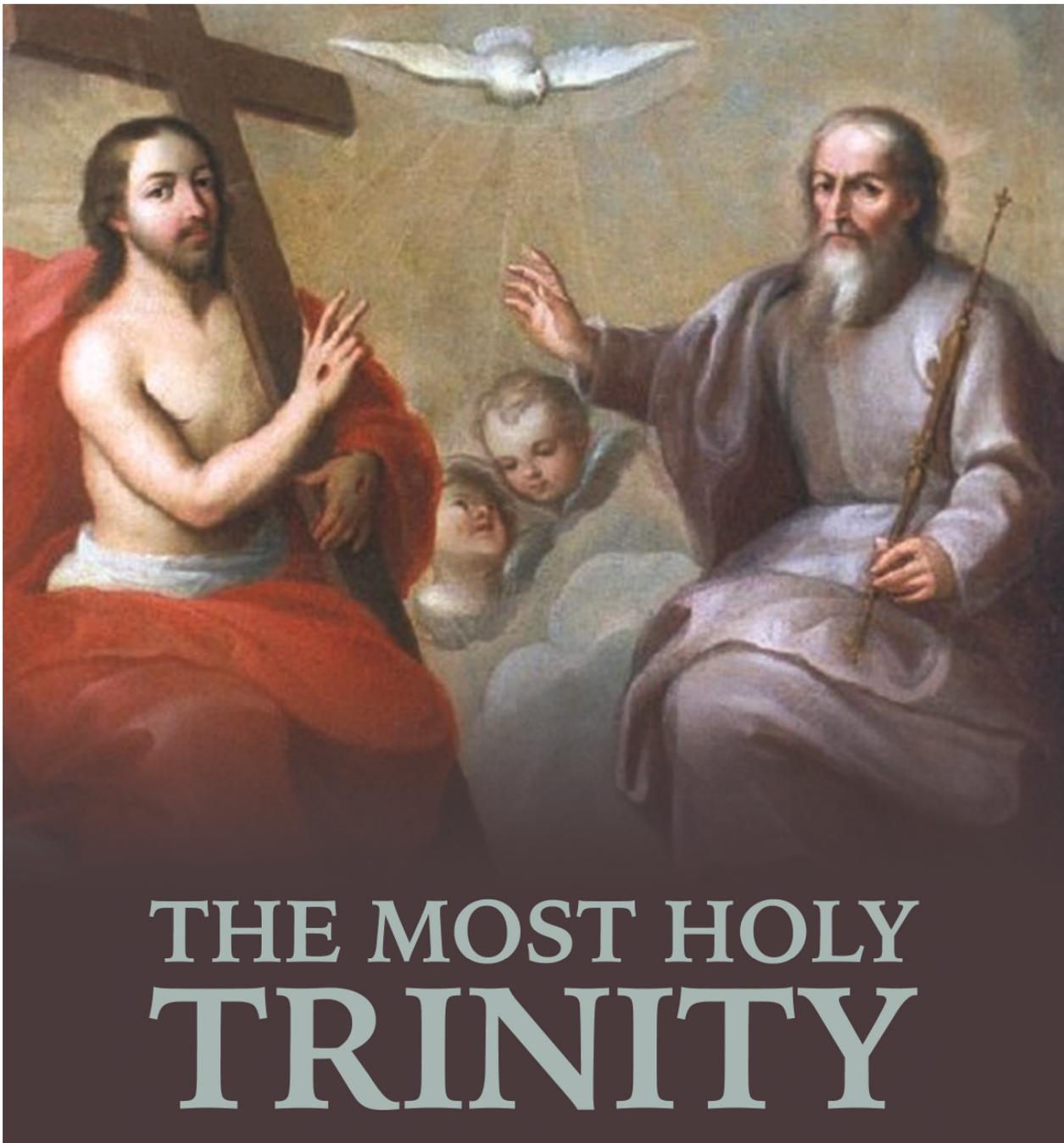
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## THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

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## THE MYSTERY OF THE TRINITY

This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that the Trinity is at the “central mystery of our faith” (n. 234) and each Sunday we profess our belief in the Trinity when we say the Creed together: “I believe in one God, the Father Almighty... I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ...I believe in the Holy Spirit...” Yet, the Trinity is so hard to understand: how can there be *one* God, yet *three* persons at the same time? After all, we do not believe in three gods, but then neither do we believe in some sort of one, divine pie cut up into three pieces!

We are often reduced to saying that it is a “mystery” and leaving it at that. It is, of course, true that the Trinity is a mystery, but that word “mystery” actually means something or someone known and yet unknown at the same time (rather like people who we know and love and yet can never fully understand!).

So, why is this *mystery* so important and what can we say about the Trinity? Perhaps some examples may help us...

The Trinity is ever-present in our lives and in our prayers. What is the first prayer that we learn? It is the sign of the cross which is really a prayer to the Trinity... “in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...” Listen carefully to our prayers at Mass and you will hear how they are addressed to the Trinity. We often begin those prayers by speaking to the Father (“God”) and finish off with “through our Lord Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit...” We baptize someone “in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” and during the Eucharistic prayer we ask the Father to send down the Holy Spirit so that the bread and wine may become the Body and Blood of Jesus. In other words, the Trinity is at the very heart of all our prayers and of the sacraments. As one writer puts it, the Trinity provides the “grammar” of all our prayers, rather like the way grammar works in a language to give shape and meaning.

Some spiritual writers have used everyday things or analogies to help our understanding. St. Patrick, of course, used the shamrock: three leaves yet making one leaf. Another image is that of water: one substance yet it exists as steam, liquid or vapour. Perhaps the best way to see the Trinity is as a community of love and a relationship of love. So, the Trinity is not a thing, or some sort of theological puzzle but real, active, ever-loving, ever-present and personal communion and relationship between Father, Son and Spirit. There is only one God and yet there are three, real persons: a unity and yet a diversity.

We can see this unity yet diversity in the missions and work of each person of the Trinity. After all, the names that we have for the three persons are relational names: “Father”, “Son”, “Spirit”. The names are also active and dynamic: in a way they are not just nouns or naming words, but they are also verbs or words of action. So, the Father is *creator*, the Son is *redeemer* and the Holy Spirit is *sanctifier*. Each person has their distinct role and mission and yet they always act as one because they are perfectly one.

Fr. Anthony

# THE WEEK AHEAD



## CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

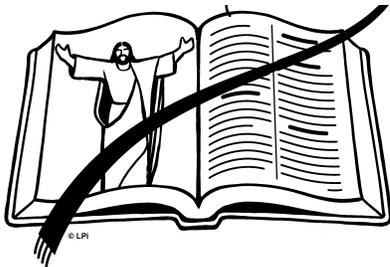
**The Catholic Daughters of the Americas,**  
 Court Columbia #248,  
 will hold its next meeting  
 on Monday, June 12, at 6:30 p.m.  
 at St. Mary's Academy.  
 All members should be present  
 for this very important meeting.



## OUR LADY OF GRACE PRAYER GROUP

**Thursday, June 15, 6:30 p.m.**  
**St. Mary's Church, Hudson**

Please join in praying for the Church, our nation, and our parish,, along with prayers for personal petitions. For further information call Linda or Charlie Meicht at 828-3435.



## BIBLE STUDY

**Thursday, June 15, 7:00 p.m.**  
**St. Mary's Rectory**

## Welcome Beth!

Last Sunday, June 4, we welcomed Beth Barber into the full communion of the Catholic Church. Beth was Confirmed and received the Holy eucharist at the 9:00 am Mass. Please pray for her as she joins us in living our Catholic faith.



## Father's Day

Next weekend we will honor father, living and deceased, at each of the Masses. Please turn in your envelopes in order to have the names of your loved ones placed on the altar for Father's Day

## Graduates

Next Sunday, June 18 at the 9:00 am Mass, we will be honoring our graduates. They will be part of the procession and be seated at the front of the assembly. We will pray a special blessing for them at the conclusion of Mass. Please keep our young people in your prayers as they mark this important milestone.

## SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Whether we realize or not, every act of generosity, even the smallest, helps to change the world for the better.

### HUDSON

Regular Offertory Last Weekend (June4).....	\$6,154.00
Fathers Day.....	\$ 785.00

### GERMANTOWN

Regular Offertory Last Weekend (June 4).....	\$1,510.00
Fathers Day.....	\$ 140.00
Utilities.....	\$ 259.00
Rice Bowl.....	\$ 130.00



## Our 2017 Bishop's Appeal

As of this past weekend we are now approaching the \$60,000 level towards our parish goal of \$63,800. Thanks to everyone who has responded to this year's appeal in such a generous way.

We are now preparing to send out notes to those from whom we have not yet heard. Please join in praying that we will once again exceed our goal.

**Please keep in mind**, commitments to the Bishop's Appeal can be made online at [theBishopsAppeal.org](http://theBishopsAppeal.org). Call us at 828-1334 if you need any assistance. You can also call the Bishop's Appeal Office at 453-6680 for assistance.

### A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

by Bud Ozar

As the Father "sent his son into the world" so parents send their children into the world "so that the world might be saved." This is the missionary role of the Christian family. Your family is a school where your children develop convictions which enable them to make a difference in the world.



## Rediscovering the Faith

Have you been away from the Church? Are you thinking about coming back? Do you know someone who wants to come home to the Catholic Church, but is struggling with their faith? Maybe you or someone you know has experienced one of these thoughts:

**I grew up Catholic, but for some reason I just sort of stopped going to Church...**

**I just moved to a new city, I tried going to a couple different parishes, but I never really felt welcomed...**

**After my marriage ended, I felt uncomfortable around my family, friends and parish...**

**I just don't understand why the Church teaches what it does! Some teachings seem so outdated...**

**I tried to contact my parish about getting married but no one got back to me...**

If you have experienced one of these situations or thoughts, you are not alone. The Church wants you to know that you are a child of God, called by name, precious in his eyes and loved by him (Is. 43:1,4). The Church also wants you to know that you are missed. When one member of the Body of Christ suffers, the entire Body of the Church suffers.

This website contains resources to help you rediscover the faith and answer questions about the Church and Church teachings. We invite you to explore this site and contact your local parish:

[www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/how-we-teach/new-evangelization/rediscovering-the-faith/](http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/how-we-teach/new-evangelization/rediscovering-the-faith/)

or, using a search engine, type in:

USCCB Rediscovering the Faith

## Having thoughts of becoming a Catholic?

At some point in their lives, many people find themselves interested in the Catholic Church. Whatever your reason, know there are many like yourself who desire a closer relationship with Christ and a community in which to thrive and worship to help deepen the relationship.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults helps individuals journey to a deeper understanding of Jesus and the Catholic faith. It is a life-changing journey. To find out if this is right for you, or for more information, please call Michael Van Allen at the Rectory Office: 518-828-1334. Or email him at [holytrinityhudson.org](mailto:holytrinityhudson.org).

# SACRAMENTS

*The sacraments are wonderful gifts from God to us. Through outward, visible signs; the sacraments are channels of God's love and mercy and so they draw us in to the life of the Trinity. They therefore also continue the saving mission and ministry of Jesus Christ in and through His body, the Church. Below is some information on how to make contact regarding the celebration of the sacraments.*

## BAPTISM:

Congratulations! If you would like to arrange preparations and a date for Baptism, please contact the Parish Office.

## RCIA:

For those enquiring about the Catholic Faith or wishing to complete their sacraments: welcome! Please contact the Parish Office and we will be very glad to help you further.

## RECONCILIATION:

Celebrated on Saturdays 2.30-3.45 pm in Hudson, before and after Masses in Germantown, or at anytime by appointment. (Note: it is best to call ahead first to check on the availability of a priest)

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Priests regularly visit the hospitals, nursing homes and the homebound. Please do contact the Parish Office if you or someone you know is in need of the anointing of sick.

## MARRIAGE:

Congratulations! So that proper arrangements (paperwork, preparations etc.) can be made, please contact the Parish Office or Fr. Anthony at least six months before the desired date.

## VOCATIONS:

If you are considering a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate or religious life, please contact Fr. Anthony to share thoughts and prayers further.

## READINGS AND HYMNS (HUDSON)

Reading: p. 190 Opening Hymn: # 296 Closing: # 294

## MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

### MONDAY: Weekday (June 12)

7:15 AM Fr. Peter Nabozny - Mike & Kathy Nabozny  
Lucy Thulen - Joann Thulen

### TUESDAY: St. Anthony of Padua (June 13)

7:15 AM Thomas C. Quigley & Marylou Bujanow - Family  
Kathryn McDonald - Jack & Mary Ann Nytransky

### WEDNESDAY: Weekday (June 14)

7:15 AM Catherine Dallas - Eunice Nabozny  
Norman Finch - Family

### THURSDAY: Weekday (June 15)

7:15 AM Kathryn McDonald - St. Mary's Christian Service  
Richard Arquette - The Rouse Family

### FRIDAY: Weekday (June 16)

7:15 AM Mary Delaney - Charles & Mary Ann Vieni  
Walter Hull, Sr. - Loving Daughter Linda  
9:00 AM Henry Arthur - Gloria & Frank Santacrose  
(G'TWN)

## CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY

### SATURDAY VIGIL MASS: (June 17)

4:00 PM All Fathers Living & Deceased  
(HUD)  
5:30 PM All Fathers Living & Deceased  
(LNLTH)

### SUNDAY MORNING MASS: (June 18)

9:00 AM All Fathers Living & Deceased  
(HUD)  
11:00 AM All Fathers Living & Deceased  
(G'TWN) X

## Readings for the Week of June 11

Sunday:	Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52-56/2
Cor 13:11-13	/Jn 3:16-18
Monday:	2 Cor 1:1-7/Ps 34:2-9/Mt 5:1-12
Tuesday:	2 Cor 1:18-22/Ps 119:129-133,
135/Mt 5:13-16	
Wednesday:	2 Cor 3:4-11/Ps 99:5-9/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday:	2 Cor 3:15--4:1, 3-6/Ps 85:9ab, 10-14/Mt
5:20-26	
Friday:	2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 116:10-11, 15-18/Mt
5:27-32	
Saturday:	2 Cor 5:14-21/Ps 103:1-4, 9-12/Mt 5:33-

Last weekend we welcomed Seminarian Matthew Houle, who will be with us on summer placement (until mid-August). Please do welcome Matthew (of course!) and please continue to remember all our seminarians in your prayers.

WELCOME MATTHEW!

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