

May 30, 2021

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Solemnity of the Holy Trinity

MEMORIAL DAY

NEVER FORGET!

A Festival Thought

How can we know God? We cannot, therefore, God has been revealed to us as a trinity, a community of persons bound by love. That is the image in which we have been created. This is the God whom we worship.

About Today's Bible Readings

Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40

As Moses explains to the other people, we know God by what he does. Therefore, our God is indeed great.

Responsorial Psalm:

33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22

R. Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Romans 8:14-17

The very Spirit of God assures us how much of a share God has given us in the divine life.

Matthew 28:16-20

The risen Christ commissions his disciples to turn utilitarian worldliness into a Trinitarian world.

ENTRANCE RITE: Titus 3:4-6

- V. But when the kindness and generous love of God our Savior appeared, not because of any righteous deeds we had done but because of His mercy,
- R. He saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He richly poured out on us through Jesus Christ our Savior.
- V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
- R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

ALLELUIA: Daniel 3:52

- V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
- R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
- V. Blessed are You, O Lord, the God of our fathers, praiseworthy and exalted above all forever.
- R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 28:16-20

The eleven disciples went to Galilee,

to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them.

When they all saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted.

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,

teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.

And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Worship Services TODAY - May 30th Solemnity - Holy Trinity

MEMORIAL DAY

SUNDAY - June 6th
Solemnity - The Body and
Blood of Christ
"Corpus Christi"
ONE MASS ONLY!
9:00 AM - Holy Mass

Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament and Festival Procession to the four Altars with readings.

SUNDAY – June 13th 11th Sunday - Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – Holy Mass 9:30 AM – Holy Mass

SACRED HEART OF JESUS PARISH

As some of you may know, Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish located in Minneapolis, MN within the Western Diocese of the PNCC suffered a tragic fire on April 19, 2021. The building church was almost completely destroyed. Thankfully, they have been able to continue to celebrate Holy Mass in their Parish Hall. As good Christians and faithful members of the Polish National Catholic Church we are encouraged to help in any and all ways that we can. We can and do pray for our brothers and sisters. We can also support them by way of monetary donations. If you wish to contribute to help them rebuild, donations can be sent directly to:

Sacred heart of Jesus Parish 420 22nd Avenue N.E. Minneapolis, MN 55418-3402 Thank you in advance for your thoughts, prayers and gifts.

INTENTIONS:

My Brothers and Sisters:

Our prayers are needed: For the increase in men called to the priesthood and diaconate of the Polish National Catholic Church; For the health and growth of our Parish; For all of the sick and homebound members of our Parish, our families and friends, especially Edward Czechowski, Patrice Czechowski, Damon Grossman, John Zawoski, Bailey Bennet, Donna Schalata, Tom Schalata, David Wunderlich and Bernice Biroscak.

Our Father....

If there are any other individuals who should be on this list, please email or tell Father Senior Donald so he can add them!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, June 7th; The Fund Raising Committee will meet at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. All parishioners are cordially invited to attend. Your input and ideas are very much in need.

Monday, June 28th; The Mission Commission will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 PM. All Parishioners are encouraged to attend. Your input will be very helpful.

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, June 17th – 19th; The National YMS of R Bishop Belinski Memorial Spiritual Retreat for Men. Held at the Bishop Hodur Retreat Center, Waymart, PA. Please email <u>unitedymsofr@gmail.com</u> for more information. This is open to all men.

If there are any other events not listed here, please email or tell Father Senior Donald so he can add them!

All events are subject to review and the appropriate health and safety restrictions. Please check the website or Facebook page for updated information. Take care, stay safe and stay well.

THE KNIGHTS CLOSET

The Reading Area School District has informed us that the Knights Closet Project which provides items of basic necessity to students in need will resume even under the COVID restrictions. The parish has generously participated in this worthwhile cause in past years and I hope that we will find it in our hearts to continue to do so. Please leave your contributions on the table in the Library and we will get them to those in need. A list of needed items can be found on the table in the vestibule near the offering baskets. Please take one as you leave. Thank you and God bless.

MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day is set aside each year for us to remember all those brave and courageous members of the Armed Forces of the United States of America who gave their lives in the service of our great country. Please, never forget them or their sacrifice.

RECESSIONAL HYMN - GOD BLESS AMERICA

God bless America, land that I love Stand beside her and guide her Through the night with the light from above

From the mountains to the prairies
To the oceans white with foam
God bless America, my home sweet home

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