

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

MAY 26, 2024



THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

First: Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40

Second: Romans 8:14-17

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

FOCUS: *Through baptism, we receive our identity as children of God with Christ.*

The mystery of the Holy Trinity is central to our Christian faith. We are baptized in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, receiving the Spirit that enables us to call God our Father. Our identity as sons and daughters of God calls us to share in the Son's suffering, so that we might also share in his glory.

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Moses tells the people that the actions of God on their behalf show he is Lord of heaven and earth. Paul tells the Romans that they have received a "Spirit of adoption" to be children of God and "joint heirs with Christ." In the Gospel, Jesus tells the 11 disciples to make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



MASS INTENTIONS

5 p.m.: Dolores Townley, Therese Bach Thi Luan and Tricia Locatelli

10 a.m.: Michael A. Faso, Joe Britto, Genevieve Battista and Richard Tolliver



ALTAR SERVERS SOUGHT

The Altar Server Ministry is looking for volunteers. Young men and women who are responsible, mature, have made their First Holy Communion and can commit to one Saturday or Sunday every two to three months (depending on how many people sign up!) are eligible. This is a great way to contribute to your faith community and gain volunteer hours!!

Please reach out to Alison or Andy Britto by May 31 so that group training with the experienced altar servers can be coordinated.

Alison: oweson13@yahoo.com

Andy: brit2085_2000@yahoo.com (That is not a space between brit2085 and 2000. It's an underscore.)

CHURCH CLOSED 2ND WEEK OF JUNE

The church property – including the office – will be closed from **Monday, June 10, through the morning of Saturday, June 15**, so that the parking lot can be seal-coated, given ample time to dry and then re-stripped. The phone will be monitored for emergencies.

As you know, although necessary, this is not an inexpensive undertaking, so we want to ensure more-than-ample time for all the materials to fully cure before vehicular traffic is permitted.

Fingers crossed the weather cooperates – although a rain day is built into this schedule!

TREASURER'S REPORT

Regular Sunday Collection

May 12-19: \$ 7,224.10

Envelopes: \$ 2,299.00 – Online: \$ 4,925.10

THANK YOU!

LAST WEEK'S MASS ATTENDANCE

5 p.m. – 88

10 a.m. – 160

CARDINAL'S 2024 APPEAL

Our parish goal is **\$50,600**, of which **\$46,820** has been received/pledged as of May 21 from 116 families; **\$3,780 to go!** If you have not done so already, please prayerfully consider your gift, which can also be made online at www.cardinalsappeal.org.



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CARDINAL'S
ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL
*Sharing God's Gifts Throughout
the Archdiocese of New York*



*" Our flag does not fly
because the wind moves it.
It flies with the last breath of each soldier
who died protecting it."*

-Unknown

LISTENING SESSION QUESTIONS

Our listening sessions offer us the opportunity to be with each other, to invite our family and friends back to the faith, to listen to each other's joys and sorrows, and share our hopes and dreams for our parish. We are called to "journey together," and this involves listening. Here are some questions to get us thinking:

- Since we are here today to listen to one another, how would you describe yourself as a listener? What does it mean to be heard? Share an experience of being listened to. How would you like to be listened to in the Parish, Archdiocese, Universal Church?
- What does it mean to say we are on a journey? How does "journey" connect with your relationship with God? How does the Church, Saint Paul's, the Archdiocese, support you in developing your relationship with God?
- How does the Spirit of the Risen Christ live in you, direct you, console you, guide you, love you, support you? Where do you see the Spirit of God working in you, at Saint Paul's, in our Archdiocese, in the Universal Church, our world?

So that we can plan efficiently, please fill in one of the green sheets in your pew, tear off the bottom and place it in the collection basket before June 9, or give it to one of the deacons or Fr. Sean. Light refreshments will be available, and the session, which begins at **11 a.m. on Sunday, June 9**, will last about an hour and a half.

TICKET TALK

As you might recall, upon the advice of our Finance Council, two years ago we began participating in the Archdiocese-approved, multiparish raffle for 23 American Express Gift Card prizes totaling \$68,000.

Participating churches get half of all their ticket sales. That has translated into \$12,700 followed by \$9,162.59 for St. Paul's – not insignificant numbers!

The other half of the ticket price goes toward administrative costs associated with the raffle such as printing, postage and most importantly, the \$68,000 in prize money! Any surplus is used by Catholic Parish Initiatives, which oversees the raffle, for outreach.

Last year, St. Paul's and St. Stephen's in Warwick each had \$1,000 winners. We're told the odds of winning are even better this year because there are fewer parishes in our group.

So maybe this year, you will be a big winner, too!

Along with the top \$30,000 prize, there's a \$10,000 gift card, an \$8,000 gift card and 20 additional \$1,000 gift cards.

Registered parishioners should have received five \$25-raffle tickets to buy, sell or return to the office. There are additional tickets available through the office as well, or you can ask one of the deacons after Mass.

Ticket stubs and payment (with checks made payable to St. Paul's) have to be returned to the office by **Tuesday, July 9**. The livestreamed drawing takes place on July 20 and can be viewed at www.catholicinitiatives.org.

Remember, you've got to be in it to win it – and it's for a good cause, too!



RELIGIOUS ED REGISTRATION

If your child will be entering first grade in the fall, he or she is also ready to be enrolled in our Religious Education program. Or if your family has just relocated from another parish, June is the time as well to register your child or children for September.

Please contact Peg Hoblin, director of religious education, at 845-361-5816 (leave a message if there is no answer) or via email at saintpaulsre@gmail.com to arrange a convenient appointment to take care of registration. Then you can return your attention back to summer!

SUMMER HOURS

The church office will be closed Monday in observance of Memorial Day - and Mondays thereafter through Labor Day.



