

ST JOSEPH ~ HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

MARCH 13, 2022

SATURDAY, 3/12 VIGIL: SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00 AM (SJ) NOVENA MASS
5:00 PM (HT) LEO FINK

SUNDAY, 3/13 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00 AM (SJ) NOVENA MASS
10:00 AM (HT) L/D MEMBERS OF OUR PARISHES

MONDAY, 3/14 SECOND WEEK OF LENT

7:00 PM (SJ) NOVENA MASS

TUESDAY, 3/15 SECOND WEEK OF LENT

7:00 PM (SJ) NOVENA MASS

WEDNESDAY, 3/16 SECOND WEEK OF LENT

7:00 PM (SJ) NOVENA MASS

THURSDAY, 3/17 SECOND WEEK OF LENT

7:00 PM (SJ) NOVENA MASS

FRIDAY, 3/18 SECOND WEEK OF LENT

8:00 PM (SJ) NOVENA MASS

SATURDAY, 3/19

4:00-4:45 CONFESSION AT ST. JOSEPH CHURCH
NO 5P.M. MASS

VIGIL: THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

7:00 PM AT ST. JOSEPH'S – SOLEMNITY MASS IN HONOR OF ST. JOSEPH
LECTOR - HEATHER NOLL-FOSTER
EUCH. MINIST. - Wanda Miller

SUNDAY, 3/20 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

8 AM AT HOLY TRINITY - L/D MEMBERS OF OUR PARISHES
LECTOR - TIM CARPENTER
EUCH. MINIST. - TERESA STEVENSON

10 AM (HT) - THE POOR SOULS IN PURGATORY
LECTOR - BEN CARPENTER
EUCH. MINIST. - MARK DOWDELL

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE SICK,
AND THE SHUT-INS OF OUR PARISHES AND
COMMUNITY: MAURICE EGAN, JUDY FRANCE,
BILL JOHNSON JUANITA HITCHENS, SARA WELLS,
MABEL WAGNER, MIKE SMITH, HANNAH WILSON,
PAT STERNER, LEANN JOHNSON, FRANCIE BAUGHMAN,
DAVE SCHRIDER, AND ALSO OUR LOVED ONES WHO
HAVE DIED.**

MARCH 6TH COLLECTION

ST. JOSEPH

EXPENSES - \$1,900.00

REC'D - \$2,220.00

HOLY TRINITY

CHURCH / SCHOOL

EXPENSES - \$4,700.00

REC'D - \$4,482.00

SCHOOL SUPPORT COLLECTION

HOLY TRINITY - \$1,136.00

ST. JOSEPH'S - \$590.00

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH MAINT.- \$915.00

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH MAINT.- \$391.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THIS WEEK ALL THE WEEKDAY MASSES, ARE AT ST. JOSEPH'S AS WE CELEBRATE THE NOVENA. IT WILL BE AT 7PM, MONDAY - FRIDAY. THE SOLEMN MASS OF ST. JOSEPH WILL BE HELD AT ST. JOSEPH'S AT 7PM ON SATURDAY, MARCH 19, AND WILL FULFILL YOUR SUNDAY OBLIGATION. CONFESSIONS WILL BE HEARD FROM 4:00 TO 4:45 AT ST. JOSEPH CHURCH. SUNDAY, MARCH 20TH THE 8 & 10AM MASS WILL BE AT HOLY TRINITY. THERE WILL BE NO 8AM MASS ON SATURDAY, MARCH 19TH, AND THERE WILL BE NO ADORATION/HOLY HOUR TUESDAY, MARCH 15TH, AND NO STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON FRIDAY, MARCH 18TH. PLEASE CHECK THE BULLETIN LIST OF MASSES TO MAKE SURE YOU KNOW THE SCHEDULE. LET US ALL JOIN IN PRAYER TO OUR GREAT ST. JOSEPH, THE PATRON OF OUR PARISH, AND THE UNIVERSAL PATRON OF THE CHURCH, FOR ALL THE SPECIAL INTENTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN REQUESTED, FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE UKRAINE, FOR THE RESTORATION OF CATHOLIC FAMILY LIFE, THE RESPECT FOR ALL LIFE, AND THAT OUR COUNTRY WILL REMAIN STEADFAST IN FAITH, HOPE AND CHARITY. THIS NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH IS A VERY SPECIAL TIME FOR OUR PARISH, AND WE HOPE MANY WILL JOIN US FOR THE MASSES, ESPECIALLY AT 7PM ON SATURDAY, MARCH 19TH.

Dear Parishioners,

An update on the Capital Campaign: I am happy to report that so far we have raised \$430,000 to our goal of \$500,000. This represents 60 donations from our 264 active parishioners. I am certainly happy with the progress we have made so far and am grateful for the generosity of those who have given gifts and pledges.

The Second Phase of the campaign has now begun, and the second half of the parish has received their letters last week. This second phase will continue for three more weeks. We are using these two months, February and March, eight weeks, for you to respond. This is long enough for you to prayerfully decide what your five-year pledge will be. As of this coming week everyone from the parish will have heard about this campaign. You may drop off or send the pledge card to the parish office, or simply drop into the collection basket.

Many have also expressed to me that they cannot make a five-year pledge, but do plan to give on a yearly basis based on their finances. That is fine. Please give what you can, when you can. Whatever you can do is most welcome. No gift is too small.

Many have also commented that the window memorials are available, but are not on the list of repairs. That is because the windows are already repaired, and the committee felt that we should not try to collect for work already accomplished, but instead concentrate on work needing to be done. The committee still wanted to give people the opportunity to memorialize these windows if they so desired.

The *Beacon on the Hill* Committee has established the priorities that are listed in the advertisement, and they will be working with me and our architect, in conjunction with the Pastoral Council and Finance Council once the money has been raised to see how to perform the restoration. We are raising this money and performing the restoration in a manner that stays in our budget, is economical, and is done in an efficient manner.

Please rest assured that we will not go into debt with the restoration of Holy Trinity. The committees will work within the income we receive as we continue to work to bring this needed restoration to our beautiful church.

Please pray for the success of the campaign. God bless.

Fr. LaCasse, O.P.

Pastor

2022 CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PICK UP YOUR 2022 CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY DONE SO. WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ALL BOXES PICKED UP BY THE END OF THIS MONTH. AT HOLY TRINITY, PARISHIONERS WITH LAST NAMES STARTING WITH A-J ARE ON THE TABLE NEAR THE BALCONY STAIRS AND K-Z ARE ON THE TABLE NEAR THE RAMP SIDE OF THE CHURCH. AT ST. JOSEPH'S THE ENVELOPES ARE LOCATED ON THE TABLE NEAR THE BAPTISMAL FONT AND ENVELOPES FOR THOSE WHO SIT UP ON THE ALTAR ARE LOCATED ON THE TABLE IN THE MUSEUM/SACRISTY ROOM. IF WE HAVE MISSED PROVIDING A BOX IN YOUR NAME, WE DO APOLOGIZE AND ASK YOU TO TAKE ONE OF THE EXTRA BOXES OF ENVELOPES PROVIDED AT THE TABLES. PLEASE WRITE YOUR NAME, COMPLETE ADDRESS AND THE BOX NUMBER ON THE SHEET OF PAPER PROVIDED NEAR THE ENVELOPES.

LENTEN FISH FRY AT HOLY TRINITY

ST. JOSEPH PARISH IS SPONSORING THE LENTEN FISH FRY THIS FRIDAY, MARCH 18TH, AT HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL, FROM 4:00P.M. TO 7:00P.M. THE COST IS A DONATION. THE MENU FOR THIS FRIDAY IS: FISH, MAC AND CHEESE, COLE SLAW, APPLE SAUCE, DESSERT & DRINK.

FIRST RECONCILIATION – OUR 2ND GRADE STUDENTS FROM HOLY TRINITY AND ST. JOSEPH PARISHES AND OUR C.C.D. PROGRAM WILL MAKE THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION NEXT SATURDAY, MARCH 19TH. PLEASE KEEP THESE YOUNG STUDENTS IN YOUR PRAYERS.

EASTER FLOWERS – THE ALTARS AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH AND ST. JOSEPH CHURCH WILL BE BEAUTIFULLY DECORATED FOR EASTER AND THROUGHOUT THE SEASON WITH EASTER LILIES AND OTHER SPRING PLANTS. WE INVITE ALL OUR PARISHIONERS FROM BOTH PARISHES TO MAKE A DONATION IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE(S) IF THEY LIKE. YOU CAN USE THE EASTER FLOWERS ENVELOPE PROVIDED IN YOUR BOX OF OFFERING ENVELOPES OR A PLAIN ENVELOPE MARKED “HOLY TRINITY FLOWERS” OR “ST. JOSEPH FLOWERS”, ENCLOSE YOUR DONATION AND INTENTION(S) AND DROP IN THE COLLECTION BASKET AT MASS OR MAIL TO P.O. BOX 190, SOMERSET, NO LATER THAN APRIL 3.

HOLY TRINITY GARDEN PARTY KICK-OFF MEETING

OUR ANNUAL HOLY TRINITY GARDEN PARTY IS JUNE 24 & 25. THERE WILL BE A KICK-OFF MEETING SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23RD AT THE SCHOOL, STARTING AT 7:00P.M. ANYONE IS INVITED! PLEASE ATTEND.

GARDEN PARTY SILENT AUCTION – DONATIONS FOR THIS YEAR'S SILENT AUCTION AT THE GARDEN PARTY ARE BEING ACCEPTED. JENNIFER SATTERFIELD IS GETTING AN EARLY START WITH THE COLLECTION OF ITEMS AND GIFTS TO BE DONATED TO THIS YEAR'S AUCTION. DONATIONS CAN BE LEFT OFF AT THE SCHOOL OR THE PARISH OFFICE AS LONG AS THEY ARE CLEARLY MARKED :TO THE ATTENTION OF JENNIFER SATTERFIELD". SHE CAN BE REACHED BY PHONE OR TEXT AT 513-383-8774. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIFTS TO MAKE THE SILENT AUCTION A SUCCESS!

HOMEMADE EASTER EGG SALE! THE HOLY TRINITY 7TH GRADE CLASS IS TAKING ORDERS FOR HOMEMADE 10 OZ. EASTER EGGS OFFERED IN TWO DELICIOUS FLAVORS: VANILLA OR PEANUT BUTTER. THE EGGS ARE \$5.00 EACH. ALSO AVAILABLE FOR ORDER IS A SMALL PLATE OF SOLID EASTER CHOCOLATES FOR \$5.00. ORDER FORMS ARE LOCATED ON THE TABLES AT THE BACK OF CHURCH, AT THE SCHOOL, OR CALL/TEXT JILL SHONK AT 740-405-6244. FORMS CAN BE RETURNED IN THE COLLECTION BASKET OR DROPPED OFF AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY APRIL 1. THIS IS ONE OF THE 7TH GRADE CLASS FUNDRAISERS TO RAISE THE MONEY FOR THEIR CLASS TRIP NEXT SPRING.

CHURCH CLEANING AT ST. JOSEPH'S

WEEK OF MARCH 13 – FEHRMAN FAMILY

CEMETERY NOTICE – PLEASE REMOVE ALL WINTER DECORATIONS AND PERSONAL ITEMS FROM THE ST. JOSEPH CEMETERY AND HOLY TRINITY CEMETERY BY THE END OF MARCH. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

HOLY TRINITY ALUMNI NEWS - IT IS THE TIME OF YEAR AGAIN THAT THE HOLY TRINITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION IS OFFERING \$1,000 SCHOLARSHIP TO GRADUATES OF HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL. THE DEADLINE TO APPLY IS MONDAY, APRIL 18TH. THE APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE GUIDANCE COUNSELOR'S OFFICE AT SHERIDAN HIGH SCHOOL. IF YOU ARE NOT A SHERIDAN STUDENT, YOU CAN RECEIVE AN APPLICATION FROM EVE SMITH AT [EVE SMITH AT EVE SMITH RN@HOTMAIL.COM](mailto:EVESMITHRN@HOTMAIL.COM). PLEASE FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS AND FILL OUT THE APPLICATION AS DIRECTED. POINTS WILL BE DEDUCTED FOR APPLICATIONS THAT ARE MISSING CONTENT AS DIRECTED.

From the Pastor: March 13, 2022

Part II on *Faith and the Good Life* from notes I took from both Fr. John Hardon, S.J. and Fr. Reginald Martin, O.P.

No matter how excellent human reason can direct us to act (and no matter how excellent the resulting actions are), full participation in God's life remains beyond our human reach; we enjoy it only by God's invitation. We accept this invitation when we present ourselves for Baptism. Before His Ascension, Jesus commanded His disciples, *"Go into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation. He who believes and is baptized will be saved"* (Mark 16:16).

Most of us cannot recall our Baptism, but the rite by which the sacrament is conferred makes a clear connection between the sacrament and the Faith that is its gift. Parents who present children for baptism are asked, *"What do you ask of God's Church for your child?"* The reply is, *"Faith."* The parents are next asked, *"What does faith offer?"* The answer, *"Eternal life."*

The Sacrament of Baptism not only forgives sin, it makes us *"partakers in the divine nature"* (2 Peter 1:4) and *"identifies us as God's adopted children"* (Gal. 4:5). By God's grace, Baptism gives us the Theological Virtues by which we believe in God, hope in Him, and love Him. It also enables us to follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit and grow in the goodness of the Moral Virtues.

The Theological Virtue of Faith gives our intellect the supernatural knowledge by which we can direct our lives toward God. The virtue of Hope allows us to see this life with God as something possible to attain. The virtue of Charity transforms our human will by allowing us to enjoy the spiritual union with God that begins with Faith.

Faith is the habit by which we believe in God and what He has revealed. Because Christ entrusted His teaching authority to the apostles, Faith is also the habit by which we embrace the teachings of the Church. Faith precedes the other Theological Virtues because its first act is to allow us to recognize the existence of God, who is the object every virtue seeks to possess.

Here we can see a parallel to our natural lives. Until we know that something exists, we can form no opinion of it. Likewise, until we know some place exists, we have no reason to plan to visit it. However, once we become aware of a thing's existence, we can study it,

evaluate it, and decide whether to incorporate this knowledge into the rest of our life. In a similar way, God reveals Himself to us through Faith, and once we become aware of Him, we can direct and order our lives toward a deeper and more intimate life with Him.

Here we should observe that although the God of Faith is one and unchanging, human capacities differ both in their ability to comprehend the truth, and in the speed, firmness and devotion with which they assent to it. Jesus chides Peter when He says, "*You of little faith; why did you doubt?*" (Mt 15:28) and in another place he commends one of His listeners by saying, "*Woman, great is your faith!*" Therefore, one person's faith may be objectively greater than another's, but the gift of Faith itself is sufficient for each individual who grasps it.

Here we may draw another comparison between our natural lives and the life of grace. We say an individual who has greater knowledge or experience in science, grammar, mathematics, or any other object of human study, has two obligations. The first is to deepen his own knowledge, the second is to teach those who are less informed. Likewise, those whose faith gives them greater insight into the goodness of God have an obligation not only to share what they know, in order to increase the faith of others, but to study and pray so they may increase their own faith.

This may sound like a task reserved solely for professional theologians, but each of us is called to increase our faith, and to promote the faith of others. One of the axioms of our Church's theology states that gifts are never given just to enrich the one who receives them; they are given to be shared with the entire Church. We are baptized into a community, and we are called to enrich this community by our prayer and example. We are assisted in this life-long project by grace, the free and loving gift of the God we seek to know. Our progress in faith involves both our mind and our will. The more we learn about God, the more we find to love. The more we love God, the more we want to know Him - and to know about Him.

As soon as we speak of knowledge and love we must consider the relation between the intellect and the will. Our intellect seeks to know truth; our will to embrace goodness. These two aspects of our human nature unite to produce the habits we call virtues. When he considers the virtue of Faith, St. Thomas Aquinas writes "*...to believe is an act of the intellect in assenting to the truth at the command of the will*" (ST II-II, 4:5).

We might ask why faith depends on the will's commanding the intellect to believe, and here the Scripture comes to our assistance. The Letter to the Hebrews reminds us, "*Faith is the substance of things to be hoped for, the evidence of things that appear not*" (Heb. 11:1). The object of our faith - God - differs from an object of science precisely because we cannot see God or infer His existence simply from study and experiment. Grace reveals the invisible God to our mind, but it does not force us to believe what has been revealed. Our will apprehends what is good in revelation, and directs our intellect to accept the revelation as something that is true. Faith reveals God to be both true and good, so Faith enables both our intellect and our will to grow in perfection.

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A Blessed 2nd Week of Lent to All,

Pastor