

The Work of the People  
*Sunday of the Most Holy Trinity*

Every time we begin or end prayer, we do it "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." Christians who use this phrase repeatedly could easily lose sight of the powerful mystery it expresses. Today, Trinity Sunday, the Scriptures call for reflection on this central belief of Christianity: the Trinity. One of the greatest gifts of the Christian faith is the dogma of the triune God: God is three (tri) in one (une). Christians named God as a Trinity of Father, Son, and Spirit, but only in light of Jesus Christ do such language and insight fully emerge.

The First Reading for this Sunday is from the Book of Proverbs. Wisdom, personified as a woman present with God before the creation of the world, plays a great part in helping to establish the order and beauty of all creation. God's wisdom suffuses the universe with order and beauty. God's wisdom is present in and manifested through all creation, establishing both the extent and the limits that God desired for all creation. The Spirit, understood as the wisdom of God, is the fullness and presence of God dwelling with all of creation, delighting especially in the intimate relationship with all humanity.

Paul writes to the Church in Rome and speaks of the Trinitarian presence of God in our lives by focusing first on God justifying and restoring us to intimate covenant relationship in Christ. Our response in faith enables us to access God's peace and grace leading us to boast only in God's glory. We boast both in good times and in bad, for, through faith, all things draw us near to God's love which has been poured out into our hearts in and through the gift of the Spirit which has been given to us.

In John's Gospel we hear that Jesus, before departing from his disciples, comforts them by promising the gift of the Spirit of truth who will enlighten them on all that Jesus said and did while he was with them. The Spirit will guide and enlighten them on those things they currently find difficult to bear. All that the Father has given to Jesus will be made clear and understandable through the Spirit that will be given to them. We are a community intimately united to God through Christ by the work of the Spirit gifted to us.

The reflection for Trinity Sunday is Valerie Schultz who is a freelance writer and essayist. She is the author of *Overdue: A Dewey Decimal System of Grace*.

You know that feeling you get—from a baby's toothless smile, or a cello tenderly played, or a full moon over the ocean—when your heart is so full of wonder it might burst. Right? You've felt the delight that the Wisdom of God and the psalm-ist proclaim in today's readings. You've rejoiced in mystery. The Trinity—the "eternal holy Trinity and undivided Unity"—looms large among our mysteries

of faith. As a young catechist, I unveiled the concept of Trinity to grade-schoolers by comparing the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit to the three states of water: solid ice, liquid water, and steam. This seemed clever and accessible, except I learned later that it was heresy. The heresy of Modalism which claims that God is one Person in three modes—the flawed water analogy—rather than three distinct Persons in one God.

Despite our attempts to get it, there is no apt analogy for the Trinity.

"You cannot bear it now," Jesus tells his disciples, while promising that the Holy Spirit will be our guide to truth, our help to bear the unbearable. But even with the Holy Spirit, there are divine mysteries our human brains cannot fathom or explain. If we are to be people of faith, we must become comfortable with mystery. I don't mean to be dismissive of the struggle with mystery, because we all have our doubts. But the ineffable Trinity reminds us that sometimes, heart-bursting wonder is enough.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Kgs. 21:1-16/Mt. 5:38-42  
 Tuesday: 1 Kgs. 21:17-29/Mt. 5:43-48  
 Wednesday: 2 Kgs. 2:1, 6-14/Mt. 6:1-6, 16-18  
 Thursday: Sir. 48:1-14/Mt. 6:7-15  
 Friday: 2 Kgs. 11:1-4, 9-18, 20/Mt. 6:19-23  
 Saturday: 2 Chr. 24:17-25/Mt. 6:24-34  
 Sunday: Gn. 14:18-20/1Cor. 11:23-26/Lk. 9:11b-17

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

#### "Zoomerang"

June 20 - 24, 2022  
 Family Meal from 5 pm - 5:30 pm  
 Vacation Bible School from 5:30 pm - 8 pm

### QUO VADIS DAYS

#### "Where Are You going?"

Quo Vadis Days is a four-day camp for Catholic young men who are striving to follow God's call in their lives and who are considering the priesthood or seminary formation or who are wondering if God is calling them to a religious vocation.

What: Priesthood Discernment Camp  
 Who: Catholic Young Men in Grades 9-12  
 When: July 24-27, 2022  
 Where: St. Mark Seminary in Erie, PA  
 Cost: \$50.00

**\*\*Deadline to register: July 15, 2022\*\***

## WORSHIP

**Monday, June 13**  
 8:00 am + Dec. of Sullivan & Kutz Families  
 (Leona & John Kutz)

**Tuesday, June 14**  
 8:00 am + Janell Weidner  
 (Ginger (Weidner) & Dick Kester)

**Wednesday, June 15**  
 8:00 am + AT ST. BERNADETTE MISSION  
 Richard Weis (John & Kay Weagraff)

**Thursday, June 16**  
 8:00 am + John McLane (Kathleen Lipkovich)

**Friday, June 17**  
 8:00 am + Living & Deceased Parishioners

**Saturday, June 18**  
 4:30 pm + Jim Rasavage (Carole & Family)

**Sunday, June 19**  
 8:00 am + AT ST. BERNADETTE MISSION  
 Richard Baker (John & Joyce Hogan)  
 9:30 am + AT ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA  
 Richard T. Miller (Jeanne Miller)

## PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

**Tuesday, June 14**  
 After Mass - St. Anthony Novena

**Saturday, June 18**  
 3:30 - 4:15 pm - Confession

**Sunday, June 19**  
 ST. BERNADETTE MISSION  
 Before Mass - Confession  
 ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA  
 After Mass - Confession

**ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA**  
**ALTAR SERVERS**

**Saturday, June 18 - 4:30 pm**  
 Payton Leandro

**Sunday, June 19 - 9:30 am**  
 Michael & Sophia Mott

*“Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
 teach me your ways.”*

ST. BERNADETTE MISSION STEWARDSHIP	
Offertory	\$631.00
Maintenance	137.00
Peter's Pence	40.00
Candles	34.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$842.00</b>

### CAMP NOTRE DAME

The Board of Directors, Administrators, and Staff of Camp Notre Dame invite any interested families to attend an Open House on Sunday, June 5th from 1:00 p m until 4:00 pm. Mass will be celebrated in our Dining Hall at noon for those who choose to attend. Come and learn more about Resident and Day Camping for children. Visit [www.campnotredame.com](http://www.campnotredame.com) for more information.

#### ATTENTION COLLEGE STUDENTS AND 2022 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Are you looking for the best summer job of your life? Do you love working with children? Are you willing to share your faith? Camp Notre Dame, a youth camp associated with the Diocese of Erie may be the place for you. If you are interested in a counselor position, visit the Camp Notre Dame Web Site at [www.campnotredame.com](http://www.campnotredame.com) and click on the employment link. You may direct your questions to the Executive Director, John Yonko at [john@campnotredame.com](mailto:john@campnotredame.com) or call the office at 814 474-5001.

### CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS

Listen: This summer, when children are out of school, meeting new people and going to new places, make sure that you talk to them often about their experiences and the people they've met. Listen carefully to your children. If possible, observe and get to know the other children and adults who are part of your children's summertime fun. Above all, communicate your safety concerns to your children. Make sure your children know they can come to you with any concerns they may have about the people they interact with. And if you hear of or observe behaviors that may be inappropriate, make sure to communicate your feelings to people who are in a position to intervene. Communication is key in creating and maintaining a safe environment all year round. For additional resources visit: [www.eriecd.org/childprotection/](http://www.eriecd.org/childprotection/)

### COMMUNITY WORSHIP SERVICE

Community Worship Service Sunday, June 26th at 11:00 am at Cambridge Springs High School Auditorium. Music by Vessels Collective. Speaker Brandon Lenhart, Lead Pastor of North Main Street Church of God in Butler, PA.

Sponsored by the Cambridge Springs Ministerium - First Baptist Church, St. Anthony of Padua, C.S. Presbyterian, C.S. Methodist, First Church of God, Christian Missionary Alliance, and St. Paul's Church. Everyone welcome to attend.

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA STEWARDSHIP	
Offertory	\$1,100.00
Maintenance	484.00
Candles	42.00
Ascension	11.00
CSA	<u>1,026.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,663.00</b>
<b>Catholic Services Appeal</b>	
Pledged: \$31,428.00    Paid: \$23,671.00	

**CHURCH NAME: ST. ANTONY OF PADUA**

**CHURCH NO.:**

**SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

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