The Most Holy Trinity

May 27, 2018

Please pray for the soul of Bob Vasisko.
May he rest in the peace of our Lord.

An Invitation from our Bishop

Join the Bishop on Sunday, June 10, for a Eucharistic Procession at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral at 11 am followed by an outdoor procession through the downtown streets.

Bishop Scharfenberger extends this invitation hoping you will join with our diocesan sisters and brothers for this tremendous opportunity to witness to the community and adore Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.

Healing Mass in Hancock

St. Paul the Apostle Church in Hancock will be celebrating a charismatic-style Mass for Healing on Sunday, June 24, at 2 pm. Experience the healing power of our Lord alive and active in the world! Individual prayers for healing and laying on of hands by Father Richard McAlear will follow Mass along with the Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Birthright 'Thank You'

Profound thanks to everyone from all the parishes for your generous support of Birthright. We collected **$652** to help this important pro-life supporter. A special thank you to Father Golding, Sadie Tucker, and the Gielskie family.

Retreat for Persons with Physical Disabilities

June 8-10: *"Jesus My Treasure"*

Anything you are able to contribute toward the $100 cost would be appreciated. If you cannot afford to make an offering, please still plan to attend -- a grant was received which will help cover the retreat expenses.

Director: Sr. Lizette Hoevel

For additional details and to make your reservation, call 518.393.4169 or email: dslcny@nybiz.rr.com.

Lobby for Life Follow-Up & New Rally

There was a good turnout, and some excellent sessions with a number of legislators occurred. Both Senator Seward and Senator Majority Leader Flanagan promised us their support with Senator Flanagan guaranteeing that none of the legislation promoting abortion or euthanasia would pass while he was the majority leader.

Another chance to show your support for the most vulnerable members of our society will be on Monday, June 4, starting 10:30 am at Children's Memorial Empire State Plaza. Organizations including New York State Right to Life and Silent No More will be holding a March for Life at the State Capital in Albany. Some of the speakers will include: Pastors J&J, Father Frank Pavone, Reverend Nemley Father Imbarrato, Paul Marshall from Care Net, Reverend Childress, and Penny Lea. Go to marchforlifeny.org for details.

Family Perspective — Bud Ozar

Jesus commands, *"Teach them to carry out everything I have commanded you."* This command is meant for every Christian. In light of this command, parenting is not only the most difficult task a person can take on, it is one of the most apostolic and missionary tasks. Jesus commands all parents to teach their children *"all that I have commanded you."*

Catholic Relief Services Urgent Request

After suffering and struggling from three long years of severe drought in Kenya, Ethiopia, and other East African countries, it just kept raining ... and raining ... until the heavy rains turned to floods and washed away any hope of harvest after the planting of crops and slowly replenishing livestock. The rains have swept away vital crops, destroyed villages, caused loss of life and livestock, and contaminated drinking water with wells and latrines overflowing. Tragically, this is happening right now to millions of people and have forced thousands of families to leave their homes.

With widespread hunger already prevalent in East Africa due to the drought, flooding and mudslides only worsened the situation. Children are malnourished and in need of treatment. Donations will give lifesaving assistance to families who have lost their homes, provide immediate treatment for malnutrition, and the distribution of hygiene kits and emergency supplies that help reduce the spread of diseases, like malaria, measles and pneumonia. crs.org

Central & Eastern Europe Collection

This weekend's Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe supports the Church in over 25 countries that are still struggling to recover in the aftermath of communist rule. Funds support pastoral care, catechesis, building renovations, and seminary formation. Your help restores the Church and builds the future in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support it.

Marriage Moments — Susan Vogt

"A married woman must, when called upon, quit her devotions to God at the altar to find God in her household affairs."

~Saint Frances of Rome

One can reverse this quote and substitute "a married man," it is still true. The vocation of marriage and parenthood is holy. It is one way of knowing and serving God.

St. Isaac Jogues Youth Conference

The annual St. Isaac Jogues Youth Conference, July 13 to 15, for teens entering the 9th - 12th grades or who are in their graduating year of high school, will be held at the the Shrine of the Our Lady of Martyrs in Auriesville. Its goals are:

- ☆ to bring teens to a deeper sense of their personal relationship with Christ
- ☆ to demonstrate how to translate that relationship to everyday life, and
- ☆ to help them learn how to continue to grow in their relationship with Christ after the conference ends

Teens: Join us for three awesome days of worship, fun, friendship, laughter, music, and activities! Come closer to God, your friends and community, and learn more about the life and wonders God is offering to you. He has amazing things for you, and the world is in desperate need of your gifts and faith! Cost: $200. Info/register: 518.369.0213, joguesyc@gmail.com.

The Trinity

While much of Christian art depicts the relationship among the three persons of the trinity as triangular or in a linear procession, an ancient term from the Eastern Church fathers, *perichōrēsis*, can help us envision the dynamic love relationship of the Trinity in circular fashion.

This Greek word means, literally, *"going around"* and suggests a vigorous dance-like movement -- each person circling, interweaving, whirling in vibrant interaction with the others. The point of the dance of love, however, is not for the sole enjoyment of the divine Dancers. The dance is an open circle that invites all onto the dance floor, drawing them right into the midst of the energetic flow of divine delight. ~ Barbara Reid, *Give Us This Day*

Reconciliation Saturday at St. John from 3 to 3:30 pm.

Gospel - Lectio Divina

Matthew 28:17-20

Verse 17: When the disciples see Jesus, they prostrate themselves before Him. This is a response of those who believe and welcome God's presence even though it might surprise and be beyond human ability to comprehend.

Verse 18: *"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me."* This is a solemn declaration very much like the other affirmation: *"Everything has been entrusted to Me by My Father"* (Mt 11:27) and other similar affirmations by Jesus in John's Gospel. This authority of Jesus, born of His oneness with the Father, is the basis for the mission that the disciples are about to receive as well as our faith in the Most Blessed Trinity.

Verses 19-20a: Jesus conveys a triple mission: (1) to make disciples of all nations, (2) to baptize in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and (3) to teach them to observe all the commands He gave them.

The disciple lives with the master and thus learns from this daily living together. The disciple forms a community with the master and follows him, seeking to imitate his way of living and of living together in obedience and is always open to learning. A disciple is also active -- the disciple strains their ear to listen to what God has to say (Is 50:4). The Good News of God that Jesus brought to us is the revelation that God is Father and that thus, we are all brothers and sisters. Jesus lived and obtained this new experience of God for us through His death and resurrection. This is the new Spirit that He spread over His followers on the day of Pentecost.

Verse 20b: God is with us always. This is the great promise, the synthesis of all that was revealed from the beginning. It is the summary of the name of God, the summary of the whole of the Old Testament, of all the promises, of all the desires of the human heart. It is the final summary of the Good News of God passed on to us in this Gospel.

To be baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit meant the same as being baptized in the name of Jesus and as being baptized in the Holy Spirit. It meant, and still means, publicly assuming the commitment to live the Good News that Jesus brought, to reveal through prophetic brotherhood that God is Father, to struggle to overcome divisions and separations among people, and to affirm that all are children of God.