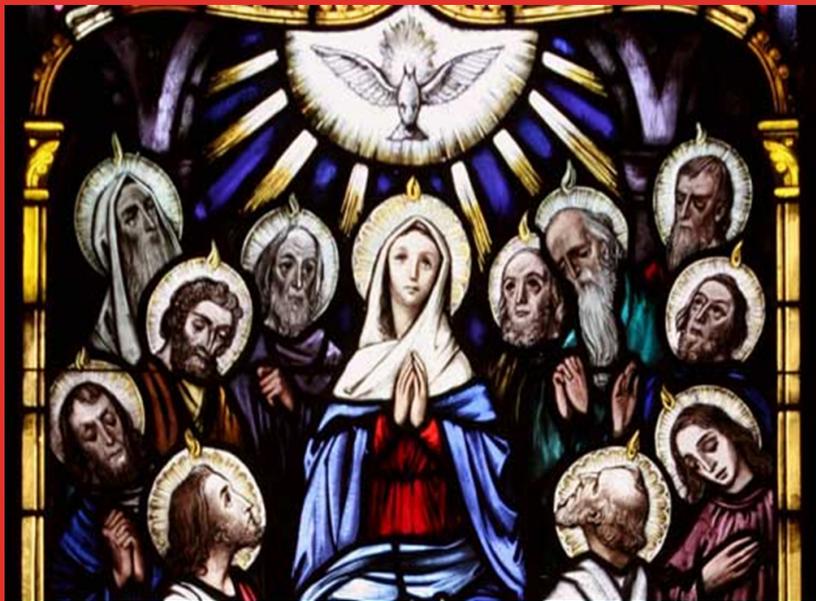


Come Holy Spirit Come



Most Holy Trinity

May 24, 2015

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From the Pastor's Desk

Mary at the Heart of Pentecost

I was recently watching a video of Bishop Oliver Dashe Doeme who was sharing his powerful experience. "Towards the end of last year I was in my chapel before the Blessed Sacrament praying the rosary, and then suddenly the Lord appeared." In the vision, the prelate said, Jesus didn't say anything at first but extended a sword toward him, and he in turn reached out for it. "As soon as I received the sword, it turned into a rosary," the bishop said, adding that Jesus then told him three times: "Boko Haram is gone." I didn't need any prophet to give me the explanation. It was clear that with the rosary we would be able to expel Boko Haram." The bishop said he didn't want to tell anyone, but "felt that the Holy Spirit was pushing him to do so."

He started with the priests of his diocese, and then told participants in the April 17-19 #WeAreN2015 congress in Madrid, Spain. The event is being sponsored by the Spanish Catholic sister groups hazteoir.org and CitizenGo to gather ideas on how to preserve the Christian presence in nations where they are more persecuted. Bishop Dashe leads the Diocese of Maiduguri, in northeastern Nigeria's Borno State. In 2009 there were around 125,000 Catholics under his guidance. After a surge in violence from the Islamist extremist group called Boko Haram, today "there are only 50 to 60 thousand left," he said.

Most of those who fled sought safer areas in other parts of Nigeria, he said. Some of the same families are now returning home as armed forces from Nigeria, Chad and Cameroon liberate their homes. In 2014, Boko Haram became known worldwide when members kidnapped nearly 300 girls from a school in Borno State. On March 7, 2015, five suicide bombers killed 54 and wounded nearly three times as many in the capital city of Maidaguri, where the bishop lives and works. The group has killed 1,000 people across Nigeria in the first three months of 2015, according

to Human Rights Watch, which reports that more than 6,000 have died in Boko Haram-led violence since 2009. Meanwhile, Bishop Dashe has just completed a "consolation tour" to communities in his diocese, promoting forgiveness and continued faith. He believes he was asked by Jesus to spread devotion to the rosary in order to aid them as they do so.

And he is not the only Nigerian bishop putting the future of the country in the hands of Mary. The nation's bishops' conference has consecrated the country to her twice in recent years. Bishop Dashe believes that one day his diocese will completely recover and grow thanks to her intercession. "These terrorists think that by burning our churches, burning our structures, they will destroy Christianity. Never! It may take a few months or a few years, but 'Boko Harm is gone.'"

The rosary is a weapon. Prayer is our weapon. Jesus told his disciples to "pray" and wait for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, that He would send to the Church. Mary and the disciples are praying when they receive the gift of the Spirit.

How often the people of our culture turn to violence, sex, drugs, manipulation, anger to try to achieve the things they think they need. Prayer is what we need. Families are being torn apart by divorce, selfishness, drugs and alcohol. Parents, do you pray? Do you pray with one another? Do you pray with your children? Do you pray before meals with thanksgiving? Why are we surprised when our children turn to these things when they do not see us pray?

Pentecost - the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit took place as the Apostles were united together in prayer with the Blessed Mother, a fundamental element that many times goes unnoticed; however the presence of the Mother of Jesus is significant for that singular event in which the Church, born of the Side of Christ, received the sanctifying

From the Pastor Continued . . .

power of the Spirit and at the same time, the power which would enable it to launch itself forward on its mission of evangelization.

In the prayer that Pope John XXIII prayed at the beginning of the Second Vatican Council, in which he asked for a new Pentecost for the Church, we see that he lays out for us the elements that are necessary so that this new anointing would flow upon the Church of our times:

“Divine Spirit, renew your wonders in our era as if it were a new Pentecost, and grant that your Church, praying together, perseveringly and insistently, with one heart and mind, together with Mary, the Mother of Jesus and guided by Peter, can promote the reign of the Divine Savior, the reign of Justice, of love and peace.”

Together with Mary

Why is it so important that we pray insistently for a new Pentecost, and that we do it together with Mary? Because Mary Most Holy, has been called by the Church, and in a particular way, by Saint Francis of Assisi, “Spouse of the Holy Spirit”. The word “Spouse” expresses the intimate and profound relation between Mary and the Holy Spirit. This intimate and singular union between the Holy Spirit and Mary begins at the moment of the Immaculate Conception, within the womb of her mother, Saint Anne. In this mystical union and through it, God preserves Mary from all original sin. He also fills her with such abundant grace, that it would one day allow her to become the Mother of God.

Together with Mary Most Holy and through her powerful intercession, may we open the doors of our hearts and of the entire Church, so that the blazing wind of the Holy Spirit may flow powerfully, bringing about the gift of a new and so necessary Pentecost.

God Bless, **Fr. Dennis**

The Rosary is prayed before the 8:15 a.m. weekday Mass. The intention for this week is to pray for all of the men and women who serve and have served in our armed forces, and that one day all wars will cease and there will be peace on earth.

 **Because of the Memorial Day Holiday, the parish office will be closed on May 25th. The Monday Mass will be at 10:30 a.m. at the cemetery. There will be no 7:00 p.m. Mass.**

Sponsor of the Week
Our thanks to the many businesses that make it possible for the bulletin to be cost-free to our parish.

Main Street Pizza

This week we will hear from Andrea Schneider.

God bless, **Fr. Dennis**



Come Holy Spirit Come! For much of my adolescence and adult life I completely overlooked the Holy Spirit. The Trinity is made up of three persons, and I would pray to the Father and the Son, but never really the Holy Spirit. How could I pray to a dove (that was my close-minded idea of the Holy Spirit). As I’ve grown in my faith, I’ve also grown to appreciate and love the Holy Spirit. I know that through

Confirmation I was equipped by the Holy Spirit to be a disciple of Christ.

As a mother I am trying to equip my kids to become children of God. This is not an easy task, as any parent can attest to. I call upon the Holy Spirit daily to provide me with grace to handle this task. The fruits of the Spirit are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. WOW, what a list! I strive to grow in each of these daily.

In the last couple of months I’ve been really focusing on love, joy, and patience. I thought that if I prayed and asked for these gifts, I would just wake up one day and just have patience or just be more joyful. Well I quickly found out that’s not how it works! I soon realized God provided me with LOTS of opportunities to practice being patient, loving, and joyful. “Joy is not a result of what happens to me; it is a result of how I respond to what happens to me. I choose to be joyful.” (Becoming the Women I want to Be) Some days I wake up and think, why did you choose those three to focus on first, this is so hard. How can I be patient with my kids, or how can I possibly show joy when they are being naughty. At those moments I stop and think, I can’t do this, but God can help me. The Holy Spirit can help me. And in those moments I send up a simple, but powerful prayer...Come Holy Spirit Come, Come Holy Spirit Come. This little prayer helps me get through most of my days. Being patient, loving, and joyful isn’t always the easy road to take, but neither is the Christian life. God knew it wasn’t going to be easy for us after he left. That is why he left us with the help and guidance of the Holy Spirit. Our Father is always looking out for us and has our best interest at heart.

Alleluia, Christ has risen! Come Holy Spirit Come!

God Bless, **Andrea**

Announcements

Priestly Discernment Dinner
On Sunday, **August 16th** the Diocese is sponsoring its annual afternoon with Bishop and the seminarians of our Diocese. Any young man who is a junior in High School is welcome. The day begins at 3:00pm and ends by 6:00pm. There will also be an over-night retreat extending until Monday August 17th for those who are seriously considering to sign up for seminary. Please contact Fr. Dennis if you are interested.

Announcements Continued . . .**Diocesan Family Baseball Game**

Our annual Night with the Diocese of Lansing will take place on Friday, August 7th at Lugnuts Stadium in Lansing. Please call the parish office if you're interested. There will be priests, religious and many parishes from throughout the Diocese present at the game.

Schola Artium

It is not too late to support Fr. Bob Roggenbuck's Schola Artium program. Please consider sponsoring a young person and helping provide unique fine arts opportunities to the needy and at-risk student residents of Ypsilanti. For more information, visit www.scholaartium.org

Principal of Most Holy Trinity School
Anne Hufnagel—AnneH@mhtparish.com

*MHT School – Connecting Faith to Life***Important Dates:**

Monday, May 25	No School/Memorial Day
Tuesday, May 26	Mass @ 8:15 a.m.
Tuesday, May 26	5 th /6 th Grade Spanish Trip
Friday, May 29	8 th Grade Trip
Monday, June 1	8 th Grade Graduation/Mass @ 7:00
Tuesday, June 2	Mass @ 8:15 a.m.
Wednesday, June 3	Last Day of School/ Family Barbeque

Registration: You can register your children at MHT School for the 2015/16 school year by using the QR code or checking the school page on the parish website (www.mhtparish.com) for the link to the online registration. If you have any problems with the registration process or would like to schedule a visit, please call the school office at 593-2616.



Support the Faith Raffle: The Knights of Columbus are once again sponsoring their 'Support the Faith' raffle. Tickets can be purchased in the school office, parish office, or from members of the Knights of Columbus and cost \$20.00 each. Each ticket has multiple chances at cash prizes of \$100 or \$500. Proceeds from the raffle will generate scholarships toward tuition at MHT School!

To love someone who doesn't love us... It's not easy! Because if we know that a person doesn't like us, then we also tend to bear ill will. But no! We must love even someone who doesn't love us! Opposing evil with good, with pardon, with sharing, with welcome. - from The Spirit of Saint Francis

**Newly Baptized**

Cooper Randy Miller; Son of Jordan Miller and Jenna Potts.

We welcome Cooper to our parish family.

Director of Religious Education
Paul Fahey—mhtdre@gmail.com—593-3174

Religious Education: If you would like to enroll your child in next year's Religious Education classes, you will need to register by visiting www.mhtparish.com/religious-education and clicking the "2015/2016 Registration Form" link to our online form. *Paper registration forms are also available in the parish and religious education offices if you would prefer.

After you complete the form you will need to submit a check for the appropriate tuition fees to the school office, religious education office, parish office, or collection basket during Mass.

The 2015/2016 tuition for Religious Education is:

\$125 for one student
\$225 for two students
\$300 for three or more students

However, if registration and payment are received by May 31, 2015, there is an early registration discount of \$20.

If you are absolutely unable to pay the full religious education fee, please let me know and I would be glad to work with you on a payment plan. No one will be denied religious education because of an inability to pay.



Vacation Bible School: Vacation Bible School is happening once again! This year's VBS will be June 16-18, 9:00am - Noon for children currently in grades K - 4.

If you would like to register: Please visit the religious education page on our website (<http://www.mhtparish.com/religious-education>) and click the "VBS Registration Form" link. Or you can visit the parish office and fill out a paper form. We are asking for a \$5 donation per child to help offset our costs.

If you would like to volunteer: We are in need of helpers and leaders, high school and older, to help with the many activities that week. You can help one day or all three. You can help with the kids or behind the scenes. There's something for anyone who wants to help! Please contact me (mhtdre@gmail.com, 593-3174 x1) if you are interested."

News & Events From Our Parish & Other Areas**Most Holy Trinity Adult Retreat**

Who: MHT Adult Parishioners

What: Adult Retreat put on by our MHT staff

Where: The Holley Family Village - Brooklyn, Michigan

When: September 11-13th. Registration is at 6:00 pm and the retreat starts at 7:00 pm on Friday and ends at noon on Sunday.

Cost: \$125 per person

The retreat will be modeled after our youth and young adult retreats. Go to our website at mhtparish.com to register by August 1st. There is only room for 40 people.

St Joseph Festival, Pewamo

Come join the fun at the Annual Pewamo St Joseph Parish Festival on June 13th and 14th. Returning this year is DJ Trivia Saturday night in the Beer Tent (prizes), Wine & Beer Tasting Sunday afternoon, and Biggby coffee after the 8am Mass on Sunday. Other activities include: Softball tournament, Golf Scramble (prizes), Live Music, Vegas Tent, Kiddie Tractor Pulls, Hubbardston Irish Dancers, Mello-Tones, Potter's Park Animal Show, Games and Rides for the kids and Parade on Sunday. Questions? Please contact Derrick & Haley Weber (517)896-5451 or Neal & Amber Spitzley (517)231-2462.

Volleyball Tournament: Saturday, June 13th. It is a 4 on 4 co-ed grass tournament with a competitive and a recreational division. The cost is \$80 per team with the first game starting at 9:00 am. The entry deadline is Thursday, June 11th. To enter your team (please only have 1 team member register each team), please call or text Aaron & Lisa Schneider at (517) 331-4266 or (989)-640-5404.

Parade: Sunday, June 14th. The theme will be "Roarin' 20's", with cash prizes awarded for the top three floats or entries using the theme. You do NOT need to register your entry prior to the parade; line-up begins the day of the parade at 10:30 am at the Pewamo Elementary school. If you have any questions, please contact John and Christie Spitzley at 517-331-1591, or Jarrod & Kerri Hafner at 989-593-9924.

5K Run/2Mile Walk: Saturday June 13th, at 8:30 at St. Joseph Parish Center. There are many age groups and awards to be given. For details and registration forms please see our website at <https://runsignup.com/Race/MI/Pewamo/PewamoStJosephRun> or call Matt/Kelli Smith 989-593-3509, Bill/Dawn Martin 989-640-3591, or Jennyl Simon 517-281-6585.

Boys & Girls 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament: Sunday, June 14th. There is a \$50 entry fee and the deadline is June 10th. **8' rim for younger players.** For more information contact Bill Schafer at 989-640-0622 or email blschafer14@gmail.com.

Pewamo St. Joseph Golf Outing: June 13th 2015, 2:00 \$45 per person, Dinner, prizes and more! Call Huckleberry Creek at 989-593-3305 to sign your team up!

Featured CD of the Week

We Must Go Out: the Sacrament of Confirmation - Fr. Michael Schmitz

It is through the Sacrament of Confirmation that a Catholic is fully initiated into the Church. In this talk, Fr. Mike Schmitz addresses this concerning trend in the Catholic church with honesty, energy, and humor. Focusing on the true nature of Confirmation, Fr. Mike challenges ALL Catholics to see this sacrament not as a "graduation" from the Church, but as a commissioning by the Holy Spirit to go out into the world and proclaim the Gospel.

Cd's are located in the back of church. Contact Adam Halfman for additional topics, CD's or questions.

St. Patrick in Portland - 3-on-3 Tournament

On June 27th, St. Patrick Parish in Portland will be hosting a 3-on-3 tournament. The tournament is open to girls and boys ages 8-15. Registration forms are available www.stpatsummerfest.com. For more information or if you have questions concerning the tournament, please contact Kristen Smith at [517.449.4524](tel:517.449.4524) or Mandy Spitzley at [517.230.1143](tel:517.230.1143).

Renewal Ministries Gathering

Join Ralph Martin, Peter Herbeck, and Sister Ann Shields on May 29-31st at the Eagle Crest Hotel and Conference Center in Ypsilanti, Michigan for a Renewal Ministries Gathering. There will be talks and a celebration of 35 years of service to God and His People! For more information, please call Kathleen at 734-662-1730 ext. 132.

MHT Scrip

Father's Day and Summer Vacation are fast approaching. MHT Scrip offers a wide variety of gift cards for all of your gift giving and vacation needs; gas, shopping, dining, entertainment and hotels. Visit shopwithscrip.com for a complete list. A wide range of gift cards are available in the Most Holy Trinity School office during school hours.

Cemetery Services



VFW Post 3733 along with area Veterans will be providing Memorial Day Cemetery services, honoring deceased veterans on Monday, May 25th. Bus transportation is available for Veterans and will be leaving the Post, in Fowler, at approximately 9:30 am, or you can meet us at the

cemeteries. The schedule is as follows:

St. Mary's, Westphalia	10:00 am
St. Joseph's, Pewamo	10:45 am
Most Holy Trinity, Fowler	11:30 am

Chicken BBQ: E.J. Werner, VFW Post 3733 is sponsoring a Chicken Barbecue on Memorial Day, May 25th. Serving begins at 11:00 am, at the Post Home in Fowler. Cost is \$10 per person.

Please pray for our friends and relatives who are sick or recovering especially:

Frieda Gallagher, Sally Foster, Becky Hicks, Scott Foster, Dennis Smith, Carl Stump, Regina Martin, Sean Dush, Dewey Torok, Evan Pung, Charlene Thelen, Davison Curtin, Irene Weber, Adam Schaefer, Sarah Fox-Klein, Jeffrey Lee Thelen, Luke Martin, Chuck McCausey, Sara Sanchez, Melissa Schulye, Marla Thelen, Kenny Briganti, Jenny Scott, Jeff Pline, Gary McNamara, Sharon (Thelen) Droste, Pete Kurnz, Theresa Fox, Marie Hengesbach, Edward Wohlscheid, Linda Rogala, Dawson Thelen, Sarah Weber, Jean Schafer, Marian Rademacher, Don Simon, Roman Arens and a special intention.

Please contact the parish office to inform us when we can add or remove a persons name from the list. Thank you.

Let us also keep in our prayers all those from the Parish Community who are in the Armed Services.



The family of **Eleanora Klein** wishes to express their deep appreciation to the many family and friends who have offered such kindness & support during our time of loss. Your thoughtfulness will never be forgotten. Special gratitude to Fr. Charlon Mason for a beautiful Mass to celebrate our Mother, Lehman Funeral Homes, Country Living, & Janet Thurston for a wonderful meal and all who brought a dish to pass. We are blessed to have had such a special lady as our Mother!

The Eleanora Klein Family

 The Family of **Dorothea Smith** wishes to thank Fr. Eric and all the clergy for celebrating mom's funeral Mass and Brian Flynn for providing the beautiful music. Thanks to the cooks for preparing the wonderful meal and to those who provided food for the funeral dinner and brought food to the house. Also thanks for the prayers, memorials, flowers and kind words of sympathy and encouragement we received prior to mom's passing and the days leading up to and including the funeral. Thank you to Dr. Rajesh and staff, Sparrow Hospice Services and St. Lawrence Hospice for their excellent care and concern. To the staff of Lehman Funeral Home for your professionalism and personal touch at all of Mom's services. In lieu of thank you cards, donations will be made to charities in memory of Dorothea, and a Mass of thanksgiving will be offered.

Melvin Smith and Family

 The family of **Evelyn Hengesbach** would like to extend our thanks to Father Eric, Deacon Bernie, and Deacon Chuck for celebrating our Mother's funeral Mass (life). We also wish to thank Brian Flynn, Paul Bearss and the St. Mary Choir for the beautiful music. We have no doubt Mom was singing along. Thank you also to the cooks who prepared the wonderful meal and to everyone who brought in all the food, beverages and paper products over the last several weeks. Your love, prayers, memorials and gifts touched all of us. We especially thank those who waited patiently in the long visitation lines and to Lehman Funeral Home staff for their care and concern. What a tremendous tribute to our Mother. We are so blessed to belong to such a wonderful, faith-filled community. Donations will be made to various charities and a Mass of Thanksgiving will be offered in lieu of thank you cards.

The Children, Grandchildren, and Great-Grandchildren of Evelyn Hengesbach

**Our Parish Stewardship
 God's Treasure at Most Holy Trinity**

Amount needed each week.....\$13,200.00
 May 16 & 17 Collection..... 8,743.50
 Shortage..... - 4,456.50
 Envelopes used: 171



- Monday - May 25 - Memorial Day - Mass at Cemetery**
 10:30 a.m. + For all Veterans & Deceased Parishioners, especially those since 2014
- Tuesday - May 26**
 8:15 a.m. + Living & Deceased Members of the Mary Petepin (Armbrustmacher) Family
- Wednesday - May 27**
 6:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations
 7:00 p.m. + Donald J. Kramer & Living & Deceased Members of the Family
- Thursday - May 28**
 8:15 a.m. + Viola, Ron, & Arlene Schafer
- Friday - May 29**
 8:15 a.m. + Nancy Vroman & Living & Deceased Members of the Family
- Saturday - May 30**
 8:15 a.m. + Eunice Wirth
 4:30 p.m. For the intentions of Gerry & Cheryl Arens on the Occasion of the 40th Wedding Anniversary
- Sunday - May 31**
 8:30 a.m. People of the Parish
 10:30 a.m. + Kerri Tipps

Ushers for Saturday & Sunday, May 30 & 31
4:30 p.m. - Gary Weber, Dale Feldpausch, Keith Weber, Jerome Klein
8:30 a.m. - Tim Koenigsknecht, Paul Pung, Ken Pung, Kurt Koenigsknecht
10:30 a.m. - Dan Pung, Duane Pung, Dean Schrauben, Volunteer

Mass Servers for Saturday & Sunday, May 30 & 31
4:30 p.m. - David & Brian Armbrustmacher, Drew & Holly Bierstetel
8:30 a.m. - Hanna, Nathan & Jena Epkey, Randy Koenigsknecht
10:30 a.m. - Gabrielle & Sidney Horak, Logan & Tyler Klein

Mass Servers During This Week
Mon., 10:30 am - Mass at Cemetery - Nolan Wirth, Braedan Andros
Tues., 8:15 a.m. - MHT School
Wed., 7:00 p.m. - Dominik Horak, Tony Piggott
Thur., 8:15 a.m. - Jacob, Hannah, & Andrew Irrer
Fri., 8:15 a.m. - Volunteer
Sat., 8:15 a.m. - Austin Vandegriff, Drew Armbrustmacher

Readings for the Week of May 24, 2015	
Monday	Sirach 17:20-24; Psalms 32; Mark 10:17-27
Tuesday	Sirach 35:1-12; Psalms 50; Mark 10:28-31
Wednesday	Sirach 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17; Psalms 79; Mark 10:32-45
Thursday	Sirach 42:15-25; Psalms 33; Mark 10:46-52
Friday	Sirach 44:1, 9-13; Psalms 149; Mark 11:11 - 26
Saturday	Sirach 51:12cd-20; Psalms 19; Mark 11:27 - 33