



Most Holy Trinity

July 10, 2016

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# Holy Father's Papal Visit to Armenia



## The Cross of Armenia



### *From the Pastor's Desk*

I'm sure many people have heard of the terrible tragedy in Istanbul, Turkey this week, but probably few people heard much in the news about the Holy Father's pastoral and ecumenical visit to the nation of Armenia. Not many Christians in the West know much about Armenia unfortunately nor realize the deep historical connection both Turkey and Armenia share.

#### A Little History

The Armenian Church has the distinction of being the earliest nation to turn to Christ and accept the Gospel as a nation. According to tradition, St. Thaddeus and St. Bartholomew preached the Gospel in Armenia as early as the second half of the first century. Then in 314, St. Gregory the Illuminator formally established the Church in Armenia, when King Tiridates III was baptized and declared Christianity as the state religion.

St. Gregory (c. 240-325 AD). He is called Illuminator be-

cause he "enlightened the nation with the light of the gospel" through baptism. Many historians comment that the Christianization of Armenia "determined the entire future course of Armenian history". The Armenian nation embraced Christ in its own land where God himself "descended". One historical reality stands out more than others, and that is that the Armenian Church has experienced centuries of persecution and martyrdom. Archbishop Aram Keshishian writes: "Confessing Christ has become the quintessence of our history. The history of the Armenian Church in all its manifestations and achievements, conflicts and struggles, is in the fullest sense of the term the history of confessing Christ in action. All the spheres of our life were touched by the transforming power of Christ."

#### The Armenian Church

The Armenian people belong to either the Armenian Catholic Church which is in communion with the Holy Father, and the Armenian Apostolic Church which is part of the Orthodox Church tradition.

**From the Pastor Continued . . .**

One of the comments of Pope Francis in his pastoral and ecumenical visit to Armenia was his inclusion of the term "Genocide" in his address. 500,000 men, women and children perished in this barbaric crime between 1914 and 1918. In particular the Church, intellectuals and cultural leaders were murdered. Women and children were sold into slavery or marched to their deaths. Those who survived and their descendants annually recall the event. This is controversial because the Turkish government who perpetrated this heinous act, refuses to this day to acknowledge it. In fact, the Turkish government made mentioning it a capital crime. To date, 29 countries have officially recognized the mass killings as genocide, as have most genocide scholars and historians.

The Armenian Genocide is acknowledged to have been one of the first modern genocides, because scholars point to the organized manner in which the killings were carried out in order to eliminate the Armenians, and it is the second most-studied case of genocide after the Holocaust.

In the Secret (meaning "private" or "personal") Vatican Archives are stored documents that testify to the unprecedented and shocking genocide by the Ottoman Empire against the Armenians after the First World War, documents that will be published soon in a book co-edited by the same Vatican Archives. The Vatican Archives and Library are filled with treasures of one of the oldest and most extensive archives in the world; documents from the most ancient times that have been saved by the popes throughout the centuries.

The documents soon to be published are filled with testimonials about the Armenian Genocide describe "in detail" the "procedures of torture that the Turks used towards the Armenians". For example, he said, there is evidence of how the soldiers would bet "on the sex of fetuses in the wombs of pregnant women before they quartered them and with the same knife killed the babies". These episodes, said the Vatican archivist, who "make me ashamed to be a man, and if it were not for faith, I would see only darkness."

So what are we to make of all of us today? First, the Pope's visit and the mention of the word "Genocide" in the context of the murder of so many innocent lives certainly calls all of humanity into a deep soul searching. So many nations have similar sad aspects of their own history. Nations must have the humility to admit the wrongs of the past and work toward healing.

Second, spiritually, as Christians in the West, it is our responsibility to speak out and speak up for our brothers and sisters throughout the world who are voiceless and suffering. Whether it is in Syria, China, Africa, the Middle East, wherever, we as Catholic Christians are obligated to raise our voices. It is a matter of justice and responsibility to fellow believers.

God bless,

Fr. Dennis

**Thank You!**

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**Principal of Most Holy Trinity School**  
Anne Hufnagel—[AnneH@mhtparish.com](mailto:AnneH@mhtparish.com)

***MHT School – Connecting Faith to Life***

**Registration:** Registration for Most Holy Trinity School will be ongoing throughout the summer months. The following URL and QR code will still be active or you can email me at [principal@mhtparish.com](mailto:principal@mhtparish.com) to get more information, to schedule a visit, or to register. <http://goo.gl/forms/Hxq5uzMXKS>



**2016/17 Parent Email List:** I sent out a test email a few weeks ago to all parents who have registered their children at MHT School for next year. If you did not receive an email from me regarding next year's start date and open house, please email me at [principal@mhtparish.com](mailto:principal@mhtparish.com) so I can add you to the email list. If you received the email and will not have any children enrolled at MHT School, let me know so I can remove your contact information.

**Teaching Position:** Most Holy Trinity School in Fowler, MI, is accepting resumes and cover letters for two middle school teaching positions (grades 5 – 8) for the 2016-17 school year. One position will be full-time and one will be part-time. We are looking for certified middle school teachers of all subjects, but in particular mathematics and religion. All applicants must hold a current and valid teaching certificate from the State of Michigan, preferably being highly qualified in middle school mathematics. The successful candidate must be dynamic, energetic, and willing to work collaboratively in a team environment. Applicants must be practicing Catholics who are enthusiastic about incorporating the Catholic faith in their teaching. The ideal applicant will be a teacher who has a genuine passion for teaching in a Catholic school, a high comfort level in managing a classroom of fully engaged learners, a commitment to joyful collegiality, an ability to communicate effectively with parents, and a strong foundation in subject matter awareness.

Resumes will be accepted through Friday, July 22, 2016, and should be sent to the following address:

Most Holy Trinity School

Attn: Anne Hufnagel

545 N. Maple St.

Fowler, MI, 48835

or via email: [principal@mhtparish.com](mailto:principal@mhtparish.com)

**MHT Scrip – Summer Schedule**

Scrip that is kept in stock will be available at the parish office from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. **Scrip orders will continue to be placed each Monday throughout the summer.**

Scrip offers a wide range of gift cards for all of your summer vacation needs; gas, shopping, dining, entertainment and hotels. Visit [shopwithscrip.com](http://shopwithscrip.com) for a complete list.

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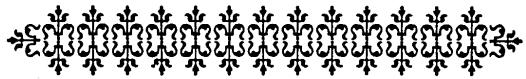
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**Director of Religious Education**  
Paul Fahey—mhtdre@gmail.com—593-3174

**Young Adult Group - Tuesday, July 12** Like last summer, MHT will host a young adult group every other Tuesday night at 7:00pm in the Youth Center. I will be there for discussion and Q&A, there will also likely be food and games depending on what everyone feels like. Dates for this through the summer are July 12, July 26, and August 9.

**Director of Youth Ministry**  
Mary Schomisch - mhyouthmary@gmail.com

**Mission; Flint:** Flint summer work camp will be July 24-29 and held at St. Mary Queen of Angels in Swartz Creek. Join local parishes encountering the Lord through those we will serve in Flint and the Sacraments. Cost for the week is \$100. Permission slips are available on the parish website and in the youth center. **Permission slips are due by July 10th.**



#### Readings for the Week of July 10, 2016

<b>Monday</b>	Isaiah 1:10-17; Psalms 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, and 23; Matthew 10:34—11:1
<b>Tuesday</b>	Isaiah 7:1-9; Psalms 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8; Matthew 11:20-24
<b>Wednesday</b>	Isaiah 10:5-7, 13b-16; Psalms 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15; Matthew 11:25-27
<b>Thursday</b>	Isaiah 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Psalms 102:13-14ab, and 15, 16-18, 19-21; Matthew 11:28-30
<b>Friday</b>	Isaiah 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Isaiah 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16; Matthew 12:1-8
<b>Saturday</b>	Micah 2:1-5; Psalms 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14; Matthew 12:14-21



**The Rosary** is prayed before the 8:15 a.m. weekday Mass. The intention for this week is to pray that our Catholic brothers and sisters around the world may join their prayers to ours so that peace among all nations may become a reality.

**Please pray for our friends and relatives who are sick or recovering especially:** Frieda Gallagher, Carl Stump, Regina Martin, Sean Dush, Evan Pung, Charlene Thelen, Davison Curtin, Jeffrey Lee Thelen, Luke Martin, Sara Sanchez, Melissa Schulte, Kenny Briganti, Sharon (Thelen) Droste, Theresa Fox, Marie Hengesbach, Edward Wohlscheid, Linda Rogala, Sarah Weber, Jean Schafer, Don Simon, Roman Arens, Roy Frechen, Julie Wieber Schafer, Irene (Luttig) Weber, Maryann Esch, Bill Barns, Bob Marshall, Dennis Smith, Sandy Herta, Fr. Bill Koenigsknecht, Dick Rehmann, Pam (Thelen) Stump, Janet Simon, Scott Kus, Steve Thelen, Tracy Schmitt, Msgr. Sylvester Fedewa, Bryce Bongard, Gregg Platte, Charles Douglass, Fr. Dennis Howard, Frank Hufnagel, Agnes Cole and a special intention.

**Please contact the parish office to inform us when we can add or remove a person's 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.*

#### News & Events From Our Parish & Other Areas



##### 50/50 Support the Faith Raffle

The Knights of Columbus are excited to announce our annual '50/50 Support the Faith Club' fundraiser. This is a cash raffle with various cash prizes and the proceeds will provide scholarships for families that are sending their children to MHT School. Tickets for the raffle are \$20 and can be purchased at the parish office, or from any officer. Each KC member was mailed two tickets and is encouraged to purchase or sell the tickets. We will also be selling tickets after all of the Masses on July 2/3 and July 9/10. ALL entries will be eligible for ALL 20 drawings. The scholarships will be provided for the next school year. Extra tickets can be purchased at the Parish Office during normal business hours.

#### Marriage Encounter



St. Mary's, Westphalia will be hosting a WorldWide Marriage Encounter on the weekend of **August 5-7**.

This weekend is an enrichment program for married couples who want to grow closer in their relationship with each other and with God, and respects the privacy of each couple. It will run on Friday evening from 7:00-9:30, Saturday from 7:30am-9:30pm, and Sunday from 8:00am-4:00pm. There is a \$75 registration cost. Couples will also be asked for a voluntary donation at the end of the weekend to help offset the costs for the weekend. For more information or to register, visit [wwme.org](http://wwme.org) or contact Paul & Vicki Horak- [pvhorak@hotmail.com](mailto:pvhorak@hotmail.com), 989-640-3611.

#### "His Mercies Never Come to An End"

Retreat offered at St. Francis Retreat Center from July 31<sup>st</sup> to August 2<sup>nd</sup>. It will include meals, lodging, Reconciliation, Mass, Morning and Night Prayer, Eucharistic Adoration, Gospel Presentations on Mercy, quiet time to pray, rest, and relax, and the opportunity for individual directed conferences. Tony Sperendi will be your retreat director. The cost is \$225. For registration and more information contact the retreat center at [www.stfrancis.ws](http://www.stfrancis.ws) or 517-669-8321.

#### Ignatian Directed Retreat

The silent Ignatian retreat is built around the elements of Lectio Divina and the Examen prayer of St. Ignatius of Loyola. The Examen is a technique of prayerful reflection on the events your day in order to discern God's direction for you. On this retreat, you will review your life from a prayerful, God-Centered perspective.

**When:** July 17-23

**Where:** St. Francis Retreat Center

**Cost:** \$620 per person. Includes all meals, materials, and lodging.

**Register:** 517-669-8321 by July 4th.

#### Blood Drive

There will be a Red Cross blood drive at St. Mary's hall on Monday, July 11 from 1:00-6:45pm. Please join us.

# SUPERHERO

*Most Holy Trinity Parish  
Festival News  
July 28, 29, 30 & 31*

**Quilts & Afghans:** We are looking for a few more afghan or quilt donations for this years Quilt raffle. Perhaps you have a finished project in storage waiting for a lucky home? Please consider a donation to the parish festival this year.

**Festival Dinner Pie & Cheesecake Donations:** In lieu of donating baked goods for the Country Store you can bake 2 pies or 2 cheese cakes (16 slices) for the festival dinner. To participate you must sign-up in back of church. For the dinner we can accept single or double crusted pies. So bake your favorite pies or cheese cakes. The dinner baked goods can be delivered to the dessert prep station located in the Activity.

**Country Store:** All families are asked to donate baked goods to the Country Store OR sign up in the back of church to bring a cheesecake or pies to the dinner. Please bring baked goods to the Country Store located in the Esper Room between 9:00 a.m. and noon on Sunday, July 26th. Items should be placed in non-returnable containers, zip-lock bags, or other unused bags and marked with the type of baked good.

Below is a list of the requested baked goods:

Last Name	Item to bring
G,I,J,K,O,W	3 Dozen Cinnamon Rolls
D,E,F,P,Q,T,V,Z	4 Dozen Cookies, Bars or Brownies
C,H,L,M,R,U	2 Double Crusted Pies
A,B,N,S,Y	3 Loaves of Homemade Bread (No bread machine or frozen dough)

A \$10 donation is requested if it is not possible to donate a baked good.

**Arts & Crafts:** Collection has begun for the Arts and Crafts donations for the Parish Festival. *Talent Search! For handmade things.* Don't think you are crafty enough to make something? Then be a bargain shopper! Take advantage of sales. It's always fun to find nicer items on sale for the suggested expenditure of \$7.

Suggestions: Household, children & baby items. School or team affiliation, MSU, U of M, Fowler Eagles, Detroit Tigers. Anything summer. Christmas items don't move well.

All women and single men (18 & older) are asked to donate an item of \$7. Please include your name with the item. Donations can be left in designated boxes by all church entrances. Don't fret if you miss donating; each contribution will be accepted at the Arts & Crafts booth at the picnic.

**Car Show:** Thursday night July 28 downtown Fowler.

**Fowler Downtown Sidewalk Sales:** Downtown businesses will have sidewalk sales on Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 am – 5:30 pm and Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 am – 3:00 pm.

**Social Tent: Friday:** Saturday, July 29 from 6:00 to 7:00pm Happy Hour (1/2 off drinks) 7:00 - 11:30 pm Drinks, pulled pork and pizza. Vegas game room, Blackjack, Let it Ride, Money Wheel. You must be 21 to enter.

**Volleyball Tournament:** It is a 4 on 4 co-ed outdoor tournament on Saturday, July 25th behind the Waldron Middle School in Fowler. Cost is \$80 per team. There is a competitive and recreational division. The tournament starts at 8:00 am, but teams should arrive at least 15 minutes early for registration. To sign your team up, please contact Mitchel Thelen by phone (989)-640-6950 or email at mitchelthelen@gmail.com. The deadline to sign up is July 28rd. Hope to see everyone there.

**Touch A Truck:** Will take place Saturday, July 30 at 7:00 p.m. on Most Holy Trinity Parish grounds. All boys and girls are invited to come and see the "Big Rigs" up close. Learn how they work and find out what all those gadgets are for! Don't miss your chance to sit in the driver's seat at Touch A Truck!

**Family Movie Night:** This year's movie feature is "The Incredibles". The movie will be shown on Saturday, July 30 on a large canvas at Fink Field with concessions under the pavilion. The movie starts at dusk. Come join us for this great family event. If inclement weather, the movie will be canceled.

**Calling All Super Hero's!** Want to be a "Super Hero" at the parish festival this year? If you dressed as a Super Hero for Halloween and want to wear your costume again, here is your chance!!! Wear your costume on Saturday evening during the Family Movie Night presentation (the movie is "The Incredibles") and again on Sunday as you ZAP! ZAM! and POW! your day away at the festival. Hope to see all you Super Heroes at the festival!!!! **SHAZAM!!!!**

**3-on-3 Basketball Tournament:** Sunday July 31. A registration form and \$60 team entry fee are due July 18. Entry forms are available online at [www.mhtparish.com](http://www.mhtparish.com) or by calling Tim Andros at 989-666-3314.

**Parade:** Sunday, July 31<sup>th</sup> – The theme is "Super Heroes". There will be cash prizes (1<sup>st</sup> place - \$75, 2<sup>nd</sup> place - \$50, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place - \$25) awarded for the top three floats using the theme. Please meet at the water tower by 10:45 a.m. for registration and instructions. For more information please call Dave & Amy Klein (989) 640-3535.

**Bean Bag Toss Tournament:** All kids from 1 to 100 are invited to give it their best shot in this fun and entertaining competition Sunday, July 26 starting at 1:00 pm. The cost is \$5.00 per person. Cash prizes will be awarded. Sign up with Sally or Rob Becker at the Bean Bag Toss table.

**Inflatables:** The kids will be sure to have a great time all day when you bring them to the Inflatables. They can jump all day long (from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.)! Just purchase a "jump all day wristband" at the games ticket booth.

**Special Raffle:** A 50" Panasonic HDTV. A clock and piece of furniture handcrafted by Domik Feldpausch.

### Are You Thinking About the Priesthood?

I'd like to remind any young men in high school that on **Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup>** from 3:00 till 6:00 pm. there will be a **Gathering at Bethany House in DeWitt with our bishop**, many of the priests of the Diocese and our seminarians to answer questions and share about their experience of seminary. Please contact Fr. Dennis if you have questions or are interested in going. There will be evening prayer and a BBQ. There is no fee. We will be arranging a ride as well for everyone interested.

### Did You Know?

**MTH Parish Calendar of Events & Liturgical Calendar** can both be found on our website at: [mhtparish.com](http://mhtparish.com) under Schedules.

**Homilies on Line:** Homilies can be found on our Parish website.

**Prayer Requests on Line:** If you have a prayer intention, you can go online on the Parish website and connect with the link for prayer request. Your request will be confidential and we will pray for your needs at our daily Masses.

**Please Let Us Know:** If anyone is in the hospital or in need of Holy Communion on Sunday, please call us so that we can make sure that their spiritual needs are met.

We are excited to announce that our parish has subscribed to FORMED. You now have access to all the best Catholic content all in one place.

Here's how you can register

Go to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org)

Enter our parish code: **PD7CWN**

Create a log-in name and password

Also check out the webpage for more information about the different programs FORMED has to offer. <http://www.mhtparish.com/formed.html>

If you have any questions on how to sign up please contact Andrea Schneider at [adultfaithmht@gmail.com](mailto:adultfaithmht@gmail.com)

### Text & Email Notifications

We have been looking at ways to improve communication when changes happen on short notice at the parish. For instance, many parishioners have asked about being notified of visitation times and funerals for when parishioners pass away outside of an announcement at weekend Masses. To improve communication during the week, we have set up an email and text message notification system. This system will be used exclusively for parishioner funeral details and Mass changes. Information about how to sign up is outlined below. If you have any trouble signing up, please contact Mary Schomisch via email at [mhtyouth-mary@gmail.com](mailto:mhtyouth-mary@gmail.com)

#### **To sign up for text message notifications:**

Send a text to phone number 81010

In the message of the text, send the following code:  
@mhtparish

Reply with your name as directed in the text message.

\*Please note that standard messaging rates will apply.

#### **To sign up for email notifications**

Send a blank email to: [mhtparish@mail.remind.com](mailto:mhtparish@mail.remind.com)



**Masses For The Week**

#### **Monday - July 11**

7:00 p.m. + Marion Bradley & Living & Deceased Members of the Family

#### **Tuesday - July 12**

**8:15 a.m. + Mass Has Been Cancelled**

#### **Wednesday - July 13**

6:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations  
7:00 p.m. + John & Carolyn Koenigsknecht & Living & Deceased Members of the Family

#### **Thursday - July 14**

8:15 a.m. + Steven & Brian Bierstetel & Living & Deceased Members of the Family

#### **Friday - July 15**

8:15 a.m. + Herb Thelen

#### **Saturday - July 16**

8:15 a.m. + Joan Becker, Including Luke & Living & Deceased Members of the Family

. 4:30 p.m. + Marvin & Julia Miller & Living & Deceased Members of the Family

#### **Sunday - July 17**

8:30 a.m. + Richard Schmitz

10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

#### Ushers for Saturday & Sunday, July 16 & 17

4:30 p.m. –Clare M. Thelen, Luke Thelen, Bruce Simon, Gary Schueller

8:30 p.m. – Randy Wirth, Glenn Esch, Neil Hufnagel, Ronn Thelen

10:30 a.m. - Don Martin, Chris Conner, Steve Spitzley, John Rademacher

#### Mass Servers for Saturday & Sunday, July 16 & 17

4:30 p.m. – Taylor & Trey Bierstetel, Brandon Platte, David Armbrustmacher

8:30 a.m. - Tricia, Jace & Amy Feldpausch, Mason Pline

10:30 a.m. - Sidney & Dominic Horak, Chad Klein, Hudson Phillips

#### Mass Servers During This Week

Mon., 7:00 p.m. - Faith Phillips, Savanah Martin

#### Tues., 8:15 a.m. - Mass Cancelled

Wed., 7:00 p.m. - Mia & Emma Riley, Cloe Hyland

Thur., 8:15 a.m. - Andrew & John Irrer

Fri., 8:15 a.m. - Roman Schafer, Peter Simon

Sat., 8:15 a.m. - Liam & Grace O'Hare

#### **Mass Cancelled**

Please note that the Tuesday, July 12 Mass has been cancelled. Sorry about any inconvenience.



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