

Most Holy Trinity

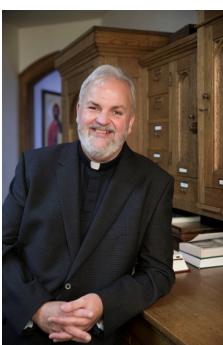
Sunday, October 27th



"Then I saw standing in the midst of the throne and the four living creatures and the elders a Lamb that seemed to have been slain. He came and received the scroll from the right hand of the one who sat on the throne. Each of the elders held a harp and gold bowls filled with incense, which are the prayers of the holy ones. They sang a new hymn: 'Worthy are you to receive the scroll and to break open its seals, for you were slain and with your blood you purchased for God those from every tribe and tongue, people and nation. You made them a kingdom and priests for our God, and they will reign on earth.'"

Revelations 5: 6-10

From The Pastor's Desk



All Saints and All Souls

Dear brothers and sisters,
This week we will be celebrating the Feasts of All Saints and All Souls, November 1st and 2nd. These two Feasts are a reminder that we are members of the Mystical Body of Christ, the Church and that Mystical Body is more than the visible church we see in the world. The Church is made of the "Church Triumphant," those who are in heaven, the "Church Militant," those who are here in this world, fighting the good fight and seeking to be holy, and the "Church Suffering," the souls in purgatory; those souls on their way to heaven, but being purified from the temporal effects of their sins.

Why do Catholics pray for the dead?

The earliest Scriptural reference to prayers for the dead comes in the second book of Maccabees. The books of Maccabees were among the latest written books found in the Old Testament. The Church declared them inspired texts, but the protestants reformers would later remove them from the Old Testament. They recount the struggle of the Jewish people for freedom against the Greeks who occupied and persecuted the Jewish people, desecrated the temple, trying to extinguish their Jewish faith.

The second book of Maccabees recounts how Judas Maccabee, the Jewish leader, led his troops into battle around 163 B.C. When the battle ended he directed that the bodies of those Jews who had died be buried. As soldiers prepared their slain comrades for burial, they discovered that dead were wearing amulets (pagan jewelry promising protection of the gods), taken as booty from a pagan Temple. This violated the law of Deuteronomy and so Judas and his soldiers prayed that God would forgive the sin these men had committed (II Maccabees 12:39-45).

This is the first indication in Scripture of a belief that prayers offered by the living can help free the dead from any sin that would separate them from God in the life to come. It is echoed in the New Testament when Paul offers a prayer for a man named Onesiphorus who had died: "May the Lord grant him to find mercy from the Lord on that day" (II Timothy 1:18). The cave-like tombs outside the ancient city walls of Rome, which we call catacombs, bear evidence that members of the Roman Christian community gathered there to pray for their fellow believers who lay buried there. By the fourth century prayers for the dead are mentioned in Christian literature as though they were already a longstanding custom.

The practice of praying for the dead is rooted first in Christian belief in the everlasting life promised in Jesus' teachings and foreshadowed by his disciple's experience that God had raised him from the dead. After death, even though separated from our earthly body, we yet continue a personal existence. It is as living persons that God invites us into a relationship whose life transcends death.

Praying for the dead is also deeply embedded in our Christian faith in the Mystical Body of Christ, the Communion of Saints, the Forgiveness of sins, and everlasting life – sound familiar? We say these words in the

Creed every Sunday at Mass. Members of this community who are living often assist each other in faith by prayers and other forms of spiritual support. Christians who have died continue to be members of the communion of saints. We believe that we can assist them by our prayers, and they can assist us by theirs.

At every funeral Mass we include at the Liturgy and later at the grave, prayers that express the hope that God will free the person who has died from any burden of sin and prepare a place for him or her in heaven. Death remains a mystery. As the Apostle John says in his first epistle:

"Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. Everyone who has this hope based on him makes himself pure, as he is pure."

And St. Paul reminds us: *"As it is written, what eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love him"* 1 Corinthians 2: 9. What incredibly hopeful words to us today as we look forward, not in fear, but in hope and joy to the promise of eternal life with God.

God bless,
Fr. Dennis

Book of the Deceased

This week I will put out by the side altar of St. Joseph the Book of the Deceased. You can write the names of any family members, friends, co-workers or anyone you wish. We will pray for them throughout the month of November.



Consecration to Mary

Bishop Boyea has encouraged all the parishes to consecrate themselves to Jesus through the Blessed Mother. We will be doing this communally this weekend. Below is the prayer of Consecration. I encourage all of us to share this prayer with the shut-ins at home and pray this prayer often, as we place our parish and our Diocese under the protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



Prayer of Consecration

Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and earth, refuge of sinners. I, a repentant sinner, renew today in thy Heart, O Immaculate Mother, the vows of my Baptism; I renounce forever Satan, his lies and works; and I give myself entirely to Jesus Christ, the Incarnate Wisdom, to carry my cross after Him all the days of my life, and to be more faithful to Him than I have ever been before.

Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, in the presence of all the heavenly court, I choose you this day for my Mother. I deliver and consecrate to you, and to your Immaculate Heart, as your child, my body and soul, my goods, and the value of all my good actions, past, present and future; leaving to you the entire and full right of disposing of me, and all that belongs to me, without exception, according to your good pleasure, for the greater glory of God, in time and in eternity. Amen.



**St Joseph Melkite
Catholic Church International
Holiday Bake Sale and
Homemade Soup!**

Thursday-Friday, Nov. 7-8, from 11am to 7pm, 725 W. Mt. Hope, Lansing, Middle-Eastern, American, and European Sweets--Take Out/Eat In



Communion for the Sick and Homebound



Please be aware: If you would like to take Holy Communion to someone in a pyx, you are asked to please approach Father in the sacristy after mass. If you have already received permission from Father, please go back up for the host immediately after the communion line has stopped.

There will be no November Holy Hour/confessions due to that particular Thursday falling on the Feast of All Saints Vigil Mass. Thank you for understanding.



The family of **Mark Wirth** would like to thank the Most Holy Trinity Parish Community for the love and support given at the time of Mark's passing. We especially appreciate Fr. Dennis Howard, the church choir, Vern and Bonnie Thelen, and all those that assisted with providing the delicious meal and desserts.

~ Harlene Wirth and Family

Vocations and Pro-Life Breakfast Buffet

Everyone is Welcome!

The Fowler Most Holy Trinity Knights of Columbus will be serving a delicious all-you-can-eat benefit breakfast buffet (sausage, ham, eggs, pancakes, etc.) on October 27th from 8:30 am to noon at the Most Holy Trinity Activity Center in Fowler. Please bring your family and friends! Price: At-Will Donations



Sponsor of the Week

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

Smith Funeral Homes

October Pro-life month

Most Holy Trinity Rosary for Life

On the Mondays of October we gather after Mass at the tomb of the unborn to pray the rosary for the protection of life at all its stages .



Monday, October 28th 7:45 pm

40 Days for Life is praying outside Planned Parenthood in Frandor on Wednesdays from 7am -5pm. There will be someone there leading the rosary. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Rosie Feldpausch @ 989-593-3543.

Also, we gather in church on Mondays and Wednesdays at 9am to pray for women considering abortion.

Once again this year we have a baby crib in the main entrance of the church. Please support our Crisis Pregnancy Centers, Shared Pregnancy and Pregnancy Services of Greater Lansing with the following items needed: diapers, bottles, pacifiers, sleepers, receiving blankets, onesies, baby toys, pack n' plays, strollers, wipes, new car seats, etc.



The Rosary is prayed before the 8:15 a.m. weekday Mass. The intention for this week is to pray for our children, that they will know deeply the love that Our Father has for them.

Quilters need to complete the quilt for the 2020 Parish Festival. Quilting will begin on **Sunday, November 3rd, 2019** at 1 p.m. in the Monsignor Esper room. For further information, call Loraine at 593-2136.



RCIA

Do you, or someone you know, feel a tug at your heart to look into the Catholic Church for the first time? Or maybe you have been away from the Church for a little while but now feel your heart calling you back?

Listen to that tug. It's the Holy Spirit reaching out to you.

We offer an opportunity to come together, in a small group, to learn more about the Catholic faith, experience Jesus in a personal way, and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.

Regardless of your faith background, we are interested in hearing your story.

For information please contact Paul Fahey at mhtdre@gmail.com



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By connecting our Catholic faith to life, we at Most Holy Trinity School seek to fulfill Christ's mandate to proclaim the Gospel, restore all things in Him, strive to lead our students to the Truth for the betterment of this world and prepare them for the age to come.

Upcoming Events:

Mon., Oct. 28	Rosary after 7:00 p.m. Mass
Tues., Oct. 29	Education Comm. Meeting 7pm
Fri., Nov. 1	Mass @ 8:15 a.m.
Fri., Nov. 1	½ Day of School/End of 1 st Quarter
Tues., Nov. 5	Prayer Service @ 8:15 a.m.

Rosary: On Mon., Oct. 28, MHT students will be leading the rosary after the 7 p.m. Mass. Please join us as we pray to the Blessed Mother for the protection of all human life.

Dinner Raffle Tickets: Don't forget to pick up your ticket for the Dinner Raffle/Auction on Sat., Nov. 2. Excitement has been brewing and we are excited to have *Just Cuz* for some late evening dancing and opportunities for black jack.

Persevere: *Nothing great is ever achieved without enduring much.* – St. Catherine of Siena

Director of Youth Ministry
Corey Luna - mhtyouthcorey@gmail.com.

Spring Break Mission- March 29th- April 4th: During Spring Break we will go to Kentucky and serve with Christian Appalachian Project. During our stay, we will work on construction projects with a number of volunteers as well as have time to contemplate on the Lord's goodness and pray for more of an outpouring of His spirit!! If interested contact Corey ASAP! mhtyouthcorey@gmail.com or visit our Spring Break Page on our website. Deadline to sign up is December 1st!

Prayer to St. Joseph for a Happy Death

O Blessed Joseph, you gave your last breath in the loving embrace of Jesus and Mary. When the seal of death shall close my life, come with Jesus and Mary to aid me. Obtain for me this solace for that hour - to die with their holy arms around me. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I commend my soul, living and dying, into your sacred arms. Amen.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord...

Gladys Armbrustmacher	Dolores LaFave
Ray Armbrustmacher	Andrew Luttig
Janice Cook	Dave Miller
John Duda	LaVern Miller
Dan Fedewa	Gregg Platte
Alick Feldpausch	Donald Pung
Louise Feldpausch	Mark P. Schafer
Reese Gallagher	Mark L. Schafer
Henry Goerge	Dolores Schueller
Charlie Jandernoa	John Smith
John Smith	Anthony P. Thelen
Daeko Jury	Mark Wirth
Carolyn Klein	For all those who have died in Infancy

**Religious Item Pick Up**

We have been contacted by a company that finds new homes for used religious items that are no longer needed. They can take in many items of religious nature. Examples are: Vestments, crucifixes, statues, rosaries (even broken or damaged), chalices, relics, holy medals, linens, etc. **Please, no furniture type items or books.** Religious articles are upcycled, fixed, and donated to churches or those in need.

They will be in our area to pick up religious items the week of November 11. Use the box in the back of church. For more information, please contact Kimberly Walters at lancatholicmsn@aol.com, 717-381-5816

MHT Dinner Raffle Tickets

Tickets are on sale and can be purchased at the school office or by contacting Glenn & Rachelle Pung (989-292-0135). Please purchase your tickets early! If you want meals with your ticket (dine in or takeout) you MUST purchase by October 28th, which is the deadline for the caterers final meal count. After October 28th you are welcome to buy a ticket but the meals will no longer be included. Thank you for supporting MHT School!

**Kroger Community Rewards:**

Did you know that if you have a Kroger Plus Card you can use it to support MHT School. Simply visit www.krogercommunityrewards.com, click on "Michigan" and click on "Enroll". Please use code **FW261** to have your rewards credited towards MHT School. Please encourage family and friends to enroll too.





Calvin Brian Pung, son of Ryan & Katie (Howe) Pung
We welcome **Calvin** to our parish family.

Please pray for our friends and relatives who are sick or recovering, especially: Ardith Graham, Regina Martin, Sean Dush, Charlene Thelen, Davison Curtin, Jeffrey Lee Thelen, Luke Martin, Sara Sanchez, Melissa Schulte, Marie Hengesbach, Edward Wohlscheid, Linda Rogala, Sarah Weber, Julie Wieber Schafer, Bill Barns, Bob Marshall, Dennis Smith, Sandy Herta, Dick Rehmann, Janet Simon, Scott Kus, Steve Thelen, Tracy Schmitt, Frank Hufnagel, Marie Weber, Jenine Kloeckner, Jennifer Ledger, Josiah Ledger, Jordy Wohlscheid, Jennifer Grace Schrauben, Janet Simon, Dale Young, Richard Bushamp, Alan & Therese Kramer, Christopher Martin, Theresa Heeg, Bev Nurenberg, Jeff Wadell, Charles Wadell, Chuck Welch, Jeanne Alaga, Milo Platte, Timothy D. Thelen, Marilyn Dixon, Richard Rodgers, Carolee Smith, Charles Miller, Father Den Morrow, Gary Schueler, Ray Hamilton, Ralph Feldpausch, and a special intention.

Please contact the office to add or remove a 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.



Did you know? St. Vincent Catholic Charities offers **FAITH-BASED COUNSELING** and **GRIEF COUNSELING AFTER MISCARRIAGE/STILLBIRTH LOSS**

Call today to schedule an appointment: 517.323.4734 ext. 1700

Faith-Based Counseling brings in the love, mercy and grace of Jesus from a Catholic perspective with the use of scripture, prayer and tenets of the Catholic faith to offer healing, peace and hope to all that are hurting and struggling.

Our Parish Stewardship God's Treasure at Most Holy Trinity

Oct 26 & 27 Collection \$9,773.00

Special Collections

ETF \$190.00

Spread the Faith \$25.00

World Mission \$200.00

Readings for the Week of October 27, 2019

Monday	Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Lk 6:12-16
Tuesday	Rom 8:18-25; Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Lk 13:18-2
Wednesday	Rom 8:26-30; Ps 13:4-5, 6; Lk 13:22-30
Thursday	Rom 8:31b-39; Ps 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31; Lk 13:31-35
Friday	Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Monday - October 28

7:00 p.m. + Herb Thelen (4th Anniversary) & Living & Deceased Members of the Family

Tuesday - October 29

8:15 a.m. + Jim Koenigsknecht

Wednesday - October 30

6:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

7:00 p.m. NO MASS

Thursday - October 31 - All Saints Vigil Mass

5:00 p.m. + Donald Pung

Friday - November 1 - Feast of All Saints

8:15 a.m. + Norbert & Marian Pohl & Living & Deceased Members of the Family

Saturday - November 2 - Feast of All Souls

10:00 a.m. + Mass of Remembrance
Mark L. Schafer & Reese Gallagher

4:00 p.m. + Marian Halfman

Sunday - November 3

8:30 a.m. People of the Parish

10:30 a.m. + Ann Hodge

USHERS FOR THIS WEEK

Thursday, October 31st, All Saints' Vigil Mass

5:00 p.m. - Brett Stump, Kirk Phillips, Dale Koenigsknecht, Hilary Stump

Friday, November 1st, All Saints' Day

8:15 a.m. - MHT School Children

Saturday & Sunday, November 2 & 3

4:00 p.m. - Tony Schafer, Jerome R. Thelen, Lonnie Schueler, Volunteer

8:30 a.m. - Gerry Schomisch, Phillip Schmitt, Ralph Feldpausch, Volunteer

10:30 a.m. - Stan Weber, Gene Messer, Leon Schneider, Brian Thelen

SERVERS FOR THIS WEEK

Mon., 7:00 p.m.. - Quinten & Nate Esch

Tues., 8:15 a.m. - Adult Volunteer

Weds., 7:00 p.m. - No Mass

Thurs., 5:00 p.m. - 2 Volunteers Needed

Fri., 8:15 a.m. - MHT School Volunteers

Saturday & Sunday, November 2 & 3

4:00 p.m. - 4 Volunteers Needed

8:30 a.m. - Paige & Carter Thelen, Alexander Warnke, Nolan Simon

10:30 a.m. - Josie & Cooper Koenigsknecht, Peter & Xavier Simon

Pastor - Fr. Dennis Howard
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Parish Office Hours -- 8am-noon, 1-3pm

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