

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

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MASS SCHEDULE

(L=Living, †=Deceased)

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Sat. May 25	5:00 PM	For Kenny & Carolyn Bach (L)
Sun. May 26	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of the Parish
Mon. May 27	XXXXXX	NO PUBLIC MASS
Tue. May 28	8:00 AM	For †Anna Menefee
Wed. May 29	8:00 AM	For Terri Straub (L)
Thur. May 30	8:00 AM	For Cliff Straub (L) [NO ADORATION]
Fri. May 31	8:00 AM	For Sherry Jackson (L)

SOLEMNITY OF THE BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)

Sat. June 1	5:00 PM	For Darlene Schutte (L)
Sun. June 2	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of the Parish

PRAYER LIST—Jerry & Eileen Ehlman, Verna Payne, Imogene Fisk, Kate & Colton Sherold, Emmitt Thomas, Jeff suffering from Meniere’s disease, Tony Bach, Mike and Bill Lemming, Dave Neuspickel, Andy Sper, Billie Huffman, Larry Slusher, Roger High, Cheryl Miller, Sherry Jackson, Sarah Gripshover, Jeanne Eanes, Bill Schneider (Dominion Assisted Living 4009 Siegalman Dr. Florence, Room 215), Ree Wagner, Randy Goodhew, Sean Timmerding, John Jackson, Wanda Bach, Maverick Orth (3yrs old), & Pax Minch.

BIRTHDAYS—May 3-Marian Messingschlager, May 9-Bill Funke, May 11-Meggy Cooper, May 14 - Richard Messingschlager, May 17-Brenda Baker, May 18– Nathan Thorwarth, May 18– Rosanne Rawe, May 23-Estelle Thorwarth, May 30-Mark Cooper.

ANNIVERSARY– May 3-Joe and Kathy Bach

Please send any requests for prayers or memorials to the parish email or call to make a request. If anyone’s birthday or anniversary is not listed, let Linda Fryman know.



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Worship Schedule:

Saturdays – 5:00 PM

Sundays – 9:00 AM

Weekdays – 8:00 AM

Confession Times:

Saturdays – 4:00-4:50 PM

Sundays – 8:00-8:50 AM

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Religious Education – Roseanne Rawe (859) 635-1572

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SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

MAY 26, 2024

DPAA REMINDER—This year’s goal for our parish is \$13,000. As of the latest count, we have received \$6,365 in pledges and contributions. Pledge envelopes are available if you haven’t made your commitment yet or did not receive an envelope in the mail. Thank you for all you do for our parish and for our diocese.

MASS INTENTIONS—Feel free to submit any and all Mass intention requests. There are lots of available dates if you would like to request a specific date. Remember that you can have Masses offered for the living as well as the deceased.

CROSS THE BRIDGE FOR LIFE—The annual Cross the Bridge for Life event will be on Saturday, **June 1 at 10 AM**. Registration and t-shirt pick up is at 9 AM. You can get more info or register at WWW.CROSSTHEBRIDGEFORLIFE.ORG.

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN—Don’t forget to pick up your baby bottle and fill it for Care Net. The collection will end on Father’s Day—June 16.

MOTHERS AND DAUGHTERS TEA—The ladies and daughters of the parish will have a Tea on Sunday, June 9th, after the 9AM Mass. Ladies of the parish, their daughters, and friends are invited to enjoy this event. We will serve finger food and tea, with other drinks as well.

DIOCESAN CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION—Bring the family on Sunday, June 2, at 2 PM, for a Liturgy of the Word service and Eucharistic Procession led by Bishop John Iffert at the Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption in Covington. Following the procession, please join the Bishop for an ice cream social announcing the kick-off of the diocesan Campaign of Mercy at St. Mary’s Park located across from the Cathedral. For more info check www.covdio.org.

ADORATION PAUSE—With the start of summer and lots of vacations and activities going on, we will be pausing our Thursday Eucharistic adoration and confessions.

SAVE THE DATE!—The date for this year’s festival will be **September 22**.

LECTOR— May 26-Bill Funke, June 2-Lisa Cooper

CLEANING – May-Lisa and Jeanne Cooper

FROM THE PASTOR—MARY AND THE TRINITY

As we transition from the Easter season to the season of Ordinary Time, we celebrate today the solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, revealed to us as completely as we can understand it through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. We also conclude the month of Mary this coming week with the end of May. We can come to know God well through the relationships of Our Lady to each person of the Trinity. Let us look to see how Mary reflects the Holy Trinity to us and helps us to know God more completely.

Mary is the favored daughter of God the Father. Every Christian is a child of the Heavenly Father, able to cry out through the Spirit of adoption, “Abba! Father!” (see our second reading today), yet Mary’s filial relationship is far greater. She is the one chosen by the Father from before all time to become the Mother of God, and the Father blessed her with the singular grace of the Immaculate Conception so as to be worthy of this salvific role. Mary shows us how to live as the adopted children of God the Father.

Mary is not only the Mother of God the Son incarnate, but she is the greatest disciple of Jesus Christ. Her openness to the will of God, her fidelity to His commands, her union with Jesus in



His immense sufferings and cruel death, all show us how we are meant to follow Jesus daily. Being His immaculate mother, she is also able to intercede for us before her Son, who is incapable of denying any request of hers.

Mary is the spouse of the Holy Spirit. It was not by any action of a man that Mary became the Mother of God, but through the Holy Spirit overshadowing her. Every Christian is called to be a temple of the Holy Spirit, but Mary lives out this call in a unique way through the fruit of her spousal relationship to the Spirit: Christ her Son. Her openness to the action of the Spirit prompts us to a similar openness to the outpouring and prompting of the Spirit within us.

In Mary we are presented the ultimate relationship with the Most Holy Trinity. However, we cannot merely brush all of this off as being only for Mary. Each one of us is called to a filial relationship with the Father through the Son by the Holy Spirit. Jesus reminds us of this when He declares that “whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother, and sister, and mother.” (Matthew 12:50) There is no lesser path for being a disciple of Jesus Christ except the way which Mary demonstrates to us.

Let us call upon Mary to help us become better disciples of Christ. Let us call upon our spiritual mother to pray for us to be renewed by the Holy Spirit. Let us follow the way of Mary so as to be worthy of beholding the Trinity in their complete glory for all eternity. Ave Maria! *Fr. Jacob Straub*