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**The Diocese of St. Catharines
 60th Anniversary—1958-2018**
*“Put out into the deep water and let down your
 nets.” (Lk 5:4)*
Sunday, May 27th, 2018
The Most Holy Trinity

“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.” — Mt 28:19-20
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Sat. May 26	9-10am 4-4:45pm	Reconciliation Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
Sun. May 27	5:00pm 9:30am	Missa Pro Populo ✠ Ana Kolenko (Joe & Teresa Hozjan) ✠ Dominique Forgeron (Larocque Family)
Mon. May 28	11:00am 9:30am	✠ Mary Wood (Tim & Joan Crowther) ✠ Aladino Magazzeni (Marco Magazzeni & Family)
Tues. May 29	7-8pm 9:30am	Holy Hour & Reconciliation ✠ Ashley Rose Lelievre (Racz Family)
Wed. May 30	9:30am	✠ Sam & Georgina Anthony (Stephanie Anthony)
Thurs. May 31	9:30am	✠ Arnold Reece & Jeremiah & Anastasia Manning (Hannah Reece)
Fri. June 1	9:30am	✠ Josie ten Den (Gloria Egert)
Sat. June 2	9-10am 4-4:45pm 5:00pm	Reconciliation Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation ✠ Mario Forte (Family)
Sun. June 3	9:30am 11:00am	Missa Pro Populo Michael Wilson (Karen) ✠ Frank & Kristina Hozjan (Stefan Hozjan & Family)

**Reconciliation from 9-9:20am before all weekend Masses.
 Offertory May 19th & 20th, 2018**

73 Envelopes	\$1,600.00
Loose Collection	\$ 63.35
Total Offertory	\$1,663.35

Please remember in your prayers the soul of ✠ Timothy Michael Hunter whose funeral Mass will be celebrated here on Tuesday, May 29th at 11am.

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity
 Happy Trinity Sunday! In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus declare together all three Persons of the Trinity. "Go therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."
 When we speak of the Trinity, two different theological words are sometimes used: immanent and economic. The immanent Trinity is the life of the three Persons within themselves, the inner harmonious relationship between Father, Son, and Spirit. We see this in the Gospels when Jesus speaks of his Father and promises to send the Holy Spirit. The term "economic" has its roots in the Greek word *oikonomia*, roughly meaning "household management." The economic Trinity is our three-Personed God's relationship with creation; it is creation and redemption and ongoing relationship with us.



Made in the image and likeness of God, we are called to imitate God's immanence by giving and receiving love with one another in community. However, this is not limited only to those close to us, though that's where love often starts. We also imitate the economy of God when we go out, when we extend our love and care in a life-giving way. "Go therefore ..." Every believer is sent on mission. Every believer is invited to follow Jesus and the Apostles "to the nations," to the margins, to the people who require a little extra reach. This could be a distant relative, the residents of your local homeless shelter or even the forgotten neighbour next door! When we love well, we create something beautiful—a relationship, a holy moment, a foretaste of heaven. This Trinity Sunday, take some time to examine the relationships in your life. How well do you love those nearest to you? How well do you reach out to those farther away? How are you creating something beautiful?



Our fundamental belief is that there is one God who exists in three distinct persons. The Trinity can be a confusing doctrine of our faith. It is, in fact, what we call a mystery (i.e. something we cannot fully understand). This is because God is infinite and, therefore, beyond our finite comprehension. If we could fully understand God, then that would make us equal to or greater than God. Still, that does not mean we are totally in the dark. God has revealed Himself to us and the Church has preserved and sought to understand that revelation as best as possible. So, what can we know? First, there is only one God. We profess this every time we begin the creed: "I believe in one God..." We do not worship three different Gods. Second, this one God is not solitary but is, in His essence, a communion of persons. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are all fully God. Third, these three persons are distinct from one another. The Father is not the same as the Son and the Son is not the same as the Holy Spirit, etc. Fourth, these three divine persons are one in substance. As we say in the creed, the Son is "consubstantial" (i.e. one in being) with the Father. Is your head spinning yet? Remember that the Trinity is a mystery. We're not supposed to fully grasp this truth, but we are called to have a relationship with the Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The Trinity is a relationship of love and He invites us to be a part of that divine communion. Will you respond with a 'yes' to this divine invitation?



The month of May is traditionally dedicated to Our Blessed Mother Mary. Let us continue to seek Mary's prayers for our parish and diocese and promote devotion to her as Mother of God and the model Christian.

Everyday Stewardship
 It is a tradition in many families to use the same baptismal gown for all their children. Sometimes, the traditional gown is made with fabric taken from a First Communion dress or a wedding gown. It becomes a symbol not just of each child being washed clean by the sacrament, but also of family and how faith has been passed down through generations. Faith is a gift and that gown shows how this family has taken seriously the cultivation of that faith and the sharing of it with those we love the most. By our baptism we are called to a discipleship that compels us to share our faith with others. It is not always easy, but it would be wrong to hoard that faith and not let it shine for others to see. When we think about a stewardship way of life, we sometimes focus on material goods, our talents and skills, or our time. But faith is a gift that needs to be treated in a similar way. We are heirs with Jesus Christ to this rich tapestry of faith and the Church. If all of us were to hide that faith and not seek to share it with others, that lineage would end with us. We live during a time in history where in some lands people are finding Jesus in huge numbers, while in other places the numbers of people in the pews is declining sharply. We can spend all our time talking about these realities or we can choose to respond to our baptismal call. Jesus commanded us to go forth and make disciples of all nations. Maybe we can begin with our neighbour.

STRAWBERRY FAIR JUNE 10TH, 2018, 10AM-1PM

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to assist. This event is one of our major social events of the year bringing together our parish community before the summer break. Your support is most appreciated!!

Volunteers are needed for cleaning the berries on **Saturday, June 9th from 9-11am. Please join us in the parish hall.** We also need the following positions to be filled:

- 1 person to make pancakes
- 2 people to assist with the bake table
- 1 person to sell tickets
- 1 people to assemble the shortcakes & sundaes

Our next planning meeting will be held on **Tuesday, May 29th at 6:30pm.**
Bake Table: Items would be appreciated and can be dropped off Saturday, June 9th before or after Mass or early the morning of the event.
As always, your help & support is greatly appreciated!

Elisha House Pregnancy & family Support Centre—Celebrating 30 Years. campaign runs from **MAY 13 JUNE 17 (Father's Day)** Fill a bottle with coins, bills or a cheque made out to Elisha House. See your Church Rep for more info. Thank you for investing in the lives of young women and families in the Welland area. The bottles are now available at the back of the church. Please return them to the parish by the Father's Day weekend. Your support is very much appreciated. **Last year, our parish donated \$611.45 for this campaign.**

Branches Premier Tent Sale Event, Saturday, June 9th 9am-1pm, 43 Maywood Ave., St. Catharines. A great selection of books, posters, T-shirts, statues/figurines, religious items and more. Grounds of Hope Coffee House—all day; BBQ 11am-1pm. All proceeds to youth initiatives.

Outdoor Mass at Holy Cross Cemetery: All welcome to join with Bishop Gerard Bergie as he celebrates the sixth annual Outdoor Mass at Holy Cross Cemetery, 50 Woodlawn Rd., Welland on **Saturday, June 23rd, 2018 at 11am.** In the event of inclement weather, the Mass will be re-scheduled for Sat. July 7th at 11am.

Parish Calendar

May.....	The Most Holy Trinity
May 27th.....	Confirmation Class 4-5:30pm
May 30th.....	
June.....	
June 1st.....	First Friday Holy Communion to sick and Homebound. Phone the office to arrange a visit.
June 3rd....	Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ
June 3rd.....	Spanish Mass 1pm
June 4-8.....	Weekday Masses cancelled (Priest retreat)
June 10th....	Strawberry Fair 10am-1pm
June 10th....	Special Collection—Education of Seminarians
June 20th....	Year end school Mass 9:30am
June 27th....	CWL Mass 9:30am followed by breakfast social At Grill on Canboro. All ladies welcome!

St. Ann Youth Ministry
Next Confirmation class: Wed. May 30th from 4-5:30pm in the parish hall. Classes will then resume on Wed. Sept 5th and continue each Wednesday through to Nov. 3rd.
Friday, June 1st, Nickel Bingo, Lookout Ridge 6:30-8:30pm
 Youth Ministry will also host the luncheon following the Spanish Mass on Sunday, June 3rd.



Still Time to Sign up! This year's theme is: Pirate Camp - Searching for Real Treasure
 Your kids will be entertained, they will be excited to come to VBS everyday and, most importantly, they will get to know God better and draw closer to Him.

Five Reasons to send your Child to Vacation Bible School: The Lessons "Teach a child how to follow the right way; even when he is old, he will stay on course." (Proverbs 22:6); **The Friends** "A true friend loves regardless of the situation, and a real brother exists to share the tough times." (Proverbs 17:17); **The Songs** "Deep within me I have hidden Your word so that I will never sin against You." (Psalm 119:11); **The Change of Hearts** "If you were full of goodness within, you could overflow with generosity from within, and if you did that, everything would be clean for you." (Luke 11:41), **The Peace (and Quiet)** "I want you to know that the Eternal your God is the only true God. He's the faithful God who keeps His covenants and shows loyal love for a thousand generations to those who in return love Him and keep His commands." (Deuteronomy 7:9)

Seasonal Agricultural Worker Program
 There is always a need for new or gently used items; sweaters, light coats, socks, work gloves, new toiletries. Please contact the office or leave in the church hall.

JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL ROSARY RELAY: The Annual Global Rosary Relay, for the sanctification of priests, takes place on the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Members of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Shrine/Le Sanctuaire du Rosaire invite you to join us as we participate in this powerful devotional initiative within the Catholic Church to recognize and bless the work of priests serving the faithful the world over. We will join our prayers to the prayers of millions throughout the world at the Shrine on (4706) Miller Road, Port Colborne on **Friday, June 8, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.** Let us fraise our hearts to God for all priests, that they will be blessed, through our prayer, with God's grace for their priesthood.

Catholic Men's Breakfast - June 16/18 (7:30-11:30 am) at Club Roma Pavilion (125 Vansickle Rd, St Catharines) - \$20. Featured speakers: Bishop Gerard Bergie "Put Out Into the Deep" and Robert Raisp of the Toronto Lift Jesus Higher Rally "Leadership -Walk on Water style" - how we, as men, can draw others to the Catholic faith, living a life of service to God, church and community. Contact Branches at 905-685-7000.

