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Initial B: The Trinity  
Taddeo Crivelli

**MAY 30, 2021**

HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY

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## MASS SCHEDULE

**Weekends:**

Sat - 4 p.m. Sun - 8 a.m., 10 a.m.

**Weekdays:**

Monday - Friday 8 a.m.

Holy Days: 8 a.m., 7 p.m.

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION: WHAT DOES GOD LOOK LIKE WHEN YOU PRAY?

Let God be who God is. This is often one of the hardest things to do. Rather than allowing the mystery of being created in the image and likeness of God unfold and take root in our lives, we change the dynamic. We want to make God into the image and likeness we need God to be. We have a hard enough time letting the people in our lives be who they are. We struggle even more so with God. It is almost as if we want God to be our imaginary friend who is not only with us whenever we need but becomes the Being we need. Who is it that we want God to be today? A protector, disciplinarian, champion for justice, healer, advocate for our cause, grantor of prayers, guardian of my life, or the avenger? Our prayers tell an interesting story. When you pray, what does God look like?

Recently, a young woman who was feeling invisible, overlooked, ignored, and misunderstood by her husband struggled to make her feelings known and get his attention. Finally, she screamed, "Listen to me!" Thus, birth was given to a renewed and healthier relationship. We spend so much time storming heaven with our agenda and trying to make God into a "god" of our desires that we do not hear God saying, "Listen to me!" God is desperately trying to get our attention. God is saying, I am here among you as not one but three, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Many people seldom notice God's presence because they are so caught up with other spiritual cares and concerns. And, when the "god" they fashion and create doesn't produce as they desire, they shake the dust

from their feet and move on. "I tried," they exclaim, "but God didn't listen."

Healthy relationships aren't built on making someone be who we need them to be. Healthy relationships are built on encounters of persons and the development of an appreciation of someone solely for who they are. Deeper relationships can even be found with two people marveling at each other and experiencing a childlike joy and when they see the other coming. Do you ever have these feelings about God? Believe it or not, God does for you!

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**MAY 29 SATURDAY**  
**4:00 p.m. Semon & Phyllis Prado**  
*Danny Prado*

**MAY 30 SUNDAY**  
**8:00 a.m. HM Jubilarians 2021**  
*Sr. Mary Ann Spangler*

**10:00 a.m. Mary Jura†**  
*Cardine & Ed Skocik  
 Cindy Gunto*

**MAY 31 MONDAY**  
**8:00 a.m. Veronica DiCola†**  
*Teri Porter*

**JUNE 1 TUESDAY**  
**8:00 a.m. Joseph Baum†**  
*The Jasper Family*

**JUNE 2 WEDNESDAY**  
**8:00 a.m. Tom Ferris†**  
*Libby Magnone*

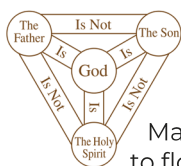
**JUNE 3 THURSDAY**  
**8:00 a.m. Patricia Conners†**  
*Family*

**JUNE 4 FRIDAY**  
**8:00 a.m. Stephanie Phillips Eddy†**  
*Mom & Dad*

**JUNE 5 SATURDAY**  
**4:00 p.m. Opal & Doc Romanoski†**  
*Suzanne Artimez*

**JUNE 6 SUNDAY**  
**8:00 a.m. Carl Gardill†**  
*Theresa Reynolds*

**10:00 a.m. Ed & Annie Swierkos†**  
*Ed & Rita Swierkos*



## The Fascinating Symbolism, History of the Holy Trinity



Many symbols, from math to flowers, try to explain the

Three-in-One mystery of the Holy Trinity, which we celebrate this Sunday.

The moveable feast of Trinity Sunday was approved in 1334 by Pope John XXII, but devotions to the Trinity — Father, Son and Spirit — date to the fourth and fifth centuries, when the early church was working out its understanding of Jesus' dual nature: human and divine.

Understanding the Trinity is impossible; it is part of the mystery of God. However, we do have bits and pieces of understanding revealed to us through history. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church says, "The whole history of salvation is identical with the history of the way and the means by which the one true God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, reveals himself to men..." (n. 234).

It is glorious and infinitely confusing. So, over the years, saints, theologians, and teachers have sought to visually explain the Trinity through various symbols.

### Triangles, Fish, and Math



Besides the Trinity, there are other triangular shapes called triquetra. Celtic imagery holds many of these — though not all Celtic knots symbolize the Trinity — and can be found in the ninth century "Book of Kells." Most simply, we imagine the Trinity with an equilateral triangle, which has three equal angles.

A triquetra is often formed from vesicae piscis, a mandala-shaped oval that forms at the intersection of two identical circles. A vesica piscis is also a mathematical formula because the

ratio of its width to its height is the square root of three.

The vesica piscis is also tied to the Trinity by a play on words. Triquetra symbols for the Trinity sometimes appear as three identical animals forming a triangle — such as three deer, or (here is the play on words) three fish. Vesica piscis is Latin and means "vessel of fish." Fish, of course, are tied to the Lord and his miracles. Also, fish were a Eucharistic symbol in the early church. A little more advanced is the branch of mathematics called "knot theory," which gives us a shape called the Borromean circles. These look like three interlaced circles but are in fact a knot that cannot be untied without the destruction of the circles. The same inseparable nature is also found in the "trefoil knot."

### Flowers

We all know of St. Patrick and his three-leaved shamrock. We also find the trefoil. There is also the Trinity flower, better known as the "Johnny jump-up" or wild pansy. A pansy is Trinity-related because of the three lower petals of the flower which give it a face-like quality. Another flower is the fleur-de-lis with three petals to symbolize Father, Son and Spirit.

As the saying goes, all good things come in threes — the best one thing of all, in three persons. — *The Compass*

To the family  
 and loved ones of  
**Vince Scarbin,**  
 our heartfelt  
 condolences.

### Prayer REQUESTS

**Recently Sick:** Joseph Grampa, Bobby Kleinedler, Sandye Yoho, Anna Mae Veronis Holliday, Joanna Bierce, Isabella Wood, Dale Whitlatch, Sami Wilson, Kathryn Ferrera, Chuck Taskalines, Sara Walters, Danielle Wilson, Loretta Saporito, Bob Balgo, Mary Stees, Cindy Gunto, Kathleen Naegele, Larry Phillips, Sue Riffle, Judith Harbert.

**Homebound:** Rachel Kerekes, Doris Murphy, Deanne Ferraro, Semon & Phyllis Prado.

**Nursing Homes:** Hazel Markey, Katie Renshaw, Joan Weekly, Alma VanSyoc, Ron Flading, Betty Kerns, Barb Meyer,

*Names of those recently sick will appear for two months. Please resubmit requests for those who still need our healing prayers.*

*The Sanctuary Candle*  
 beside the tabernacle burns  
 this week for  
*Stephanie Eddy*



**CALENDAR**

**CAMP CARLO  
SCHOLARSHIPS by JUNE 1**  
[DWC.ORG/CAMP](http://DWC.ORG/CAMP)

**FLEA MARKET/GARAGE SALE**  
June 26 & 27- Xavier Hall  
8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES ANNUAL  
SPAGHETTI DINNER**  
**TAKE-OUT ONLY**  
Noon - 5 p.m. June 13

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
Friday, June 18, at 6:30 p.m.  
Church Hall

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**TRIP to LANCASTER, PA**  
*Queen Esther Play*  
Aug. 5th & 6th

**MARSHALL COUNTY RELAY  
FOR LIFE EVENT**  
Aug. 7 from 5-10 p.m.  
John Marshall Parking Lot

**SCHEDULES JUNE 5 & 6**

**LECTORS/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

4:00 p.m. **M. Hitt / L. Magnone**  
8:00 a.m. **R. Hess / J. Hess**  
10:00 a.m. **S. Taylor / L. Yoho**

**ALTAR SERVERS**

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Memorial	\$275.00
Candles	\$71.00
Online Giving	\$225.40
Attendance	206

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**Sacrament  
Conferred  
During  
Vigil Mass**

Congratulations to our 2021 Confirmation class on receiving the sacrament last week from Bishop Mark Brennan. Many thanks to the bishop for his moving homily, and God bless these young people that they may find joy and comfort in Jesus, learn to bear their crosses with patience and joy, and live their lives through the sacrament—filled with the gifts of the Holy Spirit.



From left: Brant Blake, Addison Blake, Maitlyn Miller, Bishop Brennan, Sierra Taylor, Reagan Scherich, and Allen Laberde. Right: Maddie Thomas and the bishop last week at St. Joseph Cathedral.



**SFX PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED**

to donate items for the flea market/garage sale set for June 26th and 27th. Tables also can be rented for \$10 by those who want to sell items. The event will be in Xavier Hall and run Saturday from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Call Julie or Ruth for more information or to reserve a table: 304-215-4906/304-312-1711.

**THE CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH**

school boys' basketball team is holding a skills camp July 8 - 10 for boys in PK4 - Grade 8. Fees are \$75 by June 28 and \$85 after and at the door. For locations, times, and to register contact Joyce Bibey at [wvbibey@comcast.net](mailto:wvbibey@comcast.net).

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS):**

Sat. 3:30 p.m. or upon request.

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:**

By appointment. Contact the parish office at least six months before the date of the marriage. Pre-Cana is required.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (PSR):**

Sundays during the school term at 9:00 a.m. - 9:50 a.m. Grades 1-12.

**"PIRATES OF THE CURE-ABBEAN"**

is the theme for Marshall County's 2021 Relay for Life fundraiser to support cancer research.

The event is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 7, in the John Marshall High School north parking Lot from 5 -10 p.m. with registration at 5 p.m.

Survivors will be recognized during the opening ceremony where entertainment is planned. Teams will be set up around the perimeter and there will be on-site fundraisers as usual with the Luminary Ceremony starting at dusk. Visit the event Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/Relay-For-Life](http://www.facebook.com/Relay-For-Life) to learn more.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:**

By appointment. The diocese requires instructions beforehand for parents or guardians. Contact the parish office.

**REGISTRATION, CHURCH SUPPORT:**

Parishioners should be properly registered at the parish office. Please be sure to update your information when you move or change phone numbers.



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