

May 26, 2024

From Father Kirby...

Happy Trinity Sunday, Team Grace! With the conclusion of the Easter Season and as we prepare to begin Ordinary Time, Mother Church gives us the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. Today, we celebrate the inner life of God! We rejoice in the revelation of this great mystery and aspire every day to accept the invitation to be a part of this Divine Family.

This Sunday, May 26, we have our monthly Fellowship Sunday at 12:15 PM in the Parish Hall. Come and join us for fellowship and a donut!

Since the First Friday and First Saturday are split this month, we'll have our First Saturday observances on June 8. Sign-ups for Nocturnal Adoration will be next weekend.

This Monday, May 27, is Memorial Day. We pray for our nation and for the repose of all those who have died in defense of our freedoms. The parish will have a Memorial Day Mass at 11:00 AM. The Mass will be followed by a bagpipe procession to the columbarium and the blessing of a Memorial Wreath. All are encouraged to come and pray for our fallen heroes.

In honor of the national holiday, our Parish Office and campus will be closed. Except for the Mass at 11:00 AM, all other events are suspended on Monday. There will be no evening Adoration or Confessions.

Some things happening at the parish that I'd like to highlight this week:

Next Saturday, June 1, from 9:00 AM – 12 Noon, we'll have one of our periodic Formation Days. The theme of this session will be: *The Apparitions of Our Lady Throughout the World*. Come and learn about the many apparitions of Our Lady and their different meanings and messages. All are welcome!

Please join us every Saturday evening at 4:00 PM for Solemn Vespers. All are welcome to come and welcome the Lord's Day in prayer.

Next Sunday, June 2, we'll have our annual Corpus Christi Procession at the end of our 11:00 AM Mass. After the Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be processed to the

pump house area and Benediction will be given. After the Benediction, we'll have an Ice Cream Social in the parking lot. All are welcome!

Please note our [calendar for the program year 2023/2024](#) is posted on our parish website. The calendar describes all our events and programs for the year.

Some other future events I'd like to highlight:

On Tuesday evening, June 4, I'll be hosting our first Saint Paula Dinner for the widows of our parish. The meal will start with simple Vespers at 5:00 PM in the Parish Hall. A casual meal will follow. All widows are invited and encouraged to come!

Our parish will be blessed by the visit of two Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecilia of Nashville, TN, on June 7-9. The Sisters will visit with various groups at the parish, participate in our First Friday and First Saturday observances, and speak after each of our Sunday morning Masses. We'll also have a "Fellowship with the Sisters" on Sunday, June 9, at 12:15 PM. *All are welcome!*

The parish is happy to host a three-day pilgrimage on August 21-23 to the holy places in Washington, DC. The pilgrimage will include a visit to the John Paul II Shrine. [Here's the flyer](#) for more information. Please note the deadline in mid-June.

Some general announcements for the good of the parish:

I'd like to encourage every household of the parish to register for [FORMED](#). This is a free digital platform with good Catholic, family-friendly content. I also want to strongly encourage every household to join [EWTN OnDemand](#), which is another free digital platform whose content is supportive of our faith.

This Fall, from October 20-29, 2024, I'll be hosting a personal pilgrimage to the holy places of Ireland. I know that many of you, like myself, come from Irish stock and this pilgrimage could be a way for all of us to connect to the spiritual portions of our cultural roots. The pilgrimage will include visits to Wicklow, Glendalough, Tipperary, Rock of Cashel, Kerry, Dingle Peninsula, Shannon, Cliffs Of Moher, Corcomroe Abbey, Galway, Corrib Lake, Clonmacnoise, Dublin, and especially the Shrine at Knock. [Here's a link](#) for more information.

As a reminder, our parish staff can be readily reached via email. [Here is the staff directory](#).

More updates next week! Oremus pro invicem (let's pray for one another)!

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