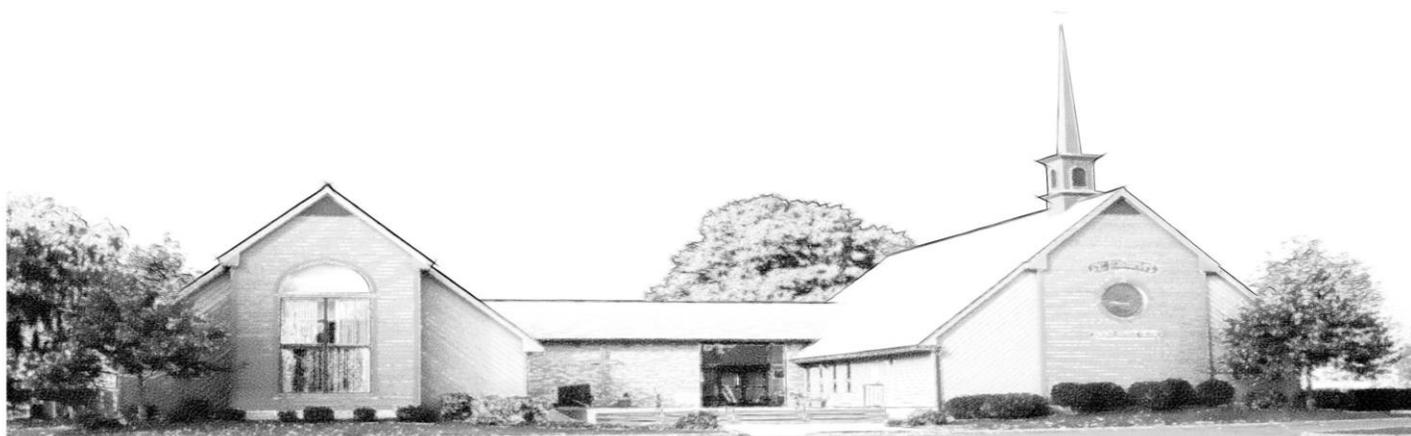


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Dear Parishioners,

Today we observe the solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. The word trinity derives from the Latin word trinitas not found in the New Testament, which was written in Greek. Though the word trinity is not mentioned in the New Testament there are passages that speak of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

In our Catholic Tradition we bless ourselves with the sign of the cross reminding us of the cross of salvation, while invoking the Holy Trinity. Through this simple act of devotion may we be ever mindful of the great love that God has for us. A love that is stronger than death and promises everlasting life.

Grace and Peace,

Fr. Tom

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:00 pm - Sunday Vigil **Sunday:** 9:00 am

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GOSPEL CHALLENGE

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they saw him, they worshipped, but they doubted. (Matthew 28:16-17 NABRE)

They were called by Christ individually. They were with him since the beginning. They witnessed the miracles that he performed. They distributed the loaves and fish that he multiplied. They were present for his crucifixion and death. They gazed upon his resurrected body, and still they doubted.

The significance of this passage is not that they doubted but that their doubt did not stand in the way of their following Christ. They came to Galilee as Christ commanded them and they worshipped him. This passage challenges us to hold in tension our faith and our doubt. Will we wait for our faith to be perfect before deciding to follow Christ, or will we trust that Christ's love for us will perfect our faith?

The Most Holy Trinity



PARISH CALENDAR

May

May 27th – Solemnity of the Holy Trinity

Polish Supper – To Be Determined

BY THE WEEK

Sundays: Mercy Tabernacle Church
12:30 - 2:30 pm

Tuesdays: Mercy Tabernacle Church
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Wednesdays: AA meeting 12:00 pm
Irish dance classes 6:00 pm

Thursdays: AA men's meeting 7:30 pm

*For news input in the weekly bulletin, please contact
Father Tom by Wednesday: trpwalsh@gmail.com*

READERS ROSTER

<u>May 20th</u>	<u>May 27th</u>	<u>June 3rd</u>
Nancy Sirois	Ray Morrison	Nancy Anzalone

Next Sunday's readings, Solemnity of the Holy Trinity: Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40; Romans 8:14-17; Matthew 28:16-20

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

**YOUR FAITH
CAN MOVE
MOUNTAINS
AND YOUR
DOUBT CAN
CREATE THEM.**

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NEWS AND EVENT

Convo 2018

This year, the Central Diocese has prepared a fantastic theme: "Anointed Lifeguard: You Have Been Chosen, Anointed, Empowered, and Blessed to Do Jesus' Work." Convo will be hosted at The University of Scranton, July 23-27, 2018. Download the 2018 application and helpful hints regarding participation expectations at www.Convo2018.org Participants are ages 12-20. Chaperones and guests are 21+

Please see Fr. Tom for tickets for a chance to win a \$500 VISA gift card. Two cards will be awarded. The tickets are \$5.00 each or 3/\$10.00. The drawing will take place at Convo.

Eastern Diocese Youth Retreat 2018

The retreat will be held at Camp Howe in Goshen, MA from August 19-23, 2018. Please see Fr. Tom for registration and health forms, or email RobNem21@aol.com. The cost is \$150 per person.

Prayer Intentions

In the back of the church by the entrance doors, on the table where the bulletins are kept, you will find a basket along with some forms for your prayer intentions. If you would like our faith community to pray for your intention please fill out the form noting the intention, your name, and if the intention is confidential or not. We will pray over the intentions during Mass in a general way, not reading each one aloud. Those prayer intentions that are not marked as confidential will be included in the Sunday bulletin.

April 29th – July 29th issues of the bulletin are sponsored by Carla Misurale. If anyone wishes to contribute to the printing cost of the bulletin, please contact Fr. Tom.

Sunday Readings

First Reading

Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40

A reading from the Book Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people:

"Ask now of the days of old, before your time, ever since God created man upon the earth; ask from one end of the sky to the other: Did anything so great ever happen before? Was it ever heard of? Did a people ever hear the voice of God speaking from the midst of fire, as you did, and live? Or did any god venture to go and take a nation for himself from the midst of another nation, by testings, by signs and wonders, by war, with strong hand and outstretched arm, and by great terrors, all of which the LORD, your God, did for you in Egypt before your very eyes? This is why you must now know, and fix in your heart, that the LORD is God in the heavens above and on earth below, and that there is no other. You must keep his statutes and commandments that I enjoin on you today, that you and your children after you may prosper, and that you may have long life on the land which the LORD, your God, is giving you forever."

**The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Second Reading

Romans 8:14-17

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters:

Those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a Spirit of adoption, through whom we cry, "Abba, Father!"

The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if only we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

**The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia, Alleluia

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

Alleluia, Alleluia

Gospel

Matthew 28:16-20

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they all saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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."

**The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

