

DO YOU HAVE ANY APPLE PHONES THAT YOU ARE NOT USING?

We have recently upgraded our livestreaming equipment and are in need of donations of two iPhone 8 or above. These are to be used as cameras. If none are available, we will have to purchase these items.

THANK YOU!

for supporting our parish through the on-line giving program. You have enabled us to continue to pay our employees their full salaries, maintain our buildings, pay our bills and prepare for the time we can again gather as a community!

FIRST & SECOND COLLECTIONS

MAY

First Collection	\$11,467
Building & Maintenance	\$ 1,837
Garden Fund	\$ 405
Charity Fund	\$ 608
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 600
Catholic Charities	\$ 240

CHARITY FUND

Do you know that St. Teresa's maintains a Charity Fund to assist people in need (parishioner or not)? Items we help with range from groceries, rent or tuition assistance, to funeral expenses. Lately this fund has experienced heavier than usual use.

Please consider making a donation to our Charity Fund. There is now an option in the on-line portal.

Welcome to St. Teresa of Avila's Parish Community

We extend our hands and hearts in Christian fellowship to you here celebrating with us. Whether long-time residents or newly arrived in our parish, we thank God that you are with us. If you are not registered or have changes to your registration, please fill in the form below, or complete the form on our website.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Email: _____

- New Parishioner New Address and/or phone Send Sunday envelopes On-Line Giving

MASS INTENTIONS

As we celebrate Mass together we include in our prayers:

4:15pm	Saturday, June 6 † <u>Mary Morgan</u> Henry Morgan, Jr. (Spec. Int.)
8:30am 10:00am	Sunday, June 7 † <u>Dante Lodolo</u> † <u>Giuseppe & Maria Molinari</u> The People of the Parish
8:30am	Tuesday, June 9 † <u>Deceased Members of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society</u>
8:30am	Friday, June 12 † <u>John Sallaberry</u>
4:15pm	Saturday, June 13 † <u>Michael J. Comaich</u> Henry Morgan, Jr. (Spec. Int.)
8:30am 10:00am	Sunday, June 14 † <u>Edwina Fenili</u> † <u>Paul Sullivan</u> The People of the Parish

**We Welcome You To
St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church**
Served by the Carmelites



**JUNE 7, 2020
TRINITY SUNDAY**

**1490 19TH STREET (CHURCH)
LOCATED ON THE NE CORNER OF 19TH & CONNECTICUT STREETS**

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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil 4:15 pm
Sunday 8:30 & 10:00 am

MARRIAGE

Please call 6 months in advance

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 8:30 am
Friday 8:30 am

BAPTISM & RECONCILIATION

Please call for an appointment

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PREPARATION FOR RE-OPENING CHURCH

As we look forward to again coming together to celebrate Mass as a community, we wanted to let you of our planned guidelines.

A short synopsis of the steps we will take are:

1. Requiring all to wear masks and bring their own hand sanitizer.
2. Pews will be cordoned off to provide proper social distance.
3. Restrooms may not be available.

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ST. TERESA'S MISSION STATEMENT

As members of St. Teresa's Parish we fulfill our baptismal commitment by being the hands and heart of Christ in our world. We achieve this commitment by accepting the human dignity of all persons, and by advocating for and serving those oppressed in our society. The community of St. Teresa's finds its strength to fulfill this through participation in the Eucharist, prayer, learning the building of relationships, and action for Justice.

Trinity Sunday

In the liturgical calendar we have several different kinds of feasts. Some are linked to historical events in Salvation History, such as the Birth of Christ (Christmas) or the Resurrection (Easter). There also are feasts which commemorate saints, such as St. Francis of Assisi (October 4th), St. Teresa of Avila (October 15th), or St. Patrick (March 17th).

But we also have feasts such as *Trinity Sunday* (today), *Corpus Christi* (next Sunday), and the *Immaculate Conception* (December 8th). These feasts – which focus on Church dogma or doctrine – are grounded more in *tradition* rather than Scripture. Informally they are called “idea feasts”, and they neither commemorate a historical event nor honor the life of a saint. In many cases they are only tangentially grounded in Scripture, and today’s column focuses how and why these idea feasts exist in the liturgical calendar.

First and foremost, we need to recognize that, in the history of the Church, there have always been doctrinal controversies. In the first five centuries the majority of these controversies surrounded the natures of God and Jesus, and it’s not hard to realize why this was the case. Simply put, Judaism is a *monotheistic* religion, and when Jesus claimed to be one with the Father (i.e., to be equal or identical with God) – or when his followers asserted that Jesus was God’s Son – the Jewish community would have regarded this as blasphemy. Why? because the Hebrews believed that when God would send a Messiah it would be a person like Moses, David, or one of the prophets. The Jews believed that the Messiah would be a human being, a person that would be singled out and raised up by God to liberate his people. At this point it is important to note that nowhere in the Hebrew Scriptures is there any hint that God would actually become a human being, taking on human flesh and walking among us.

Most Christians fail to realize that God becoming a man flies in the face of Jewish theology and tradition and that any claim that Jesus was God would be regarded by Jews as blasphemy. Ultimately, blasphemy was the crime for which Jesus was put to death, but the issue about the divinity of Christ remained a problem in the Church for centuries.

Three centuries after Jesus’ death, the Council of Nicea (325 C.E.) addressed some of these concerns, and from this council came the *Nicean Creed*, the Creed we profess at Mass. This Creed is structured to proclaim a Trinitarian formula that speaks of God as Father, Son, and Spirit. Even though Scripture sometimes alludes to God in this manner, the idea and concept of *Trinity* – three persons in one God – is a matter of doctrine or dogma rather than Scripture. When you think about it, three persons in one God is a difficult concept . . . which is why the Church celebrates it as a liturgical feast. By incorporating a Feast of the Trinity into the liturgical calendar, the church forces homilists to preach about it and to articulate and explain the dogma to the “people in the pews”!

We have a similar situation next Sunday with the feast of *Corpus Christi*. Theologically, the doctrinal question focuses on what we mean when we speak of the “real presence” of Christ in the Eucharist. Next week’s challenge for the homilist is to speak about the doctrine of transubstantiation.

In both cases, the discussion of theological questions (the three-personed nature of God and re-
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al presence of Christ in the Eucharist) resulted in an articulation of doctrine (Trinity and transubstantiation). In order to explain these “ideas” to the people, the Church established feasts (Trinity Sunday and *Corpus Christi*) so that the clergy would be required to preach and teach on the subject. In this way the Church ensured that what was defined in the ivory towers of theologians and councils would trickle down and find its way into the local parish community.

Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm.

PREPARATION FOR RE-OPENING CHURCH (Continued)

4. Maximum occupancy will be limited to less than 50 parishioners.
5. Children are to remain in the pew with their family at all times.
6. Communion will be given after Mass has concluded.
7. The sign of peace will be made with a nod to others.
8. Where possible, doors and windows will remain open to encourage the flow of fresh air.
9. There will be no gatherings either before or after Mass.
10. The church will be sanitized after every Mass.

The dispensation to attend Mass is still in place. We encourage all in the “at risk” category (over age 60, underlying health conditions) to stay safe at home. We also encourage you to stay safely at home if you feel ill. Consider attending the Tuesday or Friday morning Mass. We will continue to livestream all Masses.

ON-LINE GIVING MOBILE APP

We were recently advised by our vendor, *Our Sunday Visitor*, that the mobile app is no longer available. The current app has been phased out and will be replaced at some point in the future. This is due to “glitches” in the app that **DO NOT** affect the security of your financial information.

ST TERESA'S GREEN TEAM

Mark Reynolds, executive director of Citizens Climate Lobby, said “Like climate change, there is no simple fix for racism”. Let us recognize the intersection of these topics and remember what Pope Francis said, “We cannot tolerate or turn a blind eye to racism and exclusion in any form and yet claim to defend the sacredness of every human life.”



ON-LINE GIVING

To register for on-line giving or to make a one time gift, scan the QR code and complete the log in or scroll down to **Quick Give**.



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