

SCRIPTURE FOR WEEK Of May 11, 2008
PENTECOST SUNDAY

Sun - Act 2:1-11, St. Paul 12:3b-7, 12-13, John 20:19-23
Mon - St. James 1:1-11,, Mark 8:11-13
Tues - St. James 1:12-18, Mark 8:14-21
Wed - Acts 1:15-17, 20-26, John 15:9-17
Thurs - St. James 2:1-9, Mark 8:27-33
Fri - St. James 2:14-24,26, Mark 8:34-9:1
Sat - St. James 3:1-10, Mark 9: 2-13

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 10 May 1715 PMHT
Sunday 11 May 0900
1100
Monday 12 May 1205
Tuesday 13 Mjy 1205 Bridget & William McInerney
Wednesday 14 May 1205
Thursday 15 May 1205 Duane A. Mullinix
Friday 16 May 1205
Saturday 17 May 1715 PMHT

Attendance and Offering Last Weekend:

Attendance 848 Offering \$3,017.00

Dismissal Catechesis, 1100

11 May Niki Goerger and Kaci Clark
18 May Mary Carter and Ronalee Balog

Are you interested in seeing your daughter grow in MERCY? COURAGE? JOY? Then the Little Flowers Girls' Club may be what you're looking for! *And we are looking for you! * As we begin to establish The Little Flowers Girls' Club here at Most Holy Trinity, we would like your input, suggestions, and help for the upcoming school year! The club is geared for any girl ages 5 and up. We'll meet about twice a month where the girls will complete activities/crafts and sing songs to help them learn about a virtue, a scripture, and a saint. Want to learn more or how you can help to bring this awesome opportunity into your daughter's life?

Please Contact: Angela DeLong 845-859-4805
angela.delong@us.army.mil

***Teen volunteers always welcome**

Youth Choir Handbells to begin June 12 after 1000 Mass.

Rehearsals in the Cloister Room to follow Mass – lasting until 1:15 each Sunday (unless otherwise announced)
If time and personnel allow, then some singing will take place during the rehearsal periods.
This initiative will be open to all interested during the Summer months (parents?) in general, and will lead to a dedicated choir for Christmas and Eastertide in particular.

I have a question. Whom do I call?

Pastor.... Father Matthew Pawlikowski 938-3721
Chaplain's Assistant... SPC Bradley- 938-8760
Pastoral Coordinator..Mary Beth Hurley...938-8760
Director Rel-Ed... Cynthia Ragsdale... 938-8761
Faith Formation, Rel. Education of Children & Adults, RCIA.
Wedding Coordinator....Marsha DeMasi...938-2784
Wedding information, scheduling, paperwork, Pre-Cana/Engaged Encounter information.
Youth Coordinator:...Jay Sclafani...938-3621
Director of Music.... Meredith Baker...938-3544
Adult, Children's and Cadet Choir, Wedding Music, Liturgical Music.
Cadet Issues....Fr. Edson Wood....938-2784
Rev. Timothy S. Valentine
Sexton: Ray Hart.....938-8760

Wedding Hostess

Do you enjoy happy occasions?
Do you like weddings?
Would you consider being a Wedding Hostess?
What does a Wedding Hostess do?
She will help the Bride and Groom on their Wedding Day
She will assist the celebrant to start the wedding on time!
Invite a friend to do it with you.
If interested, please call
Marsha DeMasi
Chaplains Office
938-2784 work
928-2150 home

Are you thirsty for the Truth?

Let Father Rutler serve you an ice cold draft.
All are invited to join the debut of the "Theology on draft" Truth series beginning on MAY 27th, 7-9pm, in the rectory. Our guest speaker from Manhattan will be the world renowned Father Rutler. He will be talking about the Pope's recent visit to the US. He will touch upon the philosophy of relativism and the importance of being leaders for Christ.

Construction on the Bell Tower begin on 03-03-08 through 12-20-08. This will eventually effect parking and traffic here at the chapel as time goes on. More information to come.

Youth Ministry

Jay Sclafani - Youth Minister

Cell: (631) 235-9241

E-mail: Jay@catholicfellowship.org

Website: www.catholicfellowship.org

POSTPONED DUE TO LOW SIGN UP Family White Water Rafting Trip

Teen Fellowship: Grades 9-12 Sundays 5:15 – 6:45 PM

Teen fellowship meets weekly to develop faith through social interaction with teens in a Catholic environment. The group discusses current issues that affect teenage life.

Saturday May 10-Hiking Trip to Breakneck Ridge-Ask Jay for details

Sunday May 11—No Meeting –Happy Mothers Day

Sunday May 18 –End of Year Picnic

Sunday June 1-Youth Group Olympics and Picnic @ Garrison

*******(NEW) Dead Theologians Society*******

For High School Students that would like to deepen their faith through the teachings of the saints and the fellowship of peers. www.deadtheologiansociety.com
For more info please contact Jack & Angela DeLong @859-4805

Next Meeting – May 17—following the 5:15 Mass

Youth Fellowship: Grades 6-8 Sundays 4:00 – 5:30PM

Youth Fellowship is a group that meets weekly to expand middle school aged kids' faith in a meaningful and exciting way. New Members Always Welcome!
All Meetings at Sacred Heart Gym

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Religious Education

Register Today for the 2008-2009 School Year!

Remember you need to re-register every year!!!

Please return your program evaluation forms as soon as possible.

Thank you

I just wanted to thank all of the catechists, cadet catechists, and catechist aides for all their hard work, commitment, enthusiasm, and dedication this past academic year to the Religious Education and Sacramental preparation programs. You are an incredible group of people who are willing to share the Catholic faith with the young people of Most Holy Trinity! Thank you from the bottom of my heart, Cindy Ragsdale

Congratulations!

Congratulations to all those who made their First Holy Communion on May 4th. May God's Blessing always be with you.

Catechists Needed for the 2008-2009 Academic Year

One of the most rewarding ministries at Most Holy Trinity is working with and passing along the Catholic Faith to the young people of the parish. If you are interested in becoming a catechist for the upcoming 2008-2009 school year and sharing your God given talents with the youth of the parish please give the Religious Education Office a call at 938-8761.

Vacation Bible School-Register Today!!

Sign up for VBS and :”Have a Blast” at Powerlab, June 23-27, 2008! Children 4 years old through rising 5th graders can be registered through 16 June at any chapel on post or by calling Melody, 859-4573. There is a box in the rear of the chapel to put your registration forms in. Classes and childcare for children 3 and younger will be held for volunteers only.

RCIA

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

POC: Cindy Ragsdale, 938-8761.

-Catechumenate Sessions: Tuesday evenings, 1900 -2030, Most Holy Trinity Rectory.

• 13 May Topic: Catholic Worship, Penance

-Interested in being a part of the RCIA team? MHT is looking for team members to help people experience the joy of having a faith. We are looking for people to help with the inquiry phase, the Catechumenate, with dismissals and walking the journey of faith with someone as a sponsor. POC's: Cindy Ragsdale, 938-8761 or Fr. Matt, 938-3721.

THE LADIES' CORNER

The "Ladies of Most Holy Trinity" is the women's group at Most Holy Trinity parish and the local chapter of Military Council of Catholic Women (MCCW). MCCW reflects a visible presence of Christ in military communities by fostering and nourishing women in spirituality, leadership and service. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, MCCW serves as a vital enhancement of the religious support mission of military chapels. All women are welcome and there is no commitment. Join any activity that interests you or just come when you can. Come alone or with a friend. We'd love to see you.

Congratulations to our newly elected Executive Board! We congratulate the following Ladies who will serve as our Ladies of Most Holy Trinity/MCCW Board during 2008-2009:

President: Lenore Lucas
1st Vice President (Spiritual Life): Charlene Hendricks
2nd Vice President (Programs): Megan Schoof
Secretary: Theresa Gribshaw
Treasurer: Claire Ressler

MCCW Board Installation May 18th During the 1100 Mass Followed by Most Holy Trinity Sunday Social

Many of our activities are suspended during the summer months. Watch the Bulletin this summer as we introduce next year's activities and welcome our new members!

Food for the Poor— Thank you for your continued support and generous donations for the Food Pantry. You can bring donations to Mass or drop them off in the box by the MCCW Bulletin Board.

Natural Family Planning (NFP) - NFP is a morally correct method to space out the birth of children. NFP uses one or more of a woman's common bodily signs to determine the fertile and infertile times of her cycle. Please call Kristin at 534-8256 for if you would like more information and to join a supportive group of families using NFP.

Mother's Day Prayer

I love you, Mom. I love your aliveness,
your joy in living, your understanding,
your giving.

And what I love best of all
is that you love me.

God of all Mothers,
thank you for my mom!

—From the book [Friend Jesus: Prayers for Children](#)

Pope Benedict XVI – Homily on Pentecost, 2006

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

On the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit descended with power on the apostles; thus began the mission of the Church in the world. Jesus himself had prepared the Eleven for this mission by appearing to them on several occasions after his resurrection (cf. Acts 1:3).

Before the ascension to heaven, "he charged them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father" (cf. Acts 1:4-5); that is, he asked them to stay together to prepare themselves to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. And they gathered in prayer with Mary in the Cenacle, while awaiting this promised event (cf. Acts 1:14).

To stay together was the condition Jesus placed to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit; the premise of their harmony was prolonged prayer. In this way we are offered a formidable lesson for every Christian community.

At times it is thought that missionary effectiveness depends primarily on careful programming and its subsequent intelligent application through a concrete commitment. The Lord certainly does ask us for our collaboration, but before any other response his initiative is necessary: His Spirit is the true protagonist of the Church. The roots of our being and of our action are in the wise and provident silence of God.

The images used by St. Luke to indicate the irruption of the Holy Spirit -- wind and fire -- recall the Sinai, where God revealed himself to the people of Israel and offered his covenant (cf. Exodus 19:3 and following). The feast of Sinai, which Israel celebrated 50 days after the Passover, was the feast of the Covenant.

On speaking of the tongues of fire (cf. Acts 3), St. Luke wants to represent Pentecost as a new Sinai, as the feast of the new Covenant, in which the Covenant with Israel is extended to all the nations of the earth. The Church has been catholic and missionary from her birth. The universality of salvation is manifested with the list of the numerous ethnic groups to which those belonged who heard the apostles' first proclamation (cf. Acts 2:9-11). The People of God, which had found its first configuration in Sinai, extends today to the point of surmounting every barrier of race, culture, space and time. As opposed to what occurred with the tower of Babel, when people wanted to build a way to heaven with their hands, they ended up by destroying their very capacity to understand one another mutually. The Pentecost of the Spirit, with the gift of tongues, shows that his presence unites and transforms confusion into communion. Man's pride and egoism always creates divisions, builds walls of indifference, hatred and violence.

The Holy Spirit, on the contrary, makes hearts capable of understanding everyone's languages, as it re-establishes the bridge of authentic communication between earth and heaven. The Holy Spirit is love. But, how is it possible to enter into the mystery of the Holy Spirit? How can the secret of love be understood? The Gospel passage takes us today to the Cenacle, where, the Last Supper being over, an experience of disconcert saddened the apostles. The reason was that Jesus' words aroused disturbing questions: He spoke of the world's hatred of him and of his own, he spoke of his mysterious departure; much remained to be said but at that moment the apostles were not able to bear the weight (cf. John 16:12).

To console them, he explained the meaning of his departure: He would go, but he would return; meanwhile, he would not abandon them, would not leave them orphans. He would send the Consoler, the Spirit of the Father, and the Spirit would enable them to know that Christ's work is a work of love: love of him who gave himself, love of the Father who has given him.

This is the mystery of Pentecost: The Holy Spirit illuminates the human spirit and, on revealing Christ crucified and risen, indicates the way to become more like him, that is, to be "expression and instrument of love that comes from him" ("Deus Caritas Est," No. 33). The Church, gathered with Mary, as at her birth, today implores: "Veni Sancte Spiritus!" -- "Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of thy faithful and enkindle in them the fire of thy love!" Amen.

Tidbits

- **Catholics Seeking Christ**- Scripture Study, Faith Sharing and Catholic Teaching- all are welcome! Every Monday 1930-2030 in Catholic Chaplains Office. Contact CDT Christopher Jacobsen to get information.
- **United Catholic Fellowship - UCF** -Catholic Fellowship, Prayer and Faith Topics Weekly. All are welcome, bring a friend!
—Contact CDT Timothy Burns Every Tuesday, 1900-2030 in Catholic Chaplains Office. UCF Spring RETREAT: 25-27 April 2008
- **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - Council #8250** -If you would like to join the Knights of Columbus contact
CDT Claudio Innocenti or CDT Christopher Rogan
- **Grounds/Garden Ministry** -We need your help!
- **Save the date**-- planting of the St. Therese Prayer and Meditation Garden and Mary's hill, Friday 9 May at 1700 and Saturday 10 May at 1300. If you interested in maintaining a section of the garden, please contact Dan Ragsdale at 446-5042.