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 Lord, hold our troops in Your loving hands.
 Protect them as they protect us.
 Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our
 times of need, and give them peace.
 I ask this in the name of Jesus, Our Lord and Savior.
AMEN

**Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.
 Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the
 Devil.**
**May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,
 And do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts,
 By the power of God, cast into hell Satan,
 And all the evil spirits,
 Who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.**
Amen



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Living in Grace through the Sacraments

Sacrament of Baptism. We share in your joy as we welcome the newest member of your family into God's family, the Church. Our Parish offers Baptism Preparation Program to parents, with godparents, who wish to share their faith with their child. To register, please call the Parish Office.

Sacrament of Reconciliation. Persevere on the journey to holiness: Say "No" to sin and "Yes" to God's love, mercy and forgiveness: Tuesdays at St. Mary Magdalene from 7 pm to 8 pm in the cry room or call the Parish Office to make an appointment.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Jesus continues his healing ministry through his Church. If you or any parishioner is ill at home, in the hospital or the nursing home, and desires to celebrate this sacrament of healing, call the Parish Office to schedule a visit.

Sacrament of the Eucharist. Ministry suspended until after the pandemic.

Sacrament of Confirmation. Our young parishioners who wish to prepare to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit in the sacrament of Confirmation must be enrolled in a 2 year preparation program in Religious Education. Adults must call the rectory.

Sacrament of Marriage. You and your fiancé are called to mirror the love of Jesus for his Church! Please contact the Parish Office at least six months before the intended date of your wedding so we can help you prepare for this wonderful sacrament of committed love.

Sacrament of Holy Orders. Do pray for vocations to the ordained priesthood and permanent diaconate. It is our common obligation to raise vocations—ordained, religious, married, single—in the Church. Now do you happen to know if and when our parish has produced an ordained priest for our diocese?

Are You a Visitor or a Newcomer? Welcome and we are glad you're here to worship with us!

Enjoy Eucharistic exposition at the times and locations below

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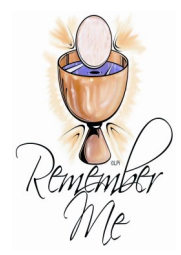
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Tuesdays

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**Fourth Sunday of Easter
 May 3, 2020**

Our Parish Mission Statement

We, the people of Blessed Trinity Parish, come from diverse backgrounds and are working together to learn, live and spread the Roman Catholic Faith. We support one another on this journey of faith by studying the Gospel, celebrating the sacraments, especially the Eucharist, and nurturing the spiritual growth of all. Our pledge is to consistently strive to build an ever-stronger parish family where the word of God is proclaimed, studied, and integrated into daily living, where we worship in prayer and in sacrament the presence of God in our midst, and where we witness the Gospel through our actions of care and concern for the needs of those around us.

All public Masses throughout the diocese have been suspended until further notice. Father Tedesche and Father Walter will be covering all scheduled Mass intentions in their daily private Mass.

Once public Masses recommence, Blessed Trinity Parish office hours will be Mondays from 9 am until noon in the basement of St. Mary Magdalene. Outside these office hours, calls should be directed to the parish offices in Clyde at 315-902-4130.

Please note St. Thomas in Red Creek is open Sundays from 8:30 to 10:30 am and St. Mary Magdalene is open from 10:30 am until noon.

 * Pray the Rosary for the Month of May *
 * Please see the insert inside this bulletin *
 * for the special prayers the Pope has requested. *

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Confession Times

Confessions will be heard in the sacristies of St. Michael’s church, Newark and St. John’s church, Clyde, from 11 am until 12 Noon on Sunday (for as long as we are closed down because of the pandemic.)

Fr. Tedesche will be hearing confessions in the crying room of St. Mary Magdalene’s church, Wolcott, Tuesday nights from 7 pm until 8pm.

From the desk of Fr. Walter:

My Dear People,

April showers bring May flowers. We all know this children’s expression which carries truth for those of us in the Northern Hemisphere and in temperate climates. Little by little, spring awakens the sleeping earth, and what appears dead soon comes to life. In upstate New York, spring is often not very beautiful, sometimes more like winter’s last gasp-cold and muddy. April seldom feels like spring for us, and so we might need to repeat this little rhyme to remind ourselves of the inevitability of blossoms.

May has now dawned, and it will not be too long when all of a sudden, there are actually flowers, and buds, and the thin, delicate coating of green in the bushes and trees along the road. We who know what a long winter feels like, really almost like half of the year for us, appreciate the realization and sensation that life has returned. Grey and brown are not the only colors on our horizon.

You don’t need to be a farmer or a horticulturist to know that rains and less pleasant weather are needed for the life and health of the land, and that a rhythm of growth and death and rebirth is part of the normal cycle. What we easily ignore is how much our spiritual life and our relationship with God needs ‘rain’ to be able to grow, develop and flourish. When it rains, very rarely can the sun come out, it is cloudy. God knows that what we need is not an endless supply of spiritually sunny days in order to make progress. No doubt, we would prefer that, but happily God is ultimately in charge of our spiritual development, not us. He alone knows the destination and how to get there.

As spring does begin, albeit cautiously, to make its way into our view, it would be splendid if normal life could also begin to resume and we could go back to the way we want things to be. You know as well as I do that this is not going to be the case. Flowers may begin to bloom and the weight of a northern New York winter may be lifted, but the complications from Covid-19 will not disappear immediately along with it. Life is easier when things are green and warm, but we still have to bear this Cross for the time being.

This is where we remember that our spiritual life needs ‘bad weather’ to be able to grow. We need to be in situations which force us to put our trust in God and turn to him more insistently and intensely. When things go well, (and this is true for all of us), we can easily take God, or any of His blessings, for granted. We can go on autopilot and begin to ‘vegetate’. Trials and challenges shake us up, often humble us (or should), and make our dependence on the Providence and care of our heavenly Father our first line of defense.

If rainy days without the light of the sun are needed for the blossoming of our spiritual life, we are, however, not plants. It is not a question of mindlessly submitting to exterior circumstances with a resigned stoicism. For this growth to take place, we must actively and intentionally cultivate the above dispositions. In other words, we must pray more, and open our hearts to a *supernatural* outlook on things; supernatural in the way God sees things, for our ultimate salvation and spiritual growth. God wants our faith, hope and love for Him to grow. He wants us to detach ourselves from sin and any obstacles which keep us from Him. He wants to be truly “number one” in our hearts and lives.

To allow the problems that we experience from the Covid-19 epidemic to help us come closer to God, and not destroy our happiness and well being, there has to be a special prayer we make in addition to praying for those sick, without jobs, and for its end. We must pray daily that God will use this situation for our good and for the spiritual good of the world. All trials carry within them the seed of deeper conversion and greater trust in God’s power and love. Many, many people in the world have forgotten God and live as if He did not exist. They don’t honor Him, obey Him, or love Him. This is not good. The insecurity that we are now facing can go two ways: it can make them go farther from God or begin to turn to Him. Our prayers can be the instrument of healing. Not just healing from this sickness, but the healing of hearts to turn to Jesus in a time when human fragility is clear.

The awakening of new life and of flowers in May is one of the reasons that this month is dedicated to Mary. She is the most beautiful flower of God which blossomed in the long winter of sin which held the human race in darkness until Christ came. There is no life without motherhood, and what life there is needs mothers to nurture and protect it. There is no spiritual life without the maternal care of Mary, who guards and protects the life of Jesus, the life of grace, within us.

The rains of troubles and challenges may continue to fall, even if the cold rains of April have given way to the gentle advent of spring. These ‘rains’ can be the very means God uses, for us personally and for our world, to make true faith in Him blossom more deeply and more strongly. We pray therefore that Our Immaculate Mother, Mary most holy, cultivates this trust and hope in God in each of us. She is at the right hand of her risen and divine Son. She is also at our side in every need. All hell fears her, but we should not. She is the Mother of fair love. It is only fair then that we love her!

Fr Walter

Please pray for:

Michael VanFleet, Kevin Mahoney, Jill Virts, Lee Poole, JoAnne Nichols, Mary Lou Adams, Ray Terry, Peg Soule, Joanne Knapp, Ann Minosh, Bill McHenry, Danny Dreschler, Shirley Howell, Jeanine Gagnon, and all of our Parishioners who are ill, at home or in the hospital.

