

# Dear Padre,

**During Mass, is it proper for the faithful to raise our hands when pronouncing the words, "For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever"?**

When the priest and people offer the Our Father together to God, the presider assumes an ancient posture of prayer, known as the *orans*—with arms extended and palms opened upward. After the Lord's Prayer, the priest keeps his hands extended and says alone the embolism ("Deliver us, Lord..."). At the end, he joins his hands, and the people acclaim, "For the kingdom...." This acclamation is meant to be the people's response to the embolism, and the priest remains silent for it. It would appear unnecessary for the faithful to now extend their hands during this acclamation—especially when it's a response to an embolism prayer that just called for the presider to have extended his own hands and now has them joined together.

Although the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* doesn't mention a specific congregational hand posture during this acclamation, it speaks in favor of "what serves the common spiritual good of the People of God, rather than private inclination or arbitrary choice," stating that a common bodily posture "is a sign of the unity of the members of the Christian community gathered together for the sacred Liturgy: it both expresses and fosters the intention and spiritual attitude of the participants" (GIRM 42). ●



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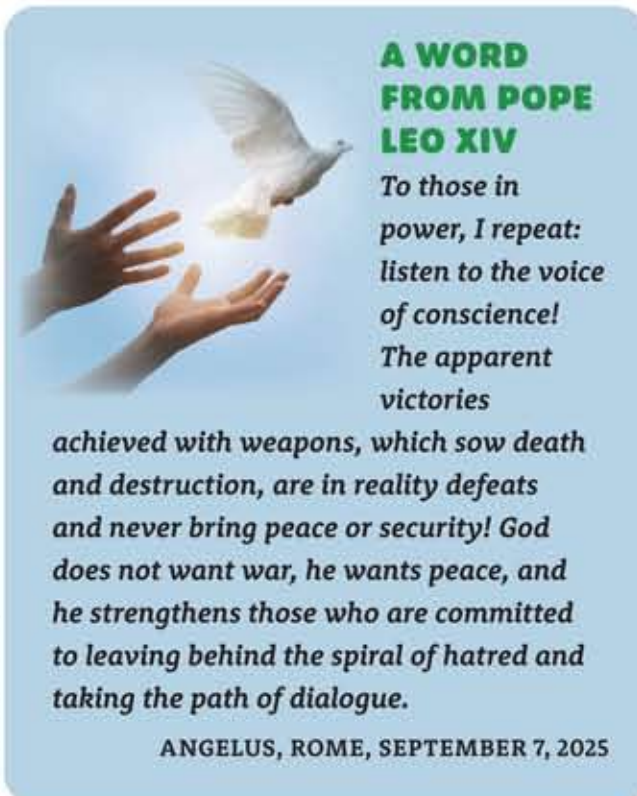
<b>Monday</b> June 1 <i>St. Justin, Martyr</i> 2 Pt 1:2-7 Mk 12:1-12	<b>Thursday</b> June 4 <i>Weekday</i> 2 Tm 2:8-15 Mk 12:28-34	<b>Sunday</b> June 7 <i>The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)</i> Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a 1 Cor 10:16-17 Jn 6:51-58
<b>Tuesday</b> June 2 <i>Weekday</i> 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18 Mk 12:13-17	<b>Friday</b> June 5 <i>St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr</i> 2 Tm 3:10-17 Mk 12:35-37	
<b>Wednesday</b> June 3 <i>St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs</i> 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12 Mk 12:18-27	<b>Saturday</b> June 6 <i>Weekday</i> 2 Tm 4:1-8 Mk 12:38-44	

### A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

To those in power, I repeat: listen to the voice of conscience! The apparent victories

achieved with weapons, which sow death and destruction, are in reality defeats and never bring peace or security! God does not want war, he wants peace, and he strengthens those who are committed to leaving behind the spiral of hatred and taking the path of dialogue.

ANGELUS, ROME, SEPTEMBER 7, 2025



# Our Parish COMMUNITY

May 31, 2026

The Most Holy Trinity (A)

Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9 / 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 / John 3:16-18



## Embracing the Mystery

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSsR

**The Christian confession of a triune God cannot be explained**, it can only be believed. It is not a cop-out to proclaim that this belief is rooted in mystery. Mystery is the essential language and experience of belief. We lose something when we try to explain a mystery instead of embracing it. It may make us uncomfortable; it may provoke more questions than answers. Regardless, it does not suggest the weakness of mystery but rather the beauty, the wonder, and the awe.

Embracing belief and living as a person of faith is a singular journey. You cannot believe for someone else, and that person, even one you dearly love, cannot believe for you. It is also important to understand that as singular as the journey of faith may be, it ultimately ends in community. Belief does not isolate a person, but rather invites a person to connect with others who also walk in faith.

The community/communion of the triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—is the perfect witness to the truth that mystery creates. One God, three divine persons. The Eucharist that we celebrate on this day proclaims the unity of our belief—to the Father, through the Son, by the power of the Holy Spirit. ●



LEARN ABOUT THE AUTHORS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY



The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

2 CORINTHIANS 13:13

### Reflect

How does the mystery of the Trinity reveal God's nature as a communion of love?



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## Love God. Love Neighbor. Make Disciples.

*Sacrament of Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick: Call Fr. Tim*

*Sacrament of Matrimony: Call the rectory six months in advance*

*Sacrament of Baptism: Call the rectory three months in advance*

	Lector	Server	EMHC	Greeter
<b>This Sat.</b>	S. Roberts	MJ Drobina	L. Schaad	J. Corcoran
<b>Next Sat.</b>	S. Staib	MJ Drobina	K. Fisher	J. Corcoran

Mass Intentions	
Sat., May 30 <sup>th</sup>	Tom Minton† By Dixie Jenne
Tues., June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Avery McElfresh† By Leo & Holly Schaad
Sat., June 6 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the Death of Rita Lawrence† By Fr. Tim Kozak

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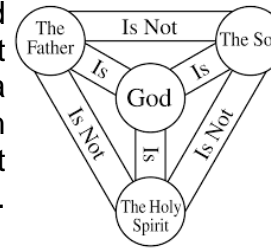
Please Remember in Your Prayers	
Mike Huck, Mary Goode, Sheila Olszewski, Fr. David Gaydosik, Msgr. Michael Campbell, William Pratt†, Tom Minton†, Barb Holland, Lowell Henderson, Ron Muetzel†	

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## Most Holy Trinity

May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026

**The Feast of the Most Holy Trinity:** We believe in one God who is three distinct persons. This is a mystery of our faith that we cannot understand in this life. But this image gives us a good way to think about the Trinity.



**Ordinary Time:** The feast of Pentecost marks the end of the Easter season and the return to Ordinary Time. This is the longest of all of the liturgical seasons and lasts for a total of 34 weeks. The Monday after Pentecost marked the eighth week of Ordinary Time, which will continue until the season of Advent.

**Please Pick Up Your Newsletter:** They are near the entrance. If you are not receiving then please call the parish offices.

**Diocesan CWC Convention:** The Convention will be in Steubenville on **Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>**. If any women of the parish are interested in attending they can contact Mary Goode at 740.962.5963. The St. James CWC has kindly offered to pay the entrance fee.

**Pray for Our Seminarians:** Please pray for our seminarians who have finished another year of classes. And especially remember our own Caleb Baker in your prayers. Fr. Nick Ginnetti is trying to get him into St. Vincent Seminary in Latrobe, PA, where Fr. Tim attended.

**New Priests for the Diocese:** Congratulations to **Fr. Ryan Budd** and **Fr. Peter Stetson** who were recently ordained as priests of the Diocese. This is a tremendous blessing for the Diocese and will allow two of our priests who have served the Diocese for many years to start a well deserved retirement. We are waiting for the Diocese to announce the assignments for the new priests.

**CWC Meeting:** The St. James CWC will hold their next meeting on **Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, in the Parish Hall, at 9:30am**. Besides the regular business meeting, there will be the annual planning meeting for the next CWC year. After the conclusion of the meeting there will be a meal a local restaurant for the annual Ladies Day Out. All women of the parish are welcome to attend.

**Consecration of the US to the Sacred Heart:** In commemoration of the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of our great country, the US Bishops have decided to consecrate the country to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on **Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup>**. The Mass that day will focus on the consecration. We also ask that everybody do a **rosary novena for our country starting on Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Go to [usccb.org/weholdthesetruths](http://usccb.org/weholdthesetruths) for more information.

**Spiritual Reading:** There are copies of *Living with Christ* and *The Word Among Us* near the entrance. They have the daily readings and reflections.