

**THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**  
**May 26, 2024**

**Monday, May 27**  
8:30am (SE) - For the Souls of the Faithful Departed from the Elizabeth parish  
Followed by Holy Hour until 9:30am

**Tuesday, May 28**  
No Scheduled Mass

**Wednesday, May 29**  
No Scheduled Mass

**Thursday, May 30**  
No Scheduled Mass

**Friday, May 31**  
**The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
4:30pm (SPN) - Intention of the Celebrant  
Followed by Adoration until 5:30pm

**Saturday, June 1**  
4:30pm (SE) - Pro Populo

**Sunday, June 2**  
8:30am (SPN) - Leo Larose by Murial Larose  
10:30am (SP) - Deceased Relatives of Carolyn, Jane & Nick

(SE) = St. Elizabeth, Elizabethtown  
(SPJ) = St. Philip of Jesus, Willsboro  
(SJ) = St. Joseph, Essex  
(SPN) = St. Philip Neri, Westport

**Readings for the Week of May 27**

Monday: 1 Pt 1:3-9/Ps 111:1-3, 5-6, 9-10/Mk 10:17-27  
Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:10-16/Ps 98:1-4/Mk 10:28-31  
Wednesday: 1 Pt 1:18-25/Ps 147:12-15, 19-20/Mk 10:32-45  
Thursday: 1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12/Ps 100:2-5/Mk 10:46-52  
Friday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-6/Lk 1:39-56  
Saturday: Jude 17, 2025/Ps 63:2-6/Mk 11:27-33  
Next Sunday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 116:12-13, 15-18/Heb 9:11-15  
Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

**THOUGHTS ON EVANGELIZATION**

**Readings: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20**  
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. Through baptism we have been incorporated into the life of the Holy Trinity and are called to share that life with all we meet. Through baptism, they, too, can become adopted children of God. They, too, can live in freedom by observing all that Jesus commanded, namely, to love God and love our neighbor as ourselves and then Go and make disciples. It takes a disciple to make a disciple. Let us not be afraid to go and live our faith out loud, for the Lord it with us always, until the end of the age.

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**Last Weekend's Collection**

**Saint Elizabeth — Attendance: 33**  
Envelopes: \$473.25; Plate: \$103.00  
Fuel: \$170.00  
Total: \$746.25

**Saint Philip Neri — Attendance: 51**  
Envelopes: \$1,998.00; Plate: \$118.00  
Fuel: \$25.00  
Total: \$2,141.00

**St Philip of Jesus — Attendance: 67**  
Envelopes: \$635.00; Plate: \$215.00  
Fuel: \$95.00  
Total: \$945.00

Mother's Day: \$10.00; Fathere's Day: \$12.00

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**BIBLE QUIZ (Get to know your Bible)**

1. How many Psalms are in the Psalter (the Book of Psalms)?  
**A – 41 B – 72 C – 150 D – 151**

2. Into how many books is the Psalter (the Book of Psalms) divided?  
**A – Two B – Three C – Four D - Five**

3. Which Old Testament book is not a book of History?  
**A – Judges B – 1 Kings C – Esther D – Job**

4. Which Old Testament book is not a book of Poetry?  
**A – Ruth B – Job C – Psalms D – Song of Solomon**

5. Which Old Testament book is not one of the Major Prophets?  
**A – Ezra B – Isaiah C – Jeremiah D – Ezekiel**

\*Last weekend's answers are:

1. C–Psalm 119    2. B–John 11:35  
3. B–Esther 8:9    4. C–Obadiah    5. D–Four

\*Answers will be available in next weekend's bulletin

**COFFEE HOUR**



To create a Culture of belongingness and a sense of parish family between our three parishes we will have a Coffee hour after 10:30 Mass in Willsboro every Third Sunday of the Month. We plan to start this in June (on the 16) and it will be coordinated by Susan Fahey. It will simply be coffee / tea and donuts / muffins. Looking for teams of 2 people each to take a month and be in charge. **Contact Susan at: cell #**

518-837-2023 or email: [sjf94@yahoo.com](mailto:sjf94@yahoo.com).

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**



Of all the great feasts we celebrate within the Church throughout the year, today's Solemnity presents us with a Mystery so deep and transcendent that our eternity will be spent in perpetual contemplation. **The Most Holy Trinity**, the life of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, will never get old, never be fully understood, and will be the reason for our everlasting adoration and joy. Though the Church has used philosophical concepts to explain the Trinity, no human concept or description will ever fully explain Who God is. Though we can point to some general truths about God, we will never be able to fully depict the inner essence, depth, beauty, and omnipotence of the Trinity. It's important to understand that the Trinity is not *first* a theological mystery we try to define. Rather, the Trinity is *first* a communion of Persons we are invited to know. We do not primarily come to know God through intellectual deduction. We come to know God through prayerful union with Him. Though theology is exceptionally useful and important, the essence of God is beyond any and every philosophical concept we can define. The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are Persons. And as Persons, they want to be known. And they want to be known primarily through a life of deep and intimate prayer. Praying to One Person, of course, is praying to all since they are One God. But we are, nonetheless, called to a relationship of love with the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Though our feeble minds may not be able to comprehend the essence of God, He will draw us deeper and deeper into a knowledge of Him if we let Him. Try to humble yourself before the great Mystery of the inner life of God. Humility before the Mystery of God means that we know how little we know about Him and how little we know of Him. But that humble truth will help you move closer to the deeper relationship of love to which you are called. On another note, I wish all of you a Happy Memorial Day weekend.

**With Love and Prayers....** **Fr. J.T.**

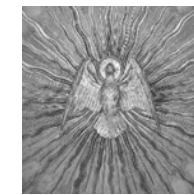
**REMINDERS:**

...On July 28<sup>th</sup> Bishop will celebrate the Holy Eucharist in Essex (at 10:30 am and **NO Mass in Willsboro** that Sunday) as St. Joseph's Church celebrates its 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. More information to follow but **please mark your calendar** and try your best to be there to show our love and support towards our Bishop. Thank you.

...All who wish to subscribe to **NORTH COUNTRY CATHOLIC** (Diocesan weekly Newsletter) could subscribe online (<https://www.northcountrycatholic.org/>) or make a check for \$37 and drop it in our regular weekend collection. Please note, that if you have dropped the renewal fee or subscription fees before without making proper reference will not be forwarded to the Diocese. Contact the pastor if you have questions regarding your existing subscription or to start a subscription.

...Next weekend, Phoebe and Issac from our Parish Family will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation from our Bishop in Holy Name Church, AuSable Forks. Please keep them and their family in your prayers.

**THE FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT—I**



As we have refreshed our memory on the 7 gifts of the Holy Spirit, let us now turn our attention to the Fruits of the Holy Spirit. The Catechism of the Catholic Church #1832 States "The fruits of the Spirit are perfections that the Holy Spirit forms in us as the first fruits of eternal glory. The tradition of the Church lists twelve of them: charity (Love), joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, chastity." Let us look at them in a little more detailed way.

**LOVE:** Christ laying down his life for us is the ultimate example of love. The Bible's definition of love differs from our world and culture's definition today. While many define love as romance or a warm feeling, the Bible's explanation is fundamentally active, based not on what we feel but rather on what we do. Love is self-sacrifice, putting others' needs before our own, following Jesus' example, and humbling ourselves as servants. As the familiar passage states: "Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things."

Outside of God, however, we are unable to love perfectly. It is only through the work of the Holy Spirit that we can set aside our sinfulness and our selfishness. Because God has shown us mercy, we can show mercy to others; because he has shown us love, we can show love to others: "We love because he first loved us. If anyone says, 'I love God,' but hates his brother, he is a liar; for whoever does not love a brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. This is the commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother." – 1 John 4:19-21

**JOY:** Joy is more than temporary happiness; joy is lasting and based on more than simply an emotional reaction to our circumstances: it is an active choice of attitude. As followers of Christ, we rejoice, because in him, we have redemption, and we transmit that joy around. When the troubles of this world assail us, we can rest in the comfort that only God can bring, and have joy, no matter our circumstances. The reason we can have joy is because we have eternal hope in Christ.

**PEACE:** This world is full of strife and division, frustrated by sin and evil. As Christians, we are not spared from sin's effects on the world, but we can take our worries to God through prayer. We also are able to take heart in the fact that Christ has triumphed over sin and death. In Him, we have peace in the knowledge that He is in control, and that no matter what struggles we face in this world, we will be granted ultimate eternal peace in Him. "I have told you this so that you might have peace in me. In the world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have conquered the world." – John 16:33 (To be continued)



**Pray Your Rosary**

...because Mary asked us to...