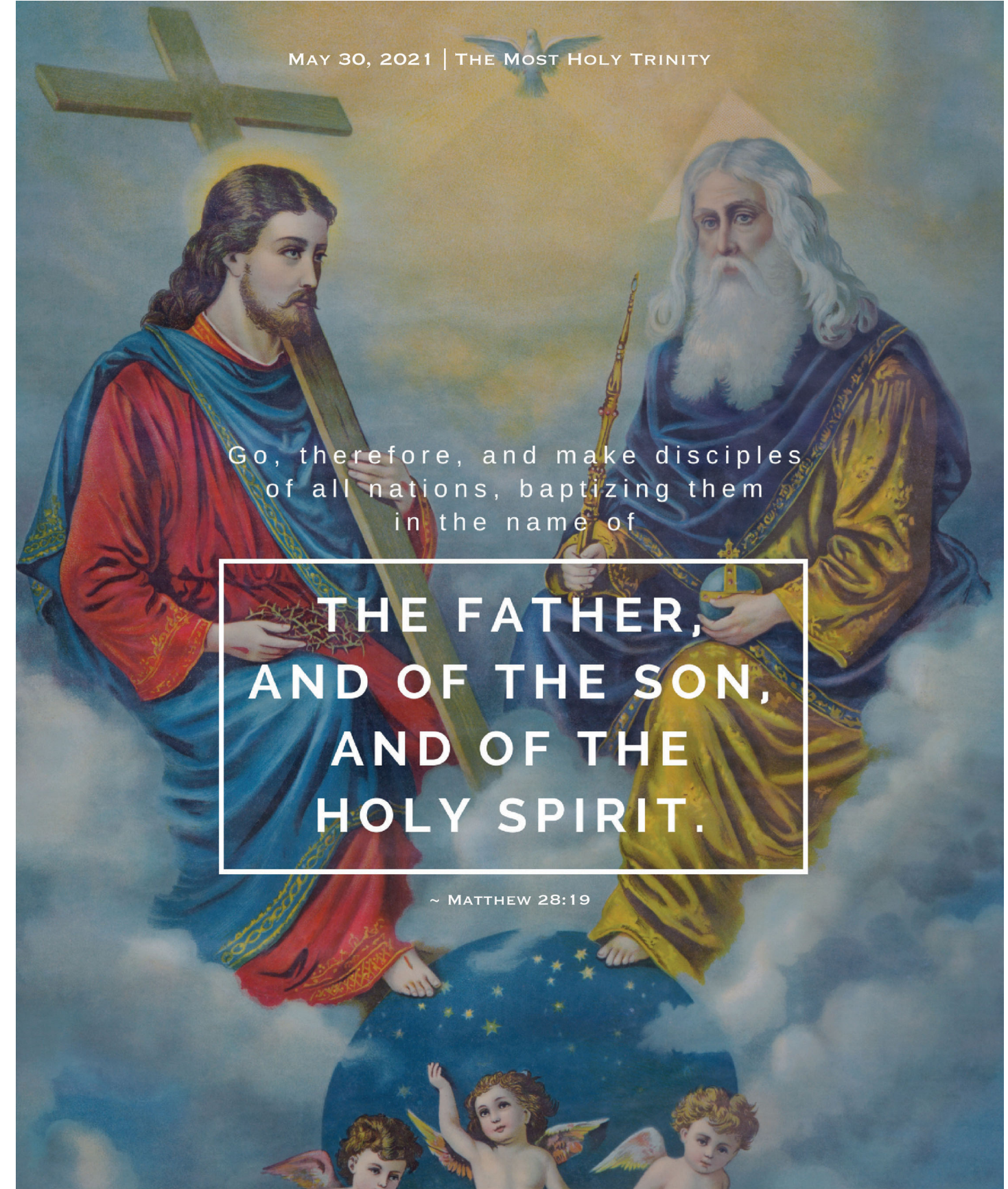




MAY 30, 2021 | THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

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.

~ MATTHEW 28:19

TWO HOLY MARTYRS PARISH

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Fr. Bob's Weekly Blog

Welcome to Two Holy Martyrs Parish!!

St. Symphorosa & St. Rene Goupil

My dad rarely spoke about his World War II experience.

Occasionally he'd let out some of the less emotional stuff but never did I personally hear him get into any war-time detail about his service in China.

Prior to his departure to the Far East, he was enrolled as a student at the University of Wisconsin-Madison where he also played football and baseball. After his sophomore year he and many of his teammates entered various branches of the United States military and, accordingly, were sent all over the globe.

A couple years later, as the men came back to the Madison, Wisconsin campus, they realized some of their teammates did not come home. They had died in battle; they gave their lives in service to the country and in the name of freedom.

Later in life, when my dad would be asked if he was interested in an overseas vacation, he'd reply, "No, thanks. I already took my overseas vacation." Dad never left the country again. His war experience changed him and helped him maintain perspective as he became a high school football coach and Dean of Students for the Morton (Berwyn-Cicero) School District.

The way he approached sports rubbed off on me. Sports is NOT war. Sports is NOT a battle. When I spent some years as a sports writer I made sure to NEVER refer to any sporting event I covered as a war, battle, or blitzkrieg. Too many men and women have died in real wars to cheapen their sacrifice by referring to a mere game as war.

As we celebrate Memorial Day, please honor all the men and women who have given their lives in service to our country and for freedom. As the saying goes, "Freedom is not free." Those people who have fought in wars never want another war. They have learned first-hand the brutality of war. Sadly, there are those among us who seem to relish the rattling of sabers as a way to acquire land and/or power. Troubled punks start wars, but heroes will arise to finish them just as saints arise during times of persecution.

Mass as Memorial

Every time we participate in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, we remember. We look back in time so that – with faith, hope and charity – we can look forward to eternal life.

Each Mass is Memorial Day. We call to mind (remember) when Jesus gave His life in the great spiritual battle. The crucifix serves as a constant reminder that our freedom from sin, evil and death was purchased by the Blood of the Lamb. Those outstretched arms nailed to the wood of the cross speak to us through the centuries, "I love you this much."

Someone might say "Mass is boring." Well, someone might

also say "Arlington National Cemetery is boring," but it could only be boring because we've forgotten or never learned the story of those who fought in war and died so that others could live in freedom. What took place at Normandy is far from boring, and what took place on Good Friday is far from boring.

Jesus died on the cross, and every single Mass for the past 2,000 years is a re-presentation in time and space of that SAME sacrificial act FOR US. At Mass, we find ourselves at the foot of the cross, and gathered around the table of the Last Supper.

"This is my Body given *FOR YOU*."

Nothing boring about love – a love that goes all the way to the cross so that we can be pulled through the cross into the glory of God (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit).

When we begin to see our faith this way, it is life-changing, and the more people see the faith this way, it then becomes world-changing and culture-changing.

What should be our response to Jesus' sacrificial act? We echo back to Him the same words, "This is my body give for you, Lord." We live our lives for the greater glory of God.

The late Bishop Fulton J. Sheen said it this way, "You have freedom only to give (your heart) away. To whom do you give yours? You give it either to the moods, to the hour, to your egotism, to creatures, or to God."

Congratulations, Grads!

Last Friday we said farewell to our parish school graduating class of 2021.

These young disciples and students will enjoy summer and then embark on their high school years. Please keep them in your prayers. They are growing up in a confused culture that wants to come across as life-enhancing but is, in far too many ways, life-draining.

We wish these children well, and pray them well. Their final two years of grade school were far from normal. Their day-to-day lives were challenging as they faced all the COVID guidelines put in place for safety and health reasons. They have been amazing through it all.

Thank you to our principal Kathy Berry, all the teachers and aides, for making their school experience the best it could be.

God bless the
St. Symphorosa School
graduating class of 2021.



Quote of the Week

"Christian liberty is freedom
from sin, not freedom to sin."
~A. W. Tozer

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St. Rene Worship Site

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Sacrament of Penance

6-7pm every Tuesday (St. Symphorosa Site)
3-3:45pm every Saturday (St. Rene Site)
Offered by Appointment During the Week
Please call the Parish Office



Please join us this coming Monday for a Memorial Day Mass. This Mass will be celebrated at 8am at St. Rene Goupil Church.

A Memorial Day Prayer

Gracious God,
on this Memorial Day weekend,
we pray for those who courageously laid down their lives
for the cause of freedom.

May the examples of their sacrifice
inspire in us the selfless love of your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Bless the families of our fallen troops,
and fill their homes and their lives with your strength and peace.

In union with people of goodwill of every nation,
embolden us to answer the call to work for peace and justice,
and thus, seek an end to violence and conflict around the globe.

We ask this through you name.

~Author Unknown

Parish Office Closed

Our parish office will be closed in observance of Memorial Day this Monday. The office will reopen for regular business hours at 9am on Tuesday, June 1st.

Save the Date!

Fellowship, food & fun

PARISH

Picnic

Sunday August 29
On the
St. Rene
Church grounds



Two Holy Martyrs Parish
Offerings for the weekend of

Sunday, May 23, 2021

Contribution: \$7,926.00

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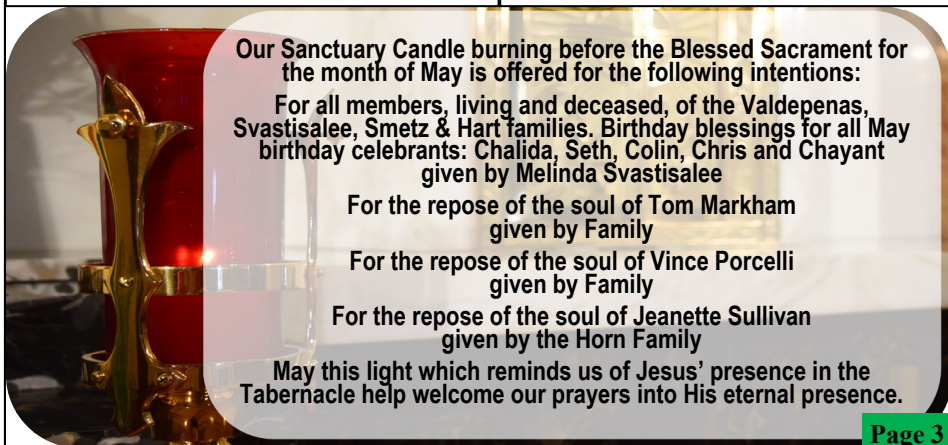


Split the Pot
May 23, 2021

Received: \$210.00

Winning envelope: #7780

Reminder: A minimum of \$5.00 is required to participate.





“And behold, I [Jesus] am with you always, until the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:20)

“God our Father, who by sending into the world the Word of truth and the Spirit of sanctification made known to the human race your wondrous mystery, grant us, we pray, that in professing the true faith, we may acknowledge the Trinity of eternal glory and adore your Unity, powerful in majesty,” (*Roman Missal*, 3rd ed.) so prays the Church on this Sunday as we explicitly worship the Most Holy Trinity. Now, the Holy Trinity is not any more three and one on this Sunday than on any other day and the Catholic Church prays to the Holy Trinity, three divine persons, one God, every day, not only on this Sunday. After much emphasis during the past couple of months on the earthly life of Jesus through His Passion, Death, Resurrection and Ascension, followed by a shift in our attention toward the

Holy Spirit’s coming at that original Pentecost in the life of the Church, we return to the “oneness” of God, which is every bit as real and true as God’s “threeness,” if I may use such a word.

God being three and one simultaneously remains one of the mysterious dogmas of our faith, a fundamental and immutable teaching, which has already been revealed at Jesus’ Baptism but is crafted into a formal teaching and profession of faith over the course of several centuries in the early Church. Believing that the Holy Trinity is *both* one God *and* three divine persons at the same time is a matter of faith and revelation on par with the Church’s belief and teaching that Jesus is *both* fully God *and* fully man at the same time.

How do we respond to these mysteries of faith, which on the surface sound contradictory: one and three are different numbers; God and man are different natures? God, knowing this challenge to believe, reveals a couple ways of responding to Him. From the Book of Deuteronomy, the source of the First Reading, Moses challenges his fellow Israelites to think on the marvels of creation, which exceed human power to invent. Then, Moses reminds the large mass of people to think back on how God has freed them from slavery in Egypt, an extraordinarily personal encounter with God. Thinking on the big categories of life and being can feel daunting. Even with all that has been discovered much remains unknown, a mystery. Thinking on how we have encountered God and what He has done for us, perhaps manifested through certain experiences or through other people, might be a more accessible and engaging opportunity for slowly coming to know the Holy Trinity rather than solving the mystery of God’s “oneness” and “threeness.”

St. Paul reassures us of why we may approach the Holy Trinity: “For those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a Spirit of adoption, through whom we cry, ‘Abba, Father!’ The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.” (Romans 8:15-16) Do you believe that you are a daughter or son of God? Do you respond to God in light of this truth, “a Spirit of adoption”? Without diminishing any of the three divine persons, have you felt that one of the three, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, is more relatable than the other two (this sense of relatability can change over time)?

~Fr. Matt Compton



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called to *Serve*
Lectors and Commentators

We ask all current lectors and
commentators as well as those
interested in this ministry to please
join us for an upcoming meeting.

This meeting will be held at St.
Symphorosa Church at **7pm** on
Monday, June 14, 2021.

Those interested need to be fully-
initiated Catholics - meaning
Baptism, Communion, and
Confirmation have been received.
High school and college students are
strongly encouraged and welcomed!

Just a
reminder...



Mass pre-registration will open as of
Sundays a week before. We highly encourage
all to pre-register for Mass each and every
weekend. You may register by calling the
parish office (773.767.1523) during regular
business hours, visiting our website
(twoholymartyrs.org) or by scanning the printed QR





CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR ST. SYMPHOROSA SCHOOL GRADUATING CLASS OF 2021

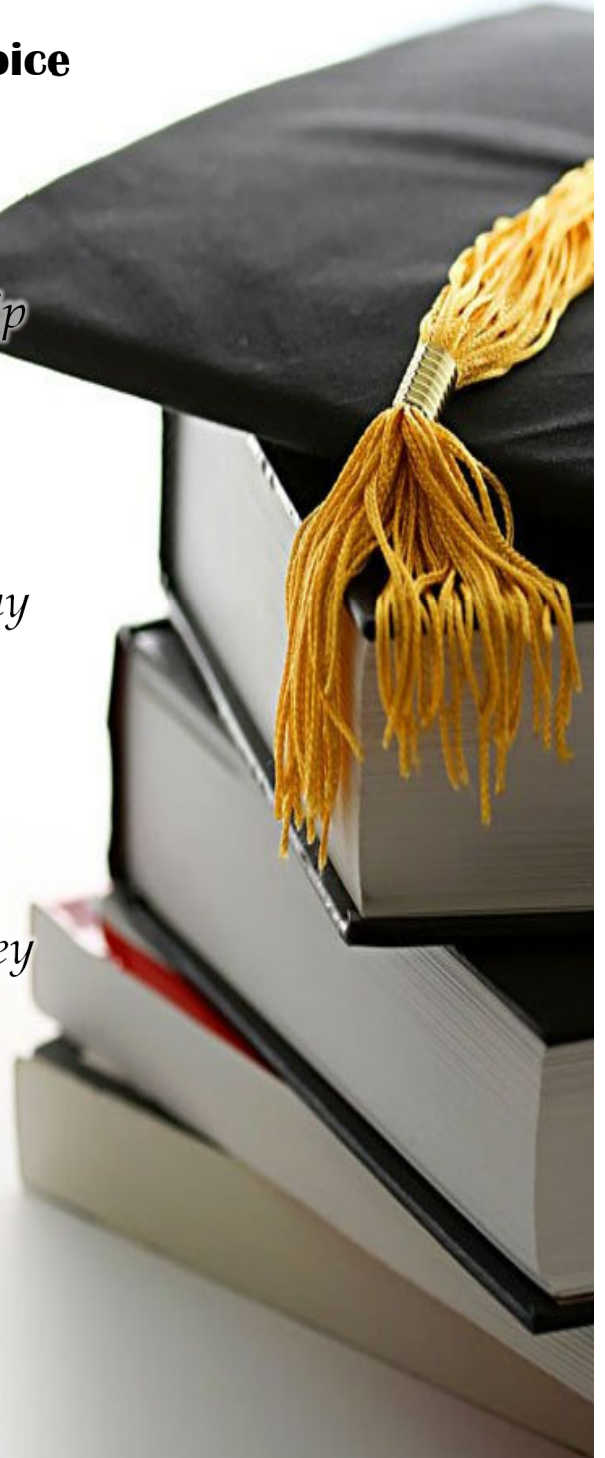
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Graduate

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Alexander Calderon
Christopher Flores
Xavier Gonzalez
Andrea Holik
Kayla Kamradt
Robert Kania
James Loaiza
Julianne Medina
Caden Motill
Paul Przeklasa
Robert Rafael-McElroy
Kylie Risley
Natalia Szczurek
Angela Zubrzycki*

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Lyons Township
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St. Laurence
St. Rita
St. Laurence
Solorio Academy
St. Rita
Kennedy
Brother Rice
Nazareth
John Hancock
Mother McAuley*



*“Trust in the LORD with all your heart,
on your own intelligence do not rely;
In all your ways be mindful of him,
and he will make straight your paths.
Do not be wise in your own eyes,
fear the LORD and turn away from evil.”*

Proverbs 3:5-7



Faith Formation Office

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Coordinator: Peg Siebenaler

UPCOMING EVENTS

Totus Tuus

June 13th - June 18th

Summer Confirmation Class

June 13th - July 1st

Summer Communion Class

August 2nd - August 12th



Summer Faith Formation Opportunity

Keeping in mind the
struggles we have
been faced with

during this pandemic, we are aware
that many families chose not to register
their children for Faith Formation
classes this past year.

With this in mind we have decided that
we will be offering Summer Sessions to
get your child on track for receiving the
Sacrament of First Eucharist or
Confirmation.

Please call Miss Peggy in our Faith
Formation Office for further details.
Space is limited.

WELCOME FAMILIES TO TWO HOLY MARTYRS PARISH FAITH FORMATION

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TOTUS TUUS Summer Youth Camps

“All Yours”....Totus Tuus Summer Youth Camp June 13th - June 18th

Our Parish is hosting a summer youth camp...sponsored by the Archdiocese of
Chicago. The name Totus Tuus is Latin for
“all yours.”

*“The Totus Tuus program aims to inspire young people to long for holiness,
develop a deep desire for conversion and personally renew their faith with a
stronger prayer life. Through evangelization and catechesis, Totus Tuus seeks
to foster openness to the sacrifices and blessings of the various Christian
vocations.”*

Day Program (\$50 Cost):

Grade School (1st to 6th Grade)

Monday-Friday (9:00am-2:30pm)

Evening Program (\$15 Cost):

Jr. High / High School

(7th - 12th Grade)

Sunday-Thursday (7:00pm-9:00pm)

Includes a T-shirt.

We hope you will come and learn more about your faith in this great experience.

Register on-line at:

chicagopriest.com/events/totus-tuus/parent-information-registration

Registration Forms are also available at the Parish Office.

Call Ms. Peggy for more information, at (773) 767-1523 ext. 226.



2021-2022 Faith Formation Registration NOW OPEN!!!

New and returning families are invited to register. Classes begin after Labor Day!

We will continue to offer Faith Formation Classes for grades One through Eight on Tuesday evenings at our
St. Rene Campus and on Saturday mornings at our St. Symphorosa Campus. Registration Forms are
available in the Narthex of our churches. They are also available at the Main Parish Office on Austin Ave.

In addition, a representative is available TODAY in the Narthex
to accept and answer any questions you may have.

Please call Miss Peggy in the Faith Formation Office for further details. (773) 767-1523 ext. 226.

We are grateful for your support and collaboration.

REMINDER

The parish office would like to kindly remind all parishioners who filled out a yellow volunteer interest form to please return them. Forms can be returned in the collection baskets when attending Mass or at the parish office.

Thank you!



E-Giving (Electronic Giving) One Stop. One Source. One Solution.

Now that we have been united as one parish (Two Holy Martyrs) we have one place for parishioners to make donations electronically if desired. As a parish, we will use "E-Giving" as our electronic company.

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Our online E-Giving URL address is:

<https://giving.ncsservices.org/app/giving/twoholymartyrs>

Visit the above URL or you can visit our Parish Website at: www.twoholymartyrs.org look for the "Donate" tab and then click.

We have also included the QR code (at right), so just point your camera to the QR code and it will take you directly to the proper place.

Just follow the directions that e-giving gives online (you may need to scroll down) to "create an account" if you do not have one. It's simple and pretty easy to use!

If you have any questions, please contact the parish office at 773.767.1523 and we will be glad assist you.



Project Linus



THANK YOU

A heartfelt "Thank You" goes out to all who donated (blankets, fabric or money) to our very successful Blanket Drive.

We had 510 blankets donated on May 22nd during our blanket drive-thru with the promise of 40 more to come from people who were unable to attend. The blankets will be delivered to 3 hospitals and 6 social service agencies.

We want to especially thank the Volunteers who worked at the event. It was an extremely hot and sunny day and they worked tirelessly. We made a great team!



Thank you again,
Mary - Chapter
Coordinator
Rose - Assistant
Chapter
Coordinator

PRO-LIFE ACTION LEAGUE

From June 18-26, pro-life volunteers will be located at major intersections across Chicagoland depicting the beauty of life within the womb.

The Face the Truth Tour changes hearts and minds, guides post-abortion women and men to healing and peace, and saves babies from abortion. For more information on this powerful pro-life campaign, including the complete Tour schedule, please visit ProLifeAction.org. You may also contact by phone at 773.777.2900 or via email at info@prolifeaction.org



Please take a moment to sit down, watch, and/or listen to Fr. Bob's "*Embrace the Grace*" meditations every week.

Fr. Bob and Steve Kittler, our parish Music Director, began this page as a way to keep in contact with the parish and all our parishioners during the COVID stay at home order. This seven to ten minute video shares the good news with all interested persons.

Please visit the parish website at twoholymartyrs.org or go directly to the YouTube page at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJm6IOYVzFmLnENC-rj7jMQ> to view.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, May 29, 2021

4:00pm *St. Rene Church*

Presider: Fr. Norm

5:30pm *St. Symphorosa Church*

Presider: Fr. Bob

Sunday, May 30, 2021

7:30am *St. Rene Church*

Presider: Fr. Bob

9:00am *St. Symphorosa Church*

Presider: Fr. Matt

10:30am *St. Rene Church*

Presider: Fr. Bob

12:00pm *St. Symphorosa Church*

Presider: Fr. Bob

Monday, May 31, 2021

8:00am *St. Rene Church*

Tuesday, June 1, 2021

8:00am *St. Symphorosa Church*

Wednesday, June 2, 2021

8:00am *St. Symphorosa Church*

Thursday, June 3, 2021

8:00am *St. Symphorosa Church*

Friday, June 4, 2021

8:00am *St. Symphorosa Church*

Saturday, June 5, 2021

8:00am *St. Symphorosa Church*

4:00pm *St. Rene Church*

Presider: Fr. Bob

5:30pm *St. Symphorosa Church*

Presider: Fr. Matt

Sunday, June 6, 2021

7:30am *St. Rene Church*

Presider: Fr. Norm

9:00am *St. Symphorosa Church*

Presider: Fr. Bob

10:30am *St. Rene Church*

Presider: Fr. Matt

12:00pm *St. Symphorosa Church*

Presider: Fr. Bob

For all Two Holy Martyrs parishioners, living and deceased

†Patrick Carmody (*Kathleen Ross*)

†Janet & Steve Molnar (*Hohm Family*)

The Most Holy Trinity

†Omar Gonzalez (*Family*)

†Joe & Loretta Paciga (*Niemczyk Family*)

†Rafael Alvarez (*Arlene Scaletta*)

†Rosaria Maria Dragosetti (*Elvira D. Starshak*)

†Harriet Janda (*Two Holy Martyrs Super Club*)

†Janet & Steve Molnar (*Hohm Family*)

†Rosario Flores (*Socorro Perez*)

†Jack Orsi (*Family*)

†Anthony "Tony" Pelegrino and Family (*Family*)

For all Two Holy Martyrs parishioners, living and deceased

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Health & blessings on the anniversary of his ordination for Fr. Bob Regan
(*Mary Kolimas*)

†Kathleen Denwood (*Arlene Capparelli*)

†Sergeant Omar Saucedo (*Family*)

Saint Justin, Martyr

†Altar & Rosary Members (*Altar & Rosary Society*)

†Anthony Barone (*Arlene Capparelli*)

†Anthony J. Barone (*Judee Barone*)

†Bruno G. Shotas (*Nancy Shotas*)

Health & all the Lord's blessings for Mary Thorpe (*Family*)

†Vince Porcelli (*Wife Judy*)

Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs

†Estelle Cyrnek (*Valerie*)

†Marion Lance (*Nancy Loduca*)

†Mary Marco (*Marie Zilka*)

†Rosa Cicchino (*Rosa Rodriguez*)

†Doris Mezyk (*Ann & Andy Tuszyński*)

Saint Boniface, Bishop

Health & all the Lord's blessings for Jeff Anderzunas (*Angela Sulka*)

†Joseph Sulka (*Angela Sulka*)

†Lorraine Gorniak (*Family*)

†Doris Carpenter (*Art & Katie Carpenter*)

†Lucy Circelli (*Art & Katie Carpenter*)

†Janet & Steve Molnar (*Hohm Family*)

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

†Joseph Paciga (*Niemczyk Family*)

†Rafael Alvarez (*Karney's Family*)

†Tom, Dot & Scott Bogumil (*Claire Moran*)

†Janet & Steve Molnar (*Hohm Family*)

†Vince Porcelli (*Wife Judy*)

†Joseph Tomczak (*Arlene Scaletta*)

†Claude Wiatrak (*Wife Clara*)

†Russ Dober (*Hecker Family*)

†Catherine Bartuch Morrell (*Family*)

†Annie Murphy (*The Murphy Family*)

†Joseph & Mary Negoski (*Ben & Judy Shafer*)

†Rosaria Maria & John Dragosetti (*Family*)

Weekend Presider subject to change without notice



There are in the end three things
that last: Faith, Hope, and Love,
and the greatest of these is
LOVE.

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Judy Adelsbach
Larry Adkins
Mary Adkins
Guadalupe Almendarez
Raeanne Arends
Kim Argires
JoAnn Baade
Ignatius Battiatto
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Kathy Calcagno
Gina Camp
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Margaret Ciampaglia
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Marilyn Crites
Michael DeRose
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Maria Lopez
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Sandra Tallon
Mary Thorpe
Shirley Tloczek
George Trendle
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Ryan Vaughan
Judith Webber
Joan Wilhelmy
Beverly Zaleski
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John Zappavigna
Barb Ziegler
Michelle

Due to privacy laws, names may only be added to our prayer list by immediate family. Please let us know when to remove a name.

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WO-1 Richard Sabeske, US Army
Sgt. 1st Class Kristina Stuhlmacher
LCpl. Justin R. Thorpe, USMC
1LT Zachary White, IL Army NG

Let us pray...

Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord, and
let perpetual light shine upon them. May the
souls of the faithful departed, through the
mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Margaret Balestri



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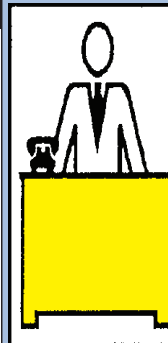
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