**HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS**

**Holy Trinity Summer Preschool**

The Holy Trinity Catholic School is very excited to be offering Summer Preschool this year at both of its elementary locations. As we need to begin to purchase materials and supplies for the program, we are asking anyone that may be interested to call the Altoona location at 381-7011, or the Hollidaysburg location at 695-6112. The details are as follows:

- **Time:** 8:00 Am to 3:00 PM each day.
- **Classes begin June 17.** (Themed weeks)
- **$125.00 a week per child.**
- **Ages 3-5 (Must be potty trained).**
- Highly qualified teachers and an aide.
- Must pack a lunch.
- Bring a change of clothes.

**Carmelite Community of the Word**

An **Overnight Retreat** will be held on April 12 and 13, 2019. What the *“People of the Passion”* teach us about Jesus today! As we journey through Lent to Holy Week, this retreat offers the opportunity to reflect on 7 people who witnessed the death of Jesus. The Retreat begins on Friday evening at 7:00 PM, and ends on Saturday at 3:00 PM, and will include presentations on the theme, guided prayer opportunities and time for quiet personal reflection.

The donation is $40.00 per person, or $60.00 for a married couple. The donation includes overnight accommodations, meals and all materials. Pre-registration with donation is required by April 8. Sessions will be held at Carmelite Community of the Word Incarnation center, 394 Bem Road, Gallitzin, PA. To register, get directions, or for more information, call 814-886-4098.

**Stewardship Reflections**

May this Lenten season symbolize a harvest which we recognize our sinfulness in order to bear the fruit of a Christ-centered life. May the water of Baptism well up inside you so all of those whom you encounter recognize you as a trustworthy steward and disciple of Jesus Christ.

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**Scripture Reflection**

Today the readings from Cycle A are proclaimed at Mass. Our elect (seeking Baptism, and Eucharist) and our Candidates (seeking Confirmation) celebrate the First Scrutiny. They are to name their thirsts as they stand at the well. We, too, are to name our thirsts.

A canticle from Isaiah sings that we shall draw water joyfully from the well-springs of salvation (Isaiah 12:3). Water bookends our readings and our lives of faith. The Israelites grumble in their thirst. Moses cries out to God in exasperation. God gives people water from a rock. An extraordinary event made known that the Lord was in their midst.

Jesus gave a Samaritan woman more than water by ordinary means—dialogue and presence. The story is not ordinary. Why? Jews considered Samaritans to be less than human. Men did not speak to women in public. But Jesus spoke to this Samaritan woman in a public place. His request, “Give me a drink,” put himself in need of her and began a conversation that satisfied this Samaritan woman in a public place. His encounter with him transformed them. They failed to understand at first, her quest for water was to teach her not to drink water by ordinary means—dialogue and presence.

Today’s readings point out that water is a natural and spiritual gift. As Moses strikes the rock, God gives life to the Israelites by providing natural and spiritual gift. As Moses strikes the rock, God gives life to the Israelites by providing natural and spiritual gift. As Moses strikes the rock, God gives life to the Israelites by providing natural and spiritual gift. As Moses strikes the rock, God gives life to the Israelites by providing natural and spiritual gift. As Moses strikes the rock, God gives life to the Israelites by providing natural and spiritual gift. As Moses strikes the rock, God gives life to the Israelites by providing natural and spiritual gift. As Moses strikes the rock, God gives life to the Israelites by providing natural and spiritual gift. As Moses strikes the rock, God gives life to the Israelites by providing natural and spiritual gift. As Moses strikes the rock, God gives life to the Israelites by providing natural and spiritual gift. As Moses strikes the rock, God gives life to the Israelites by providing natural and spiritual gift. As Moses strikes the rock, God gives life to the Israelites by providing natural and spiritual gift. As Moses strikes the rock, God gives life to the Israelites by providing natural and spiritual gift. As Moses strikes the rock, God gives life to the Israelites by providing natural and spiritual gift. As Moses strikes the rock, God gives life to the Israelites by providing natural and spiritual gift. As Moses strikes the rock, God gives life to the Israelites by providing natural and spiritual gift. As Moses strikes the rock, God gives life to the Israelites by providing natural and spiritual gift.

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 24, 2019

Readings: Ex 17:3-7; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42

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The Lenten theme is Change Our Hearts - discussion groups begin to gather the week of March 3rd. Those that gathered in the fall are invited back. Those who did not join then are invited back to become part of a group this Lent.

Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic adoration will be the first Wednesday of next month, April 3 from 12:30 PM until 8:00 PM. Please note this in your schedules and plan to spend some quality time in prayer before the Sacrament in exposition.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION
Sunday, March 17, 2019 - $8,385.00

THINK BASKET BINGO-SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2019

It's that time of year again for our 5th Annual Basket Bingo. We're asking for your support. We are in need of Gift Cards, new items such as home decor, non-perishables, theme baskets, household items, and monetary donations. Items can be dropped off at the Parish Office during the week between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM, or may be picked up by calling: Lorraine Beck, 942-7774. Tickets are available now at the Cathedral Square door after all masses and at the Parish Office: $25.00 per person with value pack for an additional $30. If you purchase your tickets by April 15th you will receive 1 set of Special Bingo cards.

Baptismal Prep Class

There will be a Baptismal Prep class on Tuesday April 9th at 7:00 PM in the Seton Suite.

First Communion Meeting

Reminder of the last meeting, Wednesday March 27, 6:30-8:00 PM. This will be the third and final meeting for First Communion.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION
Sunday, March 24th 2:00-4:00 PM in the Cathedral Hall of the Church.

ALL NINTH Grade Candidates
Sunday, March 31st, 2019 Spring Session
We will meet in the church at 6:30 PM for Evening Prayer; the Spring Session will follow in the Cathedral Hall until 8:15 PM.

PRAYING THE STATIONS
Stations of the Cross will be prayed this Friday evening, March 16 at 7:00 PM and every Friday of Lent.

Lenten Fish Lunches

Cathedral Parish Social Committee will again offer the delicious Fish Lunches on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent. (There is no Fish Lunch offered on Good Friday.) The menu includes a Fish sandwich, your choice of macaroni and cheese or pierogi or french fries or haluski for $8.00 (includes drink). Lunches are served from 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM or till sold out. Call in take-out orders of ten or more. Plan to participate in this annual Lenten project. Do you know someone who is homebound and would appreciate a delicious fish sandwich this Lent? Plan to reach out to others this Lent. Spread the great news with others about our unbelievably delicious Fish Lunches!

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