

## QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

June 7, 2020 Holy Trinity

*A God of Love*

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. (John 3:16)

Exodus 34:4-6,8-9 - Renewal of the tablets

2 Corinthians 13:11-13 - Farewell

John 3:16-18 - Belief in the Son sent by the Father

### For Reflection:

Adults: We live within the Trinity whenever we live in love. How does this mystery connect to your daily life?

Kids: How do you choose to live as a more loving person?

## THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

The Holy Trinity is a life of communion to be lived, shared and celebrated liturgically. Therefore, we need to go beyond talking about love, communion, sharing and putting that into practice by being instruments of reconciliation, mercy and communion. As one bishop put it jokingly, the reason why God in creating us does not put us directly into heaven, is because if He did so, we would mess life up there! Our life here on earth is a time to practice our stewardship in concrete ways by sharing, healing and living in communion with the people God has given us. The central message may be summed up in three points. 1) The solemnity of the Holy Trinity is a model of life of communion in God to be lived and imitated; 2) We are challenged to be instruments of reconciliation, healing and communion; 3) To be such instruments, we need to be nourished by prayer and scripture, for example in the family so we can grow into closer communion with one another.

In Christ,

Deacon Dean

## OUR SPIRITUAL COMPANION FOR THIS WEEK

Last year's parish theme, Our Common Call to Holiness, continues this year with the book given out at Christmas – *Rediscover the Saints, 25 Questions That Will Change Your Life*. According to its author, Matthew Kelly, what the world needs right now is holy moments – moments when we make ourselves completely available to God, moments when we do exactly what we sense God is calling us to do.

The book gives us 25 Saint Companions, 25 guides to living a holy life. Together as a parish family let us take one guide/companion for each week as we strive to be all that God calls us to be.

**This week Mary will be our companion as we reflect on the question; “What prevents you from surrendering yourself completely to God?” Mary is the perfect example of someone who trusted in God and in God’s plan for her. Following her example as you try to align your life with God’s plan for you is a sure way to holiness. Read chapter twenty-two as a starting point for your reflection.**

*Loving God, open my heart and mind to receive your love in all the ways you want to share it with me.*

*Mary, Mother of God and my mother too watch over and protect me .Share your wisdom with me as you did with the early church and help me to trust your Son as I strive to answer God’s Call with an emphatic yes just as you did.*

*Amen*

## A Prayer to Combat the Coronavirus Pandemic

Most merciful and Triune God, we come to you  
in our weakness.

We come to you in our fear.

We come to you with trust.

For you alone are our hope.

We place before you the disease present in our world.  
We turn to you in our time of need.

Bring wisdom to doctors,

Give understanding to scientists.

Endow caregivers with compassion and generosity.

Bring healing to those who are ill.

Protect those who are most at risk.

Give comfort to those who have lost a loved one.

Welcome those who have died into your eternal home.

Stabilize our communities.

Unite us in our compassion.

Remove all fear from our hearts.

Fill us with confidence in your care.

Jesus, I trust in you.

Jesus, I trust in you.

Jesus I trust in you.

Amen.

## CHURCH IS OPEN

**St. Francis Xavier Church will be open for private prayer only, Tuesdays and Thursdays. 10AM-12PM.**

**St. Augustine Church will be open for private prayer only, Mondays and Wednesdays. 10AM-12PM.**

**Only 10 parishioners allowed at a time. Please socially distance in the pews and use masks and hand sanitizer. Thank you and God Bless.**

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EMERGENCY  
FIRST TRY 718-638-1880  
IF NO ONE ANSWERS  
CALL OUR DEACON DEAN AT  
347-272-8722**

### ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL HAS BEGUN

Our Diocesan Catholic Yearly Appeal has begun. This appeal provides us with the opportunity to be bearers of Christ's light to others, a light that reflects Christ's kindness, compassion and hope. We hope that when presented with the opportunity to participate in the Annual Appeal, you will answer the call to build God's Kingdom. **Please join us and help our parish to reach its assigned Appeal goal of \$37,790.**

### AUTOMATED GIVING WE SHARE

#### HAVE YOU SIGNED UP YET?

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at [stfxbrooklyn.org](http://stfxbrooklyn.org) or call 1-800-950-9952  
for more information.

## MASS INTENTIONS

These Masses will be celebrated in private

Saturday, June 6

5:00

**Jeanne Giordano**

Sunday, June 7

9:30

**Thomas Hurajt**

12:15

**Ronnie Murray Konkel**

Monday, June 8

9:00

**Catherine Lozito**

Tuesday, June 9

9:00

**Marianne Lehnrs**

Wednesday, June 10

9:00

**Margaret Hurajt**

Thursday, June 11

9:00

**Marianne Voss**

Friday, June 12

**No Mass**

Saturday, June 13

9:00

**The DeThill Family**

5:00

**Joseph Testa, Jr.**

Sunday, June 14

9:30

**James and Helen Speicher**

12:15

**Rose Fattorusso**

### IN OUR PRAYERS

*May God strengthen and give peace to all of our sick parishioners, relatives and friends, especially for:*  
**Robert Schlegel, Daniel Joseph, Matt Speicher, Edna Fialo, Mary McLoughlin, Aloyse Chong, Lorraine Lozito, Al Campisi, Patrick D'Onofrio and Frank Frietag.** *May the hope of the Resurrection dawn on our deceased relatives and friends, We lift them up to our heavenly Father who heals all ills and gives new life.*

***LET US CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR ALL WHO  
ARE SICK, FOR MEDICAL PERSONAL AND  
FOR ALL PEOPLE AS WE CONFRONT THE  
COVID-19 VIRUS.***

**MASS INTENTIONS**

