

THE 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,
teaching them
to observe all
that I have
commanded you.
Mt. 28:19-20

SS. Edward & Lucy Parish

Clustered with St. Helen Church

St. Edward

16150 Center St. Parkman, OH

Mass Times

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 8:30 AM

Adoration

Monday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

St. Lucy

16280 East High St. Middlefield, OH

Mass Times

Saturday Vigil: 6:30 PM

Sunday: 10:30 AM

Adoration

Thursday: 1:00 - 6:00 PM

Weekday Mass Times @ St. Edward in the Chapel

Monday: 6:00 PM Tuesday - Friday: 8:00 AM

Confession @ St. Edward Saturday: 4:00 - 4:45 PM

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Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger wrote that the doctrine of the Trinity "developed out of the effort to digest historical experiences" (*Introduction to Christianity*, ch. 5, p. 163). An historically conditioned development does not mean the doctrine is any less true, it simply means that the Church's grappling with the Trinity flowed from the Her *experience* of Jesus Christ. Recall Mark's account of Jesus' baptism (Mark 1:9-11) in which Jesus, the Son, rises from the waters of the Jordan to the Father's blessing and the Holy Spirit's dove-like anointing. Do we see in this pivotal moment of Jesus' life the manifestation of three gods, three "faces" or "modes" of God, one God who is Father with his human son and an ethereal experience of a Spirit? Each of those notions of Jesus' Baptism were discussed in the early Church and found

wanting. The Church landed on a paradoxical approach that gently held several truths in tension while acknowledging the limits of our own human intellect. (1) God is One. This is a non-negotiable for us as Christians. We've inherited this from God's revelation to the Hebrew people. Jesus lived this truth and never deviated from monotheism, even while alluding to his own divine personhood. (2) Jesus was not play-acting with the Father when speaking with Him, i.e. Jesus truly interacted with the Father and the Spirit in an authentically personal way. (3) Since Jesus is 100% God and 100% man, this relationship speaks to a truth about the life of the Trinity as a love between three Divine Persons. And, (4) each Person of the Trinity is God and there's not three Gods, and each Person is both distinct while wholly one with the other Person. The paradox of a divine 3-in-1 is not a contradiction, although our minds often want shortcuts like "God is sometimes Father, sometimes Son, sometimes Holy Spirit" or "the God of the Old Testament is the Father, of the New is the Son, after the New is the Spirit." Those two shortcuts are not authentic teachings, but reveal our faltering attempts at pondering the Trinity. The Church invites us, this Trinity Sunday, not to shortcuts but to Mystery. God the Trinity draws us into Himself through the Son, by the Spirit, to the Father. Our life in Christ adopts us into the eternal, unending communion of the Holy Trinity. May the mystery of this awesome love capture our hearts and minds as we celebrate Trinity Sunday.

God bless you,
Fr. Jacob

PS: SAVE THE DATES

Parish Picnic at Mineral Lake Park on June 13th beginning with Mass at 4PM. Keep an eye out for information about the potluck.

Praise in the Park at Burton Square (open to everyone who wants to join us in prayer and praise) is on July 24th and begins at 7PM.

Saint of the Week:

June 3 - SAINT CHARLES LWANGA AND HIS COMPANIONS (martyred 1886-87)

"Master of Pages," reputedly the handsomest man in all Uganda, Charles Lwanga, lay catechist, courageously led about forty teenaged boys, Catholics and Anglicans, on a forty-mile forced march to martyrdom for their common Christian faith. Teaching each other the hymns of their different churches, they strengthened one another for the ordeal ahead. King Mwanga, himself barely twenty, had ordered them executed for being "those who pray." But these royal pages were the king's male harem, who, now Christians, refused what pious accounts demurely describe as his "unreasonable demands." Some were clubbed to death, most burned alive; the youngest, thirteen-year old Saint Kizito, whom Charles had often shielded from the King's lust; the most tragic, Saint Mbaga, whose father was his executioner! In 1964, Paul VI canonized the young Catholics and praised their Anglican companions, recalling the heroism of early Christianity's African martyrs, which we modern Christians of far less faith never expected to see repeated. Forty years after the pope's words, what does our faith cost us? Heroism aside, how generous is our response? —Peter Scagnelli

KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS PREGNANT? SCARED? NEEDS HELP? CALL 1-800-712-4357 24 HOURS

SS. EDWARD & LUCY PRAYER LINE: Call Rebecca 330-389-0728 or email prayer request to Rebbanne@gmail.com.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, May 30 Saturday Vigil

5:00pm Barb Hill/Friend

6:30pm David Bates/Lisa Bates Family

Sunday, May 31 Sunday

8:30am Bennedict & Frances Barcikowski/Ron Rzeszotarski

10:30am For those who made the Ultimate Sacrifice

Monday, June 1 Weekday

6:00pm Mike Dejanovic Family/Alice Molnar

Tuesday, June 2 Weekday

8:00am James & Helen Paryzek/Jayne Kracker

Wednesday, June 3 Weekday

8:00am Harold Hall/Gertrude Hall

Thursday, June 4 Weekday

8:00am Jim Kvorciak/Joan Kvorciak

Friday, June 5 Weekday

8:00am William R Fisher/Family

Saturday, June 6 Saturday Vigil

5:00pm Pro Popolo

6:30pm Joseph Tarasco/Clark & Anne DeCapite

Sunday, June 7 Sunday

8:30am Katrina Nick/Family

10:30am George & Kay Frank/M/M Nick Frank

5/17 Weekly Collection	St. Edward	St. Lucy
Saturday Collection	\$1332.00	\$1467.00
Sunday Collection	\$1082.25	\$1528.22
Restricted Donations	\$490.00	\$100.00

Thank you for you generosity and supporting our parish!

Weekly Schedule of Events:

Monday:

10:00 am - 6:00 pm Adoration E

6:00 pm Mass & Rosary Devotion E

Tuesday:

8:30 am Rosary Group in Chapel E

Wednesday:

7:00 pm Bible Study E

Thursday:

1:00 pm - 6:00 pm Adoration L

2:00 pm Divine Mercy Cenacle L

6:30 pm Sisters in Christ L

Friday:

8:30 am First Friday Devotions E

Sunday:

9:30 am Gathering after Mass E

10:00 am Rosary Before Mass L

11:30 am Gathering after Mass L

Baccalaureate Mass

Are you a high school student who is graduating this year? We want to invite you to our Baccalaureate Mass! Contact the office at (440) 548-3812 or office@SSEdwardLucy.com to let us know so we can get you the information!

Vacation Bible School

Interested in donating to help out with our Vacation Bible School supplies? We have an Amazon Wishlist posted under the Vacation Bible School tab on our website. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Registration is open for Vacation Bible School! Registration forms for Vacation Bible School are located on our parish website or near the doors at both Churches. All current Preschool through 5th grade students are welcome to join us for Vacation Bible School the week of July 27-31 from 9am to Noon at St. Lucy. Students older than 5th grade and adults are welcome to help us with this wonderful week! Volunteer forms can also be found on our parish website or near the doors at both Churches.

SAVE THE DATE
SS. EDWARD & LUCY
PARISH PICNIC

Saturday, June 13



Mineral Lake Park

Located at the corner of Lake Ave. & Sperry Rd. in
Middlefield

Mass at 4pm with dinner to follow
More details to come!

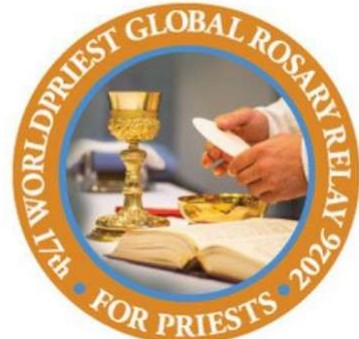
**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

Sign up to Volunteer at the
Middlefield Swiss Cheese Festival

When: Friday June 12th, Saturday June
13th, Sunday June 14th

Where: Cardinal Local School Grounds
16175 Almeda Dr., Middlefield, OH 44062

Text: Brenda Villalta @440-487-5950
or
Email: Bren.Villalta89@gmail.com

Global Rosary Relay for the Sanctification of Priests

The Annual Global Rosary Relay for the Sanctification of Priests will be held on **June 12, 2026** on the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This is a *world wide event* with the rosary being prayed for 24 hours at designated locations around the world for our priests. Our rosary location here is at **Noon at Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine 21281 Chardon Rd, 44117**. Please join us at the Shrine in church. The rosary will be broadcast at that time on **AM1260 the Rock**. This event is sponsored by Worldpriest. <https://www.worldpriest.com/>



**RENEW
RESPOND
REVIVE**

Pentecost was just the beginning!
Join us to worship in our Upper Room as
we continue to fan the flames of revival!

Saturday, June 13th
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

St. Helen Catholic Church
12060 Kinsman Rd
Newbury, OH 44065

Companions on the Journey
DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP

**NEXT MEETING: Thursday, June 11th, 2026,
from 1-3pm**

TOPIC: "Safety Considerations in Dementia"

GUEST SPEAKER: Dr. Beth O'Toole, MD
Meet in Holy Angels Community Room

18205 Chillicothe Road
Chagrin Falls, Ohio 44023

Loved ones with dementia are welcome and meet
separately.

For more information email: JoAnn Fariello,
Companions@holyangelschurch.com

For the Week of May 31, 2026

Sunday	Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18
Monday	Memorial of Saint Justin, Martyr 2 Pt 1:2-7; Ps 91:1-2, 14-15b, 15c-16; Mk 12:1-12
Tuesday	2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18; Ps 90:2, 3-4, 10, 14 and 16; Mk 12:13-17
Wednesday	Memorial of Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs 2 Tim 1:1-3, 6-12; Ps 123:1b-2ab, 2cdef; Mk 12:18-27
Thursday	2 Tim 2:8-15; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14; Mk 12:28-34
Friday	Memorial of Saint Boniface, Bishop and Martyr 2 Tim 3:10-17; Ps 119:157, 160, 161, 165, 166, 168; Mk 12:35-37
Saturday	2 Tim 4:1-8; Ps 71:8-9, 14-15ab, 16-17, 22; Mk 12:38-44
Sunday	Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; 1 Cor 10:16-17; Jn 6:51-58

Life, the Universe, and Everything

Why does God love us so much? And why are we able to love others? The answer to these questions is found in the meaning of today's feast. Trinity Sunday celebrates not so much an idea of three-in-one as the relationship of the Persons of the Trinity with each other and with us.

The idea is that the Father expressed himself as the Word. Since it was a perfect expression, the Word is his Son and equal to the Father. The love of Father and Son is expressed as the Holy Spirit. Being a perfect love, it too is equal to Father and Son. So even the idea of the Trinity is based on love. But God's love was so great, God went even further. God created us to be loved by God.

In the second reading Paul blesses the Corinthians with the "love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit." The book of Genesis (3:18) says that it was not good for man to be alone. So God created woman, and through man and woman all humanity, to be able to love each other. Though human love is not perfect, the love of man and woman can produce another person, a child. The three Persons of the Trinity share one life in God. But through baptism, we also share in God's life. Just as parents love to see how their children look like them, so God loves to see the divine in us.

The first reading reminds us of God's closeness to humanity. Moses can speak to God and God responds by granting his request. The Gospel tells how much God loves the world, that God's own Son was sent to die for us. But we sometimes forget that God's love comes first. We think that the more loving we are, the more God will love us. But love comes from God (1 John 4:7-11), so when we love someone it doesn't make God love us more; we love because God loves us first. Our decision to love is a response to God's love, and our ability to love is itself a gift from God. The meaning of life, the universe, and everything is Love, the love of the Trinity for each other and for us. The question now is, how well do we use that gift of God's love by loving each other? -Tom Schmidt

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The liturgy seems reluctant to return to Ordinary Time from the joys of Easter, and so the festivities extend to today's celebration of the mystery of God's relationship to us as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The Gospel today centers the question of our relationship with God in the struggle of Nathaniel to believe that it is possible to experience "rebirth" in the Spirit. The answer of Jesus is that God's response to the messes of this world is the mystery of saving love in Jesus Christ and the outpouring of an empowering Spirit.

Western church architecture often tops a church building with a spire, indicating humanity's reach to a transcendent God. The Eastern Church responds with onion-shaped domes, indicating the Spirit's being poured down upon humanity precisely at this locale, the gathering of the faithful for the Divine Liturgy. This familiar design encodes a great mystery: here, at the Lord's table, we experience the outpouring of the Spirit for the life of the world. Nathaniel came to Jesus by night, since he was still working out the meaning of his life. A life attuned to the inner life of the Trinity must always be given to the light of day.—Rev. James Field