

## Sonship Restored

Strangely enough and discouragingly often, we find the attitude of the older son from the Prodigal Son parable in the Church. The righteous believers who have always belonged can be jealous and look down upon the poor sinner who comes later and gets the same reward.

Yet, the attitude of all of us toward those who are spiritually, morally, or materially needy should be that of the loving father so wonderfully shown in the statue by Francesco Messina.

The sinner comes back in shame, weakness, and obvious failure. His very act of returning is a cry for help, support, and understanding. The father offers his mercy and compassion without questions, without an interrogation. His shoulder is never too proud, too hard, or righteous to be refused as a pillow for the humiliated soul who returns broken, pillaged, and ruined by sin.

Messina chose to show the father and son naked because it symbolizes mankind stripped to its essence. And in this you reveal greatness. Humanity is noblest when admitting its weakness. Humanity is greatest in its ability to show mercy and lift the downtrodden. The father-son relationship is most beautiful when it is being reconciled and restored.

We should always rejoice at the return of a prodigal child, and we should always honor a forgiving parental heart. "We must celebrate and rejoice," said the father. If we are convinced of this, we now have a charge: Go out and find the lost coin and welcome back the lost sheep with humility and joy!

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

### For Reflection

*Do I have a welcoming spirit about me, always looking to build up and be positive?*

*Do I live gospel charity and love with all its consequences?*



Piece: *Prodigal Son*, 1956  
Artist: Francesco Messina  
Location: Vatican Museums



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*[Jesus said,] "I tell you, in just the same way there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents...."*

*Luke 15:7*





Holy Trinity - Cherry

St. Patrick - Arlington

St. Thomas More - Dalzell

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Mass & Confession Schedule

Holy Trinity Catholic Parish

Weekend Masses

*Sunday Vigil (Saturday) - 4:00 PM*

*Sunday Mass - 8:30 AM*

Daily Mass (Weekdays) (Holy Days - See Schedule)

Tuesday - 12:15 PM & Thursday - 8:30 AM

Confessions

Saturday - 3:15 - 3:45PM or By Appointment

Mass Schedule

St. Patrick Catholic Parish

106 Church St.

Arlington, IL

Sunday Mass - 10:30 AM

Holy Days of Obligation *Refer To Schedule*

Mass Schedule

St. Thomas More Church - Dalzell, IL

Vigil Mass (Saturday) 5:30 PM

Weekday Mass (Wednesday & Friday) - 8:00 AM\*

Sunday Last Chance Mass 5:30 PM

Confessions \*\*Third Wednesday of Month - 4:30-5:30PM

Holy Day of Obligation Refer To Schedule

Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel - Open 8am - 8pm (M-Sat)

Sunday - Open 8am until conclusion 5:30pm Mass

\*\*Divine Mercy Chaplet - Every Friday at 3 PM

Daily Mass Intentions for

Masses the Week of September 16, 2019

Offered For

Monday

St. Patrick, Arlington - 5:30pm

† Catherine Hunter

Tuesday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 12:15pm

† Dec Memb Corso/Robbins

Wednesday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† Dolly Abney

Thursday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30am

† Ken Washkowiak

Friday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† No Mass

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions

Weekend of September 21-22, 2019

Saturday Vigil:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 4:00 PM

† Connie Lauer

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† Members Olivero Families

Sunday:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30 AM

† For The Parishioners

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM

† Merv Nauman/Francis Smith

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† James Lusietto



## Ministry Schedule For Next Weekend

### Holy Trinity

#### LECTOR

Saturday - 4:00PM - Carol Lauer

Sunday - 8:30AM - Mary Jane Marincic

#### SERVERS

Saturday - 4:00PM -

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Sunday - 8:30AM - ?

#### COUNTERS

Sunday - 8:30AM -

Kathy Bonucchi & Linda Black

### St. Patrick

#### LECTOR

Sunday - 10:30AM - Steve Sondgeroth

#### SERVERS

Sunday - 10:30AM -

Brandon & Dylan Tornow

### St. Thomas More

#### ROSARY

Sat 5:30PM - TBD

#### LECTOR

Sat 5:30PM - Mary Ann Schoening

#### SERVERS

Sat 5:30PM - ?

### Visit Venerable Fulton Sheen At Cathedral in Peoria

Monday - Friday 12pm - 2pm

Saturday 3pm - 6pm

Sunday 9am - 2pm

## UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

September 15 - Religious Ed (K-4)  
Begins

September 17 - Holy Trinity Taco Dinner  
- 4:30-7:30PM - Holy Trinity Hall

September 16 - Mass Reparation Sins/  
Rosary - St. Patrick (Arlington) -  
5:30pm (No Rosary The Following  
Wednesday)

September 22 - Religious Ed (5-8)  
Begins

September 25 - Rosary Against Evil - St.  
Patrick (Arlington) - 6PM

### Last Sunday's Offering

Holy Trinity - \$0.00

St. Patrick - \$0.00

St. Thomas More - \$0.00

## Holy Trinity Taco Dinner

The Taco dinner will be on Tuesday September 17th at the Holy Trinity Hall from 4:30 to 7:30PM. Beef and chicken tacos will be available in a hard or soft shell. And we can use some help with servers, food prep and with donations of desserts to have available. A raffle and 50/50 will also be available.

## Teachers Are Needed For Religious Education This Next Year

We still are in need of a couple of teachers for this next religious education year beginning mid-September. The classes are held Sunday mornings from 9:15AM to 10:15AM in Holy Trinity Hall. We are getting more and more teaching aids to help teachers too! So if you would please think about it. Thank you!

## The Rosary Against Evil

The rosary that we continue to pray on Wednesday nights at 6PM will be prayed at St. Patrick Church during the month of September in Arlington. The weeks where Mass and Rosary is prayed together on Monday there is no Wednesday rosary. It is our time to show God, Jesus, Mary how much we need their help to fight the evil around us. Praying as a community has great strength to get God's attention for our needs and His help. And the rosary is and always has been our greatest weapon against evil! So please come and join us!

## Holy Trinity Riding Mower For Sale

After some years sitting in storage and not being used, we have a Cub Cadet GT3100 for sale. We recently put some money into it to clean it up and tune it up for any buyer to have a good and dependable mower.

We would like to get \$1800 for it as that is today's value but the price is negotiable. Please call the office if you have any questions.

## Special Event In Area

October 1 - Cherry Pie & Coffee -  
Holy Trinity Hall - 1:30-3:30PM

## For The Week

When we think of the parable of the Prodigal Son, it is easy to be disappointed with the son who squandered everything and feel a bit sorry for the son who stayed and did everything right. The son who did everything that was asked of him seems to have not been treated as well. But it is not our place to judge it is God's!

The whole point of this story is that everyone has a chance at salvation. The son who did all the Father asked is like we who live by all of the Ten Commandments. The son who left home and squandered everything are like those who fail to live the Commandments but realize they need to confess their failures and come back home to God by returning to their faith. In the end, God, Jesus, with the aid of the Holy Spirit, want us to be in Heaven. It is never too late to be faithful until we stand before Jesus Christ at our judgment. It all depends on what we do and where we are in our faith. Now more than ever we need to be prayerful people spending as much time before the Blessed Sacrament. May God always be with us and bless us by His Presence!

## ADA Goals 2019-20

Holy Trinity - \$17589.00

Pledges To Date \$2435.00 (14%)

St. Patrick - \$9902.00

Pledges To Date \$1250.00 (13%)

St. Thomas More - \$12554.00

Pledges To Date \$1165.00 (9%)

## Sacramental Preparation

Baptisms: Preparation is required for the first child in the family. Baptisms are scheduled on Sundays at noon or by special arrangement. Please contact Father to setup an appointment.

Marriages: Preparations need to be started one year before the Wedding date. Please contact Father for more information.

Rite of Christian Initiation: Per Canon Law of the Catholic Church, anyone over the age of seven years old is to observe the requirements of the RCIA, unless there is a danger of death. If anyone has not received all of the sacraments; baptism, First Communion or Confirmation, please talk to Father.



## Calendar

### Monday

SEPTEMBER 16

*Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and  
Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs*

1 Tm 2:1-8

Lk 7:1-10

### Tuesday

SEPTEMBER 17

*Weekday*

1 Tm 3:1-13

Lk 7:11-17

### Wednesday

SEPTEMBER 18

*Weekday*

1 Tm 3:14-16

Lk 7:31-35

### Thursday

SEPTEMBER 19

*Weekday*

1 Tm 4:12-16

Lk 7:36-50

### Friday

SEPTEMBER 20

*Sts. Andrew Kim  
Tae-gŏn, Priest,  
Paul Chŏng Ha-sang,  
and Companions,  
Martyrs*

1 Tm 6:2c-12

Lk 8:1-3

### Saturday

SEPTEMBER 21

*St. Matthew,  
Apostle and Evangelist*

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13

Mt 9:9-13

### Sunday

SEPTEMBER 22

*Twenty-fifth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time*

Am 8:4-7

1 Tm 2:1-8

Lk 16:1-13

# Dear Padre,

## How do I respect my young teenager's privacy in using social media without compromising parental protection?

There are more Facebook accounts than Catholics worldwide, reports the US Conference of Catholic Bishops ([usccb.org/about/communications/social-media-guidelines.cfm](http://usccb.org/about/communications/social-media-guidelines.cfm)). Social media—blogs, social networks, text messaging, and more—is the fastest-growing form of communication in the United States, particularly among youth and young adults. How can we take charge of it rather than let it control us?

While both adults and children need to protect themselves from their own thoughtless impulses in posting opinions and photographs online that may affect their reputations and careers, children need added protection from online predators. It's advisable for parents to set parameters with their children and convey the idea that technology use is a privilege, not a right. If parents intend to follow their kids on social media or monitor their phone, texting, and internet activity, transparency is better than spying and snooping. This helps prevent violating the privacy that young people desire and the trust needed between parents and their children. It's also prudent for parents to communicate the dangers of today's digital world and be vigilant in detecting warning signs exhibited by their children. These include changes in a child's personality and behavior, attempts to conceal their use of computers and handheld devices, and a decline in academic performance.

"Social media can be powerful tools for strengthening community, although social media interaction should not be viewed as a substitute for face-to-face gatherings," wrote the US Bishops. This applies to essential family interaction as well.

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR  
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## A Word from Pope Francis

*Emails, text messages, social networks, and chats can also be fully human forms of communication....Social networks can facilitate relationships and promote the good of society, but they can also lead to further polarization and division between individuals and groups. The digital world is a public square...where we can either encourage or demean one another.* —Fiftieth World Communications Day, January 24, 2016