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WITH THE HELP OF SAINT CECILIA PASTORAL REFLECTIONS



Dear brothers and sisters,

One of my favorite pastimes is choosing art for the cover of our Bulletin. This week that task was particularly challenging, as the Church has always struggled with how to depict the Blessed Trinity, whose feast we celebrate this weekend.

It's important to note from the beginning that the Trinity has always been a difficult mystery to wrap your head around. As we say in the Creed, we believe in one God; but this God is three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Some of you will remember the triangle diagrams in the old *Baltimore Catechism* or the stories of Saint Patrick's three-leaf clover as attempts to explain an ineffable mystery!

Jesus is the easiest of the three persons to depict, since he was born of the Virgin Mary, a man like us in all things but sin. He is fully God and fully man. Thus, any picture of a man (with or without a beard) will pretty much suffice for a depiction of Jesus.

Similarly, the artist has a pretty easy task in depicting the Holy Spirit, who, we are told, descended upon the Lord Jesus at his Baptism in the form of a dove, and on Mary and the Apostles at Pentecost as a flame of fire. All of this comes from the fact that the Hebrew word for spirit can be translated into English as wind, breath or fire! Any of these work, as long as they are moving like a dove!

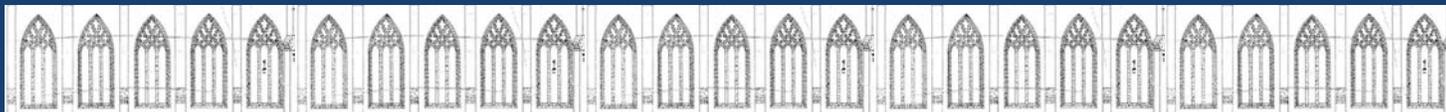
But then there is the depiction of God the Father, who in some periods and places is painted as an old man, the "ancient of days," sometimes even wearing a Papal Tiara! The frequent objection to such depictions is that it is based purely on the imagination of the artist and no biblical tradition. No one has seen the Father, for it is his incarnate Son who is "God made visible" to those whom he has come to save.

All of which brings us back to what cover I should choose for the bulletin for Trinity Sunday! The cover I finally went with is from an iconographer in the Orthodox tradition (<https://dovetaleicons.blogspot.com/>), who draws upon elements in early Christian art. He depicts God the Father as a hand coming down from heaven, as through his Word (Jesus) and the stirring of the Holy Spirit over the waters of chaos, as things are made. I chose this picture because it speaks most clearly to me of the theological realities of our belief in the Most Blessed Trinity. Plus, I really like the bright colors and all the little animals running around! Did you see the octopi and the ostriches?

All of this is just an example of our weak little attempts to conceive of eternal realities with our puny little minds and hearts. All we can do is try to reflect God's perfect love and glory in our loves. Which, I suppose, is what God loves most of all.

In the Lord,

Monsignor Moroney



A Word from Pope Leo XIV

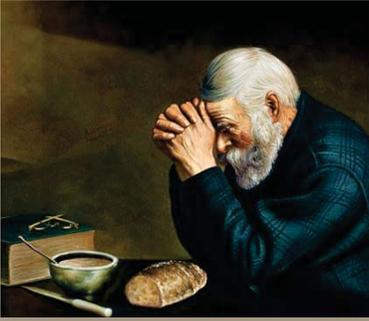
“God never gives up on us; he is always ready to accept us and give meaning and hope to our lives, however hopeless our situation may seem and however insignificant our merits may appear.

May all of us, and especially our young people, be generous and enthusiastic in responding to his call to work in his vineyard!”

General Audience, 4 June 2025



PRAY WITH US!



Pray for all who are sick, and especially for: Rita Churri, Joseph “Max” Beaudoin, John LaFortune, Lyndsay Booth, Haddie Boucher, Lisa Stacy, Raymond Maillet, Connie A., Joe Brideau, Kathleen “Kitty” Booth, Louis Comtois, Nancy Banks, Charlene Richard and Riley Watts.

Join us in praying for those who have died recently especially; Anita Frechette. Pray for their families, as well, that they may be consoled by the promises of Christ.

If you know someone who needs prayers, call the rectory or email office@stceciliachurch.net and we will add them to our prayer list for the next several weeks.



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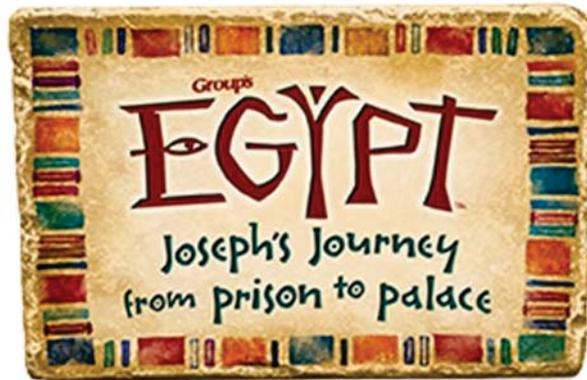
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Come join us as we visit the Holy Land and discover God's plan for Joseph in Egypt. Register today*.



*Registration forms will be available next week!
Check our bulletin, go on our website
www.stceciliachurch.net or contact Paula at
978.537.5596 (Mon-Thur.) or pd@stceciliachurch.net.

Looking to travel this summer?

Join us as we travel to Egypt. Please think of helping our children experience Egypt and meet Joseph as they learn of his journey from prison to palace.

You can help for all or part of the week in an air conditioned hall! You could assist in one of our workshops or make sure that lunch is ready for our hungry travelers. Junior assistants (Grades 6-12) are also needed.

To find out how you could help, please join us for an informational gathering in the Parish Center on Tuesday, June 24th from 10:00-11:00am. If you want to know more about it but cannot make the meeting, please feel free to reach out to Paula at 978.537.5596 or pd@stceciliachurch.net

Help support First Concern Pregnancy Resource Center by filling a baby bottle with change, cash, or checks. Every dollar collected goes directly toward providing life-affirming support to women, men, and families in our community. Pick up a bottle at each church entrance, fill it up, and return it by June 29th to help us make a big impact—one bottle at a time! If you would like to give online, you may do so at <https://firstconcernfriends.org/donate/> or scan the QR code on the bottle tag. Thank you for all of the years of partnering with us!

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FATHER SHAUGHNESSY OFFERS THE OPENING PRAYER FOR THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Father Shaughnessy delivered the opening prayer for Thursday's session of the United States House of Representatives. He was welcomed by Representative Jim McGovern, who praised Father's military and pastoral service and welcomed him on behalf of all the members of the United States' Congress.

This is the prayer which he offered:



God, our Father in heaven,
hear our prayers for this House and each of its
members.
Guide them in the work they do for us this day.
Dedicate them, Lord,
in the words of our first American Pope,
to the American virtues of peace, justice and truth.
May they know **peace** as a gift from God,
born only in the heart of those
who forswear "pride and vindictiveness,"*
and of a "desire to communicate rather than clash."*
May they act with **justice**,
respecting "the dignity of every person,
especially the most frail and vulnerable...
[as] the dignity of a creature willed and loved by
God."*
May each of their actions this day
be built upon a love for the **truth**:
the "truth which seeks the well-being"
of each of our citizens.*
Hear the prayer
of we who are utterly dependent upon you, O Lord,
God for ever and ever. Amen.



THIS WEEK AT SAINT CECILIA

Saturday June 14 Vigil *Breaking Bread, page 178*

3:00pm Confessions (Church)

4:00pm Mass for Michael Marchand (4th anniv.), by Jean Noel and Anne Marie Bernard (Church)

Sunday June 15 The Most Holy Trinity (Father's Day) *Breaking Bread, page 178*

7:00am Mass for David Gladding (22nd anniv.), by his son, Larry (Church)

9:45am Mass for James Provo, by his children (Church)

11:15am Mass for Jay and Doug Moore, by Jeanne Conte (Church)

1:30-3:30pm Multiple Confessors available for the Sacrament of Penance (Church)

4:00pm Solemn Pontifical Vespers presided over by Bishop Robert J. McManus (Church)

Public Reception will follow (Parish Center)

6:00-8:00pm Sunday Night Card Players (Parish Center)

Monday June 16 Weekday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Mass for Kevin Leclerc, by his mother, Lorraine and brother, Richard (Chapel)

3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)

Tuesday June 17 Weekday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Mass for Marguerite Coughlin, by Wayne and Patrice Hall (Chapel)

3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)

Wednesday June 18 Weekday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Mass for Father Robert E. Gariepy, by last will (Chapel)

3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)

6:00pm Mass for Dominic Phat Yun, by the family (Church)

6:30pm Confessions (Church)

7:00pm Rosary (Chapel)

7:30pm Introduction to Catholicism for Young Adults (Rectory)

Thursday June 19 Weekday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Mass for Victor Amenta, Jr., by his wife, Carol (Church)

9:30am Confessions (Church)

9:30am Bible Study on Genesis (Parish Center)

3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)

7:00-9:00pm Haitian Prayer Group (Chapel)

Friday June 20 Weekday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Mass for Patrick J. Cannon, by Edwin J. Cannon (Chapel)
 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament follows Mass - Benediction at Noon (Chapel)
 3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)
 6:30pm BINGO (Parish Center) Doors open at 4:00pm; Game starts at 6:30pm

Saturday June 21 Saint Aloysius Gonzaga

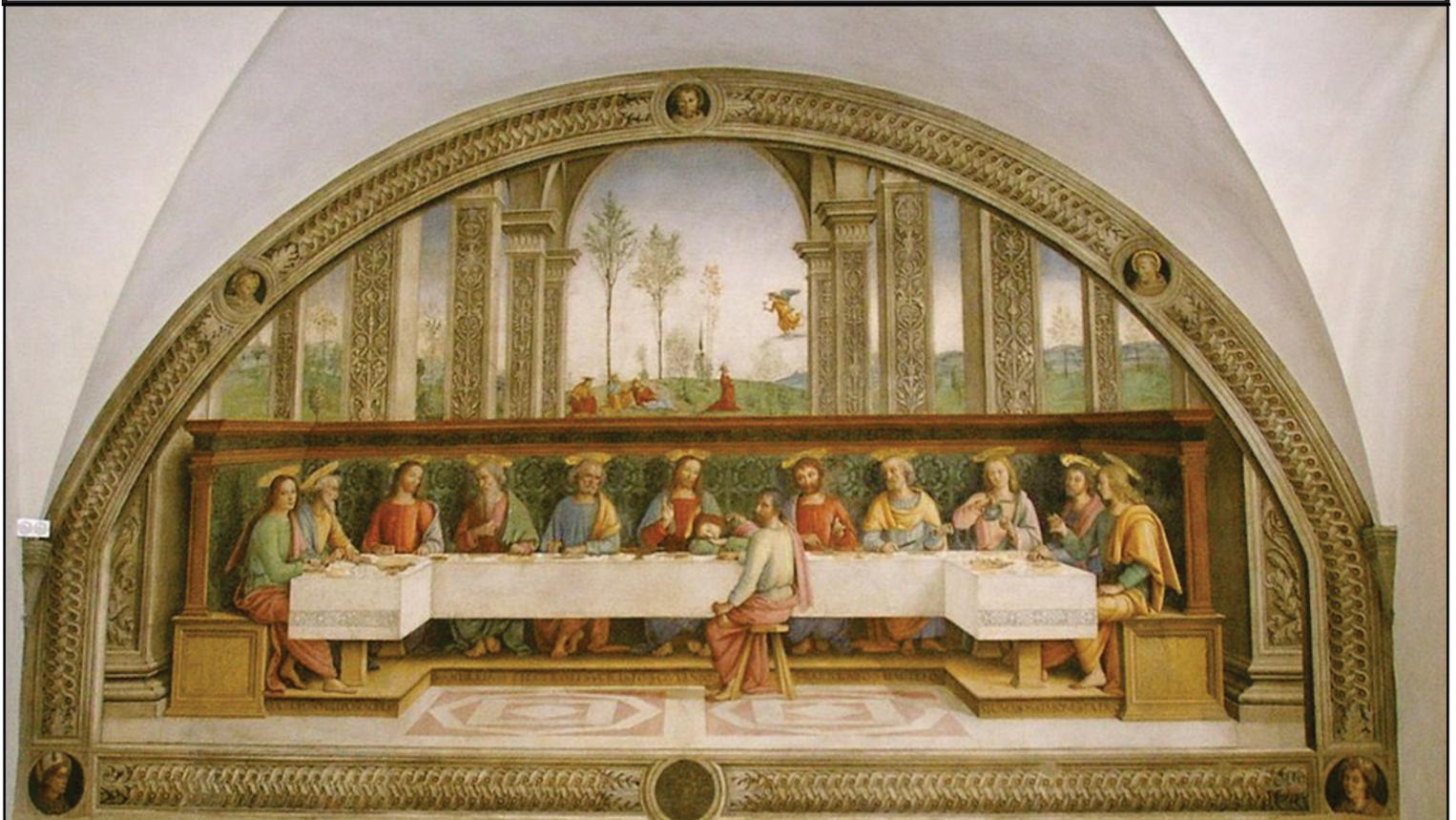
9:00am Mass for John Daelhousen, by his wife, Kathy (Chapel)
 9:30am Confessions (Church)

Saturday June 21 Vigil *Breaking Bread, page 180*

3:00pm Confessions (Church)
4:00pm Mass for Alfred and Jeanne Favini, by the family (Church)

Sunday June 22 Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) *Breaking Bread, page 180*

7:00am Mass for Jeannette Pierce (11th anniv.), by her nephew, Larry Gladding (Church)
9:45am Mass for Gilbert Gaudet, by his wife (Church)
11:15am Mass for Joseph Farias (7th anniv.), by Anne Marie and Jean Noel Bernard (Church)
 6:00-8:00pm Sunday Night Card Players (Parish Center)





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