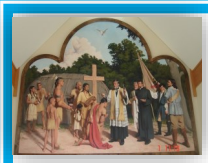

Saint Mary's Catholic Church of Piscataway

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Director of Music/Liturgy:	Dr. Eran Lupu (#106)
Parish Administrative Assistant:	Ms. Michèle Fulk (#100)
Parish Bookkeeper:	Ms. Claudette Kim (#107)

Weekend Masses

Saturday ~ 4:00 p.m., Main Church
Sunday ~ 8:00 a.m., Our Lady's Chapel
9:30 a.m., & 12:00 p.m., Main Church

Weekday Masses

Monday through Friday; ~ 8:15 a.m.
First Saturday: ~9:00 a.m

Holy Day Masses

Please refer to the bulletin prior to the Holy Day for the schedule.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)

Saturday ~ 2:30 to 3:45 p.m. in the Main Church Sunday~ before 9:30 & 12:00 Masses or by appointment

Founded in Colonial Catholic History in 1640
†
Canonically Established in 1830

Welcome to our new parishioners and visitors!

Be sure to introduce yourself to our pastor after Mass. Registration forms are available in the gathering area of the Church, at the Parish Office, and on our website.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR CHILDREN

—Infants: Newborn children of at least one Catholic parent should be baptized as Catholics shortly after their birth. Parishioners with newborns should complete a Baptismal preparation form (available online or hard copy) and call Fr. Plummer at the Parish Office to schedule a preparation class.
—Children younger than 7: are baptized "as infants." See above.
—Children 7 and older: if unbaptized, these typically receive Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the annual Easter Vigil, after preparation. Contact Fr. Plummer at the Parish Office to arrange preparations (301) 292-0527 #101.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

For a valid marriage, a Catholic must marry in the Catholic Church before a Priest or Deacon and at least two witnesses, unless he or she receives a dispensation from the Church. The bride or groom must be a parishioner of St. Mary's. Call Fr. Plummer at least 6 months in advance to arrange preparation classes. As Catholics , we are bound to observe the Rite of Marriage as prescribed in the Roman Ritual, and to observe additional diocesan and parish policies. Weddings typically do not take place in Lent. Musical arrangements must be made with our Music Director, Dr. Eran Lupu at (301) 292-0527 #106.

FUNERALS

If a Vigil service for the deceased is desired, please arrange for a viewing or wake at the funeral home of your choice. A priest or deacon will gladly come to the funeral home and celebrate the Vigil Service. There are no viewings or wakes in the Main Church or Our Lady's Chapel at St. Mary's.
To prepare a Funeral Mass in either the Main Church or Our Lady's Chapel, please call the Parish Office [(301) 292-0527] in order to arrange an appointment with a priest. As Catholics, we are bound to observe the Order of Christian Funerals as prescribed in the Roman Ritual, and to observe additional parish policies.
For burial arrangements in our parish cemetery, please call the Archdiocese of Washington Office of Catholic Cemeteries at (301) 932-1766. A representative will meet with you at our Parish Office.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

This is required for unbaptized adults who wish to become Catholic, non-Catholic Christians who wish to be received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church, baptized Catholics who wish to receive Confirmation and/or Eucharist, as well as any other inquirers are welcome. Call Fr. Plummer at (301) 292-0527 #101 to discuss your situation.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR)

All parish families' children in grades K-8 who do not attend Catholic school should enroll in this program. Weekly classes begin in September on Sundays from 10:40 a.m.—11:50 a.m.. Please call Fr. Plummer at (301) 292-0527 #101 to register.

HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK

To arrange for a home "Communion call' contact the Parish Office.

EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION/ADORATION WEEKLY TIMES

We are always in need of more adorers to make a "Holy Hour" before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament at Our Lady's Chapel. Contact Anne Marie Ramsey (202) 368-7189, to "sign-up" for an hour within the following times:

Wednesday ~ 8:45 a.m. Mass to 7:00 p.m.
Thursday ~ 8:45 a.m. Mass to 7:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet, 6:30 p.m.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mondays thru Fridays~ 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

(Closed on most Federal Holidays)

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL OF PISCATAWAY

24 Hour Eucharistic Exposition

First Friday, July 1st to

First Saturday, July 2nd

9:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Our Lady's Chapel

Friday 8:15 a.m. Mass followed by Devotions

Saturday 9:00 a.m. Mass preceded by Devotions

SIGN-UP SHEETS ARE IN THE MAIN CHURCH NARTHEX THIS WEEKEND

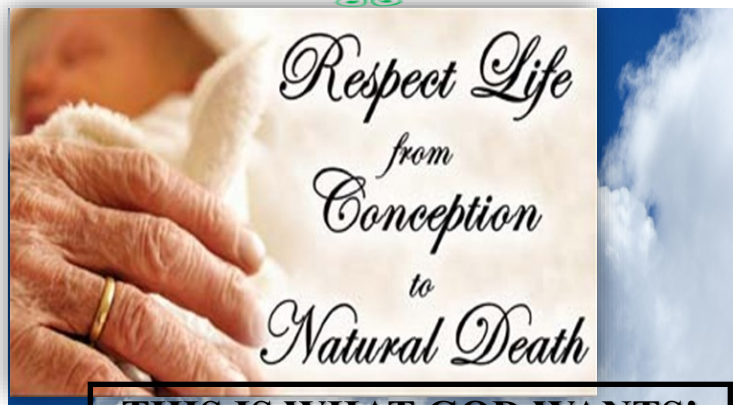
We need two adorers per slot. Thank you.

St. Mary's Choir—Do you enjoy singing? St. Mary's Liturgical Choir is looking for new choristers to sing at the 9:30 a.m. Mass on Sundays. No previous musical experience is necessary, only a love of singing (in tune). Singing is praying to God twice!

Next Practice: June 16th

Contact Dr. Eran Lupu at: **eranlupu @icloud.com**

Liturgical Latin, Anyone? We are organizing a group of parishioners interested in learning liturgical Latin. Meetings will take place on Thursdays at 7:00 PM in the parish hall beginning Thursday, June 23. All are welcome and there are no charges involved. There is a signup sheet in the baptistry of the main church. If you would like more information please contact Anne Marie Ramsey at annemariecramsey@gmail.com.



THIS IS WHAT GOD WANTS!

Eucharistic Exposition :

† Exposition is in Our Lady's Chapel after Mass (Approx. 9:00 a.m.) until ***7:00*** p.m., Wednesday, and Thursday (Devotions and Benediction).

† We need to be sure to have adorers the whole time the Lord is exposed. At least two people at a time would be ideal.

† Save Eucharistic Exposition through your commitment to be in the presence of the Lord for a full hour of adoration.

† We cannot provide this devotion without your participation.

† Please contact Anne Marie Ramsey, at (202) 368-7189, to sign up for an hour. Please, continue wearing your masks and use the hand sanitizer provided. Thank you.

COME SPEND TIME IN THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD!

We Need Adorers to cover empty spots!

Every Wednesday: 11-12 noon, 4-5p.m., or 5-6p.m.

Every Thursday: 10-11 a.m., 3-4 p.m., 4-5p.m., or 5-6p.m.

Adoration for Ordinandi

9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 15th

Our Lady's Chapel

† Mass 8:15 a.m.

† Followed by a Talk on Vocations by Seminarian Tri Cao

† Adoration (ending with Benediction)

(These 10 Ordinandi will be ordained on Saturday, June 18th, at the Basilica of the National Shrine in D.C.)

Sign up Sheets in Main Church over the weekend and in Our Lady's Chapel Monday thru Wednesday

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Around the Archdiocese

2022 Diocesan 2nd Collection (Archdiocese of Washington)

June 26th	**Peter's Pence (For the Holy Father)**

PETER'S PENCE—provides emergency assistance to suffering people throughout the world. Gifts to this annual collection help the Holy Father support victims of war, natural disasters, and others most in need of assistance.

For more information go to the following website: **http://www.usccb.org/catholic-giving/opportunities-for-giving/peters-pence/** Thank you for your generosity!

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY | JUNE 12, 2022

Parish Week Events:

Sunday, June 12 ***The Most Holy Trinity*** ***(Holy Name Sunday)***	8:00 a.m., (OLC) 9:30 a.m., & 12:00 p.m. Masses, (Main Church) Intentional Rosary—after 12 noon Mass
Monday, June 13 ***St. Anthony of Padua***	Morning Mass—8:15 a.m., (OLC)
Tuesday, June 14 **Weekday**	Morning Mass—8:15 a.m., (OLC) (Confessions after) S. & E. Committee Meeting—7:00 p.m. (Phall)
Wednesday, June 15 **Weekday**	Morning Mass—8:15 a.m., (OLC) Talk on Vocations/Seminarian Tri Cao (OLC) Adoration for Seminarians—9:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., OLC) (Holy Hour for each of 10 Ordained Priests)
Thursday, June 16 **Weekday**	Morning Mass—8:15 a.m., (OLC) Eucharistic Exposition—9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., (OLC) School: Last Day of School & 12 p.m. Dismissal Choir Practice—7:15 p.m., (Main Church)
Friday, June 17 **Weekday**	Morning Mass—8:15 a.m. (OLC) (Confessions after) "Jesus, the Way, the Truth and the Life" Series—7:00 p.m., (Parish Hall) 6:45 p.m. potluck before
Saturday, June 18 ***BVM***	Confessions—2:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m., (MC) Vigil Mass—4:00 p.m., (Main Church)
Sunday, June 19 ***The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)***	8:00 a.m., (OLC) 9:30 a.m., & 12:00 p.m. Masses, (Main Church) Intentional Rosary—after 12 noon Mass Happy Father's Day!

Current Week's Mass Schedule—Ordinary Time	
Mon., June 13	***St. Anthony of Padua***
8:15 a.m.	James Sib (+) Anniv.
Tues., June 14	**Weekday**
8:15 a.m.	Marie Esedebe—BD
Wed., June 15	**Weekday**
8:15 a.m.	Rev. Samuel I. Plummer
Thur., June 16	**Weekday**
8:15 a.m.	Joan Yates
Fri., June 7	**Weekday**
8:15 a.m.	Jesus Llacuna (+)
Next Weekend's Mass Schedule	
Sat., June 18	**Sunday Vigil**
4:00 p.m.	Celso Antonio (+)
Sun., June 19	***The Most Body & Blood of Christ/Corpus Christi***
8:00 a.m.	All Fathers
9:30 a.m.	All Fathers
12:00 p.m.	St. Mary's Parishioners

The names listed next to a specific Mass indicate an act of love for a living or deceased member of a family or a friend. If you would like to schedule a Mass for a specific date, or intention, please contact Michèle Fulk, in the parish office at (301) 292-0527, or **parish@stmaryspiscataway.org**.

Mass intentions are filled on a first come, first served, basis.

Customary Donation: Mass Intention–$10 per Mass.

SANCTUARY LIGHT: For the week of *Sunday, June 12, 2022 to Saturday, June 18, 2022*

The Sanctuary Light will burn this week in the Main Church for the Intentions of the Ukrainian People and the Conversion of Russia.
The Sanctuary Light will burn this week in Our Lady's Chapel for the Repose of the Souls of the Ukrainian People.

EXPOSITION CANDELABRA: For the week of *Sunday, June 12, 2022 to Saturday, June 18, 2022 Wed., Thurs.,*

The Left-side Candelabra will burn this week in Our Lady's Chapel for the intentions of all families of unborn babies.
The Right-side Candelabra will burn this week in Our Lady's Chapel for the repose of the souls of all unborn babies.

Customary Donation: Sanctuary Light or Adoration Candelabra–$10 per Week

MEMORIAL FLOWERS: The Father's Day Memorial List will be in your email, on the bulletin boards, and online Father's Day.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK: Mary Allen, Brian Ashby, Catherine Beck, Ed Bednar, Brendamarie Smith-Bottorf, Fr. Michael Bryant, Harry Burton, Leonard Carter, Paul Carter, Jr., Steven Carter, Myrtis Cline, Scot Cuozzo, Darlene Davis, Dawn De Chance, Nancy Cyr, Shari Deeb, Michael L. DeMoulin, Anju Diggs, John Diggs, Mary Ann Estes, Brice Ewing, Justin Faulkner, Ernestino Figueroa, Jr., Anita and Joe Foley, Theresa Fox, Bill Gates, June Gates, Harry Gorman, Amy Gray, Cathy Gwiazda, Mable Henson, Carol Hickey, Rusty Hickey, Merrill Horner, Normita Ijadunola, Soddye Johnson, Carol Kapitan, Karl Athanasius Kim, Enid King, David Kisan, Steliana Kruer, Jerry Laguilles, Jr., Frank Loeffler, Jr., Felis Luña, Judy Manion, Ruth Mararac, Bill Maxwell, Mary McNeice, Diane Miles, Janet Miller, Joseph Murphy, Jules Olive, Wendy Onsted, Melanie Pedri, Carmelita Penaflor, Walter Raley II, Eddie Randall, Shanda Reecks, Jim Ritchie, Susan Ritchie, Marco Rodriguez, Heather Rosales, James Rudasill, Michael Russell, Azucena Santiago, Greg Scheirer, Leanette Marie Schiliro, Grace Schlosser, Gabrielle Sellers, Michael Sellers, Veronica Shourdes, Joseph Sienkiewicz, Eric Simon, Priscilla Simms, Katherine Smith, Shirley Smith, Lorraine Thompson, Thelma Tilman, James Conrad Townes, Gil Vigneault, Kim Walls, Rena Walzel, Paul Watson, John Weaver, Donna Webb, Samuel Willett, Marie C. Williams, Joyce Windsor, Beverly Woods. and those with the Coronavirus. *Names will remain on the prayer list for at least 60 days.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR BELOVED DEAD: We are honoring the anniversary of all of our beloved dead who died in the month of June, from 1999-2022. Suzanne Marie Adams (63), Isidore M. Antonio (84), Leopoldo Ayun-Ayun (73), Cierra Marie Bijou (23), Stephen Blandford (19), Mary Catherine Clark (76), Carl F. Cook, Jr. (75), Manuel DeJesus Cortez (77), Albert Ritchie Cox, Sr. (85), Gertrude Gallagher DeBlasis (89), Helen S. Douglas (89), Raul Emralino (62), Alfred Vincent Fidrocki (94), June V. Gallahan (76), Jaime B. Galliguez (65), Tomas B. Gomez (63), Jacob D. Graves (86), Pedro A. Guillermo (94), Phillip Michael Harley (21), Mario Ramirez Hilario (70), Margaret Boyce Horton (46), Cecelia P. Lancaster (93), Jesus T. Llacuna (68), Michael Wayne McMahon (57), Margaret Lillian Mudd (81), Paul Cecil Munson (43), Dennis Nauman (46), Mary Margaret Nauman (70), George E. Neal, Sr. (85), Michael P. Nemchick (78), Evelyn H. Nemecek (81), Beatriz Azarcon Obiena (66), Alexander Okolie (49), James R. Packard (62), Gloria Frances Pellegrini (99), Joseph Wallace Proctor (68), Sue Ann Robie (56), Graciano R. Serapio (87), Leroy C. Sheehan (79), Joseph J. Sikora (87), Roberto V. Simon (67), Frank "Norman" Spignor, Jr. (87), Mark Anthony Taylor (31), Timothy Joseph Tierney (81), Bell Leona Turacy (84), Joseph J. Turano (74), Joseph Michael Underwood (61), Joseph Thomas Vanderslice (71), Tiffany Nicole Wells (16), Annie Mae Wilson (85), Aline Windsor (82), Paul Delano Windsor (76).
NOTE: All of the names that were here originally, are now on the Prayer List Page on our website https://saintmaryspiscataway.net/prayer-list.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY HERE & AWAY: PFC Eric Bean, U S Army; Staff Sargant Brandon Fournier, USAF; LT. Laura Carts Hills, USCG; CPO Mary Patton, USNR; CWO2 Christopher Ramsey, USMC; and Major Stephen Voglezon, US Army. Please contact us if you have relatives in the military serving overseas.

St. Mary's of Piscataway is offering a Powerful Study on the Life of Jesus Christ

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"Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life"

The marvelous treasures of the Catholic Faith—the Eucharist, Mary, the saints, and the Creed—are all centered on a single figure: Jesus Christ. Jesus is more than a historical or theological figure. He is our Savior, our Redeemer, our Lord, and our God. While many of us already know a lot about him, how well can we say we really know him? Filmed on location in the Holy Land, *Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life* is a new and fresh look at Jesus—who he is, what he is really like, what he taught, and what he did for our salvation. This encounter with Christ will inspire and empower you to center your entire life on him as you come to know and love him in an ever deeper and more intimate way.

Join us for this 10 series program tentatively scheduled on the following Fridays: May 20 (kick off), June 10, 17, July 1,8,15,22, Aug 5,12,19

START TIME: 6:45 p.m. Fellowship, Potluck @ 7:00 p.m. Program followed by Small Group Discussions

LOCATION: School Hall

Pre-Registration is recommended.

For further information, please contact Maureen Johnson at 301-395-7238 or emailmaureenj777@gmail.com

St. Mary's School of Piscataway Class of 2022

Our Congratulations & Prayers go out to:

AMANI, AYDEN, COREY, ELIJAH N., ELIJAH S., GREGORY, JOHN, JOSHUA, LAILA J., LAILA S., NARDRE', & WISDOM

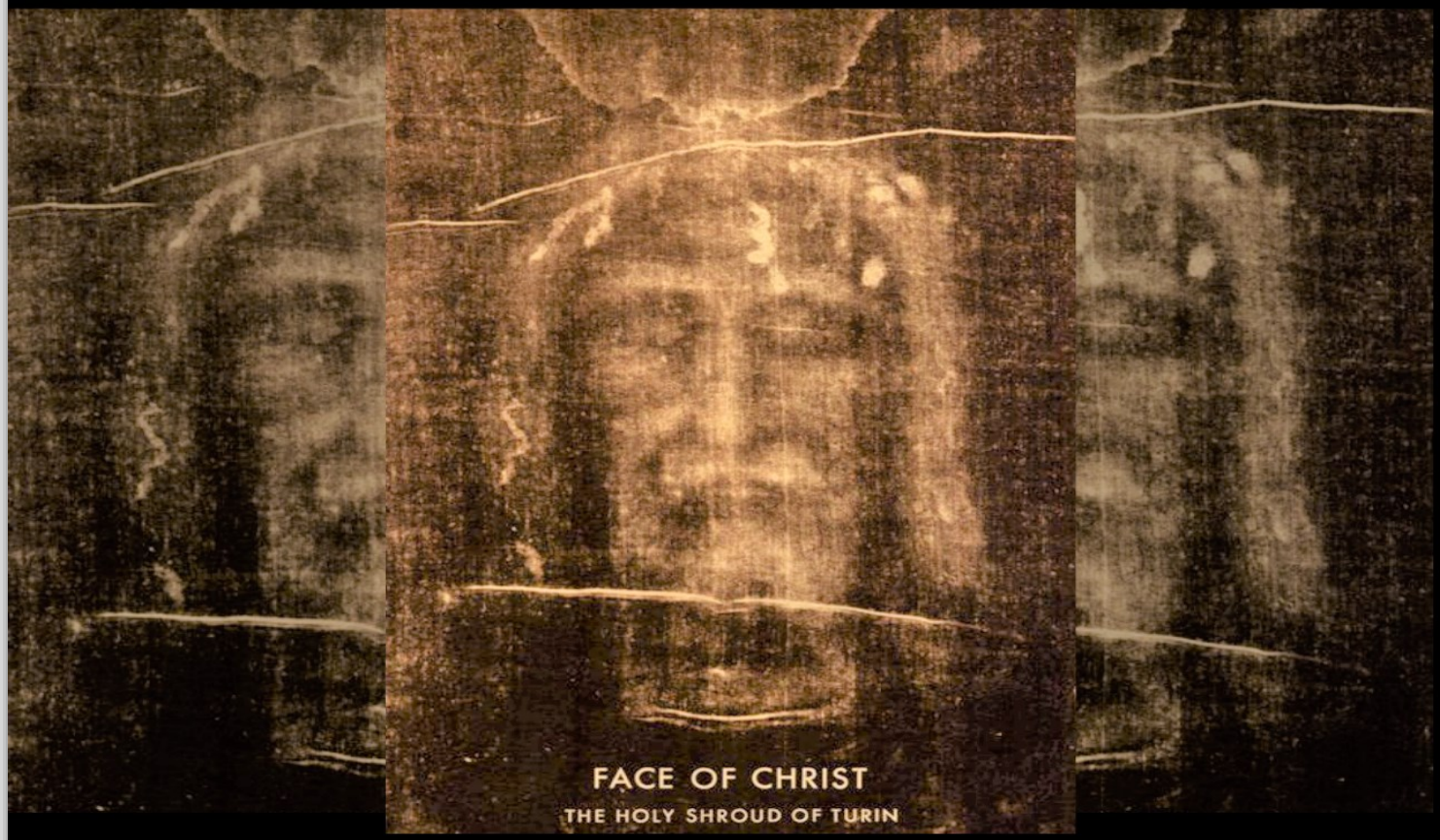
They graduated on Friday, June 3rd!
Congratulations to everyone who received Awards and Certificates from:
Father Samuel I. Plummer,
Principal Lynsie Reavis, Our School,
The President and First Lady, The Secretary of Education, Sodality of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Holy Name Society, Spirituality and Evangelization Ministry, John Fitzgerald Kennedy Knights of Columbus!

We are very proud of all of YOU!

Join us for :

THE NOVENA MASS AND HOUR OF REPARATION TO HONOR

THE MOST HOLY FACE OF JESUS



"Contemplate My Face and you will enter into My Heart's abyss of sorrow. Console Me and search for souls who sacrifice themselves with Me for the salvation of the world. Now, if there will still be those who will not recognize that this is truly My work, it is because they close their eyes." He also said "you will know my disciples by their works", so we ask you to please persevere in helping others to know of this devotion of love and mercy.

CELEBRANT: FR. SAM PLUMMER
WHEN: EVERY LAST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH
NEXT NOVENA MASS: JUNE 24TH
TIME: 7:30 PM
WHERE: SAINT MARY'S OF PISCATAWAY **Main Church**
13405 PISCATAWAY RD.
CLINTON, MD 20735-4564

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 12, 2022

Sunday: Prv 8:22-31/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2a]/Rom 5:1-5/Jn 16:12-15

Monday: 1 Kgs 21:1-16/Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-6a, 6b-7/Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 21:17-29/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 11 and 16/Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday: 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/Ps 31:20, 21, 24/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Sir 48:1-14/Ps 97:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7/Mt 6:7-15

Friday: 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20/Ps 132:11, 12, 13-14, 17-18/Mt 6:19-23

Saturday: 2 Chr 24:17-25/Ps 89:4-5, 29-30, 31-32, 33-34/Mt 6:24-34

Next Sunday: Gn 14:18-20/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/1 Cor 11:23-26/Lk 9:11b-17

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 12, 2022

Sunday: The Most Holy Trinity

Tuesday: Flag Day

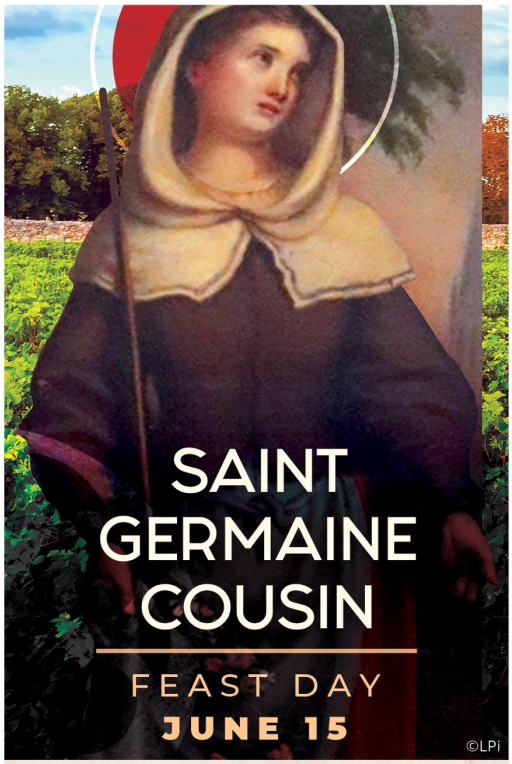
Next Sunday: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ; St. Romuald, Abbot; Father's Day

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Life can leave us feeling very distracted and detached. Perhaps this is why many people seek things that make them "feel good," wrongly believing those things actually provide a sense of meaning and purpose. In truth, they are simply more distractions. When we discover real silence,

we can realize that the stirrings and impulses in our hearts desiring connection, meaning, and purpose are really God desperately trying to pull us toward His Divine Heart. Once we submit to God's pull, we are led to the beauty of God's presence. This holy presence carries us to the heights of mountains, the vastness of ocean depths, the beginning of things and their end, and the majesty of universal wonder. We meet the Father. Then, gently carried to the tenderness of compassion, love, mercy, and forgiveness we touch the innocence and vulnerability of life. We see the poor and those who are broken. We meet the Son. Finally, we are directed toward the seasons that change, the ebb and flow of life, the inspirations that surprise, and the wonder, awe, and joy of life. We embrace the Holy Spirit.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Germaine was born in Pibrac, France in 1579 to poor parents. Her story is a heart wrenching one. She was born with a deformed right arm and hand, and her mother died when she was an infant. Her father remarried, but her stepmother brutally abused and neglected her.

As a child Germaine suffered from scrofula, a disfiguring form of tuberculosis which causes swelling and lesions on the side of the neck. Already sick, abused, and starving, she was forced to sleep in barn with sheep she tended.

Despite everything, Germaine lived each day tending her flock with joy and in prayer. Mary and Jesus became her friends. She shared what little she had and taught the children of the village about God's love. A rosary made of string knots was her constant companion. She attended Mass every day, leaving her sheep in care of guardian angels. Her flock was never attacked by wolves and never wandered. Some claimed to see the waters of the flooded river part so she could get to Mass.

She is often portrayed with an apron full of flowers because one winter day her stepmother accused her of stealing bread from the house and hiding it her apron. But when she was seized and forced to open the apron an abundance of spring flowers tumbled forth. It was this incident that compelled the villagers and even her parents to recognize her holiness.

Germaine died at 22, her poor body was found by her father, in the barn where she slept. She was buried in the village church. More than forty years later, her body was accidentally exhumed and found to be incorrupt. She was canonized by Pope Pius IX in 1867 and inscribed into the canon of virgins.

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FIRST READING

"When there were no depths I was brought forth,
when there were no fountains of springs of water;
before the mountains were settled into place,
before the hills, I was brought forth;
while as yet the earth and fields were not made,
nor the first clods of the world."
(Prv 8:24-26)

PSALM

O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth! (Ps 8)

SECOND READING

The love of God has been poured out into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. (Rom 5:5)

GOSPEL

"Everything that the Father has is mine;
for this reason I told you that he will take from what is mine
and declare it to you." (Jn 16:15)

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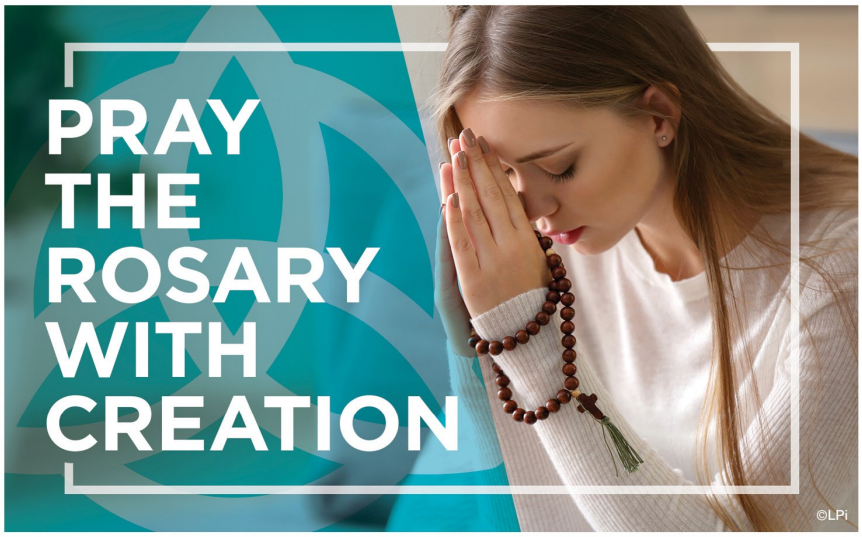
WORSHIP & MEDITATION



GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

In creative celebration of the Most Holy Trinity, pray a rosary with creation. Find a quiet place outside or sit near a window. Contemplate the amazing Divine Gift that is before you. Admire it. Study it. Become one with it. Ask for the guidance of Brother St. Francis as you pray: *"You, Holy Father, are King of heaven and earth. You are three in one, God above all gods. You are good, all good, and supreme good, Lord God, living and true. You are love. You are beauty. You are gentleness. You are joy. You are hope and happiness."* Admire the wonder and majesty of God in all that is around you. Ask for wisdom and understanding.

Begin each decade with the Our Father and conclude with the Glory Be.

Decade one: Contemplate God the Father. As you pray each bead with a Hail Mary, get lost in the grandeur of all that you see. Imagine the thousands and thousands of years of history that is before you. Envision a time when nothing existed. What is nothing? Lift your eyes, heart, and soul to the power and magnificence of the universe, its expanse and its endlessness. You are one with it all. God's creative power.

Decade two: Contemplate God the Son. Behold the squirrels, birds, and critters all conducting life's business. They have heartbeats just like yours. Praying each bead, become one with the incarnate divine life that flows through you and flows with the smallest of creatures. It is holy innocence and blessed life. Tenderness. Compassion, Mercy. Reverence. All want to be held, have a home, and be loved. God in all things. Emmanuel.

Decade three: Contemplate God the Holy Spirit. The changing of times and seasons happens often without notice. It is all within God's care and guided. We all belong. Behold the living, dying, and rising to new life. You are one with all time from beginning into eternity.

Decade Four: Contemplate God as One.

Decade Five: Contemplate God as three. All different while remaining one. The divine dance is being danced before you. Rest in what you see. Become what you see. We are all connected: God of the Holy Trinity, creation, our brothers and sisters, the animals, and the plants.

The rosary you have prayed celebrates the circle of connectedness and the intimate relationship we share with all things: a glimpse of the Trinity.

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LITURGICAL LIFE

RESPONDING to the Call

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

Up to the Job

Have you ever had a job for which you didn't feel qualified? I think we all have, whether it was a paying gig or not. A lot of us parents often feel in awe of the magnitude of that role and lose sleep worrying that we made the wrong decision in one situation or a bad call in another. Some of us feel intimidated by what our communities need from us, on the parish level or in our personal relationships. Or maybe we are simply dreading a task that seems too big, too overwhelming — that necessary basement cleanout, or the weekly organization of family schedules.

When we don't feel qualified, we don't want to do the work. We get stuck in our own fear. That's the birthplace of procrastination, self-doubt and bitterness. When we look inward at our own abilities, we can only see all the traits that aren't there. The intelligence, the dexterity, the ambition — whatever it is we lack, we get stuck on it.

I've got good news and bad news. I'll start with the bad news: none of us are qualified for the call of discipleship. We simply aren't. We don't have the love or grace or strength to get the job done.

Now I'll give you the good news: God knows this, and He doesn't care. Stewardship does not insist that we possess every good quality — no, as a way of life, stewardship recognizes that we lack *so many* qualities. But it shows us where to find the love and grace and strength we need. Stewardship does not demand that we know every answer; it merely reminds us who to ask when we don't.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained:

Question:

Why is the Church against stem cell research, especially if it offers the possibility of cures for diseases like Alzheimer's and Parkinson's?

Answer:

Like so many issues, the truth about stem cell research is more complicated than a few sound bites and vague promises of cures. For the Church, the problem is with embryonic stem cell research, not the research itself. The destruction of human life, even for a seemingly noble cause, is never acceptable. The ends cannot justify the means. Stem cells can be obtained in other ways, including from the placenta as well as from adults. So research is possible without the destruction of other life.

On the other hand, stem cell research shows much promise, but no concrete results. Some scientists also dispute what diseases might be cured by new discoveries. The research is still in its early stages. The question for our country is whether we should invest a lot of money in research now, looking for cures that will probably remain out of reach for most people, or should we invest that money in other programs with more immediate benefits, especially those that stress prevention and education. It is indeed a complex issue that requires close scrutiny and investigation before we jump to inaccurate conclusions or make decisions based on good, but misinformed, intentions.

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"He will glorify me, because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you. Everything that the Father has is mine; for this reason I told you that he will take from what is mine and declare it to you."

- Jn 16:14-15

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LITURGICAL LIFE

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

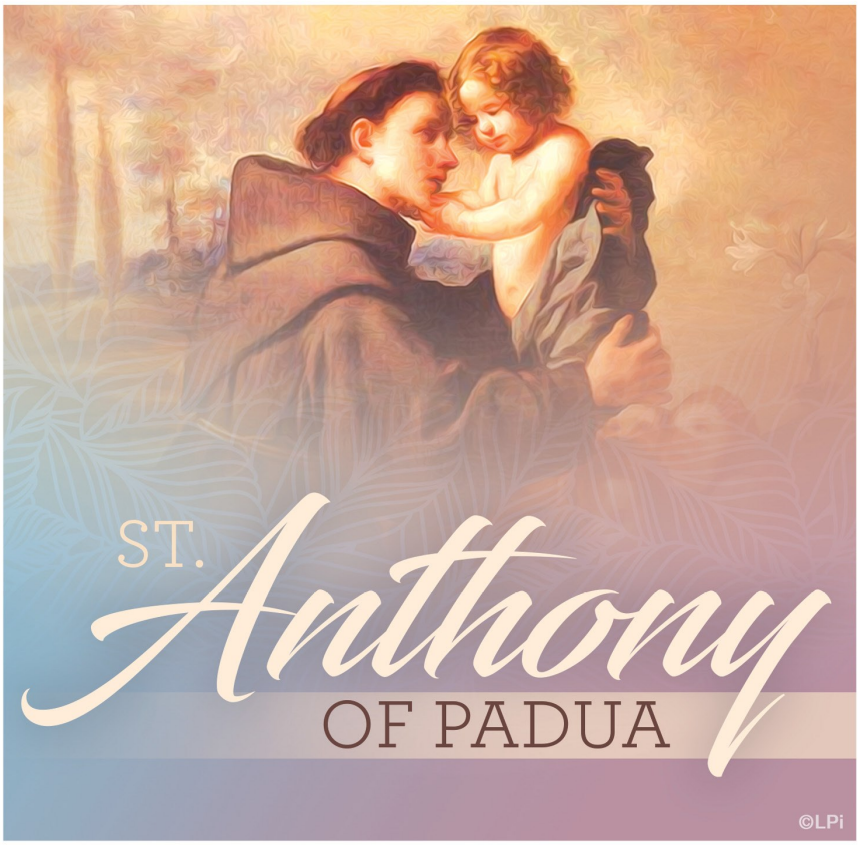
In the Jewish wisdom traditions of Proverbs, we hear how "wisdom" itself is of divine origin from the very beginning of creation and was God's "delight." What do you find intriguing about this divine relationship?

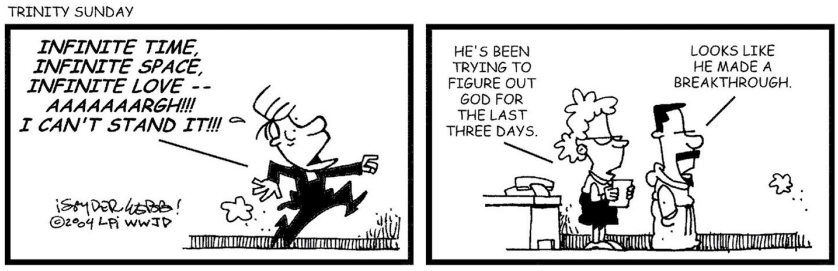
Second Reading

Paul speaks of believers having the "peace of God" through Jesus Christ and the "love of God" poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. Where do you experience the peace and love of God in your life?

Gospel Reading

Jesus speaks of the Spirit giving to believers everything the Father has given to the Son. How should one react to this abundance of divine blessings?





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READ THE GOSPEL AND COMPLETE A PUZZLE!

SHARING THE GOSPEL

The disciples learned a lot from Jesus, but he knew they still needed to learn more. That's why Jesus asked God the Father to send the Holy Spirit to his friends. Jesus knew that the Holy Spirit would stay with them, to teach them everything Jesus wanted them to know.

PRAYER

Dear God, I want the Holy Spirit to teach me more about Jesus, too.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

As you read a Bible story tonight before bed, ask the Holy Spirit to teach you what Jesus wants you to learn.

KIDS CORNER

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

~~UNDERSTAND~~	GUIDE	GLORY
SPIRIT	TRUTH	MESSAGE
SHOWS	SPEAK	FATHER

I H A V M U C O R M O
A S P E A K H M T E H
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"But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth. He will not speak on his own, but he will speak what he hears, and will declare to you the things that are coming. He will glorify me, because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you."

- Jn 16:13-14

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