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JOHN 3:18

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY – JUNE 4, 2023

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Mass Schedule
at St. Thomas of Canterbury Church

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 8 am, 10 am, noon

Daily Mass:
Monday-Saturday, 8:30 am

Confession
Saturday: 9-9:45 am or by appointment

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**The month of June
is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.**

**We invite you to join us for adoration, 7-8 pm,
on June 7, June 14, and June 21
at St. Thomas of Canterbury Church.**

This June, traditionally recognized as the month of the Sacred Heart, we will cast our glance toward that very reality as it is present in the Holy Eucharist. On Wednesdays (June 7, 14, and 21), the parish will have a Holy Hour for prayer to the Sacred Heart (7-8 pm). During the month, also look for posters in the church from the work of Blessed Carlo Acutis that document over 100 Eucharistic miracles.

Father's Day is Sunday, June 18th. Envelopes to remember your father, step-father, grandfather, father-figure, etc. (living or deceased) are in your envelope packet and in the back of the church. All will be remembered in a novena of Masses in June.

Many thanks to Father Paul Ameyah for helping the parish these last four months. Father Paul has returned to Ghana to resume his duties as Vicar General of the Diocese of Techiman. **Akwaba, Father Paul!**

The Junior Catholic Daughters thank everyone who participated in their spiritual adoption program. Your generous support of their recent **Baby Shower** and other events was much appreciated.

St. Marianne Cope Outreach Program and the Knights of Columbus Council thank everyone who donated to their recent **Food Drive**. If you want to help with the Program, know someone in need, or have a donation, contact John at outreach@stmariannecope.com.

Register your child for 2023-24 Faith Formation Classes today!
Classes begin in first grade. For information, email Faith Formation Director Mary Ellen Tiernan at metiernan@stmariannecope.com.

Inquiry and the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) and Teens (RCIT): Do you know someone who might like to learn more about our faith? Classes begin in the fall but now is a time for "inquiry". Email Mary Ellen at metiernan@stmariannecope.com with questions or to sign up.

The next **Prayer Shawl Ministry** meeting will be Monday, June 5th at 10 am in the old St. Thomas school building. All are welcome to join them.



PATRICK WALTER BOYLAN
was baptized on
May 21, 2023.

THE PASTOR'S CORNER

The Holy Trinity and YOU

IT SEEMS AGES AGO, but when *The New Yorker Magazine* panned the movie *The DaVinci Code* in 2006, its critic suggested that the Catholic Church had nothing to worry about. At that time, I had been asked by more than a few if the premises of Dan Brown's book upon which the movie was based were plausible. One of the book's fictions suggested the Church's teaching about the Holy Trinity at the Council of Nicaea in 325 AD was purely an invention of the bishops and the Roman Emperor Constantine.

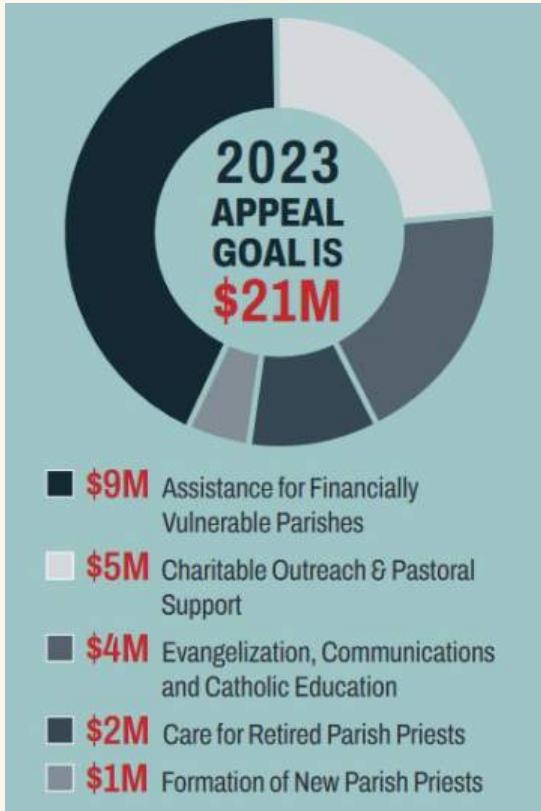
It was a silly idea given that the Nicene Creed that we recite every Sunday at Mass was not the first time that God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit was taught. Some would suggest it comes from belief in the Incarnation and a "common sense" for faith: "If, as I firmly believe, Jesus truly is God and yet he prays to his Father, who is God; and if there is one and only one God (which identifying God as the Being who created everything that is not God from nothing logically entails), and if Jesus sends the divine Spirit from the Father, then it follows that God is triune (threefold) without being divided or multiplied. Because God is triune, we refer to God as the Trinity." (*From a homily by Rev. Richard Roach, SJ*)

That God is a Holy Trinity was taught by Jesus and handed on to the Faithful by the Apostles, whose successors (the bishops) have ever been trying to define with greater precision what we believe because the teaching lends itself to misunderstanding or, in other words, heresy.

Thank God for the Holy Spirit, who enabled the bishops at the Council of Nicaea to put it about as well as it could be. Three Persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, in one God, is what we say we believe when we say together, "I believe in one God...." It is not an idea that is impossible to understand, but it takes an appreciation for the sublime and above all, a closeness to God through the Sacraments and prayer.

I think one of the most compelling arguments against the *DaVinci Code* claim (which must surely be what the author believes) is that the idea of a Holy Trinity is just too strange an idea to dream up. That fact is there is no known human experience of anything like the Trinity, that is, of something or anything that exists in such complete union with something else that it is not only that as that something else but is that something else, while remaining distinctly what it is in itself. Saint Patrick evidently tried his best by pointing to the leaves on a shamrock to give the Irish some sense of three persons in one god.

For us, called to be a sign of Christ through our communion in Him and with and for one another, the Most Holy Trinity, Three Persons in One God, conveys that perfect unity which is the reality of Love. This central mystery of our faith invites us to experience that Oneness in our life together, through friendship, family, and *parish*. Jesus' instruction to be perfect as your Heavenly Father is perfect is our call to imitate that perfect love of the Holy Trinity which is the very Love which we share in and that makes our love possible.



FINANCIALLY VULNERABLE PARISHES

The *Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal* is a direct appeal from the Archbishop of New York to parishioners and friends of the archdiocese to raise \$21⁺ million in funds to support the budgetary needs of its ministries, charitable works, schools, parishes, seminary, priest retirement residences, and administrative offices.

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St. Marianne Cope Parish's Goal is: \$72,000.00.
Amount raised to date: \$47,1150. Donors: 129 families.



READINGS FOR THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Reading I — Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9

Moses, as mediator of the Covenant, goes to meet God on Mt. Sinai. He then hears the divine proclamation of God's mercy and justice.

Reading II — 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Aware of relationship problems within the community, Paul writes that God's love is made evident in the powerful graces given by Christ. In turn, these create a common union of the Holy Spirit.

The Gospel — John 3:16-18

John makes a connection between belief in the Son of God and not being judged. As a result, we have eternal life.

To watch a live streamed Mass from St. Patrick Cathedral, visit catholicfaithnetwork.org/masses.

Stay involved by staying informed. **Sign up for flocknotes** at stmariannecope.com.



Scan the QR code to visit the **Worship Aid** page for the readings, antiphons, and music for the Sunday Mass at stmariannecope.com.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon, Jun 5: St Boniface

8:30 Special Intention by Singwala Ireifej

Tues, Jun 6: St Norbert

8:30 +Ross A Gagliano by James P Kane

Wed, Jun 7

8:30 +Ethel Clarice Yancy by Gerald Ditiello

Thurs, Jun 8

8:30 +Michael Callan by Kathy Kissel

Fri, Jun 9: St Ephrem

8:30 +Doris Clearwater by Stasia and Mark Henderson

Sat, Jun 10: BVM

8:30 +Dick Jones by Debbie D'Ambrosio

4:30 +Maria Teresa Petillo by Sal and Raffaela Gallo;
+Thomas Campbell by family

Sun, Jun 11: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

8:00 +Norman O'Niel by family

10:00 +Dec Mbrs of the Rogan and Pelella families by
Dcn and Mrs John Pelella

12:00 The People of the Parish

Two intentions will be accepted at the Saturday, 4:30 Vigil Mass. The Sunday Mass at noon will ALWAYS be offered only for the People of the Parish. The offering for an unannounced Mass is \$10; for an announced Mass: \$15.

The parish offers Mass every first Saturday of the month at 8:30 am for the deceased who will be remembered in our Perpetual Mass Enrollment. These Holy Souls will be included in the prayers of the liturgy for a period of one year. The offering is \$30 and includes a leatherette memorial Mass folder.



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