

MAY: MONTH OF OUR LADY

SATURDAY 21 MAY: SAINT CHRISTOPHER MAGALLANES & COMPANIONS

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Jenny Mayfield* by *Maureen Terwilliger*
4:00PM (Saint Joseph): *Guiseppe & Caterina Basini* by *the Family*
5:30PM (Saint Thomas: Sunday Vigil): *Lucille Basquil & Della Rose* by *Karen Costa*

SUNDAY 22 MAY: SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

7:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Joseph Hines, r.i.p.* by *Doris Hines*
9:00AM (Saint Thomas): *Mother's Day Novena*
11:00AM (Saint Thomas): *Special Intention of Richard Bozzone* by *Julieann Feliciano*
12:30PM (Saint Joseph): *Ann Christine Leicht* by *Terwilliger Family*

MONDAY 23 MAY: FERIA

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Bernadette O'Keefe* by *Henry & Vickie Malanowski*
6:30PM (Saint Joseph): *Father Robert G. Hilfiker, r.i.p.*, by *Kathy Kissel*

TUESDAY 24 MAY: FERIA

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Ted King & Margaret Scalzo, r.i.p.*, by *Mary King*

WEDNESDAY 25 MAY: MEMORIALS OF SAINT BEDE; POPE SAINT GREGORY VII; SAINT MARY MAGDALENE de PAZZI

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Mary Jane Hahn, r.i.p.*, by *Thomas Kingman*

THURSDAY 26 MAY: MEMORIAL OF SAINT PHILIP NERI

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Mary Jane Hahn, r.i.p.*, by *Tom & Tara DiSalvo*

FRIDAY 27 MAY: MEMORIAL OF SAINT AUGUSTINE of CANTERBURY

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *David & Louise Carnright (Anniversary)* by *Mary King*

SATURDAY 28 MAY: FERIA

8:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Mary Jane Hahn, r.i.p.*, by *Tom & Linda DiSalvo*
4:00PM (Saint Joseph: Sunday Vigil): *Lynne Hassdenteuffel, r.i.p.*, by *Shirley Hassdenteuffel*
5:30PM (Saint Thomas: Sunday Vigil): *Louise Sawoska, r.i.p.*, by *Henry Sawoska*



NEXT SUNDAY 29 MAY: SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

7:30AM (Saint Thomas): *Michael Rocco, r.i.p.*, by *K of C Council 7460*
9:00AM (Saint Thomas): *For the Intentions of Jeanne Halvorsen* by *Manny, Matilde & Vicky Mendes*
11:00AM (Saint Thomas): *Debra Bozzone, r.i.p.*, by *Julieann Feliciano*
12:30PM (Saint Joseph): *pro populo*

r.i.p. (requiescat in pace: rest in peace), *a.i.d.* (ad intentionem donoris: for the intention of the donor)
pro sal. (pro salutem: for health), *pro populo* (for the people)

Donors: 182

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING

<i>Saint Thomas:</i>	<i>Saint Joseph:</i>
<i>Regular: \$8,033.65</i>	<i>Regular: \$3,056.00</i>
<i>Cent. & East. Europe:</i>	<i>Cent. & East. Europe:</i>
<i>\$1,639.85</i>	<i>\$456.00</i>

Father's Day Envelopes may be put in the collection to be placed on the altar for the Father's Day Novena.

FATHER DAMIEN THE LEPER *Save the Date!*

Actor Casey Groves will perform the one man play *Damien* in St. Thomas Church on Sunday, June 12, 2016 at 2:00 pm. Make sure you set aside the time for this moving production of the saint who shared his life with the lepers of Molokai!



PARISH WEBSITE

It is "under construction" and content is added weekly. Visit the site at: ststthomasjoseph.com. Mass schedules, upcoming events, parish news, bulletins, etc. can now be found online! Photos of parish life

CARDINAL'S APPEAL GOAL :

\$114,500.00

As of 5/13/16

Pledges: \$47,323.00

and activities would be appreciated. Please email them to office@stt-stj.com.

THE SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

The Church will celebrate the Solemnity of Corpus Christi (the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ) on **Sunday, May 29th**. In the Eucharist, the Mass, we find the source and summit of our faith. At the conclusion of the **11:00AM Mass at Saint Thomas** on that day, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed and a procession will be formed. We will process outside the church and stop at designated stations to offer Benediction. **At the conclusion of the procession, the Blessed Sacrament will remain exposed for Adoration until 3:00PM, concluding with Benediction.** This is a wonderful way to celebrate this great Feast and offer praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God for the great gift of His most Holy Body and Blood. We do hope you will join us for all or some of this beautiful devotion.



101st ANNIVERSARY COURT RITA #264

June 17, 2016 at 5:30PM
Vinum Café at Brotherhood Winery,
Washingtonville, N.Y.
Cash Bar and dinner \$35.00
For tickets or more information, please call Maryjane Reed: [845-458-5543](tel:845-458-5543).

FOOD PANTRY

At this time we are **NOT** in need of any pasta or pasta sauce. Bisquick, laundry detergent, and toilet paper would be most appreciated! Thank you!



WELL DONE!

The Knights of Columbus have presented Elizabeth Encke with the Father Richard Caplice award in recognition of her scholastic excellence and her adherence to, and practice of, the Catholic Faith.

12 MONTHS OF CHRISTMAS DRAWING

May's Winner: Bonnie Fenton

April's Prize:

Celebrate graduations, birthdays, Father's Day, etc. with "Old Country Roses" cake plate, fluted mug set, and platter. MRSP: \$250. Please stop by the parish office to purchase a raffle ticket!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Our Religious Education program has ended for this year. During each session we ended with a summer blessing and an awards ceremony.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

To all the Catechists, Assistants and support staff, who answered "God's" call to share their faith with our children and their families..."Well done, my good and faithful servants"...

Aida Torres, Nicholas Torres, Amanda Torres, Laura Canausa, Mary Ann Costa, Patricia Costa, Marlene Sepulveda, Nicolena Newhall, John Newhall, Eileen Iagrosse, Elizabeth Lawrence, Rosemarie Morello, Jim Gillick, Liz Youngs, Theresa Iaquinta, Destiny Baroud, Veronica Gilman, Angely Gilman, Cassandra Lane, Shelagh Herbert, Dominick Forte, Francesca Viola, Gene Mastropierro, John Cabrera, Karen Tarantino, Ann Marie Laudato, Marilyn Gabriele, Ellen DiStefano, Patricia Deery, Francis Teague, Kristina Santafemia, Kathy Beckvermit, Jackie Keegan, Marie McGuire, Patricia Grabe, Dennis Tumminia, Rosemarie Kosar, Teresa Carton, Phylis Haring, Rosemarie Smith, Lee Ann Carpenter, Tina Raia, Madeline Padilla, Trish Penaluna, Louise Carnright, Patricia Evans, Barbara Locascio, Lorraine Fiorillo, Anne DiNaso, Karen Strickland, Diane Ward, Liz Lotz, Breanna Guild, Dorie Knipp, Stephanie Hines.

And to our maintenance staff Peter Ralph and Ross Miller for keeping us clean and germ free, and to my assistant Marianne Miller for always keeping me on task.

REGISTRATION

Parents, please register your child/children. Our office hours during the summer will be 10:30 – 3:30. The office will be closed for Memorial weekend from Friday May 27 to May Tuesday May 31st.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

This is the last week of our May Diaper Drive. Please help serve needy mothers in our area. Sizes 4 & 5 most needed! Thank you!



PRAYER CHAIN

Please note the new email address with which to contact Carolyn Munday stsjprayerchain@gmail.com

THE HOLY TRINITY AND YOU

by Father Doughy

Does anyone remember *The DaVinci Code*? The reviewer in *The New Yorker Magazine* said the Catholic Church had nothing to be worried about; the film version was awful, but I was more bothered because a good fellow I knew, who couldn't resist reading the book, actually thought some of it might be true.

Nevertheless, at the time, I found the controversy a good opportunity to reflect on what, according to *The Catechism of the Catholic Church*, was the "central mystery of Christian faith and life": the Holy Trinity. We profess it at that key juncture in our Sunday Mass between the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist with the Nicene Creed. Dan Brown, in *The DaVinci Code*, believes that the Holy Trinity was an invention of the Church - and more exactly, the Roman Emperor Constantine - at the Council of Nicea in 325 AD. Have we been hoodwinked? Does he know something we don't?

No. A survey of history and the written "relations" of the gathering provide ample evidence that the Council, rather than ratifying some notion dreamed up by the first Christian emperor (to what end, who could say?) was actually convened to defend an idea that most Christians took for granted: that God was Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

At the time, a priest named Arius figured it was impossible to conceive of a divine person suffering in the manner Jesus did. He concluded therefore that Jesus was just human and later elevated to divine status (but not quite the Son of God) through an act of adoption by the Father. Thus, Arianism, a departure from the traditional understanding of the Trinity, took the world by storm perhaps because it was similar to a Greek myth, for some a more comfortable story. Yet, not only did this contradict the evidence of Jesus's sayings in scripture about his relationship with the Father and the Holy Spirit, it made his words referring to his Father as "our Father" and inviting us to call God "abba" or "daddy" merely symbolic or even empty. By this reasoning, the human person could never aspire to share in the divine life of God in Eternity!

Of course, the human heart could never be satisfied with such a mediocre notion. The *sensus fidelii* (the sense of the faithful), rooted in scripture and the constant teaching of the Church, really did believe that what Jesus said - that he was the Son of His Father in Heaven, and that the Holy Spirit proceeded in communion from the Father and the Son - he really meant. By his assumption of a human

nature, the Son (who is Jesus) grants us a share in his divinity and life with his Father and the Holy Spirit. (This is why you - everyone for that matter - count so much!)

It's not a notion that can be simply grasped. St. Patrick evidently used a shamrock to describe how it might be possible, but honestly, there is nothing in reality which exists in such complete union with something else that it is not only the same as that something else but *is* that something else, while remaining distinctly what it is in itself. The only kind of communion that comes close occurs when we enter in that Holy Communion through the Eucharist!

Yes, what I have written, I have written! 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 and often, heresy. Thank God for the Holy Spirit, who enabled the bishops at the Council of Nicea to put it about as well as it could be. Three Persons, Father, Son & Holy Spirit, in one God, is what we say we believe when we say together, "I believe in one God...." It's not an idea that is impossible to probe, but it takes an appreciation for the sublime (something Arius and Dan Brown seemed to have lacked), and above all, a closeness to God through the Sacraments and prayer.

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's instruction to be perfect as your Heavenly Father is perfect is our call to imitate that perfect love of the Holy Trinity that is the very Love which we share in and which makes our love possible.

CONGRATULATIONS DEACON TONY!

On May 24th, Deacon Tony Ferraiuolo will mark the 30th Anniversary of his ordination to the Diaconate. Please join him today for a celebration after the 12:30PM Mass at Saint Joseph. Refreshments will be served downstairs.



YOUTH GROUP RAFFLE WINNER

Congratulations Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Grabe!
(Prize: One week at Barefoot Landing, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.) Thank you to everyone who purchased a ticket. Through your support, we are

able to help 9 children to Camp Veritas this year. We are grateful to the person who donated her condo for this fundraiser.