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May 28, 2023 ▪ Pentecost Sunday



Memorial Day Message

Father Wayne C. Genereux, Pastor

In 1962, retired General Douglas MacArthur in an address to the Cadets at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point defined their lives by Duty, Honor, and Country—a code by which all of us should live. It should be noted women were not yet serving in the military to the extent that they are today and were not serving in combat roles. The General's remarks of course would apply today to both men and women.

“Duty, Honor, Country: Those three hallowed words reverently dictate what you ought to be, what you can be, what you will be. They are your rallying points: to build courage when courage seems to fail, to regain faith when there seems to be little cause for faith; to create hope when hope becomes forlorn.”

He told them, “In battle and in the face of danger and death, he disclosed those divine attributes which his Maker gave when he created man in his own image. No physical courage and no brute instinct can take the place of Divine help which alone can sustain him.

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Weekday Masses

Monday - Saturday 8:00 AM

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil at 4:00 PM

Sunday

8:00 AM, 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM

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“However horrible the incidents of war may be, the soldier who is called upon to offer and to give his life for his country is the noblest development of mankind.” The soldier is not a war monger, above all he prays for peace, for he must suffer and bear the deepest wounds and scars of war.

The responsibility that we all have as citizens of the Republic is the highest duty- to do all we can to preserve what the American soldiers, both men and women, have fought for. They gave their last full measure of devotion. They have done their part. We are the custodians of their legacy. To do otherwise would be a disservice to the sacrifice that so many of us take for granted. They gave us a great gift. Like the founding fathers we must pledge our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor in the pursuit of liberty, freedom, democracy, and the American Dream.



Pray with us at Memorial Day Mass

We are all better for the selfless efforts of members of our Armed Forces, past and present. Our country, our Constitution and our way of life have been protected by those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

On Monday, May 29 at 10:00 a.m., Most Rev. Gregory L. Parkes and priests of the Diocese of St. Petersburg will gather at the outdoor altar to celebrate the holy sacrifice of the Mass. This memorial of the death and resurrection of Jesus, who freed mankind from the bonds of sin, is a perfect time to remember, honor and pray for those who have maintained the freedoms that we enjoy as United States citizens.

Please join us at Calvary Catholic Cemetery to say, “thank you for your service,” in prayer. If you cannot attend, please take a moment to pray for these brave women and men.

Ample shade-covered seating is provided, or you are welcome to bring your own folding chair or blanket and sit in the shade of the majestic oak trees of the cemetery.



May 28, 2023

Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2: 1-11 | 1 Cor 12: 3b-7, 12-13 | Jn 20: 19-23

Written by
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GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

As a college student, I found myself sitting near the information desk during a layover at a German airport. This was in the days before mobile phones and Google Translate. I remember being so impressed that the two young women behind the desk were able to answer questions in so many languages without missing a beat. Whether it was Spanish, French, German or English, each traveler heard an answer in their own language. I often think that must have been what it was like for the travelers to Jerusalem during Pentecost. They were in an unfamiliar place and yet God spoke to them in a way they could understand. And the beautiful thing about the Pentecost story is that it is not just relating one single moment in time. Instead, it is the start of the Holy Spirit's ministry here on earth, and in our baptism, we, too, receive the same gift of the Holy Spirit. Confirmation completes the grace we receive at baptism, since we receive a "special strength of the Holy Spirit." (CCC 1285) We, too, are given the tools to go forth and speak to others even when we are afraid they may not understand. Let us remember St. Paul's words from the second reading: "To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit." And then let us go out and use those gifts for the greater glory of God.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

The idea of evangelizing is uncomfortable for many people. Sure, it was fine for the disciples to go out and start talking to strangers, but us? No way. However, evangelization doesn't have to mean starting conversations on the street (although it can!). Instead, it might be making the sign of the cross before a meal in a restaurant, mentioning Mass when a co-worker asks what you did over the weekend, or displaying a crucifix in your home where visitors will see it. In these small ways, we can encourage others to open the door for God to "shine within these hearts of yours," as today's Gospel Sequence says.

PRAY St. Paul reminds us today that we are all "baptized into one body" and "we were all given to drink of one Spirit." In today's divisive world, it can be difficult to remember that. Let us pray for one another knowing that all Christians – even those who may annoy us – are joined together in the same body of Christ. Specifically, have as your at-the-ready prayer this week for all circumstances, the following: *Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.*



Are You Hoping to Receive One of the Seven Sacraments With Us?

Matrimony

Congratulations on your engagement! Every Diocese in Florida requires at least six months preparation before marriage. Please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Genereux, at the Parish Office for an appointment before setting a date.

Baptism

We are honored that you would like to choose Blessed Trinity Catholic Church for the baptism of your child! We ask that you please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Genereux, at the Parish Office for information regarding the pre-baptism class before scheduling a baptism.

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 27, Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

8:00 a.m. JoAnn Marchese (Dec)

Saturday, May 27, Vigil for Pentecost

4:00 p.m. Mary Di Donatis (Dec)

Sunday, May 28, Pentecost

8:00 a.m. JoAnn Marchese (Dec)

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Giovanni Romani (Dec)

Monday, May 29, Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

8:00 a.m. Jon Vandelaare (Dec)

Tuesday, May 30, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Ann Deakins (Dec)

Wednesday, May 31, Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 a.m. Mass for Vocations

Thursday, June 1, Memorial of Saint Justin, Martyr

8:00 a.m. Bill Hueston (Dec)

Friday, June 2, Saints Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs

8:00 a.m. Jay Lamb (Dec)

Saturday, June 3, Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs

8:00 a.m. Gary Tocklin (Dec)

Saturday, June 3, Vigil for The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

4:00 p.m. James Lawler and Pat Sullivan (Dec)

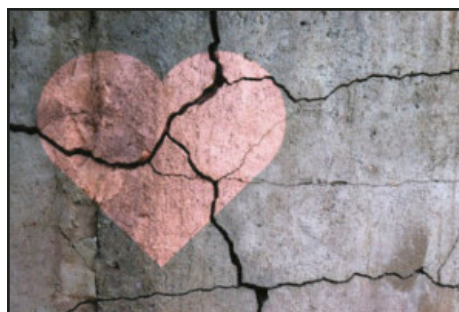
Sunday, June 4, Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

8:00 a.m. Robert Smith Family

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Rosemary Smith (Dec)

Journeying Through Grief



“Grief is not a sign of weakness. It is a tribute to the loved one who died, and a healthy response to our heart ache.”

If you would like to be part of a Grief-Support “group” or you would prefer “one on one” support, please call Rachel between 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the parish office, 727-867-3663

Prayer for Priests & Future Priests

Eternal Father, We lift up to you these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them, heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness and holiness of your Son Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to you. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

05/28 • Rev. James Ruhlin

05/29 • Rev. John G. Tapp

05/30 • Rev. Pedro J. Zapata

05/31 • For Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life

06/01 • Rev. Krzysztof Gazdowicz

06/02 • Rev. Phillip Clement

06/03 • Rev. Dominic J. Corona

These are the names of the active priests and seminarians in our Diocese. Remember our Bishop has designated Wednesdays as Diocesan Day of Prayer for Vocations. Please continue to pray that more young people will hear and answer God's call to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

We Are Never Alone

My children want my help sometimes, and other times, not so much. I remember being a teenager and young adult myself. At times, I thought I knew everything. I didn't need help because I was just so darn smart. Truth is, I needed to find my own way. I needed to stretch my wings and prove to myself and my family I could fly. I assume that is what is happening with my own children as well. It just seems so different now that I'm the parent.

Human beings need help. We need community, and we need to rely on one another. At Pentecost, we reflect on Jesus sending to the Church a helper, the Holy Spirit. God interacting with us in this manner means we are never truly alone. We focus most of the time on the Spirit of God as the assistance we need, and we do need Him for sure. However, since it is that very same Spirit that turned us into "Church" from a band of people looking to carry on after Jesus' ascension, at Pentecost we gained more than divine help: we gained each other.

Today, the Church needs help in a profound way. We need to lean on the Holy Spirit to blow through the Church with a profound renewal. But we cannot forget that we have been given each other to lean on as well. We are a gift to each other, and together with the Spirit's help, we are the Body of Christ here on earth. We must be strong and stand for one another. If we do that, this Pentecost will bear fruit that will be with us for many Pentecosts to come.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

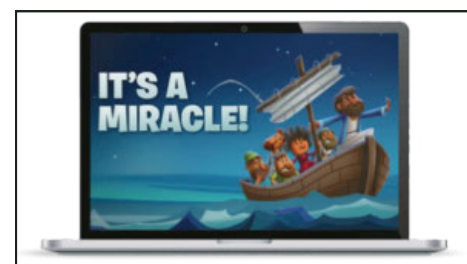
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Bring Your Appetites!

First Friday Fish Fry

June 2

Fish and chicken tenders, coleslaw, mac n cheese, French fries, pineapple coconut cake, with soda or water
\$15 – takeout available.

Parents Pancake Breakfast

June 11

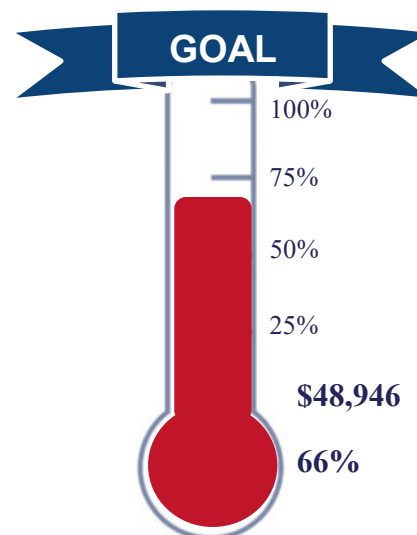
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Hurricane Season Safety Tips



Be Prepared

In the storms of life, we turn to God and pray that we will be spared from harm. We are also called to take the necessary precautions to protect the precious gift of life and to minimize damage to property.

Take Shelter

If you are elderly or have special needs, please contact your county's Emergency Management Office to pre-register prior to any storm if you will need to evacuate.

Use Good Judgment

Use good judgment when deciding if conditions are safe to travel to Mass. In the event that roadways are not clear and weather conditions are unsafe to travel, the faithful are reminded that the obligation to participate in the Sunday Mass does not apply when there is grave difficulty in fulfilling this obligation (Code of Canon Law, Canon 1248 §2).

Stay Informed

If a storm threatens our area, please check local news stations for weather updates. Also, check with your parish and school about about closures and cancellations. Also, check the diocesan website, www.dosp.org.

Local Resources

Florida Department of Emergency Management:
www.floridadisaster.org

Citrus County Emergency Management:
www.sheriffcitrus.org/divisions/bureau_of_support_operations/emergency_operations.php

Hernando County Emergency Management:
www.hernandocounty.us/departments/departments-a-e/emergency-management

Hillsborough County Emergency Management:
www.hillsboroughcounty.org/residents/public-safety/emergency-management

Pasco County Emergency Management:
www.pascocountyfl.net/365/Emergency-Management

Pinellas County Emergency Management:
www.pinellascounty.org/emergency/



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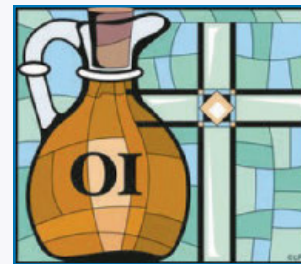
PART-TIME COOK NEEDED

Missionaries of Africa Community Retirement Home (9 men) in St. Petersburg has an immediate opening for a cook, to provide meals for lunch and supper on Saturday and Sunday. If you, or someone you know may be interested in this hourly position, please send an e-mail to star30@verizon.net.

Contact Denise at 813-215-9535 with any questions you may have regarding this position.

Arnold, Barbara
Barr, Bill
Brown, Bob & Beverly
Cavaliere, Lois
Christ, Kathryn
Comeau, Teresa
Curtis, Sherlyl
Daniels, Joshua
DeZarn, Vickie
D'Azzo, Lina
Feldes, Chuck & Lauren
Ferrara, Antoinette
Fitzgerald, Dan
Forbes, Monica & Tom
Genereux, Carol
Grimberg, Carol
Hawkins, Barbara
Helbig, Len
Hoffman, Bette
Huff, Walt
Irvin, John and Marsha
Kindel, Helen
Kirchgessner, Marie
Lanigan, John
Lashley, Diana

Lawler, Matthew
LeVan, George
Lewis, Cynthia
Maharne, Cecile
Manley, Jan
Manley, Paul
Mays, Susan
Membreno, Mary & Gus
Mesick, Phil & Nancy
Nagy, Matthew
Newcomb, Jeff
O'Connor, Mary
Parmigiani, Valerie
Preeper, Helen
Riley, Marie
Roberts, Deacon Lionel
Romani, Angelo
Shelby, Ron & Montez
Stankiewicz, Cy
Thompson, Susan E.
Thuline, James and Lil
Vanderbeck, Jay
Walsh, Thomas
Youngman, Ruth



Anointing of the Sick

To request the Anointing of the Sick for yourself or a loved one, please contact the parish office, 727-867-3663.

If you or a close family member would like to be added or removed from our prayer list, please contact the parish office at 727-867-3663.



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