

O My God !

How often do we say these words as a sign of awe and wonder of the Lord and of His creation. Or is it more likely that we use them as an expression of surprise, shock or dismay, having nothing really to do with God. On this week-end after celebrating the Pentecost and the gifts of the Holy Spirit (especially ‘reverence’) let us consider how we use the name of God.

Today, in fact, we celebrate the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity. God has revealed, to us mere humans, something of His own nature. Through Jesus, we come to know that the Supreme Being is actually three divine Persons—a community of love—Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Through Jesus, we come to understand how devoted the Trinity is to us. They invite us to imitate their kind of unconditional love, and actually to share in it. We therefore have the intimacy of knowing the Creator as our Father, the Son as our Brother, and the Spirit as our constant Companion.

It is awesome to consider that God above thinks so highly of each of us. We owe the Three Persons a devotion and a gratitude that expresses itself in our actions and even in our words. When we use the name of God, it should always be as a sign of our devotion. When we utter the name of “Jesus”, it must always be as an expression of our thankfulness for His Sacrifice for our salvation. To speak otherwise is actually a sin against the second commandment.

The ancient Jewish people were privileged to know the name of God. It was revealed to them by Moses. As a sign of their devotion to this sacred name, they never used it. It was in fact uttered only once a year, by the High Priest in Jerusalem, in the Temple, in the inner sanctuary known as the Holy of Holies.

May we follow their example, and always use the name of “God” and “Jesus” with the deepest respect and reverence.

God bless you,
Father Wayne

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

May 30, 2010

St. James the Greater

The Sanctuary Lamp this week burns for the Intentions of Columbiettes
Msgr. James F. Gacquin Auxiliary #12974 at the Request of Columbiettes

TUESDAY, June 1

8:00AM – Charlie Lakawicz
req. by Carol Lombaerde

SATURDAY, June 5

8:00 AM – Charlie Lombaerde
req. by his wife, Carol

THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST

June 6

8:00AM – Charlie Lombaerde
req. by his wife, Carol

11:30AM – Father Sylvester Livolsi

ST. JAMES THE GREATER

\$1,389.00 – Regular Collection – May 23, 2010

\$ 234.00 – Peter's Pence

\$2,477.00 – Weekly Budget Need

\$1,137.00 – Regular Collection – May 24, 2009

\$ 409.00 – Peter's Pence

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

\$2,353.00 – Regular Collection – May 23, 2010

\$ 594.00 – Peter's Pence

\$4,410.00 – Weekly Budget Need

\$2,280.00 – Regular Collection – May 24, 2009

\$ 705.00 – Peter's Pence

St. Thomas the Apostle

The Sanctuary Lamp this week burns for the Intentions of Columbiettes
Msgr. James F. Gacquin Auxiliary #12974 at the Request of Columbiettes

MONDAY, May 31

9:00AM – Blessed Virgin Mary
req. by Legion of Mary
- Special Intention

TUESDAY, June 1

9:00AM – Leo Pagiusco & Stephen Pagiusco
req. by Joanne DiMauro

WEDNESDAY, June 2

9:00AM – Joseph Wortman
req. by his parents

THURSDAY, June 3

No Mass

FRIDAY, June 4

9:00AM – Gerard Bossé
req. by Virginia Monk

SATURDAY, VIGIL, June 5

5:30 PM – Timothy Yarosz
req. by his wife, Josephine

THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST

June 6

9:30AM – Josephine Raffalle
req. by Gerry Mahon & Family

TO CHRIST THE DIVINE HEALER WE PRAY FOR:

Bree Andrews, Vickie Bennett, Joseph Bruno, Eric Cerra, Gail Collis, Jerry Cooper, Jason DeLorenzo, Geri Fawyer, Ronnie Ferriere, Marie Furtado, Nancy Green, Eric Harper, Horace Harper, Catherine Higgins, Sharon Hubbell, Peter Jaycay, Sharon Johnson, Pearle Kohol, Chuck Lombaerde, Florence Majewski, Karen Morgan, Richard Nowicki, Lugi Osso, Flo Puccio, Ruth Rogers, Evelyn Schweer, Deena Slain, Bill Sousa, Catherine Vecharello, Lisa Vergona, Tarra Wagner and Gabriel Wyzga

PILGRIM VIRGIN OF FATIMA STATUE

This beautifully adorned statue is a visible reminder of the love God has shown in the Blessed Mother. Placing such a beautiful image in your home turns hearts to prayer and brings grace to those who open their hearts to any image of God's love. If you would like to have the statue of Our Lady of Fatima in your home, please contact Diana, Legion of Mary at 973-948-7601.

Pray the Family Rosary

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

In the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit...

The Feast of the Holy Trinity is a reminder that we were created to be in relationship with one another, just as God is in eternal relationship. Although we can never fully understand the mystery of the Holy Trinity, we believe that God is three persons in one nature. The three persons of God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – are equally God. The Holy Trinity can be a model for our relationships here on earth. Just as Father, Son and Spirit are joined, so we are joined together in our families. Each member of the family has a different role to fulfill and unique talents to share – but we, too, are all unified in holy relationship!

“If we fully realized what a priest is, we would die of love!”
~St. John Marie Vianney, Universal Patron of Priests

Year of the Priest Closing Celebration Picnic

Come out and celebrate with our pastor, Father Wayne, on Sunday, June 13th at St. Thomas the Apostle picnic grounds at 2:00PM. Bring lawn chairs and a covered dish to share. We will supply hamburgers, hot dogs, iced tea, lemonade and cake. Please RSVP to Mary at 973-948-7004 by June 4th.

Respect Life Reflections

“I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life...” Deut 30:19. An early First Century document states “Do not murder a child by abortion or kill a newborn infant.” Throughout the centuries this teaching has been consistent. **Prayer** – Lord, You have revealed the road of happiness to us and to our world. Keep us, in our laws and in our culture, on the path of life.

Respect Life Ministry

Thanks to all who so generously donated items for our Baby Shower on May 16th. The Pregnancy Centers in our area certainly appreciated your thoughtfulness. Special thanks to Deirdre Burgos and Marie Mendez who helped sort, pack and deliver these donations.

Respect Life Ministry

Come join us in praying the rosary to end ABORTION next Saturday at 10:00AM across the street from Planned Parenthood, 8 Moran Street in Newton.

Paterson Diocesan Pilgrimage

Bishop Arthur J. Serratelli has designated **Saturday, September 18, 2010** as the day for our Paterson Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary, our Patroness.

He will lead this Pilgrimage of Faith and celebrate the Mass of Thanksgiving; he hopes we will have 4,000 people coming. Price for the 1 – day bus pilgrimage is \$40.00, leaving between 6 and 7 AM and returning around 10 PM. An optional overnight Pilgrimage is outlined on the blue flyers and posters. Please call our Parish Coordinator: St. James, Carol Lombaerde at 973-948-2285 and St. Thomas, Diana Rimshnick at 973-948-7601 for registration or information.

Blood Drive

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Blood Drive in the Father Lewis Center **TODAY, Sunday, May 30th** from 8:00AM to 1:30PM. Blood supplies have been below required levels and donations are greatly appreciated. Please donate and help save lives!

Health Ministry is Coming!

How do you feel? Do you have some basic questions regarding health issues? If so, you may be interested in this new ministry beginning in our parishes. Look for the Health Survey to be distributed in the very near future. Your input will be very important to us as we begin this new ministry. Please take the time to fill out the survey and return it.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISHES

STC -- St. Thomas Ch. or Fr. Lewis Center

SJC -- St. James Ch. or Church Hall

REC -- Fr. Gacquin Religious Ed. Center

Sunday, May 30, 2010

Feast of the Most Holy Trinity

8 a.m.–1:30 p.m. STC K of C Blood Drive

Monday, May 31

9:00 a.m. STC Memorial Day Mass

Tuesday, June 1

10:00 a.m. STC Reflections on Readings

7:00 p.m. STC K of C Monthly Mtg.

Wednesday, June 2

Thursday, June 3

9:30 a.m. STC Moms & Tots Group

Friday, June 4

All day: STC Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

3:00 p.m. STC Chaplet of Divine Mercy

4:00 p.m. STC Evening Prayer & Benediction

Saturday, June 5

9:30 a.m. REC Legion of Mary Mtg.

10:00 a.m. Rosary Vigil at Pl.. P'hood, Newton

Sunday, June 6, 2010

Feast of Corpus Christi

8:00 a.m. SJC Coffee Hour after Mass

11:30 a.m. SJC Coffee Hour after Mass

Notice from the Diocese of Paterson.

If any person may have been abused by any priest, they should immediately contact their local County Prosecutor's Office and the Diocese's Victims Assistance Coordinator: **Peggy Zanello at 973-879-1489.** You may also be in touch with either of the Diocesan Response Officers: **Msgr. James T. Mahoney, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia, 973-777-8818 Ext. 205** or **Sister Mary Edward Sohrer, S.C.C., Chancellor/Delegate for Religious, 973-777-8818 Ext. 248.**

The entire text of the *Policy of the Diocese of Paterson in Response to Complaints of Sexual Abuse* is available on the diocesan web site: www.patersondiocese.org

Memorial Day had its beginnings after the Civil War to honor soldiers of both sides who died in battle. It was a way of healing our nation after that terrible conflict. We continue the tradition of honoring those who have died in our nation's wars, and praying for our country, as we gather on Monday for a special Memorial Day Mass. It will be held at **St. Thomas at 9 a.m.** Please join us, to ask God's wisdom upon our nations leaders and people.

Our Columbiettes, Msgr. James F. Gacquin Auxiliary # 12974, announce their newly elected officers for the next season. They are:

President: Donna Lewandowski

Vice President: Janice Cerra

Secretary: Margo Danner

Financial Secretary: Maria Babon

Treasurer: Donna Blevins

We thank these ladies for taking up these offices. There will be a membership drive in the near future. The Columbiettes are dedicated to assisting our parishes, and we pray that there are many successful and enjoyable endeavors ahead.

The St. James Soup Kitchen has been assisting families and individuals with meals on Saturdays for two years now. The program needs your help to continue. We are asking for help on a monthly basis so that all our clients can continue to be served. Perhaps this can be a family project. Or you can team up with several other individuals. For more info, please call Tina at 201-841-7059. Here is one easy, practical way you can make a difference.

Weekend Retreat: Separated / Divorced.

A week-end Retreat will be offered on June 4, 5, 6 in Newton by a Franciscan retreat team. For more info, call Fr. Tom Kelly, OFM (973-985-9736 or Deacon Milt (973-271-5097.)

Next Year's Parish Calendar. All leaders of parish groups should have received, either in person or by mail, a letter asking for the dates you would like to schedule events during the next year. We'd ask you to give us your list of dates by Tues. June 15. Then on Tues. June 29th, at one big meeting, we will get together and finalize our Parish Calendar and iron out any conflicts.