

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>June 6th</b>
8:30 AM	_____
5:00 PM	Joseph Magoli
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>June 7th</b>
8:30 AM	Herman, Joanne, & Katherine Holzknacht
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Deceased Members of the Turriciano Family
5:00 PM	Deceased Members of the Petito Family
<b>Monday</b>	<b>June 8th</b>
8:30 AM	_____
12:00 PM	Fred Sorremto
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>June 9th</b>
8:30 AM	_____
12:00 PM	Tom & Grace Grande
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>June 10th</b>
8:30 AM	Joseph Di Capua & Di Capua & Bifalco Families
12:00 PM	Danny Cahill
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>June 11th</b>
8:30 AM	Anne Sweeney (9th Anniversary)
12:00 PM	Soli Garda
<b>Friday</b>	<b>June 12th</b>
8:30 AM	Deceased Members of the Reilly Family
12:00 PM	Cecilia A. Koluch
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>June 13th</b>
8:30 AM	Richard Gunaratna
5:00 PM	Marie Shookster
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>June 14th</b>
8:30 AM	Helen Enigan
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Rose Jonsson
5:00 PM	Ed Flood

**PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Patricia Beckett, Ida Ryan, Connie Bornhimer, Mary Wiley, Kathie Greulich, Joseph & Mary Augustine, Ronald Calcevano, Rose Gaynus, Eleanor Merlino, Seraphina Komlos, Mary Tardona, Dorothy Chocko, Catherine Hennessy, Richard McBride Sr., Stacey Headley, Richard Eisenzopf, Alice & Michael Coleman, Elaine Stumpp, Mary Albert, Maureen Medina, Cheryl Di Napoli, Jazlyn Castro Bilog, German Diaz, Adam Sapel, Christine Bernardo, Andy Marajh, Stephen Palermo, Robert Palermo, Heather Wilcox, James Leung, Rose McArdle, Maureen Kelly, and for **all of our parishioners who are currently hospitalized or homebound.**

**PRAY FOR THE ARMED SERVICES**

Major Peter Sulewski, U.S. Army; Lt. Col. Patrick Davis, U.S. Army (JAG); Sgt. Beau Parham, U.S. Army; Major Paul Lentz, USAF; Sgt. Larry Saume, U.S. Army; Capt. Travis Swiatocha, USMC; Pvt. Tim Richardson, U.S. Army; SCSO Ajay James, (NSW) U.S. Navy; SPC Benjamin Bravmann, U.S. Army; and **all parishioners currently in the Military**

**Pray for all of our police, fire, and corrections officers, who risk their lives daily to insure our safety.**

**PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED**

Monsignor John Tosi  
Annabelle Agudo  
Dolores Shearman

***ALL SCHEDULED MASS INTENTIONS WILL BE HONORED AND CELEBRATED PRIVATELY, BY THE PRIESTS OF OUR PARISH, THOUGH NOT NECESSARILY AT THE INDICATED TIME.***

**Our Parish Food Pantry** is not open in order in order to protect the health of our volunteers; however, we do have some Grab and Go Bags prepared for anyone in an emergency situation but you must call the rectory ahead of time as we have no staff regularly present.

**THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**

**Please note that, since all of our offices and buildings are currently closed, all regularly scheduled meetings are temporarily cancelled.**

**Our Lady Of Mercy Catholic Academy will be closed until Further Notice**

**SUNDAY – June 7th**

*The Most Holy Trinity*

**MONDAY – June 8th**

*Weekday*

**TUESDAY - June 9th**

*Weekday*

**WEDNESDAY – June 10th**

*Weekday*

**THURSDAY – June 11th**

*Saint Barnabas, Apostle*

**FRIDAY – June 12th**

*Weekday*

**SATURDAY – June 13th**

*Saint Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church*

**MEMORIAL WORSHIP FUND**

Many thanks for donation to the Parish Memorial Worship fund given **in memory of:**

**Veronica & Vincent Mauro**

and

**Florence & John Romano**

by

Amelia & Frank Romano

**MEMORIALIZE A LOVED ONE**

Consider the possibility of a donation of the **Bread & Wine, Flowers for the Altar, Tabernacle Light, or the Memorial Worship Fund** in memory of a special person. Names of all those memorialized will be published in the bulletin. Call or stop by the Rectory to arrange your memorial.

Dear Parishioners,

I am awful at mathematics. Yet despite that, I am intrigued by numbers. The government throws numbers around as if they were nothing. Oh, that program will cost a billion dollars or our country is several trillion dollars in debt! You know what a trillion means? Well, let's look at it this way in order to put it in context. No human being can count to a trillion! You do know why? - a very simply reason, you will not live long enough! If you could count one number per second (and of course the names of the numbers get longer as you count up) it would take about 32,000 years to count to a trillion.

Right now, the Hubble telescope is in orbit around our planet. From it and other space craft we have discovered that the nearest solar system may be several light years away. For example, Alpha Centauri, one of the solar systems closest to our own is 4.2 light years away. Sounds like it's around the corner, right? That is, until you do the math and discover that light travels 186,000 miles per second. So for the first minute of light travel you have to multiply that by 60 and then that by another sixty to reach an hour and then that by 24 to reach a day and then that by 365 or so to reach one year of light travel and then all of that by 4.2. Now it doesn't seem so close does it? My computer screen does not have the space to show that number! Despite our awesome accomplishments in science, we could not get to Alpha Centauri and back in one normal lifetime!

I mention all this math for a reason - today the Church celebrates Trinity Sunday - a Sunday on which we focus on the ineffable, indescribable inexplicable mystery, which lies at the heart of everything - God, but God in the intimacy of His inner life.

This is the God Who creates all of what I have just described - all those fantastic, apparently infinite distances, which we find it so hard to grasp. If our minds cannot grasp those physical realities, in which we live and move and have our being - can we really hope to grasp the Reality underlying it all?

A great ancient north African bishop, Saint Augustine, in the fourth century wrote (Sermon 117.5) that if we think we have understood God, then what we have understood is not God! God always eludes our descriptions. Basically our knowledge of God, inadequate as it must be, depends on His relationship with us. We know Him as Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier. In the early Church it was reckoned that somehow those descriptions related to the innermost reality of God and so to this triune dimension we give the name "trinity" - three persons - three "whos", if you want, in the One God. I guess we could put it this way, God is so brimming with vitality and life that He cannot be hemmed in by the normal language we use to describe one another!

Let's go back to St. Augustine again. He was the bishop of a town called Hippo, which no longer exists, but once was on the south shore of the Mediterranean Sea. One day this great bishop and thinker was strolling along the beach, like we might at Jones Beach or Rockaway, and he came across a little boy who had dug a hole in the sand, just like little kids do now. But this young boy was busy running back and forth from the surf filling a pail with water and dumping it in the hole he had dug. Augustine stopped and asked what the boy was doing? The child answered, "I am going to empty the entire sea into this hole". Augustine smugly laughed and said that it would be impossible to do so but the boy shot back that it was "equally impossible for you, bishop, to comprehend the mystery of the Trinity". As impossible as it was to squeeze the whole sea in that little hole, it is impossible to squeeze a full knowledge of the Trinity into the mind. This boy obviously was headed for a career in theology!

Yet how true that boy's response was! And yet we can say something about God. As humans we are forced to use words, images, body language, facial expressions and symbols to express ourselves. We need those things to express what we have experienced of God, while acknowledging that we can never capture the Reality with our language.

God is hidden except in so far as He is in relationship with us. Remember that first reading. It is from the Old Testament Book of Exodus. On Mount Sinai, Moses recognizes God as Lord, "a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger but rich in kindness and fidelity". God, despite our short-comings, has an intense desire to live among us. The Hebrew word translated as "merciful" is associated with a word indicating the pregnant womb of a woman. It evokes the tender love a mother has for the child in her womb. God will walk with His people and He will "pardon their wickedness and their sins".

In the second reading Paul is addressing a fractured community that he founded at the Greek city of Corinth. If they live in peace with one another, Paul tells them, then the God of love and peace will be with them. In closing Paul pronounces a blessing still used in liturgical services and in which the Persons of the Trinity are evoked: "the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ ... the love of God (the Father) and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit..."

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Finally in the Gospel, St. John sees the tender compassion and mercy that Israel recognized as signs of God's Presence with them, manifested fully in Jesus. But more so, the love of God for us is revealed in Jesus' Passion and death. If you will, through Jesus, God tells us that He would do anything for us, even the surrender of His life. Through that self-giving we are invited to do likewise and thus enter God's very life. Putting aside any false notions that we may be dragging along, John proclaims that: "... God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world but that the world would be saved through Him." Another resonance or echo of the internal life of God.

In these and other Scriptural references, the early Church began to conceive something of the inner Reality of God. The ancient Greek thinkers had a term to describe the inner life of the Trinity: "Perichoresis" - which means going or dancing around. "Perichoresis" is like a vigorous lindy or spirited tarantella, each person interweaving, whirling in vibrant interaction with others. That novel, "The Shack", famous a few years ago, also employed that image.

The point of the dance is that it is not simply for God - it is a dance of love - it is an open circle inviting others unto the dance floor. God exists in relationship. Some may prefer to sit this dance out, but the Three-In-One circles back again and again to draw us in - even changing the pace and rhythm so that even the clumsiest of us can learn the steps in the dance of divine love. This probably accounts for the various times in life when a person is drawn to God.

One of my favorite films is the *Dead Poets Society*. Briefly it is the story of an unconventional English teacher, played by the late Robin Williams, in an upscale boarding high school for boys. There is scene where he is teaching his class about poetry. He tells them: "...huddle, huddle up...I have a little secret for you, we read poetry not because it's cute but because we are members of the human race, filled with passion...medicine, law, business, engineering are noble pursuits, necessary to sustain life, but poetry, beauty, romance, love are what we stay alive for...". And ladies and gentlemen, those are the very things that touch on the divine, those are the things that touch on God, those are the things that draw us into the divine love affair, which we call the Trinity. They touch on the Beauty ever ancient ever new - the Trinity, the God who beckons to us to join in His dance of love.

In Christ,  
Monsignor McGuirl

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Please be reminded that we are live-streaming Mass and other liturgical services, five times a week. Weekday Mass is at 9:00 A.M. on Monday, followed by the Novena Devotions in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, Wednesday, Friday, followed by the Rosary and Saturday. Sunday Mass is at noon.

For the present, the church is open for private prayer from 11: 00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. In part to avoid confusion and also because of the Sunday Mass at 12:00 P.M. we **will not open on Saturday or Sunday.**

There is a chance that weekday Mass might resumed in mid-June and Sunday Mass later in the summer but we will keep you informed through the parish website ([www.mercyhills.org](http://www.mercyhills.org)) and in the announcements at the live-streamed Masses.

Many thanks to our great parishioners, who despite the present unique situation, are still supporting the parish by either sending their collection envelopes or leaving them in the rectory mail slot (70-01 Kessel Street) or keeping their commitments to automatic giving and to the Annual Catholic Appeal. You are outstanding in your thoughtful generosity!

God bless you and stay safe!  
Monsignor McGuirl

## **MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY**

### **Joyful Mysteries**

- The Annunciation
- The Visitation
- The Birth of Our Lord
- The Presentation
- The Finding in the Temple

### **Luminous Mysteries**

- Baptism of Jesus Christ
- Christ Reveals Himself at Cana
- Proclamation of the Kingdom and Call to Conversion
- The Transfiguration
- Institution of the Eucharist

### **Sorrowful Mysteries**

- The Agony in the Garden
- The Scourging
- The Crowning With Thorns
- The Carrying of the Cross
- The Crucifixion

### **Glorious Mysteries**

- The Resurrection
- The Ascension
- The Coming of the Holy Spirit
- The Assumption of Our Lady
- The Coronation of Our Lady

The joyful mysteries are said on Monday and Saturday; the sorrowful mysteries on Tuesday and Friday; the glorious mysteries on Wednesday and Sunday; the luminous mysteries on Thursday.

## ***PRAY THE ROSARY***



### **PRAYER FOR HEALING**

Lord we ask You to lift up those who are facing illness today. We ask You to bring Healing, Comfort and Peace to their body, mind and soul. We ask You to calm their fears and let them feel the Healing power of your Love.