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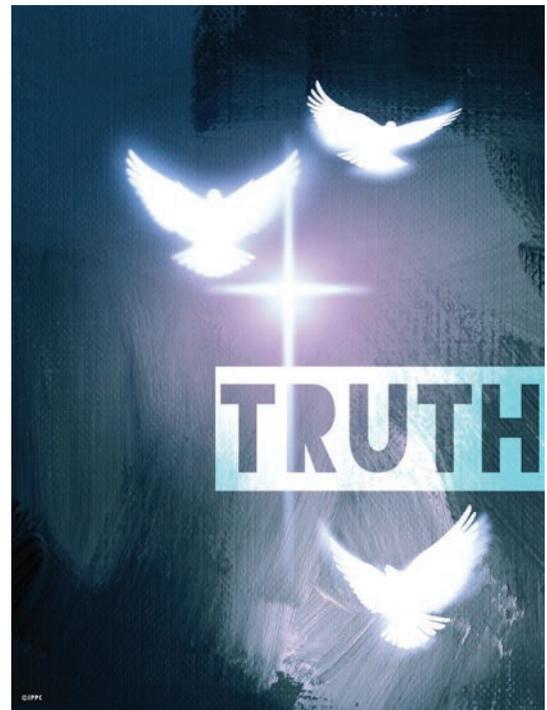
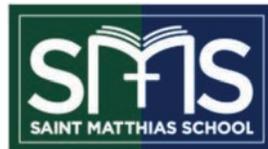
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THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. MATTHIAS

SUNDAY, JUN 12, 2022 – The Most Holy Trinity

The last day of
St. Matthias School
will be Tuesday,
June 14, 2022



Camp begins on June 27
See page 9 for more details

FOURTH ANNUAL EMPTY BOWLS FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP



Fourth Annual Empty Bowls
Saturday, June 25, 2022
See page 10 for all details

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This Week @ St. Matthias

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The Church is open for individual prayer

Mon-Fri: 7:30 am to dusk, Sat: 9 am to 6pm, and

Sun: 7:30 am to 1 pm, unless another service is taking place.

June - Month of the Sacred Heart

Sunday Jun 12, 2022 The Most Holy Trinity

8:00AM	Mass	Church
10:00AM	Mass	Church
12:00PM	Mass	Church

Monday, Jun 13, 2022 St. Anthony of Padua, Priest & Doctor of the Church

8:00AM	Mass/Miraculous Medal Novena	Church
9:30am	H.B. Scheduling	de Porres Rm

Tuesday, Jun 14, 2022 St. St. Joseph, Hymnographer
Flag Day
Last Day of SMS

8:00AM	Mass	Church
8:00AM	SMS Last day of School	
9:30AM	SMS Awards Ceremony	Church
9:30AM	H.B. Scheduling	de Porres Rm
11:00AM	SMS Prayer Service	Outside (weather permitting)
7:00PM	SMDP Racial Justice Initiative Core Mtg.	Zoom

Wednesday, Jun 15, 2022 St. Germaine Cousin

8:00AM	Mass	Church
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Thursday, Jun 16, 2022 St. John Francis Regis, Priest

8:00AM	Mass	Church
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Friday, Jun 17, 2022 St. Emily de Vialar, Foundress of Sisters of St. Joseph of the Apparition

8:00AM	Mass	Church
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Saturday, Jun 18, 2022 Sts. Marcus & Marcellian, Martyrs

10:00AM	Secular Franciscans Mtg.	de Porres Rm
3:30PM	Reconciliation	Church
5:00PM	Mass	Church

Sunday Jun 19, 2022

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ
Father's Day & Juneteenth

8:00AM	Mass	Church
10:00AM	Mass	Church
12:00PM	Mass	Church



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From the Pastor's Desk



Dear Friends,

This is the season of graduations. Thousands and thousands of students all over the nation are having their graduation celebrations this month. But many of them will not have the unique way of celebrating graduation as our 8th graders had here at St. Matthias School: celebrating it with the Holy Mass, followed by the graduation ceremony. The involvement and participation of the graduates in reading, singing, and leading the prayer of petitions brought joy and pride to their families, the faculty and administration of the school. The Pre-K and Kindergarten graduation ceremonies also had the unique Catholic touch – though without Mass.

This way of celebrating the graduation gives a distinct identity and message to our children and parents. The catholic identity makes us realize that we continue to further the mission of Jesus Christ through Catholic education. St. Matthias School motto, “Faith, Caring and Excellence,” puts our Catholic faith first without diminishing the importance given to caring for the person and striving for excellence in all fields of school education. Many students received awards for academics and for various other achievements. St. John Paul II rightly said: *“The mission of the Catholic school is the integral formation of students...”*

A couple of years ago, I was happy to read a report from the Wall Street Journal newspaper that found Catholic school students have more self-discipline than their counterparts. Here at St. Matthias, Mrs. Mary Lynch, our Principal, together with Mr. Joe Gidaro, our Vice-Principal and all the teachers, nurtured our students’ Catholic identity through daily prayer, Mass attendance, reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, celebrating other Catholic devotions like Rosary, May Crowning, Stations of the Cross, etc.

Such a faith-based formation is vital to the future of us Catholics as we know that these young students will continue our Catholic faith and heritage. In my homily during the Mass, I told them *“Remember, St Matthias will always be your home. You are always welcome here at St. Matthias. I hope you will continue to attend the Sunday Mass here, I hope you will continue to be altar servers. And I will be very happy if all of you can participate as readers/lectors and be ushers/ministers of hospitality, or join the choir.”*

Maintaining our St. Matthias School would not have been possible without the cooperation of parents, well-wishers of our parish community and other interested persons. So many of you – even though you have no children of your own in the school – have been very supportive and appreciative of the school in many different ways, especially through becoming “Tuition Angels” who brought much needed relief to so many families in financial straits. Thank you. Let us continue our efforts to bring the mission of Jesus Christ to as many more as possible through our commitment to St. Matthias Church and School.

Your brother in Christ,

Fr. Abraham Orapankal

Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Kgs 21:1-16; Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-6a, 6b-7; Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 21:17-29; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 11 and 16; Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday: 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14; Ps 31:20, 21, 24; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Sir 48:1-14; Ps 97:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7; Mt 6:7-15

Friday: 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20; Ps 132:11, 12, 13-14, 17-18; Mt 6:19-23

Saturday: 2 Chr 24:17-25; Ps 89:4-5, 29-30, 31-32, 33-34; Mt 6:24-34

Sunday: Gn 14:18-20; Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Lk 9:11b-17

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, Jun 11	5:00PM	Spiritual Intention for the Soul of Marie DeFeo, by daughter, Lisa & Family
Sunday, Jun 12	8:00AM	Joan Lavelle, by Phillip & Freda Russo
	10:00AM	Health & Blessings for the Moksha & Nathan Families, by The Nathan Family
	12:00PM	Lou Carcich, by Joan Simon
	(5:30PM)	Intention of Parishioners
Monday, Jun 13	8:00AM	Dominic Fama, by The Fama Family
Tuesday, Jun 14	8:00AM	Frank Catalina, by Catherine Campen
Wednesday, Jun 15	8:00AM	Vincent John Sitao, by Janice Caasi
Thursday, Jun 16	8:00AM	Thomas Nasdeo, by Nasdeo Family
Friday, Jun 17	8:00AM	Jim Weber, by Eileen Weber
Saturday, Jun 18	5:00PM	Joseph Doyle, by Isabelle & John Baker
Sunday, Jun 19	8:00AM	Hugh Scott, by Friends of Somerset Run
	10:00AM	All Fathers—Living & Deceased
	12:00PM	June Jones, by Ellin & Gil Ossandon
	(5:30PM)	Intention of Parishioners

Pray for Those Getting Married

Stefanie Castanza & Edward Hernandez — June 17, 2022

Pray for those who are sick...

If you or a family member are sick, please call the Parish Office or email Kelly Counts at kcoun@stmatthias.net to add the name to this list. Names will be listed in the bulletin for 6 weeks. Please let us know if this time period needs to be extended. We want to know how you are doing and want to offer you the support of our prayers. New people on our prayer list are noted in blue.

Beth & Jay Adams

[Erika Adams](#)

Carolyn Banghart

Brandon Barbarite

Edith Benko

Anthony Brandi

Barbara Butler

Tara Capatosto

Ellen Catalina

Marlene DiMaggio

Mary Dolan

William Dolphin

[Vivian Dong](#)

Josephine Geenty

Claudia Gemgnani

Emma Gergely

Rose Gessner

Mary Gidaro

[Sloopy & John Hoffman](#)

Baby Isla-Rose Huffman

Rose Larangeira

The Litakis Family

Kenneth & Kelly Magat

King Manansala

Susan & Tosh Manansala

Christine L. Matthews

Beatrice May

Margaret Menendez

Carol Millemann

Sabrina Moloney

Dave Moynihan

Eleanor Nagy

Janice Navatkowski

Jean Oberlander

Dan O'Brien

Danny Ongchangco

Paul & Doris Paetow

Robert Pellegrino

Jim Pettit

Christina Pietrowiak

Ruth Piscadlo

Chris Retz

Gabriel Rivera

Jaxon Rivera

Barbara Ruziska

Maria Schwenzer

Lena Sciotto

Buddy Scott

Sr. Mary Amata Shina, OSF

Sr. Rosaria Shina, OSF

Dennis Stuewe

Jeff Sullivan

Jeff Tami

Angie Montalbo Tinio

Jeaninne Tosh

Regina Wellman

Mark T. Worthington

And for all who are ill, homebound, elderly, in nursing care, or living with chronic illness, we pray.

Pray for those who have died...

— “His mercy endures forever.” Chronicles

Mary Louise Flystra

Thomas A Lyons III

Reflect



Smile with Your Family



John was the cop in a small town where everyone knew each other. One night, during his night patrol, he spotted the town drunk walking down the street looking like he was up to no good. "Hey!" Said John, rolling down his window. "You're not heading for any trouble, are you?" "No sir!" Responded the drunkard with a big smile, "I'm heading to a lecture!" A lecture?! thought the cop incredulously at 1 am!?! *This I gotta see!*

After following him for a few blocks John was surprised to see him going into his house. "Hey!" John screamed out his window. "I thought you were heading to a lecture?!" The drunkard just

held his index finger and headed inside. Sure enough within a minute John heard the lecture loud and clear through the upstairs window, "JUST WHAT THE HELL WERE YOU DOING OUT ALL THIS TIME YOU NASTY GOOD-FOR-NOTHING. I WILL NOT PUT UP WITH NONSENSE ANY MORE..." 😊

What do you call a can opener that doesn't work? A can't opener. 😊

I haven't slept for 10 days, because that would be too long. 😊

My doctor told me that I need to exercise in the morning everyday! So I told myself I need a new doctor. 😊



TRINITY SUNDAY: The Spirit interrupts . . .

"... the Spirit of truth . . . will guide you to all truth." John 16: 12-15

A woman in need of help saw a row of cars parked at a church at noontime. Hoping that someone there might be able to help, she went inside and found a group gathered in a small meeting room. She asked if the church might be handing out food, but she was told that she had come on the wrong day. This was the weekly midday Scripture study group. The food pantry would be open next week.

The woman was embarrassed for interrupting the Bible study, but said her family needed food that day, not next week. The parishioners apologized and said that she would simply have to wait until the twice-monthly food giveaway came around again. With a look of disappointment, the woman backed out of the church door and walked away empty-handed.

That's when the group was interrupted a second time - but this time, it was by the participants! And the interruption was transformative rather than intrusive. Several participants got up from their chairs and followed the woman out the door and met her in the parking lot. They did their best to meet her needs from their own resources. A couple of the women even offered to give her a ride to the grocery store and then back to her home with the food they had helped her to purchase for her family.

In that interrupted Scripture study, the group was able to hear in the distressed woman's voice more than a plea for food. They heard God's invitation to partner in the work of making whole again the world that God loves so much.

The Spirit of truth - that perfect love that binds God the Father to the Son and God to us - manifests itself in our lives in ways so ordinary that we barely notice. God "interrupts" our lives in different voices and people and circumstances - all guiding us to the "truth": that the meaning and purpose of our lives are realized in embracing and being embraced in the creative, sustaining love of God.

Marriage Tune-Up



How do you get your spouse to really talk? Try pulling out their high school yearbook, your wedding album, or family videos and look at them together. Ask stuff like "What was your favorite memory?" or "What did you like most about that?"

Parenting Tune-Up



"The Spirit of truth will guide you to all truth." (John 16:13) We humans may be tempted to lie, or at least bend the truth, when we are afraid. Talk with your child about times when it might be hard to tell the truth. Perhaps share a time that was difficult for you.

The Universal Testimony of Trinity

A good illustration of the Trinity comes from world-renowned scientist Dr. Henry Morris. He notes that the entire universe is Trinitarian by design. The universe consists of three things: matter, space, and time. Take away any one of those three and the universe would cease to exist. But each one of those is itself a trinity. Matter = mass + energy + motion. Space = length + height + breadth. Time = past + present + future. Thus the whole universe witnesses to the character of the God who made it (cf. Psalm 19:1).

The oldest doctrinal formulation of the Church's belief in the Trinity is found in the Apostles' Creed

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The Universal Testimony of Trinity (continued)

which has served both as the basis of instruction for catechumens and as the Baptismal confession of Faith since the second century. Later, the Nicene Creed, originating at the Council of Nicaea (AD 325), stated the doctrine more explicitly. This creed was introduced into our Western liturgy by the regional council of Toledo in AD 589. God has revealed to us three separate functions that are carried out by the Three Persons. He has told us that it is proper to attribute to God the Father the work of Creation, to God the Son the work of Redemption and to God the Holy Spirit the work of Sanctification. Our knowledge of God as Trinity is made possible by God, Who has chosen to reveal Himself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. As Father, God has brought forth the created universe, including our own being. As Son, Jesus has made known a God who hears our cries, who cares, who counts the hairs on our head and who loves us so passionately that He became one of us in order to suffer for our sins, and even to die for us. As Spirit, God remains with us and within us.

Aggressively selfish child?

A report some years ago, allegedly by the Minnesota Crime Commission, painted a dark picture of human nature indeed, particularly with regard to small children. I quote: "Every baby starts life as a little savage. He is completely selfish and self-centered. He wants what he wants when he wants it – his bottle, his mother's attention, his playmate's toy, his uncle's watch. Deny him these once, and he seethes with rage and aggressiveness, which would be murderous were he not so helpless. He is, in fact, dirty. He has no morals, no knowledge, no skills. This means that all children not just certain children are born delinquent. If permitted to continue in the self-centered world of his infancy, given free rein to his impulsive actions to satisfy his wants, every child would grow up a criminal a thief, a killer, or a rapist." [Cited in R. Scott Richards, *Myths the World Taught Me* (Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 5335), p. 73.]

It is to transform this self-centered human nature into a selfless, God-centered one that the Second Person of the Holy Trinity took human form as described in today's Gospel. Modern society follows the so-called "I-and-I" principle of unbridled individualism and the resulting consumerism. But the doctrine of the Blessed Trinity challenges us to adopt an "I-and-God-and-neighbor" principle: "I am a Christian insofar as I live in a relationship of love with God and other people." Like God the Father, we are called upon to be productive and creative persons by contributing to the building up of the fabric of our family, our Church, our community and our nation. Like God the Son, we are called upon to reconcile, to be peacemakers, to put back together that which has been broken, to restore what has been shattered. Like God the Holy Spirit, it is our task to uncover and teach truth and to dispel ignorance.

"If God is everywhere, I got him!"

A pastor was trying to explain to a little Sunday school child that God is calling people everywhere in the world to believe in Him. "God is much bigger than we imagine him to be and God can use all of us in lots of different ways to do his work everywhere," the pastor said. "God is everywhere!" "Everywhere?" asked the little boy. "Everywhere!" said the pastor. The boy went home and told his mother, "God is everywhere! The pastor said so." "Yes, I know," said the mother. "You mean he is even in the cupboard?" "Yes," said the mother. "In the refrigerator – even when we close the door and the light goes out?" "Yes," said the mother. "Even in the sugar bowl?" the lad asked as he took the lid off. "Yes," said the mother, "even in the sugar bowl." The boy slammed down the lid and said, "Now I've got Him."

True, God is everywhere, but we cannot capture him! But we know God dwells in every person. So we need to respect ourselves and respect others. Our conviction of the presence of the Triune God within us should help us to esteem ourselves as God's holy dwelling place, to behave well in His holy presence, and to lead purer and holier lives, practicing acts of justice and charity. This Triune Presence should also encourage us to respect and honor others as "Temples of the Holy Spirit."

But the machine can't ask me about my arthritis!"

The true story is told of a woman named Mamie who made frequent trips to the branch post office. The postal clerk was a very caring person who inquired about her health each time. One day she confronted a long line of people who were waiting for service from the postal clerk. Mamie only needed stamps, so a helpful observer asked her, "Why don't you just use the stamp machine? You can get all the stamps you need and you won't have to wait in line." Mamie said, "I know, but the machine can't ask me about my arthritis."

That's part of the wisdom of Christ's coming to our earth to live among us as described in John 3: 16-18. He can relate to us in all of our daily needs. As we try to walk in Jesus' steps, we might do well to pray the ancient Irish poem set to an Irish ballad tune, which says,

***Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.***



Protecting the Sundial!

A missionary from Africa, on his home-leave, came across a beautiful sundial. He thought to himself, "That sundial would be ideal for my villagers in Africa. I could use it to teach them to tell the time of the day." The missionary bought the sundial, crated it and took it back to Africa. When the village chief saw it, he insisted that it be set up in the center of the village. The villagers were thrilled with the sundial. They had never seen something so beautiful in their lives. They were even more thrilled when they learned how it worked. The missionary was delighted by everyone's response to his sundial. He was totally unprepared for what happened a few days later. The people of the village got together and built a roof over the sundial to protect it from the rain and the sun!

Well, I think the sundial is a lot like the Holy Trinity, and we Christians are a lot like the African villagers. The most beautiful revelation of our faith is the teaching about the Holy Trinity, namely, the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit. But instead of putting the teaching to work in our daily lives, we have built a roof over it, just as the villagers did over their sundial. For many of us the Trinity seems of little practical value, when it comes to our daily lives. We treat it more like an ornament of our Faith

You don't need to understand God for Him to take over your life!

Thomas Edison, the inventor, once remarked: "We don't know what water is. We don't know what light is. We don't know what electricity is. We don't know what heat is. We have a lot of hypotheses about these things, but that is all. But we don't let our ignorance about these things deprive us of their use." The truth of that statement is real. Most of us do not know how an electric light works, how a telephone or a TV works, but this does not prevent us from using them.

Let us try to apply the same common sense to our Faith in the doctrine of the Trinity. Though the human mind is incapable of fully grasping the mystery of the Holy Trinity, there are clear indications of the Trinity in the New Testament.

a) The Annunciation (Luke 1: 26-38), describes how God the Father sent the angel Gabriel to Mary to announce to her that God the Holy Spirit, would "overshadow" her, and that God the Son would be made flesh in her womb.

b) During the baptism of Jesus (Matthew 3: 16-17), the Holy Spirit was shown descending on Jesus in the form of a Dove, while the Voice of God the Father was heard from the clouds.

c) John (Chapters 15 through 18), presents the detailed teaching of Jesus on the Persons of the Holy Trinity.

d) In the preaching mission given by the risen Lord to the disciples, Jesus commanded them to baptize people "in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." (Confer also Matthew 28:19; John 10:30).

Understanding the significance of the Trinity

Today's feast invites us to live in the awareness of the presence of the Triune God within us: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. The mystery of the Holy Trinity, a doctrine enunciated by the ecumenical councils of Nicaea and Constantinople, is one of the fundamental doctrines of Christianity and the greatest mystery of our Faith, namely, that there are Three Divine Persons, sharing the same Divine nature in one God. "There is one God, Who has three Persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Each Person is God, yet there is still only one God" (C.C.C. #234, #253-256). We have Father Who is the Creator, Son the Redeemer and Holy Spirit the Sanctifier and the Counselor. The doctrine of Three Persons in one God, equal in Divinity yet distinct in Person, is not explicitly spelt out in the Bible. Even the very word "Trinity" is not found in the Bible. But the doctrine of the Trinity underlies all major Christian feasts, including Christmas, the Epiphany, Good Friday, Easter, the Ascension and Pentecost. All the official prayers of the

Church, including the Holy Mass and the Sacraments, begin with an address to the Holy Trinity: "In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." We are baptized, absolved of our sins and anointed in the name of the Blessed Trinity. Throughout the world, church bells can ring three times a day inviting Christians to pray to God the Father (the Provider); God the Son (the Savior); and God the Holy Spirit (the Sanctifier). We bless ourselves with the Sign of the Cross invoking the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and we conclude our prayers glorifying the Holy Trinity, saying "Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit." Today's readings convey the fundamental mystery that the Triune God reaches out to people in love, seeking the deepest communion with them.





Finding God in Ukraine

Amid the destruction and death in the Ukraine, it's hard to imagine anything remotely revealing the presence of God. But if you look with the eye

of the heart and listen with the ear of the spirit, you'll see and hear God at work even in the horror taking place in Ukraine. Some signs of that God's presence:

Vladyslav operates a bakery in Kyiv. He employs adults with psychological disabilities. His shop specializes in cakes and pastries, as well as serving lunch. On the day before Russian troops stormed their country, Vladyslav gathered his staff together. They would stop selling baked goods to individual customers; instead, they would bake bread for all. They produce 300 loaves a day, bread that they give away to homes for the disabled and volunteer organizations. "I am not militant in my nature," Vladyslav says simply, "but I can bake bread." The love of God is in every loaf that Vladyslav bakes.

In Krakow, Poland — just across the Ukrainian border — a community of 40 Dominican sisters have opened their convent to refugees: children, women, the elderly — even their dogs. Things are getting a little cramped, but the sisters tell the refugees they are welcome to stay as long as they need to. In Poland and Ukraine, more than 1,000 religious communities of women are providing housing, food, clothing, and emotional support to thousands of Ukrainians who have been displaced by the war. These sisters, like so many of their Polish neighbors, reveal in their kindness and compassion the Gospel Jesus.

This is Hanna's first year as a teacher. The 23-year-old never imagined teaching her class of fifth graders in the middle of a war — but, despite the bombings and airstrikes, millions of children in Ukraine are still going to school. Hanna is one of hundreds of dedicated and creative teachers who are managing to keep their students engaged in learning. Some students can't attend every day because they're constantly on the move from shelter to shelter. Many of Hanna's students are signing in on their parents' phones. Hanna says that the routine of school and seeing their friends online is helping. "Even if I'm not teaching the full curriculum," Hanna says, "it's good that they're talking to me [and] to each other . . . [it] remind[s] us of something normal." The sacrifice and courage of many good people trying to make things "normal" for their fellow Ukrainians — "normal" is the Spirit of God alive in their care of one another.

[The New York Times Magazine, March 27, 2022; National Catholic Reporter: Global Sisters Report, March 24, 2022; NPR, April 5, 2022.]

On this Trinity Sunday, we celebrate the God who reveals himself not only in the wonders of nature and the miracles of science, but in every experience of love and expression of compassion. God's Spirit opens our eyes to see all women and men as daughters and sons of God the Father of all; the Spirit opens our hearts to embrace one another as sisters and brothers in God's Christ. May our own hearts and minds be opened to the Spirit of God revealing such love and hope in our own lives, however small and ordinary and unassuming; may the Spirit instill in us the wisdom to realize the goodness in all things that can enable us to transform our lives and world in God's life and love.



LOVING DAY – June 12th (Contributed by Kerry Milan– parishioner)

Mildred Delores Jeter and Richard Perry Loving grew up in the U.S. in Caroline County, Virginia. They fell in love and wanted to get married in 1958. But for interracial couples like the Lovings, marriage was against

the law in their home state (and many other places). So, they drove to Washington, DC, to be legally married and then returned to Virginia. But the Lovings didn't realize that they had just broken another law. It was also illegal to leave the state to get married and then return to Virginia. A few weeks later, the police entered their home at night while they were asleep in bed. The Lovings were arrested and taken to jail.

Their marriage was a crime punishable by one to five years in prison. In court, Judge Leon M. Bazile sentenced them to

one year in prison. But he said they could avoid prison if they left Virginia and did not return together for 25 years. They agreed and moved to Washington, DC. In 1963, as the country was talking about a civil rights bill and a March on Washington, Mildred decided to take action.

She hand-wrote a letter to U.S. Attorney General Robert "Bobby" Kennedy to ask for help. His office suggested contacting the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), which referred the Lovings to a young lawyer named Bernard S. Cohen. Cohen, working with another young lawyer named Philip H. Hirschkop, would appeal the Lovings' case for years, and for free.

The Lovings' case went to the Supreme Court—the highest court in the U.S. Their lawyers argued that the Lovings were denied equal protection under the law. Richard Loving

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Reflect

LOVING DAY – June 12th (continued)

asked their lawyers to “tell the Court I love my wife.” In a unanimous decision, the court struck down centuries of racist laws against interracial marriage and relationships. Finally, almost nine years after they were arrested, the Lovings won the right to live together as a family in the place they called home.

The [Loving v. Virginia](#) decision was June 12th, 1967. And that’s why Loving Day is on June 12th. The Loving Decision should be remembered as an important moment for civil rights. But it’s also a part of a much longer and broader his-

tory of standing up to the structural inequities and racist attitudes that we must continue to dismantle today. This is a summarized version of the Lovings’ story. For more detail, there are numerous books and movies on the topic, including the film, “Loving”, released in 2016.

-- Excerpted from [lovingday.org](#).



From the Pastoral Staff

Today we celebrate Holy Trinity Sunday which always follows the feast of Pentecost which we celebrated last Sunday. It’s when the apostles received the Holy Spirit. Pentecost also was the end of the Easter Season. We are now back to ordinary time which will last until the first Sunday of Advent. Ordinary Time is the longest stretch of the Liturgical year.

So what is Trinity Sunday... Why do we celebrate it?

The Trinity is that there is one God... but Three persons. The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

It’s been said that many preachers think that Trinity Sunday is one of the hardest.. If not the hardest Sunday to preach. Having had to preach on this Sunday over the years.. I can attest to this being a tough Sunday to preach. This is because the Trinity is a difficult concept to both describe and grasp. There is but one God ... but in God there are three equal yet separate per-

sons. God the Father... God the Son ... and God the Holy Spirit.

God the Father... The creator... God the Son the Redeemer ... God the Holy Spirit... who gives us strength on our journey as disciples.

As I said, it’s a hard concept to explain and equally as hard to grasp. Although Simplistic... One of the best descriptions I’ve heard over the years to help understand the concept of the Trinity was ... the “egg.”

The egg has three components that make the “egg” ... the shell... the egg white... and the yolk. Three different components... Each equal and necessary... but “one egg.”

No matter how we try to describe the Trinity ... it still is a “mystery.” One which we try our best to understand in our humanity here on earth.

I want to finish by leaving you with this thought -

We as Catholic Christians honor the

Trinity not only today on Trinity Sunday But every day of our lives. Every prayer we say ... every Mass we Attend... every prayer service ... wake Service starts with what is known As the Trinitarian formula.

“In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit Amen.”

So the next time you are going to pray or you are attending Mass ... think about the words you are going to say. We say these words so often they become rote.

But Pause to think... that as we say the words In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit we are honoring the Trinity... one God Three persons.

Peace of Christ
Deacon Russ



Pray



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Current Month	In-Pew/Mail	Parish Giving	Weekly Total	Weekly Total
Week 49 - June 5, 2022	\$18,111.00	\$18,209.75	\$36,320.75	\$29,972.92
Week 50 - June 12, 2022	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$32,905.25
Week 51 - June 19, 2022	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$23,851.75
Week 52 - June 26, 2022	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$19,543.25
			Month-to-date Total	June Total Last Yr
Building Repair/Replacement Fund: \$2,888.00			\$36,320.75	\$106,273.17
			Current Year-to-date	Year-to-date as of Jun 30,
			\$1,293,333.81	\$1,325,691.37

Stewardship Reflection Jun 12, 2022 Holy Trinity Sunday

“But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth...” (JOHN 16:13)

It has been said that the best gift we can give someone is to teach them how to pray. If you don't talk and more importantly, listen, to God every day, how else will you know what He is calling you to do? Just as you talk to family and friends every day, get in the habit of talking with God every day. Develop a daily prayer routine. Keep your prayers simple and sincere. This is best done in silence, when you can hear His response.

Reflexiones — 12de junio de 2022 - Domingo de la Santísima Trinidad

“pero cuando él venga, el Espíritu de la verdad, él los guiara hacia la verdad...” (Juan 16:13)

Se ha dicho que el mejor regalo que puede darle a alguien es enseñarlo a rezar. A menos que usted le hable y más importante, escuche a Dios cada día, ¿Como sabrá para que lo está llamando? Así como usted habla con su familia y sus amigos cada día, adopte el hábito de hablar con Dios cada día. Desarrolle una rutina diaria de oración. Mantenga sus oraciones sencillas y sinceras. Es mejor hacerlo en silencio, para que pueda escuchar Su respuesta.

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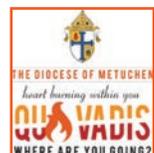


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Local Community



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About St. Matthias (please contact the staff members on the cover for up-to-date information)

Parish Registration — Welcome to St. Matthias! Please register on our website. www.stmatthias.net/join-us, or visit the Parish Office.

Marriage — Registered parishioners should contact the parish office a year before the desired wedding date.

Baptism — Baptismal Preparation Sessions are held four times a year for registered parishioners. Please contact the parish office before the baby is born. The sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the second and fourth Sunday of each month, except during Lent.

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