

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

June 7, 2020

Date	Intentions	Requested by
Sun. 6/7	Sheila Peavy	Jeanne Smith
Wed. 6/10 9:00	Open	
Thurs. 6/11 12:10	Open	
Fri. 6/12 9:00	Open	
Sat. 6/13 4:00	Open	



Saint of the Week

St. Anthony of Padua (1195—1231)

Priest Patron of social workers, Feast Day June 10

We are formed by environment and grace, by politics and prayer, by church and conscience. All God's creatures conspire to teach us as well. We stumble. We stutter. We rise. We are lifted.

Summer Seminarian Assigned to OLM/St. Jude's

Peter Rusciollelli will be assigned to our mission for the summer (June 3—August 9). A native of Charlotte, Peter was in the first class of seminarians at St. Joseph's College Seminary in Charlotte. After graduating from minor seminary in May 2019, Peter continued into major seminary at Mount St. Mary's in Cincinnati, OH where he has three years left in his studies. Please join me in welcoming him to our community.



Stewardship Thought

Stewardship of treasure is based on giving a percentage of our income. If we have little income, we will give little. If we have greater income, we will give more. Whether we are poor or rich, we can each give a percentage of our income to church and other charities.

Scripture Readings for the Week

Sunday Most Holy Trinity Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18
 Monday 1 Kgs 17:1-6; Ps 121:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Mt 5:1-12
 Tuesday St. Ephrem, Deacon and Doctor 1 Kgs 17:7-16; Ps 4:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8; Mt 5:13-16
 Wednesday 1 Kgs 18:20-39; Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab and 8, 11; Mt 5:17-19
 Thursday St. Barnabas, Apostle Acts 11:21b-26; Acts 13:1-3; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Mt 5:20-26
 Friday 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16; Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14; Mt 5:27-32
 Saturday St. Anthony of Padua, Doctor 1 Kgs 19:19-21; Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10; Mt 5:33-37
 Sunday The Most Holy Body and Blood Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; 1 Cor 10:16-17; Jn 6:51-58



Father's Column

The Month of the Sacred Heart

Each month of the year has ascribed to it a particular devotion. As the feast of the Sacred Heart is usually celebrated in June it thus has become the month of the Sacred Heart.

Devotion to Our Lord's Sacred Heart has a firm foundation in Scripture. The piercing of Jesus's Heart with the soldier's lance on Good Friday corresponded to the rending of the veil in the Temple, signifying access to the divine for all. Secondly, in a deeply intimate moment the Sunday following Easter, we see the healing of St. Thomas's doubt when the Lord bids him to place his hand into His open side, thus touching His pierced and Sacred Heart.

In the providence of history, Our Lord sought to inaugurate explicit devotion to His Sacred Heart by appearing to St. Margaret Mary in France beginning in June of 1675, showing her His open, pierced side saying: "Behold this Heart which has so loved men that it has spared nothing, even to exhausting and consuming itself, in order to testify its love. In return, I receive from the greater part only ingratitude, by their irreverence and sacrileges, and by the coldness and contempt they have for me in this sacrament of love."

The Lord therefore asked St. Margaret Mary to spread devotion to His Sacred Heart while promising: "I promise you in the excessive mercy of my Heart that its all-powerful love will grant to all those who receive Holy Communion on nine first Fridays of consecutive months the grace of final repentance; they will not die under my displeasure or without receiving their sacraments, my divine Heart making itself their assured refuge at the last moment."

In addition to this consoling promise, the Lord inspired a feast in honor of His Sacred Heart to be celebrated on the Friday following the week of Corpus Christi—a feast that continued to spread until it was adopted on the universal calendar of the Church.

As Catholics, we do emphasize Christ's relationship with His entire corporate Church. However, such a communal encounter is complemented by individual personal relationships. The feast for the Sacred Heart beautifully captures this aspect of our faith, permitting us to reach out individually, like Thomas amidst the other Apostles, and embrace the Heart that was sacrificed in love for us.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, *have mercy on us!*

Unfortunately with the spike in Covid-19 in Macon County and in Highlands, Fr. Barone will say public Mass on a week by week basis. Please watch the Mass via the link below. If you know of anyone who is returning to town and would like to be on this email, please have them call the office 526,2418 to be put on the list.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCU9ThLRy-C7yiT6PgKZ8o3g?view_as=subscriber

Please pray for our parishioners and their relatives and friends:

Mike Gannon, Dr. Larry Barbles, Patricia Pittari, Adele Hopkins, Maureen Hunt, Judy Sneed.

Also for those in our book of prayer intentions, and those for whom there is no one to pray.

**Please pray for all the men and women serving the United States in the military.
 Please pray for the souls of our beloved deceased.**