

OUR LADY OF SORROWS – ST. ANTHONY

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY



September, October and November, 2019

MISSION STATEMENT: Our Lady of Sorrow-St. Anthony Rosary Altar Society is a parish confraternity whose members seek to enhance the spiritual, social and cultural life of our parish through liturgical service, prayer and devotion to the gospel teaching, while honoring the desire of our Lord to better know, love and venerate His Mother. Members of the Rosary Confraternity pledge to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary and to secure her patronage by recitation of the Rosary for the mutual spiritual benefits of all members throughout the world.

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Dear Rosary Altar Members and People of the Parish,

Welcome back from our summer break. I hope you all had time to relax and are ready for this year's activities.

As we begin this year, we hit the ground running with some events coming up rather quickly. We start with the celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows on September 15th, along with the Parish Picnic. The Rosary Altar Society will sponsor an Annual Day of Recollection on October 19th and our Rosary Altar Regional Network Mass on October 26th, hosted by St. Raphael – Holy Angels Parish. I hope you will attend these events if possible, all are welcome

Our first meeting will be on September 9th, beginning in Church with an opening Prayer Service at 7:00 p.m.

Sincerely yours in Our Lady,
Natalie Baranowski, President



GENERAL INFORMATION – Our devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and our Lord is expressed in a variety of ways, including private recitation of the rosary, monthly group recitation of the rosary, attendance together at mass on the first Sunday of each month, prayer services throughout the year, an annual Day of Recollection and a trip to be sponsored by the Society. We imitate Mary’s willingness to help and serve others by laundering/ironing the altar linens, cleaning/refilling the holy water fonts, making rosaries for the missions, hospitals, schools and our military, making prayer shawls and donating to the annual Thanksgiving and Christmas appeals. In addition, we conduct a Palm Cross Sale, a Christmas Wreath Sale and participate in the Annual May Crowning and in the celebration of St. Joseph’s Day and make donations throughout the year to help those in need. These activities keep the Rosarians involved in our Parish and the Community.

CORPORATE SUNDAY is held on the first Sunday of every month, the Rosary is recited after the 8:00 a.m. Mass at the OLS Campus from July to December. From January to June, Corporate Sunday is held at the St. Anthony Campus with recitation of the rosary at 9:00 a.m. followed by the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Adjustments will be made to the schedule as our Mass schedules are sometimes adjusted according to the Parish needs. All parishioners are invited to recite the Rosary for our parish community, world peace, an end to abortion and terrorism; for the intentions of the Pope and for the special intentions of all those in attendance.

MONTHLY MEETINGS are held on the first Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Meeting Room at OLS. Because of Labor Day, the September meeting is held on the second Monday. Meetings are not held in January, July or August.

ROSARY MAKERS GROUP – Anyone interested in learning to make rosaries, please contact Betty Adamczyk at (609) 586-6771. Rosaries are sent to the missions, soldiers and given to the First Communicants of our parish.

PRAYER SHAWLS – The Prayer Shawl Group meets at 1:30 p.m. on the second Monday of the month in the Church Meeting Room at OLS. Prayer shawls are made for patients in area hospitals, assisted living facilities and nursing homes. If you or anyone you know is interested in making prayer shawls, please contact Joyce Farina at (609) 888-0437. If you have any completed prayer shawls or if you wish to donate yarn, call Joyce and she will make arrangements to meet with you. We also ask that you refrain from dropping off any completed prayer shawls or yarn at the parish office; be sure to call Joyce instead.

NEW MEMBERS – New members are always welcome to attend any of our meetings and will be greeted warmly and friendly. Being a Rosarian honors Mary as the Mother in whose care Jesus has placed us, and our Lady's blessings will be without measure. Once you are inducted into the Confraternity, you are a lifetime member. If you are considering joining the Rosary Altar Society and have questions, please feel free to contact any Board Member.

ESTHER

Esther was a Jewess from the tribe of Benjamin; her name comes from the Hebrew and means happiness. After her parents died, she was adopted by her Uncle Mordechai. Mordechai lived in Susan, Persia.

King Assueru, after divorcing his wife for disobedience, called for the most beautiful maidens to be brought to him. Esther was among these beautiful women and he chose her to be his Queen. Her Uncle, always fearing for her safety and wanting to be near to counsel her was always around the palace. Mordechai, while listening around the palace overheard the plot to massacre the Jews. He convinced Esther to use her position and influence over the King to stop the massacre. Esther knew it was dangerous.

Esther took great risk to appear before the King without being summoned. That in it could have gotten her killed, as it was a capital offense. She promised her Uncle she would do so after three days of prayer and fasting. She requested from her Uncle to have all the Jewish people do the same.

As she promised after the third day, Esther went to the King; he fortunately received her with joy. She asked for the King to dine with her. A royal favorite, Aman, also dined with them. Aman thinking he was going to be granted a favor, he had the gallows erected. He was going to request to have Mordechai, a man Aman hated to be executed. The King asked Esther what she wished but she did not reveal her request in front of Aman.

The King was not able to sleep that night after the banquet. He asked the Chronicles of the Nation be read to him. It was there he realized the man responsible for revealing the plot against him was never rewarded. The man to be rewarded was Mordechai. Mordechai was given the gift that Aman requested, the use of the apparel and insignia. The man who had the plot against him was Aman.

At a second banquet, the King again asked what Esther wished of him. She then told him of Aman was ordering the massacre of the Jewish people which were her people. The King ordered Aman to be hanged in the gallows Aman had prepared for Mordechai and all the property of Aman is turned over to Mordechai. Mordechai was also given the authority to address the governors of Persia authorizing the Jews to defend themselves against any attack. The battle lasted for two days. Aman had planned this so

the Feast of Purim would be the demise of the Jews, however, because of Queen Esther's bravery, in approaching King Assueseum, the Feast of Purim turned into a feast of triumph for the Jewish people.

By: Natalie Baranowski

Ref: New Advent Catholic Encyclopedia

The Tabernacle of Moses And The Holy Trinity

Scholars and critics are keen to point out that the Holy Trinity is never mentioned in the Bible. They are actually correct the term is never used in the Bible however in several passages in the Gospels Jesus does give enough hints about the actual existence of the Holy Trinity. The most famous passage is of course at the end of Matthew's gospel specifically Matthew 28:19-20:

19 Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the **Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,** **20** teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.”

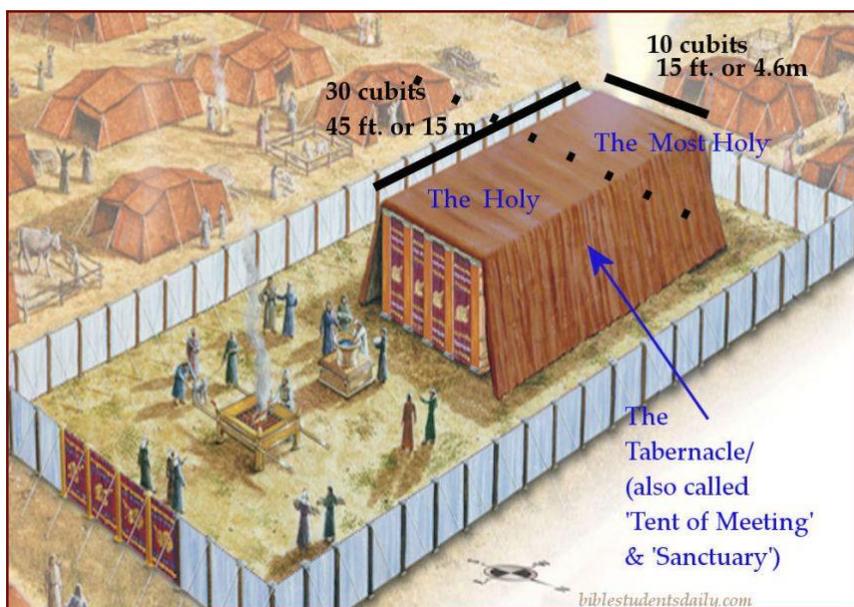
There are other clues as to the Trinity's existence in the Gospels and elsewhere in the New Testament specifically in the Epistles and Letters. The early Church Fathers (those who came after the last of the original Apostles died), men like Clement of Alexandria, Ignatius of Antioch, Justyn Martyr and others equally wrote about the Holy Trinity. Eventually after the legalization of Christianity by the Emperor Constantine in the 4th Century AD the doctrine of the Holy Trinity was officially adopted by the Church.

One would expect allusions to the Holy Trinity in the New Testament as after all the entire New Testament is totally about the second person of the Trinity Jesus Christ. However in the Old Testament or Jewish Scriptures known as the “Tanakh” one can also find hints as to the existence of the Holy Trinity. I would like to point out the one that I feel is very striking especially since it came about so early in Israel's history specifically in the time of Moses. This example comes from the time right after the Hebrew's Exodus from slavery in Egypt approximately in 1134 BC.

After Moses led the Hebrews out of captivity YHWH (God the Father) gave specific instructions to Moses on the building of the Tabernacle. The Tabernacle was a portable tent that went with the Hebrews during the 40 years in the desert and beyond when they entered the Holy Land under Joshua. It was intended by God to be the forerunner of the

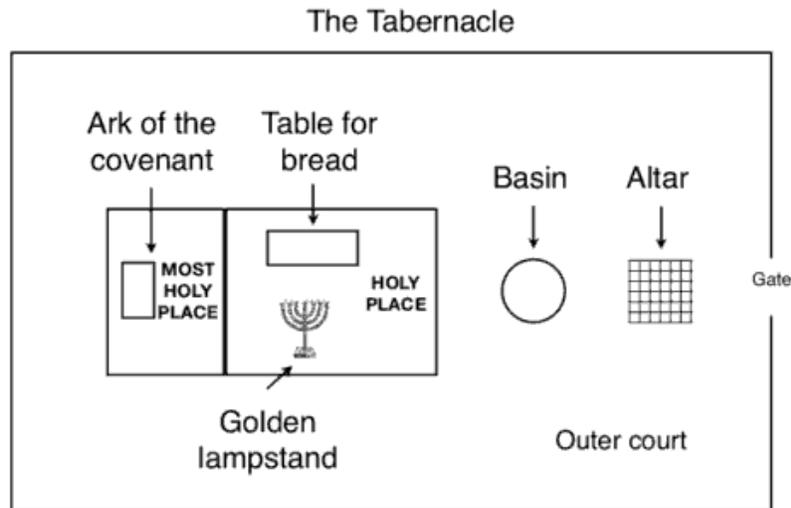
future Temple in Jerusalem. This first Temple in Jerusalem would be built eventually by King Solomon the son of King David in the 10th Century BC. For details on God's instructions to Moses detailing the construction of the Tabernacle and for items to go in it such as the golden lamp stand, the ark of the covenant, and the table upon which the "bread of the presence" was to be placed refer to The Book of Exodus Chapters 25 and 26.

Below is an artist's rendering of what the Tabernacle looked like:



Having introduced the Tabernacle to you I will now go into detail as to where the Holy Trinity may be found within that Tabernacle thus proving that even in the Old Testament God the Father provided powerful hints as to the existence of the Holy Trinity.

The tabernacle was divided into three distinct areas: the Outer Court, the Holy Place (also called the Inner Court), and the Holy of Holies. Thus the tabernacle was separated into three specific areas, with each area used for specific purposes. There were places for washings, prayers, candles, sacrifice, and the presence of God. And walking from the Outer Court to the Holy of Holies was a progression from earth to heaven, from the land of animal sacrifices to angels worshipping at the throne of God. This progression and many elements of the tabernacle still exist within our churches today, where specific areas are used for various sacraments and sacramentals and harken back to the tabernacle and Temple.



Refer to the diagram immediately above when reading the below text:

Let's first look for the first person of the Trinity (God the Father) in the Tabernacle. Actually he is quite easy to find as after one entered the tent and went into the Holy Place or first inner court if you were Moses and later the High Priest you were allowed to go through the veil into the back part of the tent which was the Holy of Holies or the Most Holy Place. Within the Holy of Holies God the Father dwelt as he would later dwell in the Holy of Holies in the Temple in Jerusalem. It was believed that God the Father dwelt seated on his throne between the wings of the golden cherubim on the Ark of the Covenant which was also kept within the Holy of Holies.

Now let's turn to the second person of the Trinity Jesus and where he can be found within the Tabernacle. Moses was instructed by God to construct and place in the room in front of the Holy of Holies (The Holy Place) a specific golden table upon which twelve disc shaped loaves of bread would constantly be kept as well as flagons of wine. At appropriate times the bread and wine would be consumed by the Temple Priests and then replaced. This bread was referred to as the "Bread of the Presence". Sound familiar? This table within the Holy Place of the Tabernacle and especially the special Bread of The Presence and flagons of wine that sat on top of it is one of the Old Testament's prefigurements of the Holy Eucharist in which Christ is totally present body,

blood, soul, and divinity. The Holy Eucharist is also kept in its own special place the Tabernacle in our churches just as there was a holy place for the Bread of the Presence and wine to be kept inside the Old Testament Tabernacle/Temple. Another related historical tidbit I find fascinating is that later on in the time of Christ during the second Temple period of the first-century AD, Jewish priests had a custom during the Passover of taking the Bread of the Presence out of the Holy Place and lifting it up to the pilgrims in Jerusalem for the Passover saying, “Behold God’s love for you”. This is very similar to what happens in our Liturgy of the Eucharist where the priest and deacon hold up the Eucharist and the Cup and the priest says “Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, happy are those who are called to his supper”. Clearly in the Old Testament Jesus Christ the Second person of the Holy Trinity is found in the first room (Holy Place) of the Tabernacle/Temple just as his Father can be found in the rear room the Holy of Holies.

Finally where can the Holy Spirit or the third person of the Holy Trinity are found within the Tabernacle/Temple? He can be found directly across from the Table holding the Bread of Presence and wine and he is pre-figured in the golden lamp stand (menorah) with seven separate “flames of light “or “tongues of fire” on each branch of the menorah. These lights or flames were constantly kept burning. Once again God had instructed Moses on what the lamp stand should look like and how it was to be built and the flames to be kept constantly lit. Now think forward to the first Pentecost when the Apostles and Our Lady received the Holy Spirit as recounted in Acts Acts 2:1-4:

1 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. **2** Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. **3** They saw what seemed to be **tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.** **4** All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Through both Testaments of the Bible one of the symbols used to represent the Holy Spirit is fire or flames representing the light of God. Clearly the lit menorah with its separate flames inside the Temple/Tabernacle opposite the Bread of the Presence is the Third Person of the Trinity.

There is no question that the Holy Trinity can indeed be found not only in the Christian New Testament but in the very ancient Hebrew Scriptures we refer to as the Old Testament as well.

Source Material - Formed - Lectio: Eucharist

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BIRTHDAYS ARE SPECIAL – It celebrates another year of achievements, and a year to look forward to new goals and accomplishments. Let us celebrate the following Rosarians as they march on to a new year of wonder.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS – Lia Bruschi and Gerri Smallwood – 1, Sheila Hyman– 15, Ruth Woodcock – 17, Trisha Day – 19, Sandy Mulvania and Peggy Anderson – 21, Eleanor Pacera – 22, Virginia Atwood – 29

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS – Carmela Perferi, Betty Adamczyk and Kathy Buchanan – 11, Eileen DeSantis – 14

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS – Georgette Radlinsky – 8, Betty Angelucci – 10, Gertrude Pinto – 14, Rosemary LaMachia – 18, Theresa Butera – 23, Merry DeGaga – 28, Loretta Strano – 29, Joyce Farina - 30

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

1 – Corporate Sunday at OLS, Mass at 8:00 a.m. followed by the Rosary
9 – Prayer Service followed by Monthly Meeting at 7:00 p.m. beginning in the Church
16 – Prayer Shawl Group Meeting, 1:30 p.m. Church Meeting Room

SEPTEMBER FEAST DAYS AND HOLIDAYS

8 – Nativity of the Blessed Mother
15 – Feast Day of Our Lady of Sorrows
15 – Parish Picnic

OCTOBER CALENDAR – MONTH OF THE ROSARY

6 – Corporate Sunday at OLD, Mass at 8:00 a.m. followed by the Rosary
7 – Monthly Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Meeting Room
19 – Rosary Altar Society Day of Recollection, Registration Beginning at 8:00 a.m. in Church Hall
21 – Prayer Shawl Group Meeting, 1:30 p.m. Church Meeting Room
26 – Rosary Altar Regional Network Mass at St. Raphael – Holy Angels at 8:00 a.m.

OCTOBER FEAST DAYS AND HOLIDAYS

7 – Our Lady of the Rosary
14 – Columbus Day

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

- 3 – Corporate Sunday at OLS, Mass at 8:00 a.m. followed by the Rosary
- 4 – Monthly Meeting/Speaker
- 9 – Christmas Wreath Sale begins
- 12 – Prayer Shawl Group Meeting, 1:30 p.m. Church Meeting Room

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

- 1 – All Saints Day
- 2 – All Souls Day
- 28 – Thanksgiving Day