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May 31, 2026



TRINITY SUNDAY

HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

Saturday 5:15 p.m. Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 noon

Masses: Monday-Saturday: 8:00 a.m.

Last Tuesday of the month: 7:00 p.m.

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK ...

Dear OLP Family,

I am very happy to share with you an exciting news: Deacon James F Prumos will be ordained to the Order of Priests at the Cathedral on June 20th, 10am. This is a wonderful news for us because Deacon Prumos is our parishioner! A vocation to priesthood from our parish is a matter of joy and pride for us all, and it could serve as an inspiration for our youth. His family is part of our OLP family and his mother Mary Prumos has been serving us as a Eucharistic Minister. The newly ordained priest will have his first Mass here in his home-parish at 12 noon on Sunday, June 21. Please pray for Deacon Prumos who said 'Yes' to serve God and His Church.

You must be aware of another big event: this year 2026 marks 250 years since the signing of the Declaration of Independence, first adopted in Philadelphia, on July 4, 1776. The remarkable story of American Independence is the legacy of the crucial characters and events that resulted in a small rag-tag army defeating the mightiest empire in the world and establishing the greatest republic ever to exist. This is our shared heritage and our proud destiny. This is a time to rejoice, celebrate and thank God for our "one nation, under God."

But sadly, we are deeply divided as we mark our country's semi quincentennial, caught between historic pride in the nation's milestone and frustration with current political polarization. According to a CNN/SSRS poll released April 3, Americans are divided by intense levels of cynicism, viewing both the Democratic and Republican parties in deeply negative terms. A full 77% of Americans, the Pew Research Center reported April 15, think the nation's political system needs major changes or complete reform.

I believe that we need to go beyond this polarization and celebrate. This milestone can be used for re-visiting the intentions of our founding fathers as laid out in the Declaration of Independence and the Preamble to the U.S. Constitution: to form a more perfect union, establish justice, ensure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty and equality to all citizens.

There are many nationwide year-long celebrations taking place. What about us Catholics? We are celebrating this milestone through a series of national initiatives:

- 1. Consecration to the Sacred Heart:** On June 11, 2026, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) will officially consecrate the United States to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, marking the first time such an action has been taken on a national scale.
- 2. Novena Preparation:** Leading up to the consecration, Catholics are invited to pray a 9-day novena from June 3 through June 11.
- 3. Spiritual Contributions:** The USCCB has launched the "We Hold These Truths" initiative, inviting parishes to participate in 250 hours of Eucharistic Adoration wherever possible, and 250 works of mercy in honor of the nation's milestone.

Let us pray that these two events - 250th Anniversary of our nation and the Ordination of Deacon Prumos - will be happy milestones for us all, making us more united as a nation and as a parish.

Your brother in Christ,
Fr. Abraham Orapankal



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

May 31, Sunday 8:00am

+Susan Gibson from Kathy & Steve Whooley

10:00am

+Anna Medvedz from Family

12:00 noon

+Anthony Sclafani from The Aube
Family

June 1, Monday 8:00am

+John Quilla from The Borg Family

June 2, Tuesday 8:00am

+Patricia & Robert Burke from The
Kennedy Family

June 3, Wednesday 8:00am

+Marie Girona from Jeannie Delaney

June 4, Thursday 8:00am

+Kate & Andrew Delcol from The
Kennedy Family

June 5, Friday 8:00am

+For our Parishioners

June 6, Saturday 8:00am

+Tom Hall from JoAnn Grandal
5:15pm

+ Deceased Members of the Lair Family
from Marie, Joyce, & Pat

June 7, Sunday 8:00am

+ To the Gloria of God from Virginia

10:00am

+Vickie Valentin from The Spinogatti Family

12:00 noon

+Neal Fackina from The Fackina
Family

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday May 31

11:00am Knight Fellowship with
Parishioners - Parish Hall

Monday - June 1

8:30am Novena - Church

Tuesday - June 2

5:30 - 9:30pm Scouts - Parish Center
7:00pm Blue Army Devotions- Church

Wednesday - June 3

7:00pm KOC Business Mtg - Parish Hall

Thursday - June 4

7:00pm Columbiettes Officers Mtg - Regina Caeli Rm
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal - Church

Friday - June 5

No Activities

Saturday June 6

4:00pm Confessions - Church

Sunday June 7

No Activities

Sanctuary Candle

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Bread & Wine

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Russell & Gladys Lair
from
Grandchildren



STEWARDSHIP

Due to early publication, collection will be
posted for next week's bulletin.

Ministry Schedule for

June 6/7, 2026

5:15pm Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Barbara Sinko

Karen Senatore, Barbara Balog

Reader: Gloria DeMarzo

Altar Server: Delgado Family

8:00 a.m. Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Roseanne Brady,

Kenneth Egan, Alan Nygard

Reader: Thomas Bednar

10:00 a.m. Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Maryann Shingola,

Arlene & Augustus Cezar

Reader: Corinne Ambrosi

Altar Server: Alexis Nwinyi

12:00 Noon

Eucharistic Ministers: Lorraine O'Prandy,

Frank Heelan, Kathy Kazary

Reader: Thomas Deignan

Altar Server: Ashley Alfaro

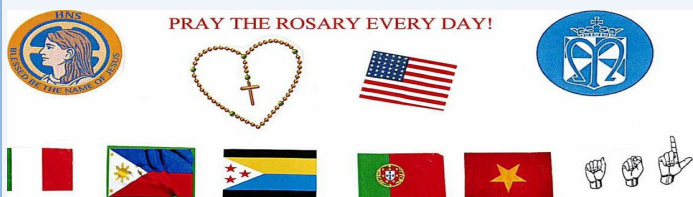


The Holy Name Altar Rosary Society's Hour with Mary service held on May 17, 2026 was another huge success! Thank you to all who participated and assisted in making it special. Especially, Fr. Abraham, Fr. John, Paul Medvetz, Barbara Sinko, Michael & Angela Chundak, all the Society greeters, and Flynn Funeral Home.

Congratulations to our newest members who were installed during this service: Benjamin Praval, Teresa Natole, Adjoua Pauline Kouakou and Donna Werdann. We look forward to working with you!

This year the Hail Mary's of the Rosary were recited in 13 languages, including English. Special thanks to our participants: German by Fr. John Zec, Slovak by Helena Medvetz, Spanish by Jaqueline Lok, Russian by Frank Heelan, Polish by Stan Bonczek, French by Adjoua Pauline Kouakou, Italian by EJ Onyschak, Tagalog by Arlene Cezar, Konkani by Fatima Luke, Portuguese by Maria Pinhal, Vietnamese by Xuong Nguyen and, American Sign Language by Diane Dahl.

Looking forward to seeing you all next year so that YOU get to experience, that through prayer. No matter the language, we are all united under God!



Please pray for the Sick

Eunice McLaughlin, Raymond Miller,
Danielle Maglies, Anna Verrico, Rolando Rey,
Christine Mary Brown, Donna Ferrara, Lonie Ebarle,
Julia Forsythe, Joanne M., Maria Lavid, Teddy Sabo,
Lisa Sabo, Norma Nebus, Nancy Gaid, Joan Trainor,
Peter Rutkowski, Renata Wisnik, Raul Ramos,
Veronica Roush, Suzanne Pontes Sarisky, Kelly Lease,
Maria Turek, Alex Deliso, John Herring, Marie Burke,
Bill Herring, Mercedes de Leon, Eve Morawski,
Andrew Southern, Shelly Greene, Danuta, Debra Ambrosi,
Michael L., Wendy Snee, Catherine Miller,
Tano Camarillo, Elizabeth Savner, Joan Quinn

Please pray for the Dearly Departed

Anne Trepono, Debbie Hernandez, Donald Jantas,
Darlene Holowka, Debbie Mullen, Madeline Strong,
Octavio Ruiz, John Harvie, Anthony Alexander,
Thomas J. Felcetto, Evelyn Mrozek, Mildred Manresa,
Marie Girona, Evelyn Codd, Gary Dzama,
Michael Sena, Marie Pugliese, Stefan Wysocki,
Julia Dischler, Angelo VanNostrand

Thank you to Ann Heelan for painting the statue of Our Lady in the garden by the Church. It needed a touch up badly. Ann made Our Lady look more beautiful.



HOW SAINTS EXPLAINED THE HOLY TRINITY

St. Patrick, the missionary patron saint of Ireland, used the shamrock to explain the Holy Trinity. He picked one with its trifoliate leaves and asked if it were one leaf or three. No one could answer – the shamrock leaf looked like one, but it clearly had three parts. Patrick said: "The mystery of the Holy Trinity one God in Three Persons: The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit - is like this, but more complex and unintelligible."

St. Cyril, the teacher of the Slavs, tried to explain the Mystery of the Most Holy Trinity using sun as an example. He said, "God the Father is that blazing sun. God the Son is its light and God the Holy Spirit is its heat but there is only one sun. So, there are three Persons in the Holy Trinity, but God is One and indivisible."

St. John Maria Vianney used to explain Holy Trinity using lighted candles and roses on the altar and water in the cruets. "The flame has color, warmth and shape. But these are expressions of one flame. Similarly, the rose has color, fragrance and shape. But these are expressions of one reality, namely, rose. Water, steam and ice are three distinct expressions of one reality. In the same way one God revealed Himself to us as Father, Son and the Holy Spirit."

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. We need to see the Trinity as the model for our Christian families. We are created in love -- to be a community of loving persons, just as the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are united in love. From the day of our Baptism, we have belonged to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. How privileged we are to grow up in such a beautiful family! Hence, let us turn to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit in prayer every day. We belong to the family of the Triune God. The love, unity and joy in the relationship among the Father, Son and Holy Spirit should be the supreme model of our relationships within our Christian families. Our families become truly Christian when we live in a relationship of love with God and with others.

"I'm surprised at you:"

An English teacher of a 21-sophomore high school class put a small chalk dot on the blackboard. He then asked the class what it was. A few seconds passed and then someone said, "That is a chalk dot on the blackboard." The rest of the class seemed relieved that the obvious had been stated, and no one else had anything to say. "I'm surprised at you," the teacher told the class. "I did the same exercise yesterday with a group of kindergartners and they thought of 50 different things the chalk mark could be: an owl's eye, a cigar butt, the top of a telephone pole, a star, a pebble, a squashed bug, a rotten egg, a bird's eye, and so on." The older students had learned how to find a right answer, but had lost the ability to look for more than one right answer. The Holy Spirit helps us, in his wonderful Wisdom, to see more than we might have seen by ourselves. The Spirit's vision allows us wonderful options for expansion and new possibilities. It is the Spirit's Wisdom that reveals the Word to us. It is the Wisdom of the Spirit that shows us our sin, which guides us, which instructs us, which leads us in the way to Life Everlasting.

A Scientist testifies to 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).

“Trinity” is not in the Bible, but...

True, the term “Trinity is not in the Bible, but the doctrine of the Trinity is based fully in the Bible:

- 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 “come upon” her, that “the power the Most High will overshadow” her, that the Son would be made flesh in her womb: “Therefore, the Child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God.”
- 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, saying, “You are My Beloved Son in Whom I am well pleased” (Luke 4:22).
- 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).

ORDINATION to PRIESTHOOD

On June 20, 2026 Deacon James Prumos will be ordained a priest.

Father James Prumos will be celebrating his first Mass at Our Lady of Peace on Sunday June 21, 2026 at the 12:00 Noon Mass.

Right after the Mass we will be having a reception for Father James Prumos in our Parish Hall. Please come and celebrate Father James becoming a Priest.



Smile with Your Family



Zen Master Has A Hotdog: The Zen master steps up to the hot dog cart and says: "Make me one with everything." The hot dog vendor fixes a hot dog and hands it to the Zen master, who pays with a \$20 bill. The hot dog vendor puts the bill in the cash drawer and closes the drawer. "Where's my change?" asks the Zen master. The hot dog vendor responds: "Change must come from within."



When the new psych patient was settled comfortably on the couch, the psychiatrist began his therapy session. "As you are a new patient with me, I do apologize, but I haven't had time to review your case file and I'm not really aware of your problem." The psychiatrist said, "So perhaps, you should start at the very beginning." "But of course." Replied the patient, "In the beginning, I created the Heavens and the Earth ..."



A woman and her little girl were visiting the grave of the little girl's grandmother. On their way through the cemetery back to the car, the little girl asked, "Mummy, do they ever bury two people in the same grave?" "Of course not, dear," replied the mother. "Why would you think that?" "The tombstone back there said, 'Here lies a lawyer and an honest man.'"



One parishioner said, "The Trinitarian God is a lot like our pastor. He is invisible during the weekdays and incomprehensible on Sundays."



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