

June 11, 2017

The Most Holy Trinity

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 10

5:00 p.m. **Blessings for Sam & Marietta Tridente on their 70th Wedding Anniversary**
By Family

Sunday, June 11

8:00 a.m. **Birthday Blessings for Chris Rupell, Sr.**
By Mary Rupell and Family

10:30 a.m. **Parishioners of Saint Theodore Church**

Monday, June 12

8:45 a.m. **Parishioners of Saint Theodore Church**

Tuesday, June 13 *Saint Anthony of Padua*

8:45 a.m. **+Edward and Anna Durnin**
By Mary Rupell & Family

Wednesday, June 14

8:45 a.m. **+Beatrice and Thomas Nappi**
By Angela Gross

Thursday, June 15 *NO MASS*

Friday, June 16

8:45 a.m. **+Luis R. Collazo**
By The Cruz Family

Saturday, June 17

5:00 p.m. **+Ronald Semonche**
By Rachael and Family

Sunday, June 18

8:00 a.m. **+Antonietta and Sabino Antinolfi**
By Daughter

10:30 a.m. **+George Reynolds**
By Susan and Larry Rineer

and acknowledges Jesus as a teacher from God. Jesus tells him that only those who are born from above will see the Kingdom of God. Nicodemus misunderstands and questions how a person can be born more than once. Jesus tells Nicodemus that no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. Jesus is essentially explaining Baptism, which we celebrate as a sacrament today. Yet Nicodemus, we are told, still does not understand what Jesus is saying. Jesus continues by testifying to the need to be born from above so that one might have eternal life.

After the dialogue with Nicodemus, the author of the Gospel offers his own explanation of Jesus' words. This is what we read in today's Gospel, John 3:16-18.

In the context of today's focus on the mystery of the Holy Trinity, the reading calls our attention to the action of God, who reveals himself in three persons: God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit. God the Father, out of love for the world, sent his Son into the world in order to save it. Through the death and resurrection of the Son, we have been given the gift of the Holy Spirit. As three persons, God acts always as a God of love; he does not condemn the world but acts to save it.

The Gospel also calls attention to the response that is required of us. God's love for us calls us to respond in faith by professing our belief in God's son, Jesus, and the salvation that he has won for us. This profession of faith is a sign of the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

A Note from Father Damian

I will be on vacation the month of June. During my absence, Father Piotr Pasterczyk, a professor at the Catholic University in Poland, will be taking care of my priestly duties. I will remember you in my prayers and ask that you remember me in yours.

Mary Rupell has been working from home and will continue to do so until cleared by her physician to return to the office. Please contact her with any questions or requests: sttheodorenj@gmail.com or 908-246-2698



This week we return to the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. This Sunday and next, however, are designated as solemnities—special days that call our attention

to central mysteries of our faith. Today on Trinity Sunday we celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity, one God in three persons.

Today's Gospel is from the beginning of John's Gospel. The passage we read follows Jesus' conversation with a Pharisee, Nicodemus, about what it means to be born of both water and the spirit. Nicodemus approaches Jesus at night



This is a love story, a remarkable one because of an incredible couple who have professed their love to each other, their children and their faith for more than 70 years.

Sam and Marietta

Tridente, devout Catholics and long-time parishioners of our church, celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on June 8. Not often do we hear of a couple being married this long (and to the same persons)!

We parishioners of St. Theodore Church are privileged witnesses to this extraordinary occasion, as the 5 p.m. Saturday Mass will be celebrated for God's blessings on them. We confidently look to Sam and Marietta as role models of matrimony—a couple who regarded marriage as a Sacrament instituted by Christ and are living up to the promises they made to each other on that day.

Both Sam and Marietta were born and raised in Hoboken, NJ, Sam 92 years ago and Marietta 90. The couple met in 1944 after Sam (a veteran of WWII) was discharged from the Navy. They married in 1947. Sam was employed by the US Postal Service for 40 years, serving as Postmaster for many of those years. Marietta first worked as a dental assistant and later as a bookkeeper at the Stevens Institute. The Tridente's are proud parents of a son, Conrad, three grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

In 1992, Sam and Marietta moved to Washington Township, NJ and became an integral part of our parish, participating and supporting the parish in its various activities. Many of us know that Marietta is a fabulous cook and have been witnesses to her culinary skills at many of our parish fellowship events—her spinach strata is one of her fabulous mouth-watering dishes that comes to mind!

And now, on this very special day, Marietta and Sam, we parishioners say congratulations and God bless, and may His blessings continue to shine on you. And know, we are very proud to call you our friends!

Church Calendar

Bible Study: Every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

June 11: Hospitality Sunday (9 & 11:30 a.m.)

June 11, 11:30 a.m.: Baby Shower for Charity (Donations of new items are sought.)



Stephen, Bridget M., Savannah Paine, Bobby Gross, Keira Hedges, Peter, Zachary, Logan Peter Saksa, Anna Paine, Anna Saksa, Lauren Lane, Jay

Mildrum, Philip Kinney, Kerry Kraft, Peter S., Mary Supple, Mary Rupell, Patty Mahoney, Susan Reynolds, Millie B., Robert Dicheck, Christian, Tara, Zoe, Teagan

St. Theodore Church participates in collecting food for the **Food Pantry in Washington, NJ.,** which serves the area's



needy. This is an ongoing ministry and, even though winter has passed, the hungry of the area still needs our help. If you would like to take part in feeding the

hungry, please drop off your nonperishable food in our Parish Center or Narthex. Deliveries are made by parishioners on a regular basis. Thank you and God Bless.

You Are Invited

to join young adults from Phillipsburg and Clinton, NJ to pray the **Rosary for Vocations** in the Chapel of Sts. Philip & James Church, Phillipsburg on June 16 at 8 p.m. Refreshments will be served at Mercy Hall following the Rosary.

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