

# THE MOST HOLY TRINITY



## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, June 2

4:30pm Msgr. Cornelius J. Holland (56th Ann.)  
*5th Pastor of Saint Francis Parish*

### Sunday, June 3

8:00am Rosemary Walsh  
*Requested by Jeff and Kathie Carney*  
10:00am Daniel Cronin  
*Requested by family*  
12:00nn Mary Laffey  
*Requested by family*

### Monday, June 4

7:00am Special Intention

### Tuesday, June 5

7:00am Edward, Elizabeth &  
Robert Cummings  
*Requested by family*

### Wednesday, June 6

7:00am John & Emily Feeny  
*Requested by Fred & Arlene Robinson*

### Thursday, June 7

7:00am Mass for the People

### Friday, June 8

7:00am Richard Lomas  
*Requested by the Posillo Family*

### Saturday, June 9

4:30pm Robert C. Wilson  
*Requested by Concetta Wilson*

### Sunday, June 10

8:00am Raymond Yemma  
*Requested by family*  
10:00am Emilien & Claire Gervais  
*Requested by family*  
12:00nn Mary Ann Maciocio  
*Requested by family*



## St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

### Saturday, June 2

5:30pm William & Genevieve Wajda  
*Requested by daughter*

### Sunday, June 3

8:00am Marchand & Marsocci Families  
*Requested by Gerri Marsocci*  
10:00am Steve Simmons  
*Requested by family*

### Saturday, June 9

5:30pm Judith Vartarian  
*Requested by the Mullane Family*

### Sunday, June 10

8:00am Mass for the People  
10:00am Brad & Holly Friel  
*Requested by family*



## For Your Information

**PARISH SUPPORT** for May 27th was: Budget-\$8,433. This weekend's second offering—Monthly Collection. Next weekend's second offering—Catholic Communications Campaign. Thank you for your continued generosity.

### SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns for a special intention.

### POPE BENEDICT'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JUNE 2012

Please join Pope Benedict in praying for the following intentions throughout the month of June:

General Intention: That believers may recognize in the Eucharist the living presence of the Risen One who accompanies them in daily life.

Missionary Intention: That Christians in Europe may rediscover their true identity and participate with greater enthusiasm in the proclamation of the Gospel.

### A THOUGHT ON TODAY'S SOLEMNITY

Today the Church Universal celebrates the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. You often hear preachers or catechists say that the concept of the Trinity is simply too complicated to preach or teach about. But this isn't really true. While the intricacies of the Church's teaching on the Trinity require some serious study to comprehend, the basic truth is quite simple: God is a family of persons. Imagine that! God is not a solitary being; he is an eternal exchange of love. To be made in the image of God means that we crave communion with him and with others because God himself is an endless communion of persons. The Father loves the Son in such a way that he shares his divine nature with him; the Son receives the generosity of the Father and responds in love. The love which binds them together can be understood as so palpable that it is not just a force or an emotion but another divine person, the Holy Spirit. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the Trinitarian prayer par excellence. It is a prayer offered to the Father, in the Son, through the Holy Spirit. Notice that the climax of the Mass, the Eucharistic Prayer, is addressed to the *Father*, even though it pertains to the sacrifice of the *Son*, which is made present to us through the *Spirit*! And the amazing thing about the Mass is that we are entering into Jesus' prayer to the Father! He allows his prayer, his sacrifice, to become our own! Think of the Mass as our being drawn into the inner life of the Trinity! Profound? Yes! But quite important to know!



2012 CATHOLIC  
CHARITY APPEAL

### 2012 PARISH GOAL

**\$103,000**

Week 14—Donations received to date:

**\$91,413**

89% of goal from 428 gifts

We are still in need of your help to reach our parish goal. Please prayerfully consider making a pledge in support of the Catholic Charity Appeal. A gift in any amount is greatly received and sincerely appreciated. For your convenience, pledge envelopes are available at the entrances of the church and chapel. Thank you for your generosity and support.

JUNE 3, 2012



## THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Today we are celebrating the Feast of the Blessed Trinity, the Feast of God, of the centre of our faith: God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. When one thinks of the Trinity, one usually thinks of the aspect of the mystery: they are Three and they are One, one God in three Persons. Actually God in his greatness cannot be anything but a mystery for us, yet he revealed himself. We can know him in his Son and thus also know the Father and the Holy Spirit. Instead today's Liturgy draws our attention not so much to this mystery as to the reality of love that is contained in this first and supreme mystery of our faith. The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit are one because God is love and love is an absolute life-giving force; the unity created by love is a unity greater than a purely physical unity. The Father gives everything to the Son; the Son receives everything from the Father with gratitude; and the Holy Spirit is the fruit of this mutual love of the Father and the Son. The texts of today's Mass speak of God and thus speak of love; they do not dwell so much on the three Persons, but rather on love which is the substance and, at the same time, the unity and trinity.

—Pope Benedict XVI, Homily of 19 June 2011

**THE TRINITY IN A NUTSHELL:** The Father is not the Son, the Son is not the Spirit, the Spirit is not the Father. But the Father IS God, the Son IS God, and the Spirit IS God! ONE divine nature, THREE divine persons! Not so difficult after all!

## NEXT WEEK IS THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI).

Both the 10:00AM and 12:00NN Masses at Saint Francis will conclude with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. The Rite of Benediction—during which the celebrant blesses the congregation with the consecrated host (contained in an ornate vessel called a “monstrance”)—is an act of worship which flows from the Mass and leads back to it. If we are able to *adore* Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, we become able to *receive him more worthily* in Holy Communion. Saint Augustine once said in regard to the Eucharist: “Let no one eat until he has first adored.” For those who may be adversely affected, incense will be used at these ceremonies.



## This Week

### Sunday, June 3

5:30-7pm Praise! Rehearsal (FGC)

7-9:00pm Youth Group Mtg. (UR)

7:00pm AA (HBH)

### Monday, June 4

7:30am-12nn Adoration (St. Francis)

11am-12nn Divine Mercy (St. Francis)

### Tuesday, June 5

7:00pm Social Outreach (Library)

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (Choir Loft)

### Wednesday, June 6

6:00pm Catechist Cookout (FGC)

### Thursday, June 7

2:00pm Mass at Scallop Shell

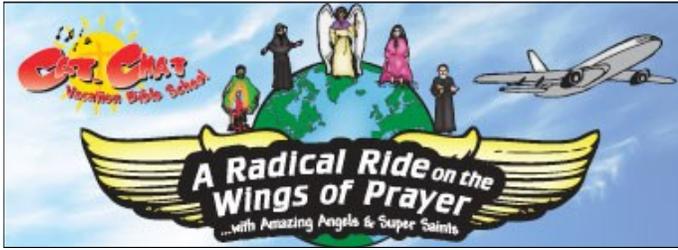
7:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (FGC)

7:00pm Men of St. Joseph (UR)

7:00pm Couples in Recovery (HBH)

### NEW DOCTORS OF THE CHURCH:

This past week, the Holy See announced that Pope Benedict would name two new “Doctors” of the Church. At present, there are 33 “Doctors” of the Roman Catholic Church. That is, there are 33 recognized individuals throughout the course of the Catholic tradition whose teaching and influence were so significant that they are now universally revered as distinguished teachers of the faith. Pope Benedict will expand that list to 35 when he names **Saint John of Avila** and **Saint Hildegard of Bingen** the newest Doctors of the Church. Saint John of Avila was a diocesan priest who lived in the 16th century during the Spanish renaissance. He became a model for the reform of the clergy and wrote on the spiritual life. Saint Hildegard of Bingen was a German nun who lived in the 12th century. Her extensive writings cover topics such as the allegorical interpretation of Sacred Scripture, the moral life and the virtues, the natural sciences and medicine. She also composed music for the sacred liturgy. May their teaching continue to influence and guide the Church!



**Vacation Bible School is BACK!**  
**For children in grades K-4**  
**Mark your calendars now!**

**June 21, 22, 25, 26, 27**  
**Time: 8:30am-11:30am**

**Call 792-8684 for more information!**

### A CALL FOR VBS VOLUNTEERS

Calling all adults and teenagers to help lead vacation bible school for the young children of our parish. We have all the materials for a fun, faith-filled week of VBS. The only thing missing is you!

If you have a musical and/or dance talent we could use your help leading the young children in song each day. If you are artistic, we could use your help decorating the halls and painting large murals. If you like to act/perform, we could use your help leading skits for the young children. If you love working with young people, we could use your help in organizing and running games each day, helping with snack preparation or being a leader for a small group of children.

If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Cullen or Mrs. Castro at 792-8684.

### KNEELER RESTORATION

Many thanks to parishioner **Peter Spaine** who is in the process of repairing and refinishing the kneelers in the sanctuary. The kneelers are quite old and were in dire need of repair. Thanks to Peter, they will have a much longer (and more aesthetically pleasing!) life.

### TWENTY WEEK CLUB WINNERS

Congratulations to the winners of this week's 20 Week Club drawing:

- **Pat Shanley—\$25.00**
- **Patty Grimes—\$25.00**

Congratulations! Stay tuned for next week's drawing!

**THE YOUTH GROUP will meet TONIGHT in the Upper Room at 7PM! Newcomers welcome!**

## CALLING ALL FUTURE SOUTH COUNTY SOCCER GREATS! JOURNEY BEYOND THE TOWER!



Mother of Hope Soccer Camp is for beginners and advanced players (boys and girls ages 7 through 10) who want to improve soccer skills in all areas of the game. This camp, designed by Mario Pereira of LaSalle Academy, will focus on training the *complete* athlete: physically, mentally and spiritually. Providing coaching assistance during all sessions are experienced Division I soccer captains and players from our local Catholic high-schools. Convenient transportation provided with an easy-access bus stop on your way to and from the city on I-95 at Exit 10. For dates, times, cost and registration information, visit [www.motherofhopecamp.com](http://www.motherofhopecamp.com) or call 568-3580.

### CONGRATULATIONS, BISHOP TOBIN!

This past week on May 31, Bishop Tobin marked seven years as Bishop of Providence. May God continue to bless him with a spirit that is "*strong, loving and wise*"!

### YOUTH CATHOLIC LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE (YCLI) 2012

The Youth Catholic Leadership Institute is a week-long, overnight conference held in Woonsocket, and is sponsored by the Diocese of Providence. High school age youth are invited to participate and develop new leadership skills, as well as learn more about and grow in their Catholic faith. Our own Fr. Joe will be the chaplain for the conference, which will include Mass, Confessions, and daily prayer. Last year, parishioner **Julia Craig** represented St. Francis and St. Romuald. Let's make it a few more from our parish this year! Please call the rectory or visit <http://ymcyoprov.org/> for more information.

