The Most Holy Trinity

Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, May 26 – The Most Holy Trinity
8:00 A.M. Mario Elau
9:30 A.M. Mary Ley
11:00 A.M. Steve Fulop
12:30 P.M. Amato Gioino
Rino Del Carro

MONDAY, May 27– Saint Augustine of Canterbury
9:00 A.M. Marianna Romano

TUESDAY, May 28-Weekday
9:00 A.M. Dr. Arthur Gualtieri

WEDNESDAY, May 29-Saint PaulVI
9:00A.M. Giuseppina Cinquemani

THURSDAY, May 30-Weekday
9:00 A.M. John Marchassalla

FRIDAY, May 31-The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
9:00 A.M. Elsa Del Bove

SATURDAY, June 1—Saint Justin
9:00 A.M. Purgatorial Society
John McCarthy
Margaret McCarthy
Living & Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary

5:00P.M. Vincent P. Tabone

SUNDAY, June 2– The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)
8:00 A.M. For the People of St. Francis
9:30 A.M. Darrin T. O'Connor (Hili)
11:00 A.M. Jeanmarie Wile
12:30 P.M. Rocco & Nicoletta Scenna
Rino Del Carro

Today's Readings

The Most Holy Trinity

Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40
Romans 8:14-17
Matthew 28:16-20

For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship.[a] And by him we cry "Abba, Father." The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.
(Romans 8:14-17)

Readings for the Week

MONDAY: 1 Peter 1:3-9
Mark 10:17-27

TUESDAY: 1 Peter 1:10-16
Mark 10:289-31

WEDNESDAY 1 Peter 1:18-25
Mark 10:32-45

THURSDAY: 1 Peter 2:2-5, 9-12
Mark 10:46-52

FRIDAY: Zephaniah 3:14-18a
Luke 1:39-56

SATURDAY: Jude 17:20b-25
Mark 11:27-33

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

Exodus 24:2-8
Hebrews 9:11-15
Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

My Dear Parishioners,

Today we celebrate the Blessed Trinity, One God in Three Persons.

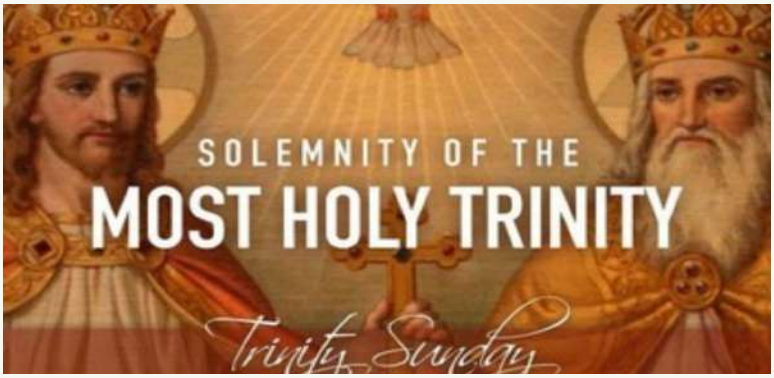
As we reflect upon salvation history, we can see the great blessings that the love of the Trinity has manifested in the lives of God's people. What a blessing it is that God the Father so loved humanity that He sent His only son, Jesus Christ, to come into the world. As Jesus revealed to us the Father's love, and taught us how to live as God's children, He also gave us the Holy Spirit to be with us until the end of time.

While we acknowledge the great blessings we receive through the Trinity, we also recognize that the Trinity presents a powerful challenge to us. After all, the blessings we receive through the love of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are not for us to keep to ourselves. Rather, they are meant to be shared as we work to pattern our lives after the Trinity and work to build inclusive, mutual and life-giving relationships with others. This includes family members, relatives, friends, parishioners and even those we do not know but who are, nonetheless, our neighbors.

This challenge is presented clearly to us in today's Gospel. Jesus commissions His Apostles to go out to all the nations and spread the good news of salvation. As people of faith, we know that Jesus wants all of us to take up this task of sharing the Gospel with others. Today we receive, as it were, our marching orders to go and make disciples of all nations, leaving no doubt that by its very nature, our Church is missionary. And the way we fulfill our missionary mandate is by patterning our lives on the Trinity, striving to live in communion with God and others.

When counting plates, cups or pencil and paper, one plus one plus one equals three. When it comes to our lives as disciples of the Lord Jesus, however, we must think differently. Let us never forget the unity to which we are called, both with the Trinity and with one another. Let us remember that in the Kingdom of God, one plus one plus one equals one- and that One is God!

All Blessings of the Risen Lord,
Msgr. Maresca



The Feast of The Most Holy Trinity—Sunday, May 26, 2024

With the Solemnity of Pentecost last Sunday, the Easter Season came to an end. On Monday, we began Ordinary Time, that is, the period when priests wear the color green, a time during which we are called to live the Gospel in the ordinariness of everyday life, witnessing the joy of being disciples of the crucified and risen Jesus. Jesus, the Son of God, shared everything about our human condition with us except sin, helping us to remember that we are created by God, that we are His children, and that God is our Father. Through His words and His life, He taught us with Truth regarding the Way to return to the Father, who is eternal Life. Thus, Jesus showed us the Father's face. He reminded us that the way to heaven is open to everyone, that there is no need to be afraid, and that we do not need to be ashamed because God the Father is love, He is faithfulness, He is mercy. Obedient to the Father, Jesus died on the cross for our salvation. On the third day He rose, defeating sin and death, thus opening the way to return to His Father. We can confidently choose this Way because Jesus, having ascended into heaven, gave us the *Holy Spirit* on Pentecost , the first gift given to believers – the Person of Love poured out into our beings so we might live as children of God. This is how we can understand why the liturgy invites us to celebrate the Solemnity of the *Holy Trinity*, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. This Solemnity directs us toward the goal of our journey. This God, who presents Himself as One and Triune, is not all that distant as it seems, but is so very close that He becomes Bread broken for us, *Corpus Christi*. This Bread, the Bread of angels, nourishes us on our journey toward heaven. This gift then reveals the *Most Sacred Heart of Jesus*, celebrated the Friday following *Corpus Christi*. These three liturgical feasts are a synthesis of the mystery of our faith which we have lived in these last months: from Christmas to the death and resurrection of Jesus, from His Ascension to Pentecost. Pope John XXII established the feast throughout the universal Church in 1334.

Celebrated on **May 31**, the **Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary** commemorates the Virgin Mary's visit to her cousin, Elizabeth. The meeting of these two women was a joyful and unique event. Both found themselves pregnant in unusual circumstances -– Elizabeth in her old age after suffering from infertility, and Mary by the Holy Spirit. At their meeting, John the Baptist leaped in the womb of Elizabeth, and she blessed Mary and the Christ Child. Mary, in turn, responds with the famous Magnificat praising the Lord.

This visit is detailed in Luke 1:39- 55-

> ***During those days Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."***
> ***And Mary said:***
> ***"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;***
> ***my spirit rejoices in God my savior.***
> ***For he has looked upon his handmaid's lowliness;***
> ***behold, from now on will all ages call me blessed.***
> ***The Mighty One has done great things for me,***
> ***and holy is his name.***
> ***His mercy is from age to age***
> ***to those who fear him.***
> ***He has shown might with his arm,***
> ***dispersed the arrogant of mind and heart.***
> ***He has thrown down the rulers from their thrones***
> ***but lifted up the lowly.***
> ***The hungry he has filled with good things;***
> ***the rich he has sent away empty.***
> ***He has helped Israel his servant,***
> ***remembering his mercy,***
> ***according to his promise to our fathers,***
> ***to Abraham and to his descendants forever."***

As Pope Benedict XVI said, this feast day is a day to recognize Mary's humility and willingness to be used by God, and strive to imitate it in our own lives:

> *Going beyond the surface, Mary "sees" the work of God in history with the eyes of faith… Her Magnificat, at the distance of centuries and millennia, remains the truest and most profound interpretation of history, while the interpretations of so many of this world's wise have been belied by events in the course of the centuries…*
> *Let us bring the same sentiments of praise and thanksgiving of Mary to the Lord, her faith and her hope, her docile*

Remember in your prayers all those in our parish who are sick, that they may find health and comfort:

Awyn Profit, Jack Orlando, Steven Joyce, Judy Hanley-Brickner, John Wrenn, Augustin Cisneros, James Nunez, Vincent Wytak, John & Carol Ross, Jeffrey Hyans, Marie LoVolpe, Jessica St. Preux, Al Ciani, Alesha Moses, Nancy McCaffrey, Christopher Wojtalik, Theresa Pacheco, William Goss, Luke Pacheco, Vincenza Papa, Jim Schneggenburger, Anthony Criscuolo, Samantha O'Sullivan, Marilyn Miller, Pat Gravino, John Carmody, Rosario Duran, Vivian Papa, Joel Steinmann, Anna Governali, Tim Graham, Antonio Postiglione, Mario Tamburello, Christopher Araimo, Charles Principato, Jim Kreitler, Humberto Cordova, John Schakir, Margaret Culhane, Benedicto Randazzo, Angelo Niakas, Peter Lopez, Catherine Caravana, Alex Humen, Rick Simonsen, Aubrey Madden and Madison Millett.

Also remember in your prayers all the deceased of the Parish. Please remember to continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood, religious life, diaconate, and married life.

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May 26, 2024

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations"

Pray for Vocations

Consider a vocation as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life.

Contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email:vocations@diobrook.org

Parish Mission Statement

St. Francis of Assisi Parish is a Catholic community that is centered in Jesus, gathers in worship and witnesses the Gospel message. The parish values and welcomes each person's gift of time, talent and treasure. As a faith-filled community, we are committed to minister to the spiritual, educational and material needs of all people.

FOCUS:

Through baptism we receive our identity as children of God with Christ.

The mystery of the Holy Trinity is central to our Christian faith. We are baptized in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, receiving the Spirit that enables us to call God our Father. Our identity as sons and daughters of God calls us to share in the Son's suffering, so that we might also share in his glory.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place before the 9:00AM Mass. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed at 8:00AM each morning, Monday through Saturday, giving parishioners an opportunity for private prayer before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. At 8:30AM the rosary will be prayed by parishioners before the Blessed Sacrament. At 8:50AM the Blessed Sacrament will be reposed. Jesus calls us to perseverance in prayer. "Pray without ceasing." "Watch and pray." Eucharistic adoration helps us discover the Real Presence of Christ.

What a wonderful way to begin our day praying before the Blessed Sacrament in silence or praying the Holy Rosary.

Please make every effort to take advantage of this time with the Lord. We are living in challenging times and we all need the Lord to strengthen our faith and give us the courage to live each day.

VOCATION PRAYER

In this Year of Prayer, the Parish Council has suggested that we as a parish pray the prayer for Vocations found on the back cover of the missalette.
We will pray the prayer every Sunday before the final blessing of Mass.
Vocations to the priesthood are needed throughout the country. Here in our own Diocese of Brooklyn, vocations are vital for the continuation of the Eucharist which is central to our lives as Catholics.

Let us pray to the Lord that men will respond to the call of the Lord to give their life in service to the Church as a priest.

Saturday, June 1, 2024, the 9:00am Mass will be an anointing Mass. All those who wish to receive the Sacrament of the Sick are asked to participate in this Mass.
All are invited to join us in prayer as we remember to pray for all those who are in need of God's healing power.

PLEASE NOTE

BAPTISMS FOR JULY WILL BE SUNDAY, JULY 28TH AT 1:00PM.

BAPTISMS FOR AUGUST WILL BE SUNDAY, AUGUST 25TH AT 1:00PM.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI SCRIPTURE STUDY

Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us; make our hearts burn while You speak to us. (Luke 24:32)

Dear SFA Friends and Family,

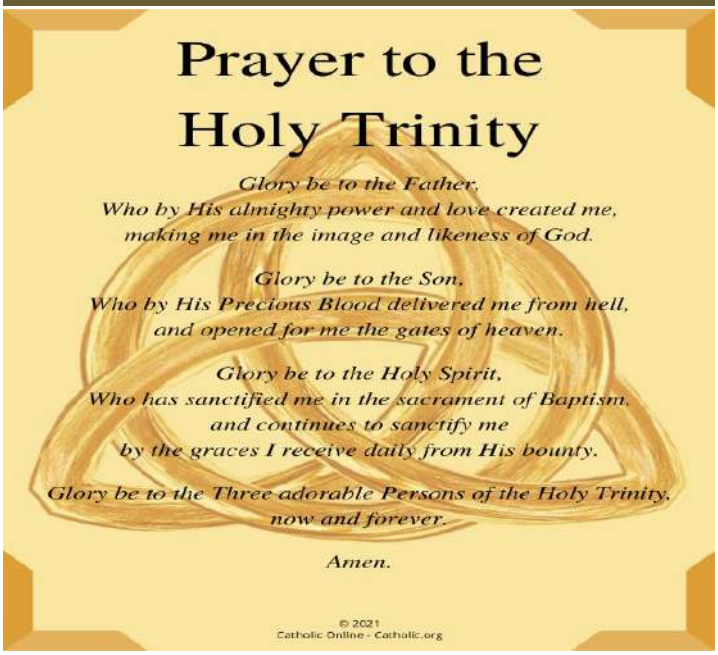
The Scripture Study Group has completed a productive study year ending with our study of Paul's Letters to the Galatians and to the Romans. We are delighted to report that several new members joined us, who shared their enthusiasm and love of scripture to the group.

We look forward to having you join us in **September** as we begin a new study with the **Gospel According to John**.

May God bless your summer days with rest, relaxation and His peace.
The Gospel readings and study will be conducted using the Little Rock Scripture Study program. Study booklets will be provided.

If you are interested in joining the study group or would like further information, please contact us through the Rectory at **(718) 728-7801.** Please be sure to leave your name and contact information.

Grow in Knowledge and Love of Scripture
All are Invited … ALL ARE WELCOME!



St. Francis of Assisi Parish Weekly Offering

Thank you for your continued generosity of giving each week. Your weekly offering helps us pay our monthly bills.

Sunday 5/18-5/19: **$4,302.00**
2nd Collection -
Catholic Communication ***$543.00***

School parents must use church envelopes.

Mass Attendance for the May 18/19, 2024:

5:00PM	89
8:00AM	43
9:30AM	113
11:00AM	98
12:30PM	75

Total in Attendance: 418

In observance of Memorial Day, the Rectory office will be closed all day Monday, May 27th. We will reopen on Tuesday, May 28th at 9:00AM.

Annual Catholic Appeal 2024
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

As you are aware the Annual Catholic Appeal for 2024 is underway. Our goal remained the same from last year $41,679. I am very grateful to all those who supported the appeal last year. Because of your support and generosity we went over goal by about $3,000.

This year we are off to a good start. As of Monday, April 8th we have pledged $24,547 towards our goal. If you have not contributed to the appeal, please prayerfully consider what you are able to contribute to help us reach our goal.

THANK YOU for all the sacrifices you make to support this appeal.

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Help Spread the Word to help Those in Need!

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With Much Thanks and Many Blessings,
Jim Shea
Associated Vincentian Charities Car Program Coordinator

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THIS WEEK

May 26-June 1

Sunday, May 26

Monday, May 27
Memorial Day-School & Rectory Office Closed

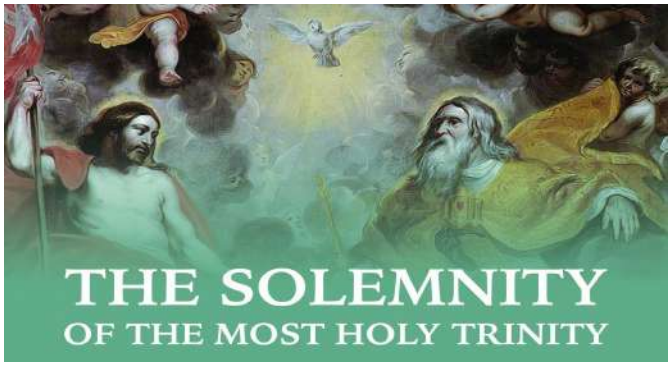
Tuesday, May 28
6:30PM-AA Meeting

Wednesday, May 29

Thursday, May 30
10:00-11:30AM Legion of Mary
6:00PM IACA
7:20PM-Scripture Study

Friday, May 31
5:00PM Girl Scout Movie Night

Saturday, June 1
9:00AM Anointing Mass
Youth Group End of Year BBQ



NEXT WEEK

June 2-June 8

Sunday, June 2
Corpus Christi
2:30PM-Adoration

Monday, June 3
12:00-3:30PM-Golden Age

Tuesday, June 4
6:30PM-AA Meeting

Wednesday, June 5
5:00PM-8th Grade Awards

Thursday, June 6
10:00-11:30AM Legion of Mary
6:00PM IACA
7:20PM-Scripture Study

Friday, June 7
9:00AM-FIRST FRIDAY

Saturday, June 8

Corpus Christi

Sunday, June 2nd is the

Feast of Corpus Christi

All are invited to join us for an hour

Of Adoration beginning at 2:30pm

We will pray evening prayers at 3:30pm

and conclude with Benediction

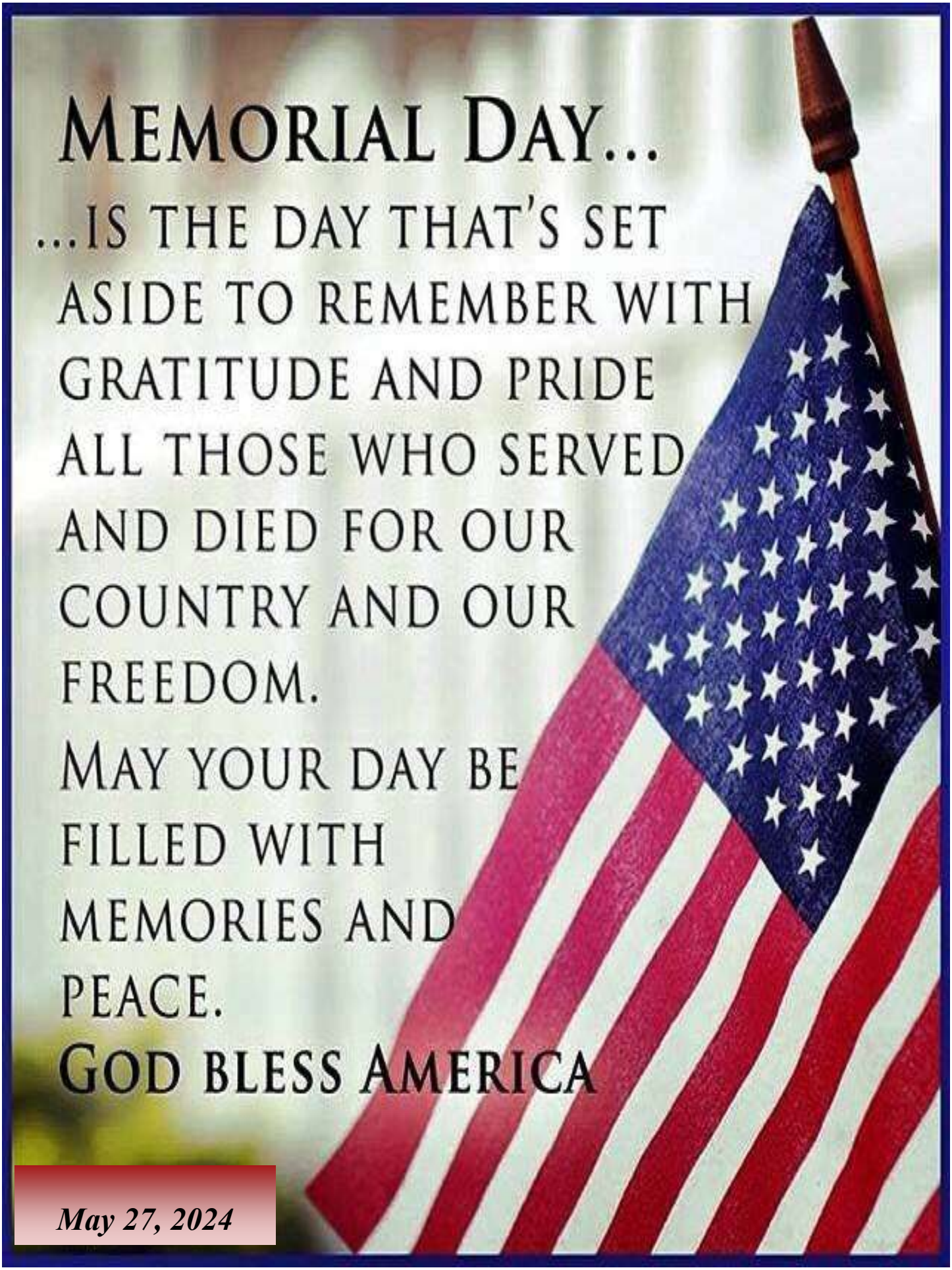
Come and spend an hour in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament

The Blessings are countless!

JUNE 2024
LECTOR ASSIGNMENTS

	THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST	TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
	JUNE 1 - 2	JUNE 8 - 9	JUNE 15 - 16	JUNE 22 - 23	JUNE 29 - 30
Saturday 5:00 P.M.	Edward Kubina	Debbi Skinner	Dolores Ratkowski	Debbie Skinner	Edward Kubina
Sunday 8:00 A.M.	Robert Laucella	Andrew Soltesz	Carol Hickey	Andrew Soltesz	Robert Laucella
Sunday 9:30 A.M.	Josephine Corso	Martha O'Toole	Maria Brooks	Josephine Corso	Patrick O'Toole
Sunday 11:00 A.M.	Jane Di Donato	Sharon Costanza	Jane Di Donato	Sharon Costanza	Jane Di Donato
Sunday 12:30 P.M.	Concetta D'Angelo	Jackie Macchia	Anna Maria Del Carro	Etera Bruno	Anna Maria Tenaglia

***** REMINDER *****
Once you are scheduled, if you cannot fulfill your assignment, please make every effort to call and get a replacement. Thank you


MEMORIAL DAY...
...IS THE DAY THAT'S SET ASIDE TO REMEMBER WITH GRATITUDE AND PRIDE ALL THOSE WHO SERVED AND DIED FOR OUR COUNTRY AND OUR FREEDOM.
MAY YOUR DAY BE FILLED WITH MEMORIES AND PEACE.
GOD BLESS AMERICA

May 27, 2024

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Membership Type (Select one):

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- ☐ Renewal
- ☐ New Member

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