

## Solemnity of The



## Most Holy Trinity

### WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO

"Holy Water is ordinary water sanctified by the blessing of the Church. The blessing once consisted of exorcisms of water and salt; the salt was added to the water in the form of a cross to signify that this water is now preserved from corruption. . . The ceremony of blessing originated in the eighth century in the Carolinian Empire (*Charlemagne's family*), as did most of the other liturgical blessings.

"The words of St. Paul that through baptism we rise with Christ into the newness of life (*Rom 6:4-6*) point to a special relation between the weekly memorial of the Resurrection (Sunday mass) and our own baptism." (*Ann Ball, A Handbook of Catholic Sacramentals, 1991*) In the 800s, bishops in the Frankish kingdoms began the practice of sprinkling holy water at the beginning of mass to remind people of their baptism. During the following century, the practice reached Rome and gradually became a formal part of Church ritual.

A blessing prayer from the Roman ritual explains its significance: may it "serve to cast out demons and to banish disease. May everything that this water sprinkles in the homes and gatherings of the faithful be delivered from all that is unclean and hurtful. . . By the sprinkling of this water may everything opposed to the safety and peace of the occupants of these homes be banished, so that in calling on your holy name they may know the well-being they desire, and be protected from every peril; through Christ our Lord. Amen." (*A Handbook of Catholic Sacramentals*)

In some countries, large bodies of water are blessed in January on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Where it is frozen, ice blocks are cut out in the shape of the cross. Water from Lourdes, France and Fatima, Portugal is thought to have healing properties.

In some countries people drink and bathe in holy water. That rarely occurs in the United States, usually among ethnic groups who have brought that tradition from other places.

"The custom of blessing oneself with holy water on entering church symbolizes a washing away of secular things on entering the house of God." (*Fr. Kenneth Ryan, Catholic Questions, Catholic Answers, 1990*)

"Its purpose is to remind us of our Baptism and to signify we are not worthy to enter into the presence of Christ without first being purified. Holy water also washes away venial sin." (*Matthew J. Pinto, Did Adam & Eve Have Belly Buttons?, 1998*)

The use of holy water is not a superstition as long as it is an act of faith.

Holy water reminds us that we are made holy in Baptism, created in the "image and likeness" of God (*Gen 1:26*) and called to be a holy people living a life of holiness.

### Confirmation



We wish to congratulate those who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last Sunday (May 23) from Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory. They include: Jennifer Baggett, Ana Banda, Mary Beth Box, Cameron (Cam) Collins, Aaron Derham, Juan Hernandez, Rocio Hernandez, Juan Holguin, Vanessa Holguin, Refugio Lopez, Ana Perez, and Kory Tracey.

### Confirmation 101

June 21-25, we will be offering a Confirmation Prep class to students entering ninth and 10<sup>th</sup> grade (Classes of 2013 and 2014). This is a

required class for Confirmation. The primary text is *We Believe. . . A Survey of the Catholic Faith* by Father Oscar Lukefahr, C.M. The Archdiocese of Atlanta requires two years of preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation, including six weeks of specific preparation immediately before the sacrament is received. Confirmation 101 is a basic review of the faith that is a required element. Confirmation is usually received during the 10<sup>th</sup> grade year.

For more information or to register, please contact the parish office.

### Prayer

"For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy." (*St. Therese of Lisieux*)

"Prayer is the raising of one's mind and heart to God or the requesting of good things from God." (*St. John Damascene*) But when we pray, do we speak from the height of our pride and will, or 'out of the depths' of a humble and contrite heart? He who humbles himself will be exalted; *humility* is the foundation of prayer, Only when we humbly acknowledge that 'we do not know how to pray as we ought,' (*Rom 8:26*) are we ready to receive freely the gift of prayer. 'Man is a beggar before God.'" (*St. Augustine*) (*Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2558-59*)

### Stewardship

A steward is a caretaker and a servant. Stewardship is first taking care of everything God has given us (the Church, the land, the air, the water, financial and material resources). Second, using our gifts, talents, and abilities—combined with those resources—to bring forth a harvest of faith, and justice, a better Church and a better world. All done in cooperation with God's grace.



"2010" Weekly Budget.....	\$5,350.00
Offertory collected May 23 <sup>rd</sup> .....	\$4,549.57
<b>Difference</b> .....	<b>-\$ 800.43</b>
<b>Second Collections</b>	
Second collection May 23 <sup>rd</sup> "St. Vincent de Paul".....	\$1,423.75
<b>Campaign '10 Pledges:</b>	
Total donations made (from pledges) as of 05/09/10.....	\$93,947.33
May 23 <sup>rd</sup> collection.....	\$ 0
New Campaign total donations from pledges.....	\$93,947.33

### Next Week's Second Collection

Next week's second collection will be for the St. Clements Building fund.

### Spiritual Warfare



Two of the most important weapons of spiritual warfare are holy water and crucifixes. But there are many others: "Finally, draw your strength from the Lord and from his mighty power. Put on the armor of God so that you may be able to stand firm against the tactics of the devil. For our struggle is not with flesh and blood but with the principalities, with the powers, with the world rulers of this present darkness, with the evil spirits in the heavens.

"Therefore, put on the armor of God, that you may be able to resist on the evil day and, having done everything, to hold your ground. So stand fast with your loins girded in truth, clothed with righteousness as a breastplate, and your feet shod in readiness for the gospel of peace. In all circumstances, hold faith as a shield, to quench all (the) flaming arrows of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

"With all prayer and supplication, pray at every opportunity in the Spirit. To that end, be watchful with all perseverance and supplication for all the holy ones." (*Eph 6:10-18*)

# Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

## May 30, 2010

### First Reading: Proverbs 8:22-31

Before the earth was made, Wisdom was conceived.

### Second Reading: Romans 5:1-5

To God, through Christ, in love poured out through the Holy Spirit.

### Gospel: John 16:12-15

Everything that the Father has is mine; the Spirit will take from what is mine and declare it to you.

### Living the Paschal Mystery

As difficult as it is to grasp the mystery of God's triune majesty, it is even more difficult to grasp that God loves us enough to share divine life and glory with us. God chooses to dwell within and among us enough to share divine life and glory with us. God chooses to dwell within and among us. Living the dying and rising of the paschal mystery means that we are faithful witnesses to the God within. Sometimes rather than witnessing through doing good works, we need to witness simply by appreciation ourselves and others for the wonderful gift of God's presence that we are. The readings this week challenge us to become more deeply aware of God's presence in creation, in Jesus, and in ourselves. We are invited to allow that awareness to overflow in thanksgiving and praise. ~Living Liturgy

### Stewardship Thought

Today's psalm reminds us that we have been crowned with glory and honor and given rule over the works of God's hands. But we must be good stewards, for the Lord will surely hold us accountable for the use of those gifts!

Saturday May 29, 5:30pm.....Pearl Turner (RIP)  
 Sunday, May 30, 8:30am..... Our Parish Family  
 Sunday, May 30, 10:00am.....(Spanish Mass) Francisco Vazquez (RIP)  
 Sunday, May 30, 11:30 am.....Our Parish Family  
 Sunday, May 30, 1:00pm.....(Spanish Mass) Our Parish Family  
 Sunday, May 30, 7:00pm.....(Spanish Mass) Our Parish Family  
 Monday, May 31, 10:00am.....Daily Mass  
 Tuesday June 1, 12:15 pm.....Daily Mass  
 Wednesday, June 2, 12:15pm.....Daily Mass  
 Wednesday, June 2, 6:30 pm.....Rosary  
 Thursday, June 3, 12:15 pm.....Communion Service  
 Friday, June 4, 12:15pm.....1<sup>st</sup> Friday Mass in English  
 Friday, June 4, 7:00pm.....1<sup>st</sup> Friday Mass in Spanish  
 Friday, June 4, 7:30pm.....Prayer Group  
 Saturday June 5, 5:30pm.....Ed Hermsen (RIP)  
 Sunday, June 6, 8:30am.....Our Parish Family  
 Sunday, June 6, 10:00am.....(Spanish Mass) Our Parish Family  
 Sunday, June 6, 11:30 am.....Sam DeFalco (RIP)  
 Sunday, June 6, 1:00pm.....(Spanish Mass) Our Parish Family  
 Sunday, June 6, 7:00pm.....Our Parish Family

### U.S. Catholic History



The following are current major league baseball players who are or grew up Catholic: Carlos Beltran, David Eckstein, Derek Jeter, Juan Pierre, Jorge Posada, Mariano Rivera, Alex Rodriguez, Ivan Rodriguez, Jeff Suppan, Mike Sweeney. Former players and managers include: Yogi Berra, Jim Bunning, Roberto Clemente, Joe DiMaggio, Leo

Durocher, Whitey Ford, John Franco, Joe Garagiola, Nomar Garciaparra, Steve Garvey, Jason Giambi, Tom Glavine (Braves), Bill Gullickson, Tony LaRussa, Tommy Lasorda, Charley Leibbrandt (Braves), Al Leiter, Roger Maris, Billy Martin, Lee Mazzilli, Jack McKeon, Mike Piazza, Babe Ruth, Sammy Sosa, Rusty Staub, and Joe Torre.

### Please pray for the people who are suffering:



Donna Thibault - respiratory illness, Barbara Smith-cancer, Marty McKinnon- ovarian cancer, Cayla Johnson-hydrocephalus, Joe Campbell-follicular lymphoma, Tonya Isham-tumor, Curtis Lunt-ill health, Melissa Silva-health, Juanita Rochester-cancer, Chuck Terry-prostate cancer, June Macejkovic-heart condition, Fr.

Denis Kolumber-health, Ernie -leukemia, Maria Farias- breast cancer, Jeanne Walraven-health, Jean Seitz-cancer, Angie Defalco-health, Erna Wyatt-health, Jim Rorer-special intention, Michael Llop-brain tumor, Erik Bigelow-special intention, Janice Miller-health, Jaden Bates-health, Roy Davies- safety, Chris Wable-health, Jim Wable-lung cancer, Marilyn Clayton-health, Ashlie Warren-health, Jenna Proctor-health, Jeff Elder-health, Serge Kastorsky-cancer, Terry Alan-bladder cancer, Lisa Clark-failed surgery, Betty Maddox-chemo, Donald Hicks-health, Jeff Bigelow-health, Cindy Wilson-health, Audrin King-cancer, Bud Murphy-health, Geri Harper-breast cancer, Joanne Silvers-kidney cancer.

### Most Blessed Sacrament



The Most Blessed Sacrament is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. Various activities have been planned to help mark this special anniversary, including the creation of a Rosary Prayer Garden dedicated to Our Lady out the Rosary. Brick pavers with personal inscriptions

that will be part of the prayer garden entrance are currently being sold. We invite former members to participate in this wonderful project by purchasing a paver brick dedicated to your family. For more information or to acquire an order form, contact their parish office at (404) 349-0176, or visit their website at [www.mbschurch.com](http://www.mbschurch.com) and click the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary tab.

### Archdiocesan News

The **VILLAGE OF ST. JOSEPH COUNSELING SERVICES** offers affordable counseling for children, adolescents, parents, individuals, couples and families. Cost is based on family income and ability to pay. The service is provided by Catholic Charities Atlanta at 34 parish locations throughout the archdiocese. Contact: (404) 733-3527 (English) or (404) 733-3528 (Spanish). Visit [www.catholiccharitiesatlanta.org/flyers/vsj\\_loc.pdf](http://www.catholiccharitiesatlanta.org/flyers/vsj_loc.pdf) for locations.

**THE PINS FOR PRIESTS BOWL-A-THON** will be held on Sat., June 12, from 9 a.m.-12 noon at Brunswick Zone, 6345 Spalding Drive, NW, Norcross. The event raises funds for seminarians of the Archdiocese of Atlanta and seminarians of the Legion of Christ. Participants can bowl, sponsor a seminarian to bowl or donate to the cause. Contact: Joan Patrick at (404) 277-9112 or [www.MNAtl.org](http://www.MNAtl.org).

The **SUBIACO BENEDICTINE MONASTERY** in Subiaco, Ark., hosts a **LIVE-IN EXPERIENCE VOCATIONAL RETREAT** July 8-12 for single men interested in the vocation of monastic life. Participants work and pray with the monks on their 1500-acre farm and hear vocational talks. There is no cost for the retreat. Contact: (800) 221-1807.



**DAYS UNTIL**  
 THE ARCHDIOCESE OF ATLANTA  
**EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS**  
 JUNE 4-5, 2010  
 YEAR FOR PRIESTS  
 JUNE 19, 2009 - JUNE 19, 2010

