

The Roman Catholic Parish of
Holy Trinity Church
 Hackensack~Teaneck, New Jersey



XXI Sunday in Ordinary Time
26 August 2018

Holy Trinity Church is a multiethnic community reflective of her Catholic tradition, united in one holy, catholic, and apostolic faith. Together we desire to adore the Triune God with the same reverence and devotion as do our Blessed Mother and all the saints. We invite all Catholics who have moved into the Hackensack~Teaneck area to join us in worship and register as members of our parish. We invite those interested in becoming Catholic to visit and join us in our faith, good works and devotion.

The Lord's Day Masses~Misas

Saturday Evening (anticipated)
 5:00 PM
 Sunday
 7:00 AM; 8:15 AM (español)
 10:30 AM; 12:30 PM
 4 PM (Tagalog-2nd Sunday)
 6:30 PM (español)

Holy Days: 7 AM, 8 AM, 12:10
 7:30 PM – bilingual

Monday-Friday:
 7 AM, 8 AM, 12:10 PM

Saturday:
 8:00 AM, 12:10 PM

Penance & Reconciliation

Saturdays: 4:00 – 4:45 PM
 or by appointment

Baptism:

Please call to arrange for your child's baptism soon after birth.
 Por favor llame para registrarse a su niño para el bautismo con anticipación.

Sacraments of

Christian Initiation:

Adults and youngsters desiring to be baptized, confirmed or become a Catholic please speak to any priest or Mr. Julian Garcia.

Anointing of the Sick:

Please call for a priest to celebrate this Sacrament of healing and forgiveness for someone who is seriously ill or in danger of death. **Do not** wait until the sick person is unconscious.

Sacrament of Matrimony:

All Catholics should seek to have their marriage blessed by the Church so as to live in God's good grace & receive Eucharist. Contact a priest a year prior to the intended date of marriage to ensure proper preparation.

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday & Thursday: 9:00 AM till 8:00 PM
 Tuesday & Wednesday: 9:00 AM till 5:00 PM
 Friday: 9:00 AM till 3:00 PM
 Saturday: 1:00 PM till 6:00 PM
 Sunday: 9:00 AM till 1:00 PM

CEMETERY OFFICE: 201-342-2096

St. Joseph's Cemetery located on Hackensack Avenue offers graves, cremation niches, and mausoleums. Planning ahead saves the family much worry and anxiety and guarantees your desires.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Ps 96:1-5;
 Mt 23:13-22
 Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10-13;
 Mt 23:23-26
 Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Ps 128:1-2, 4-5;
 Mk 6:17-29
 Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-7; Mt 24:42-51
 Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11;
 Mt 25:1-13
 Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-21;
 Mt 25:14-30
 Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15:2-5; Jas 1:17-18,
 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY ANTICIPATED MASS FOR SUNDAY	
5:00 PM	Mary & Nicholas Gentile
SUNDAY August 26 XXI SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
7:00 AM	George J. Semler
8:15 AM	Marie Toalongo & Juan Carlos Quintuna
10:30 AM	Sister Rita
12:30 PM	People of the Parish
6:30 PM	Gina Grace Troya Charuet
MONDAY August 27 Monica, mother	
7:00 AM	Charlotte Podesta
8:00 AM	Fr. Matthew Looney
12:10 PM	James Best
TUESDAY August 28 Augustine, bishop	
7:00 AM	Michael Falahee
8:00 AM	Intentions of Avelino & Antonia Quilling
12:10 PM	Julia Ortiz
WEDNESDAY August 29 Passion of John the Baptist	
7:00 AM	Deceased members of the Podesta Family
8:00 AM	Florence Adler
12:10 PM	Marian E. Kearns
THURSDAY August 30	
7:00 AM	John, Josephine & Robert Mangini
8:00 AM	Carlo Ann Pengue
12:10 PM	Charles Conti
FRIDAY August 31	
7:00 AM	Anthony Statile
8:00 AM	Charlotte Podesta
12:10 PM	Theresa Howell
SATURDAY September 1 BVM	
8:00 AM	Deceased members of the Podesta Family
12:10 PM	Carmelita Marcelo
ANTICIPATED MASS FOR SUNDAY	
5:00 PM	Ron Pezzillo
SUNDAY September 2 XXII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
7:00 AM	People of the Parish
8:15 AM	Juan Rojas & Margarita Fuentes
10:30 AM	Jose Matos
12:30 PM	Joan O'Connor
6:30 PM	Arcelia Dela Rosa

The Bread & Wine offered at the Masses this week are donated in Memory of Theresa Palifrone.

The Sanctuary Lamp this week is donated in Memory of Theresa Palifrone.

Prayer for Our Troops

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.



Our Parish Community prays for the sick:

Brenda Dembow, Fr. Hubba, Patricia Marinaro, Jeffrey Tisserand, Carol Yaner, Josephine Vitiello, /Richard Kunzweiler, //Fatima Realeza///Guy Gordon//// Miriam Maher

Please pray for our Faithful Departed & their loved ones



Calling All Singers (and those who want to be Singers)

Music Ministry provides beauty, joy, comfort and inspiration to our prayer and liturgies. This is possible due to the generous sharing of time and talent of our committed members. If you can carry a tune and want to learn, come and sing with us! Adult choir rehearsals begin on Thursday, September 13th at 7:00 PM in the Chapel.

Charitable Gift Annuities

Making a significant gift to your parish can increase your bottom line! By making a gift for a charitable gift annuity, you receive an income tax deduction and annuity payments for life. Plus, part of each payment is tax-free. Learn more about this wonderful opportunity by contacting Theresa Lynch, Planned Giving Manager, Archdiocese of Newark at (973) 497-4042 or by email at Theresa.lynnch@rcan.org.

MEETINGS

Finance Council	Sep 05	7:30	Rectory
Knights of Columbus	Sept 18	8:00	Council Chambers
Spiritual Renewal	Sept 17	7:30	Rectory
Human Concerns	Sept 10	7:00	Convent
St. Vincent de Paul	TBA	7:00	Convent
Pastoral Council	Sept 19	7:30	Parish Hall
Amor de Dios	Lunes	7:00	Parish Hall
Rosario	Lunes	7:00	Chapel
CCC	Viernes	7:30	Parish Hall
HT Prayer Group	Friday	7:30	30 Maple
Fil-Am: Officers	Sept 01	6:00	30 Maple
Fil-Am Ministry	Sept 16	1:30	Parish Hall
Children's Choir	Thurs	5:45	Chapel
Adult Choir	Thurs	7:00	Chapel

STEWARDSHIP

Last Sunday's Collection/Colecta de Domingo Pasado: \$6919.00
Assumption Day Collection: \$2039.00

One Day Pilgrimage/Excursion

to

Washington, D.C.

**Mass at Basilica of the Immaculate Conception
3-D Experience of the Tomb of Christ
at the National Geographic Museum
Visit to the Washington Mall**

Cost: \$40 (meals not included)

Date: September 26, 2018

Departure: 5:45 AM

Return: 10:00 PM

Only 12 seats available

Call Lynn: 201-343-5170

Deadline: September 5, 2018

Must be paid in full to reserve your place.

Recently I had conversation with an old friend. He revealed to me that he was sexually abused by a priest when he was 17. The priest invited him to the rectory, plied him with alcohol and he fell asleep. He awoke to the priest touching him. He never reported this nor did he tell his family. Quite frankly he was ashamed to say anything. Who would listen? Who would believe? Who would be sympathetic? I later texted him and thanked him for sharing. This priest was one of the many mentioned in the Pennsylvania Grand Jury report.

Another clergyman mentioned in the report was Augustine Giella. He was assigned here from 1950 to 1969. After a hasty investigation I have come to find out that Augustine's behavior was suspected even by parishioners. The principal would not allow him into the school. Eventually there were complaints and he was moved (big mistake!). After several moves he landed in Pennsylvania. 50 years ago it was dealt in a way that at the time seemed appropriate. By today's standards we are abhorred. If this happened now, he would be arrested and tried and removed from public ministry ("defrocked").

In the eighties a schoolmate was invited to a rectory. He was then invited upstairs where 'Father' began to wrestle with him. My friend left abruptly and soon told me what had happened. I advised that he call the bishop's office and lodge a complaint. He never did out of embarrassment and the thought that it was his word over Father's word. As I look back I am glad he didn't complain since even up through the 80's such a complaint would not be dealt with effectively. After the 2002 Dallas Charter for the Protection of Children took effect, the priest was removed from public ministry.

A child or even a young adult who is sexually abused is first of all embarrassed. He/she may wonder if it was his own fault: Did I ask for this? Did I lead the abuser on? Is it my fault? are questions that run through a victim's mind. If the child is young enough he/she cannot even comprehend the wrong being perpetrated against him and so does not even know how to cry out for help. It takes many years after a child grows up before he/she can even mention what had happened. In an article in Catholic News Services I read how a man who told his story was disbelieved even by family. He found little or no sympathy from friends and churchmen. He felt alone. Fellow Catholics ostracized him.

Child abuse and abuse of minors is a grave offense against chastity, human dignity and against the Holy Spirit since God commands that we love our neighbor. To cover this up or minimize it for any reason is contrary to Jesus' teaching: *It were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he cast into the sea, than that he should offend one of these little ones* (Luke 17:2).

Please read Pope Francis' Letter on page 5 of this bulletin. Let us move forward in penance asking God's forgiveness for the Church's neglect and for the healing of the innocent victims of malicious persons of the Church. Let us pray for the many priests who are faithful to their vows and serve wholeheartedly the Church. Pray also for the priests and other church personnel who failed and hurt children and minors for they are in great need of God's mercy.

Pax Christi, Fr. Paul

becoming a
catechist

"True service is power".... Pope Francis
Become a Catechist! Please consider volunteering to become a **catechist, catechetical aide, or a substitute.** We encourage our faith parishioners, to consider teaching in one of our Religious Education programs. It is only with your help and participation that we can accomplish the task of passing on our Catholic Faith to our children. You can choose Sunday or Thursday classes. **Please call the Mr. Julian Garcia at 201- 343-5170** if interested and leave your name and contact number. Thank you

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

First Rehearsal

New Members Welcome!

Thursday, September 13

5:45 until 6:45



This year rehearsals are going to be on
Thursdays starting at 5:45 till 6:45.

The value of life does not depend upon the place we occupy.
It depends upon the way we occupy that place.

—St. Thérèse of Lisieux

Sanctity of Life

"A Catholic cannot vote for a candidate who favors intrinsically evil act, such as abortion, euthanasia, or assisted suicide."

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for Faithful Citizenship*

RACHEL'S VINEYARD

**For post-abortive healing, confidential help, & info call:
Newark Respect Life Office (973) 497-4350 or via e-mail
rileyche@rcan.org or www.Rachelsvineyard.org**

Bergen Catholic will host its first Open House on Sunday September 16th from 1pm-3pm. Registration can be found on www.bergencatholic.org/admissions. If you have questions please email Matt Rosa, Director of Admissions, at mrosa@bergencatholic.org.

SPIRITUAL LIFE LA VIDA ESPIRITUAL

COME, PRAY WITH US

Holy Trinity Prayer Group - charismatic prayer every Thursday at 7:30 PM at 30 Maple

Adoration - every first Friday from 12:30 to 10:00 PM

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

I LOVED THE WEDDING. INVITE ME TO THE MARRIAGE. LOVE, GOD. Marriage Encounter weekend can help you do that! Marriage Encounter is 44 hours where married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones—and focus only on each other. If you'd like greater depth, growth, and enrichment in your relationship, you'll like the difference a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend can make! For more information contact Janet and Mike Turco 973 427-7016 or 609 335 - 6880 or email mikeandjanetwwme@gmail.com or go to nnjwwme.org.

Military families, are you getting ready to deploy? Is your family trying to reconnect after deployment? Marriage Encounter offers tools of communication that have kept many military marriages strong and happy throughout the ups and downs of military service. Contact your local chaplain or contact Janet and Mike Turco 973 427-7016 or 609 335 - 6880 or email mikeandjanetwwme@gmail.com or go to nnjwwme.org for more information.

Stress in Your Marriage!

Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse? Are you constantly fighting? Or, do you simply shut down? Have you thought about separation or divorce? Does talking about it only make it worse? ...**Retrouvaille** is a Lifeline to Help Couples Heal and Renew their Marriages. The program consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussions) with six follow-up sessions.

UPCOMING WEEKEND: August 24-26, 2018

More information calling the Family Life Office at 732-243-4573 TO REGISTER: Call Rich & Annette Colasuonno 732-236-0671 or email 3024@retrouvaille.org

A Ministry to those Seeking an Annulment

Lynn Berhalter and **Deacon Orlando** are **Pastoral Advocates** for those seeking a marriage annulment. Call Lynn on the 2nd or 4th Thursday of the month from 2:00-4:00 PM at 201-343-5170. Call Deacon at 201-815-7932 for an appointment.

Academy of St. Therese

The Academy of St. Therese, in Cresskill, NJ, is pleased to announce that registration is open for the 2018 - 2019 school year. Registration is open for (three-year old) preschool through eighth grade. The Academy of St. Therese continues to send its graduates to the leading Catholic, private and public high schools in the region, while preparing young Catholic adults to meet the challenges of the twenty-first century!

Call 201-568-4296 or visit us at 220 Jefferson Avenue, Cresskill, NJ for registration and tuition information.

STUDENTS TODAY.....LEADERS TOMORROW!

IN THE COMMUNITY EN LA COMUNIDAD

Donald Hill Seton Hall Scholarship

Any parishioner going to Seton Hall is eligible for a grant to attend Seton Hall University. If you are attending or plan to attend SHU please come to the rectory and get an application.

Fr. Paul

How to Report Abuse

The Archdiocese takes very seriously any and all allegations of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, Religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform us immediately so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse. Individuals who wish to report an allegation of sexual misconduct may do so by calling the Archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection at (201) 407-3256

Immaculate Conception High School

Be Extraordinary! Registration for all grade levels at Immaculate Conception High School in Lodi will continue throughout the summer. Contact Nicole Mineo, Director of Enrollment Management, for more information - nmineo@ichslodi.org or (973) 773 - 2665

Regis High School for Boys Admissions Information Night

Thursday, Sept. 20 at 7:00 PM

St. Luke's Parish

340 North Franklin Turnpike, Ho-ho-kus

Regis HS is an all-scholarship Jesuit school for talented and gifted Catholic boys. For more info call Eric DiMichele at 212-288-1100, x2057; edimichele@regis.org

Celebration of MARRIAGE Retreat

September 28-30

Marianist Retreat Center

417 Yale Avenue, Cape May Point, NJ 08212

This weekend is for couples married at least 10 years. It honors and celebrates the commitment of marriage. We strike a deliberate balance among participation, reflection, liturgy and free time, fun activities and plenty of couple time for walks on the beach.

Cost: \$270 per couple (meals, room & program)

Sign up on line at www.capemaymarianists.org or call 609-884-3829 for more info.

Two Sopranos and a Tenor

Featuring; Lucia Wehr

Date: Wednesday, September 26

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: Casa Italiana Zerilli-Marimo

24 W. 12th St. bet. 5th and 6th Ave. NYC 10011

Reception in the gallery after the program....coffee/cookies.

The program is open to the public. Free Admission for Members of AICR and/or Casa Italiana. NON-Members fee is \$15.

**Letter of His Holiness Pope Francis
To the People of God**

“If one member suffers, all suffer together with it” (1 Cor 12:26). These words of Saint Paul forcefully echo in my heart as I acknowledge once more the suffering endured by many minors due to sexual abuse, the abuse of power and the abuse of conscience perpetrated by a significant number of clerics and consecrated persons. Crimes that inflict deep wounds of pain and powerlessness, primarily among the victims, but also in their family members and in the larger community of believers and nonbelievers alike. Looking back to the past, no effort to beg pardon and to seek to repair the harm done will ever be sufficient. Looking ahead to the future, no effort must be spared to create a culture able to prevent such situations from happening, but also to prevent the possibility of their being covered up and perpetuated. The pain of the victims and their families is also our pain, and so it is urgent that we once more reaffirm our commitment to ensure the protection of minors and of vulnerable adults.

1. If one member suffers...

In recent days, a report was made public which detailed the experiences of at least a thousand survivors, victims of sexual abuse, the abuse of power and of conscience at the hands of priests over a period of approximately seventy years. Even though it can be said that most of these cases belong to the past, nonetheless as time goes on we have come to know the pain of many of the victims. We have realized that these wounds never disappear and that they require us forcefully to condemn these atrocities and join forces in uprooting this culture of death; these wounds never go away. The heart-wrenching pain of these victims, which cries out to heaven, was long ignored, kept quiet or silenced. But their outcry was more powerful than all the measures meant to silence it, or sought even to resolve it by decisions that increased its gravity by falling into complicity. The Lord heard that cry and once again showed us on which side he stands. Mary’s song is not mistaken and continues quietly to echo throughout history. For the Lord remembers the promise he made to our fathers: “he has scattered the proud in their conceit; he has cast down the mighty from their thrones and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty” (Lk 1:51-53). **We feel shame when we realize that our style of life has denied, and continues to deny, the words we recite.**

With shame and repentance, we acknowledge as an ecclesial community that we were not where we should have been, that we did not act in a timely manner, realizing the magnitude and the gravity of the damage done to so many lives. We showed no care for the little ones; we abandoned them. I make my own the words of the then Cardinal Ratzinger when, during the Way of the Cross composed for Good Friday 2005, he identified with the cry of pain of so many victims and exclaimed: “*How much filth there is in the Church, and even among those who, in the priesthood, ought to belong entirely to [Christ]! How much pride, how much self-compacency! Christ’s betrayal by his disciples, their unworthy reception of his body and blood, is certainly the greatest suffering endured by the Redeemer; it pierces his heart. We can only call to him from the depths of our hearts: Kyrie eleison – Lord, save us!*” (cf. Mt 8:25)” (Ninth Station).

2. ... all suffer together with it

The extent and the gravity of all that has happened requires coming to grips with this reality in a comprehensive and communal way. While it is important and necessary on every journey of conversion to acknowledge the truth of what has happened, in itself this is not enough. **Today we are challenged as the People of God to take on the pain of our brothers and sisters wounded in their flesh and in their spirit.** If, in the past, the response was one of omission, today we want solidarity, in the deepest and most challenging sense, to become our way of forging present and future history. And this in an environment where conflicts, tensions and above all the victims of every type of abuse can encounter an outstretched hand to protect them and rescue them from their pain (cf. Evangelii Gaudium, 228). Such solidarity demands that we in turn condemn whatever endangers the integrity of any person. A solidarity that summons us to fight all forms of corruption, especially spiritual corruption. The latter is “a comfortable and self-satisfied form of blindness. Everything then appears acceptable: deception, slander, egotism and other subtle forms of self-centeredness, for ‘even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light’ (2 Cor 11:14)” (Gaudete et Exsultate, 165). **Saint Paul’s exhortation to suffer with those who suffer is the best antidote against all our attempts to repeat the words of Cain: “Am I my brother’s keeper?”** (Gen 4:9).

I am conscious of the effort and work being carried out in various parts of the world to come up with the necessary means to ensure the safety and protection of the integrity of children and of vulnerable adults, as well as implementing zero tolerance and ways of making all those who perpetrate or cover up these crimes accountable. We have delayed in applying these actions and sanctions that are so necessary, yet I am confident that they will help to guarantee a greater culture of care in the present and future.

Together with those efforts, every one of the baptized should feel involved in the ecclesial and social change that we so greatly need. This change calls for a personal and communal conversion that makes us see things as the Lord does. For as Saint John Paul II liked to say: “If we have truly started out anew from the contemplation of Christ, we must learn to see him especially in the faces of those with whom he wished to be identified” (Novo Millennio Ineunte, 49). To see things as the Lord does, to be where the Lord wants us to be, to experience a conversion of heart in his presence. To do so, prayer and penance will help. I invite the entire holy faithful People of God to a penitential exercise of prayer and fasting, following the Lord’s command. This can awaken our conscience and arouse our solidarity and commitment to a culture of care that says “never again” to every form of abuse.

It is impossible to think of a conversion of our activity as a Church that does not include the active participation of all the members of God’s People. Indeed, whenever we have tried to replace, or silence, or ignore, or reduce the People of God to small elites, we end up creating communities, projects, theological approaches, spiritualities and structures without roots, without memory, without faces, without bodies and ultimately, without lives. This is clearly seen in a peculiar way of understanding the Church’s authority, one common in many communities where sexual abuse and the abuse of power and conscience have occurred. Such is the case with clericalism, an approach that “not only nullifies the character of Christians, but also tends to diminish and undervalue the baptismal grace that the Holy Spirit has placed in the heart of our people”. Clericalism, whether fostered by priests themselves or by lay persons, leads to an excision in the ecclesial body that supports and helps to perpetuate many of the evils that we are condemning today. To say “no” to abuse is to say an emphatic “no” to all forms of clericalism. It is always helpful to remember that “in salvation history, the Lord saved one people. We are never completely ourselves unless we belong to a people. That is why no one is saved alone, as an isolated individual. Rather, God draws us to himself, taking into account the complex fabric of interpersonal relationships present in the human community. God wanted to enter into the life and history of a people” (Gaudete et Exsultate, 6). Consequently, the only way that we have to respond to this evil that has darkened so many lives is to experience it as a task regarding all of us as the People of God. This awareness of being part of a people and a shared history will enable us to acknowledge our past sins and mistakes with a penitential openness that can allow us to be renewed from within. **Without the active participation of all the Church’s members, everything being done to uproot the culture of abuse in our communities will not be successful in generating the necessary dynamics for sound and realistic change.** The penitential dimension of fasting and prayer will help us as God’s People to come before the Lord and our wounded brothers and sisters as sinners imploring forgiveness and the grace of shame and conversion. In this way, we will come up with actions that can generate resources attuned to the Gospel. For “whenever we make the effort to return to the source and to recover the original freshness of the Gospel, new avenues arise, new paths of creativity open up, with different forms of expression, more eloquent signs and words with new meaning for today’s world” (Evangelii Gaudium, 11).

It is essential that we, as a Church, be able to acknowledge and condemn, with sorrow and shame, the atrocities perpetrated by consecrated persons, clerics, and all those entrusted with the mission of watching over and caring for those most vulnerable. Let us beg forgiveness for our own sins and the sins of others. An awareness of sin helps us to acknowledge the errors, the crimes and the wounds caused in the past and allows us, in the present, to be more open and committed along a journey of renewed conversion.

Likewise, penance and prayer will help us to open our eyes and our hearts to other people’s sufferings and to overcome the thirst for power and possessions that are so often the root of those evils. May fasting and prayer open our ears to the hushed pain felt by children, young people and the disabled. A fasting that can make us hunger and thirst for justice and impel us to walk in the truth, supporting all the judicial measures that may be necessary. A fasting that shakes us up and leads us to be committed in truth and charity with all men and women of good will, and with society in general, to combatting all forms of the abuse of power, sexual abuse and the abuse of conscience.

In this way, we can show clearly our calling to be “a sign and instrument of communion with God and of the unity of the entire human race” (LG, 1). “If one member suffers, all suffer together with it”, said Saint Paul. By an attitude of prayer and penance, we will become attuned as individuals and as a community to this exhortation, so that we may grow in the gift of compassion, in justice, prevention and reparation. Mary chose to stand at the foot of her Son’s cross. She did so unhesitatingly, standing firmly by Jesus’ side. In this way, she reveals the way she lived her entire life. When we experience the desolation caused by these ecclesial wounds, we will do well, with Mary, “to insist more upon prayer”, seeking to grow all the more in love and fidelity to the Church (St. Ignatius of Loyola, Spiritual Exercises, 319). She, the first of the disciples, teaches all of us as disciples how we are to halt before the sufferings of the innocent, without excuses or cowardice. To look to Mary is to discover the model of a true follower of Christ.

May the Holy Spirit grant us the grace of conversion and the interior anointing needed to express before these crimes of abuse our compunction and our resolve courageously to combat them.

¿QUE PASA?

Papa Francisco @PontifexFrases

Cuando creas que no puedes más, no te rindas; falta poco para que lleguen las bendiciones a tu vida. No pierdas la fe.

CASAS AL SERVICIO DE DIOS

Antiguamente, la palabra "familia" tenía un significado muy amplio. Cuando Josué habla hoy de que su familia servirá al Señor, no se refería solo a las personas que vivían dentro de sus paredes ni a sus parientes de sangre o políticos; se refería a los esclavos o criados y sus familias y cualquier persona que estuviera en deuda con él por algún motivo. Incluso su ganado y demás bienes debían consagrarse a servir a Dios. En nuestro mundo, valoramos mucho la libertad de los individuos para elegir de qué manera vivir y no se nos ocurriría poner a nuestras mascotas al servicio de Dios. Pero, al discernir nuestra vocación como discípulos bautizados en Cristo, llegamos a comprender la diversidad de las "familias" de nuestra vida: la manera en que obramos con nuestros cónyuges, hijos, compañeros de habitación o con quien sea que vivamos; nuestro comportamiento con los vecinos o en público ya que cada día nos topamos con muchos "extraños" en los negocios o en la calle, quienes de repente se convierten en "el vecino". ¿De qué manera podemos usar nuestro tiempo, recursos o dones con fines desinteresados en vez de con el fin de obtener algún beneficio personal? Sin importar en qué clase de vida demos testimonio de la Buena Nueva, todos tenemos una "familia" que debe consagrarse al servicio del Señor, nuestro Dios.

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TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Narcisca de Jesús Martillo Morán nació el día de san Narciso (29 de octubre, 1832), hija de campesinos ecuatorianos. Vivió su vida como costurera y doméstica. Falleció en Perú en 1869. Su fe se distinguió por su amor a la presencia de Jesús Sacramentado en la Eucaristía, sus prácticas de penitencia y sus obras de caridad.

Cuando aún era joven, conoció la vida de la recientemente beatificada y ahora santa, Marianita de Jesús, "la Azucena de Quito" (1618-1645). La vida de esta santa mujer latina la inspiró a vivir como mejor cristiana, buscando ser guiada espiritualmente por una serie de directores espirituales.

En esta laica beata, encontramos dos puntos de reflexión para nosotros los latinos. El primero es la necesidad de conocer nuestros santos latinos no sólo para recurrir a ellos sino para imitar su santidad. Lo segundo es la necesidad de buenos directores espirituales, ya sean sacerdotes, religiosos, religiosas, laicos o laicas. La dirección espiritual es una práctica antigua en nuestra Iglesia y muchos hombres y mujeres han sido directores espirituales para guiar a personas como Narcisca, ayudándoles en el camino a la santidad.

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Santa Mónica, madre de San Agustín (332-388)



"Enterrad este mi cuerpo donde queréis, ni os preocupa más su cuidado. Una sola cosa os pido, que os acordéis de mí ante el altar del Señor, en cualquier lugar donde os hallareis". Así decía poco antes de morir a sus hijos y demás deudos aquella mujer que fue Santa Mónica, modelo de esposas, madres, suegras y nueras.

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En cuanto a mí toca, mi familia y yo serviremos al Señor.

— Josué 24:15b

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