

Reflections

My Brothers and Sisters,

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your mind and all your strength... and you shall love your neighbor as yourself.” This is what Jesus identifies as the Greatest Commandment – one of the most pivotal statements of Jesus, found in these or similar words in all four Gospels. The Lord bases this Greatest Commandment on a Jewish prayer text in the Hebrew Scriptures, written in the Book of Deuteronomy. This core teaching of our faith, then, links both the Old Testament and the New Testament together... it is fundamental to the entire Judeo-Christian religious tradition.

It’s important – and interesting – to note that this text is all about relationship: our relationship with God, our relationship with our neighbor... and even our relationship with ourselves. How are we to relate? With love and in love. Of course, we hear this point made time and time again... in the scriptures, in homilies that we hear and as the basis of every teaching of the Catholic Church.

It’s no wonder, then, that Pope Benedict XVI – in his first encyclical letter to the world – addressed the subject *Deus Caritas Est – God is Love*. Yes, God is love; and we who are created in God’s image and likeness are to be love in our relationship with God, neighbor and self.

Which brings us to today’s celebration of Trinity Sunday. This is not a “celebration” of some dry theological doctrine. No, when we celebrate a God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit – One God, three Persons – we celebrate a God of Relationship. A God who is Relationship; a God who is the very essence of Love.

What an incredible God we have. Yes, the doctrine of the Trinity is a mystery that, humanly, we can’t fully comprehend or completely grasp. We can only accept through faith that there are Three Persons in One God; that God relates to us (and “relates within God”) as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. One of the Greatest theologians of the 20th century, Jesuit Father Karl Rahner, helped me to understand this mystery a bit more fully when he theorized that, when the Father sent his Son Jesus Christ into the world, the love between the Father and the Son was so intense that that love actually “became” another manifestation of God, the third Person of God: the Holy Spirit.

My friends, what we celebrate today is a God who loves us so much that He makes Himself known to us as Father, Son and Holy Spirit – three distinct but equal Persons, inviting us into love of God, one another and ourselves!

May the blessings and love of the Triune God always be with us!

With love and prayers,



Rev. Charles G. Kieffer, V.F.
Pastor

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Liturgy And Music Notes & Notices

We Are Seeking Volunteers To Assist In The Activities Of Martha's Ministry, which maintains the altar linens and performs other light duties. Please help if you can, call Jim Sage @ 602- 840-0850, ext. 121, or email: jsage@diocesephoenix.org.

A Sincere Thank You To Ann Couch... for coordinating the Taize services this year, and to our lectors, musicians and other volunteers who assisted in these evenings of prayer.

If You Are Interested In Serving In A Liturgical Ministry here at St. Theresa Parish, including becoming a Lector, a Minister of Holy Communion, or an Altar Server, please contact Jim Sage, via email: jsage@diocesephoenix.org or by phone: 602-840-0850, ext. 121. Training sessions will be scheduled early in June, depending on interest. We are in need of volunteers for all of these Ministries, serving at all Masses. Please note that even if you have served in these ministries at other parishes, you are still asked to go through our orientation, make sure your *Called to Protect* obligation is current, and be certified with the Diocese of Phoenix through St. Theresa Parish.

Choirs Sing

**At The 9AM & 11AM and 6PM Masses Weekly
All Groups Are Looking For New Members**



Please consider joining this ministry which strives to call us to God and lead us in prayerful song. Rehearsal for 9AM & 11AM is held on Wednesdays at 6PM; the choir for 6PM Mass rehearses before the liturgy at 4:30PM on Sundays.

PARISH NEWS

Reminder: All Bulletin Articles Are Due On Monday At 12NOON If Monday is a holiday then all articles are due the Friday before at 12NOON. Articles will not be accepted after the deadline. For more information please call Shannon Braccio in the Parish Office @ 602-840-0850.



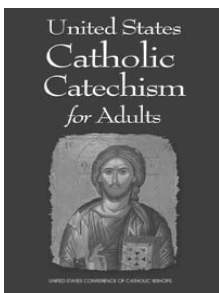
Bus To Ordination... on Saturday June 7th, St. Theresa Parish will provide free transportation for those who wish to participate in Deacon Matt Lowry's Priesthood Ordination at Saints Simon and Jude Cathedral. The bus will leave St. Theresa at 8:45AM and will return to the parish shortly following the end of the Ordination Liturgy. (For those who are "planning their day," we will probably arrive back at St. Theresa around 1PM). **Reservations are required—seating is available "first come, first served" basis. Please contact the Parish Office at 602.840.0850 to place your name on the passenger list.** Parking at the Cathedral is difficult on Ordination Day, so this is an option you might want to consider...

A New Floor For The Church Sanctuary... In mid-June, we plan to begin replacing the carpet in the sanctuary (altar area) of the church with a sealed travertine stone floor surface, through the generosity of a bequest left to St. Theresa for this purpose. For those of you who have visited the Convent Chapel, you have noticed that the recent renovation work there has included a "prototype" of this floor in the altar area of the chapel. It is both durable and beautiful, and we hope is the first phase of a project to replace all the church carpeting over the next few years. The floor of the church sanctuary will stretch from the baptistery to the choir area, and will include the steps. The stone color of the floor and the listelle (decorative border) will be very similar to that of the Convent chapel altar area.



"St. Theresa's Own" Deacon Matt Lowry Will Be Ordained A Priest Of The Diocese Of Phoenix At 10AM On Saturday 7 June At Ss. Simon And Jude Cathedral

Fr. Matt will then celebrate the 6:00PM Sunday Liturgy here at St. Theresa on June 8th as his Mass of Thanksgiving (during his time on our staff as Youth Minister, this is the Mass that was most frequently attended by Matt). A reception, open to the community, will follow Mass. A frequent question from parishioners is "what in the world can we give a new priest as a gift on the occasion of his Ordination and Mass of Thanksgiving?" For those who would like assistance in answering this question, Matt has given us a "wish list" of items that would be helpful as he begins his priestly ministry. (It's hard enough selecting a wedding gift for a friend... even more so an ordination gift!) If you would like to see the Ordination Wish List, please stop by the Parish Office and check with Carrie (or another receptionist) at the front desk.



The New United States Catholic Catechism For Adults (USCCA) Is Available For Purchase...

at a discounted price of \$22 in the Parish Office. This edition of the Catholic Catechism specifically addresses current US culture in light of Catholic church teaching.

St Theresa Parish Knights of Columbus Council 13497

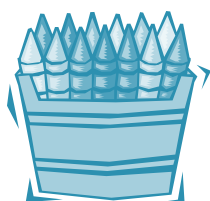
Knights Of Columbus State Raffle Purchase your raffle tickets for a chance to win a trip to Italy, Ireland or the Mexican Riviera or 7 cash prizes! Tickets are \$2 each or \$10 for a book of 6. St. Theresa Council proceeds will benefit Arizona Right to Life ~ we're Pro Life! Drawing will be on May 31, 2008. Call Tom Hart for more information @ 480-970-0428. *St Joseph's Youth Camp in Mormon Lake, AZ* is now accepting summer camp registrations for children ages 8-14; round trip coach bus transportation provided from OLMC Parish in Tempe (new location); children spend a week in the cool pines having fun & getting an outdoor education! Book 1 of 5 sessions July 2008 now! Learn more about the camp & register on-line at www.sjycaz.com. If you would like to sponsor a child, contact Tom Hart/SJYC Camp Board Member at number above.

Upcoming Events — Mark Your Calendars!

May 23rd–26th Families welcome as Knights help to prepare St. Joseph's Youth Camp for the summer. (Memorial Day Weekend)

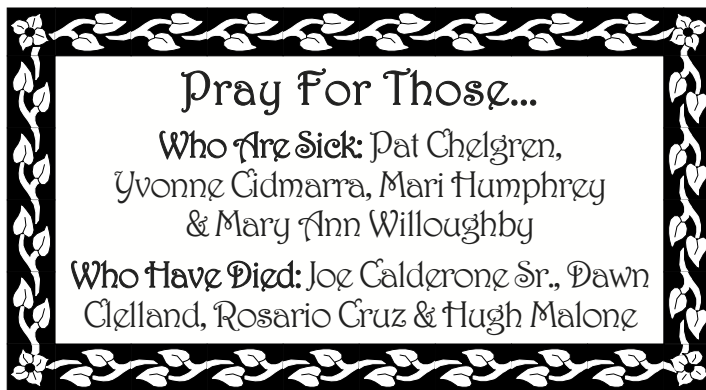
May 30th–31st 101st Arizona Knights of Columbus State Convention Tucson Double Tree Resort

July 3rd–6th Family Weekend ~ St. Joseph's Youth Camp; Knights to host a 4th of July Celebration ~ BBQ, Climbing Wall, Live Music! Current & New Knights Of Columbus Members welcome to join us at the camp.



Club Crayola... is a parent run co-op open to all children 1-4 years of age during the 9 & 11AM Sunday morning Masses. Hours will change starting Sunday, June 1st through Sunday, August 31st. During these Summer dates,

we will only be open during the 9AM Mass. If you are interested in using Club Crayola, please call Shannon Braccio in the Parish Office @ 602-840-0850 or stop by Club Crayola on Sunday to speak with Anne Aubuchon, Club Crayola Coordinator. All parents that use Club Crayola are required to take Called to Protect. If you completed Called to Protect in 2007 then you are required to take the 2008 annual training. Please contact Terez Barta @ 602-819-3016 for further information.



Pray For Those...

Who Are Sick: Pat Chelgren, Yvonne Cidmarra, Mari Humphrey & Mary Ann Willoughby

Who Have Died: Joe Calderone Sr., Dawn Clelland, Rosario Cruz & Hugh Malone

SCHOOL OF RELIGION



St. Theresa Is Going Green... for our VBS program, "Camping with Christ, A Deep Woods Encounter!" Imagine all the pine "stored Christmas" trees and tents decorating Fr. Feeney Hall! It will be awesome, but we need help from you! We need the following donations: 50 cardboard boxes at least the size of a case of water; a few rolls of colored duct tape and masking tape; newspapers and scraps of wood big enough to make some homemade camping signs, Or a willing volunteer to make some. Thank you for helping us make this summer's experience the best yet! For more information, please call 602-840-0850, ext. 111.

Many Hands Make Light Work, And We Need You! Please attend the Vacation Bible School Craft Preparation Night, Thursday, May 29th, at 6PM in the Parish Office Conference Room. We need volunteers to help us staple, hole punch and paint materials children will use during "Camping with Christ, A Deep Woods Encounter," scheduled June 23rd-27th, from 9AM to noon. Registration forms are available in the Parish Office now! For information call Gina Keating @ 602-840-0850.

The Family Formation Pilot Group will meet Sunday, May 18th, "Most Holy Trinity," in Fr. Feeney Hall following the 9AM Mass. In addition to sharing ideas for next year, bring a breakfast item to share. As families, we will be "dedicating our days" with a family craft project. See you there!

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Alzheimer Support Group Our next support group meeting will be Tuesday, May 27th in the Parish Office Conference Room from 4-5:30PM. You always fear what you do not understand. Please come for answers and education so that you can deal with the changes that take place with a loved one who has dementia of any kind. We have outstanding facilitators for our support group. For further information, call 602-586-7429.

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

PASTORAL CARE



Evening Prayer For Our Service Men And Women Every Thursday In The Convent Chapel 6-7PM

We are constantly tempted to think that we have nothing or little to offer to our fellow human beings especially for those fighting in the war. War frightens us. It sometimes seems better not to come close than to come close without being able to change anything. Everything starts and ends with prayer. Prayer is powerful. Prayer is always answered. Let us come together for just one hour and offer prayers for these young men and women who said 'yes' to service for others. Let us stand by them with our prayer with our 'yes'! We pray and God blesses!

Leading the Way Ministry... will meet on Monday, June 2nd from 4-5:30PM in the Parish Conference Room. If you experience the death of a loved one, and are now ready to become active with a group of wonderful people who understand the same kind of loss, this ministry is for you. Please come to this 'Summer Ice Cream Social' and help us plan more activities together that can take us through the summer. For further information please call 602-586-7429.

Adoration In The Convent Chapel Every Thursday From 9AM-9PM
Pope Benedict XVI calls us to spend quiet time with Jesus in Adoration.

Grief Comes In Waves Sometimes what is normal seems very abnormal. Our Pastoral Care Office is always open to help. Contact Bobbie Stich @ 602-586-7429 for an appointment if you would like to discuss where you are on this most difficult journey of grief.

Going Into The Hospital? Please be certain to let the hospital know that you are Catholic and would like to receive Holy Communion. Also, please call our Pastoral Care Office @ 602-586-7429 to let us know that you are or going to be in the hospital. If you go into the hospital by emergency, it is vital to let us know so we can make certain that the parish responsible for that hospital meet your anointing and communion needs.

SCHOOL NEWS

Saint Theresa Catholic School Has Just A Few Openings Left In Grades K-6 For The 08/09 School Year. CTODP financial assistance is available making Catholic education affordable for everyone so don't miss this opportunity to give your children an education of a lifetime. For information please contact Tracey Michelle Theisen @ 602.840.0010 ext. 204 or ttheisen@diocesephoenix.org.

DIOCESAN NEWS

Widowed? Divorced? Separated? Beginning Experience is a weekend program to help single-again persons begin to deal with the grieving process. It offers an opportunity, through God, for turning the pain of loss into an experience of positive growth. The next weekend will be May 29th-June 1st. Cost is \$149. Partial scholarships are available. For additional information call our message line @ 602-914-5148 or e-mail us @ BEAZ1974@yahoo.com

Worldwide Marriage Encounter If you want a little more holiness in your marriage, consider enriching it by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekend will be August 1st-3rd. For information call 602-242-6141 or email curtwessel@cox.net.

Readings Week of May 18, 2008

Sunday	Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18
Monday	Jas 3:13-18; Ps 19; Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday	Jas 4:1-10; Ps 55; Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday	Jas 4:13-17; Ps 49; Mk 9:38-40
Thursday	Jas 5:1-6; Ps 147; Mk 9:41-50
Friday	Jas 5:9-12; Ps 103; Mk 10:1-12
Saturday	Jas 5:13-20; Ps 141; Mk 10:13-16
Sunday	Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a; Ps 147; 1 Cor 10:16-17; Jn 6:51-58

Anointing Service For Those Affected By Cancer Thursday, May 29th in the Church

Hosted by Fr. Michael Straley, Msgr. John McMahon and Fr. Van Wagner. We invite those with cancer, family and friends to come for this wonderful service. If you plan on being anointed, please RSVP to Bobbie Stich in the Pastoral Care Office @ 602-586-7429.

LIFE TEEN PROGRAM

All High School Teens Welcome!



MAY

18) Road To Hope -
The Parish Office
25) Memorial Day Weekend
Film Festival

Mass: Sundays @ 6PM

LIFE Teen: Sundays After Mass

Open Life Room:

Wednesday 5-7PM & Thursday 3-5PM

Basketball: Wednesday 5-7PM

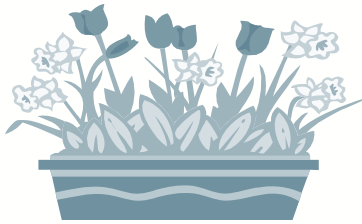
Prayer Meeting: Wednesday 7-9PM

Adoration: Thursday 7-9PM in Convent Chapel

www.godtalk.org

Mass Intentions

(MAY 19TH – MAY 25TH)



MONDAY, MAY 19TH

6:30AM +MARYBELLE SEGHI-FR.CHUCK

TUESDAY, MAY 20TH

6:30AM MARTIN & MARIE MARTONIK-FR.MATHEW

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21ST

6:30AM +JAMES S. GIBSON-FR.CHUCK

8:30AM +GEORGE McANDREWS-FR.SIRALEY

THURSDAY, MAY 22ND

6:30AM +GINO ORI-FR. CHUCK

FRIDAY, MAY 23RD

6:30AM +JAMES MURRAY-FR.CHUCK

SATURDAY, MAY 24TH

8:00AM +RICKY DALTON-FR. MATHEW

5:00PM FOR THE PARISHIONERS-FR. MATHEW

SUNDAY, MAY 25TH

7:30AM +THERESA VALESH-FR.CHUCK

9:00AM +MARY CASEY-FR.MATHEW

11:00AM +SALLY BIALKE-FR. STRALEY

6:00PM MICHAEL DRAPEAU, SPEC. INT.-FR.MATHEW

Please Note:

The Priest scheduled to celebrate the Mass
is subject to change

The Week Ahead!

Sunday

10:15AM Family Formation (Feeney Hall)

10:20AM Bible Study (Conference Rm)

7:00PM LIFE Teen (LIFE Rm)

Monday

6:30PM SVDP Meeting (Conference Rm)

7:00PM Boy Scout Mtg. (PJP Rm)

Tuesday

8:15AM Adult Catechism Pilot Group (Club Rm)

5:00PM Wolf Den Meeting (Classroom 15)

Wednesday

9:15AM Centering Prayer (Convent Chapel)

5:00PM Open LIFE Room (LIFE Rm)

6:00PM Choir Practice (Church)

6:30PM Rosary (Convent Chapel)

7:00PM LIFE Teen Prayer Meeting (LIFE Rm)

Thursday

9:00AM Adoration (Convent Chapel)

3:00PM Open LIFE Room (LIFE Rm)

6:30PM 8th Grade Graduation (Church)

Friday

Saturday

8:30PM AlAnon (Classroom 16)

Alcoholics Anonymous (Classroom 17)



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