

June Birthdays

June 02: Stephanie Hamilton
June 02: Travis Williams
June 06: Katherine Hampton
June 16: Phil Hampton
June 19: John Evans
June 19: Joyce Hing
June 21: Beau Ellrich
June 22: Indra Valasco Ruiz
June 30: Patsy Notestein

June Anniversaries

June 04: Will & Annette McCabe
June 11: Scott & Patti West
June 12: Don & Patsy Notestein
June 13: Bob & Sandra Burke
June 13: Chuck & Pat Hirtz
June 24: Les & Maria Leslie
June 28: Keith & Kathleen Hamilton
June 30: Chene & Emily Hedy

Please continue to pray for the sick of our Parish. To add someone to the prayer list, call Fr. Jim or email Bonnie Toth at: bonnie3871@gmail.com.

Dylan Anderson
Sid Barr
Robert Berry
Patricia Bonnewitz
Gloria Bowden
Kellsei Boyce
Millie Budney
Sandra Burke
Julie Byron
Deacon John Carey
Riordan Cavoris
Justin Curtis
Alessia Destefano
Carol Donato
Islea Duncan
Patricia Elder
John Evans

Jack Fisher
Linda Gardner
Elizabeth Gillam
Lynn Goss
Mary Graf
Kathleen Hamilton
Chuck Haney
Jeanne Harper
James Hedy
Pablo Ignacio
Patrick Ignacio
Meja Irvin
Leslie Jarrett
Marge Lent
Paul Lent
Patel Mahendra
Carolyn Martin

Kimberly Martin
Willard Mock
Greg Moore
Beverly Moyer
Chris Moyer
Ray Moyer
Don Notestein
Patsy Notestein
Angel Ortiz
George Perry
Gary Peters
Laurie Peters
Frank Powell
Nelson Sanchez
Princess Sanchez
John Seaquist
Ray Servis

Jane Sliwinski
Margaret Smith
Chere Tew
Jim Tew
Fred Toth
Amy Tracy
Emilia Walker
Charles Watson
Danielle Weedon
Laura Williams
Louise Williams
Michael Williams
Travis Williams
Betty Jo Wolfrum

The Financial Corner

Collections June 8: \$710
Attendees June 8: 71

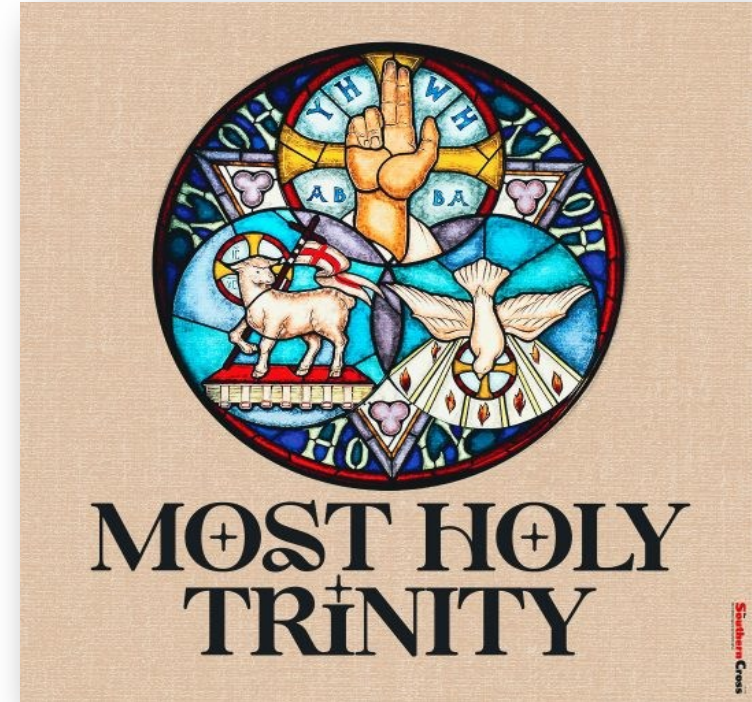
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Holy Eucharist

Sunday 8:30 AM; Tuesday 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM

Thursday 12:15 PM

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A REFLECTION BY B. SIDNEY SMITH
“My Father’s Eyes”

Eric Clapton wrote a song in the 90s titled, "My Father's Eyes." He said about it, "I tried to describe the parallel between looking in the eyes of my son, and the eyes of the father that I never met, through the chain of our blood." This song affected me very much. I knew my father, but our relationship was troubled, having scarcely existed before I was an early adolescent and he came, for the first time, to live in the same city I did.

I was his only child. As he died I waited with him, and we talked perfunctorily as we had always done, with genuine intimacy just out of reach. Yet the connection between us was, and remains, so deep, so primary, that I feel myself scarcely better able to understand it now, approaching my own old age, than I did at 14. Every father is a mirror, and every son. But the image can be hard to fathom.

As a father myself I know that fatherhood has many dimensions. It begins in its creative aspect. Through the profound mystery of procreation, mother and father bring a child into the world. It is a matter for awe and reverence, or so I experienced it, and profound responsibility. Then comes care-giving and teaching; the father makes provision for the child to thrive, gives guidance and imposes discipline, and in all ways transfers to the rapidly developing young person all that he knows of the world and how to properly live in it.

A father's emotions run the gamut. Tenderness and profound love, but also anxiety and frustration. There is pride—and disappointment. And at the last the child is mature and relies no longer on the father in the business of living, and becomes in some ways a stranger. A distance grows. But always in the mind of the grown child the father's voice can be heard, especially at times of doubt or stress, for our inner voice retains the tone and timbre of the voices we were guided by when young. And always in the heart of a parent there remains the tender impulse of care and concern for the child now grown.

As the catechism explains, "The language of faith draws on the human experience of parents, who are in a way the first representatives of God for man. ... God transcends human fatherhood and motherhood, although he is their origin and standard." This means that in fatherhood (and motherhood) we are (yet again) made in the image of God, and also that God is the standard of parental love, the Father of all. The catechism again: "Jesus revealed that God is Father not only in being Creator; he is eternally Father in relation to his only Son, who is eternally Son only in relation to his Father." Jesus invites us to join in His relationship with the Father as sons and daughters of God, and when I think about that it takes my breath away—knowing that he offers this through the chain of his own blood, given in sacrifice.

There is an indescribable depth of feeling when I look in my own father's eyes, even if just in memory, as though my very beginning was contained in them. I cannot look in God's eyes, but I can look in the eyes of his Son, just as I can look in the eyes of my own son, for seeing with eyes of faith means looking into Christ's face in every face I see.

And there, indeed, are my Father's eyes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

FR. JIM IS AWAY

Fr. Jim is in Rhode Island with his father June 12-19, 2025. As a result, there will be no masses during that time. Today, Lay Ministers Diane Bradish and Andrew Brown will lead a Prayer Service with Communion. Diane will lead a prayer service on Tuesday morning, June 17. Fr. Jim has made sure there are enough consecrated hosts for the services.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2025

The dates have finally been decided! VBS will take place this year July 22-25. If your child will be attending, please see the sign-up sheet so we will know the number of attendees to expect. Please direct any questions or concerns to either Helen Dennany or Alice Doepe.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Our next big event is planned for July 31. We are hosting a birthday party for a famous character, Harry Potter! If you are planning to attend, please sign up. More details (especially about gifts) will be forthcoming in the coming weeks. Stay tuned!

CHRISTMAS IN JUNE!

You read that right! The Knights of Columbus will have Christmas Cards for sale after Mass in the commons. The cards are packaged 10 in each box and sell for \$10. Let's support our Knights who continue to help our parish ministries in so many ways.

