



## MAY 26, 2024 THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH  
7717 RIVER ROAD - TOWNSEND, TN 37882  
865 - 448 - 6070

WEBSITE: STFRANCISTOWNSEND.ORG  
E-MAIL: STFRANCISTOWNSEND7717@GMAIL.COM

### MASS & CONFESSION SCHEDULE

**HOLY MASS:** Saturday – Vigil Mass - 4:00PM  
Sunday – 9:00AM

**DAILY MASS:** MON, TU, TH & FRI - 8:30AM  
(NO MASS ON WEDNESDAYS)  
*Check bulletin/website for changes*

**CONFESSION:** Saturday before Mass:  
3:00 - 3:40 (Church confessional)  
Sunday Before Mass:  
8:15 - 8:40 (Church confessional)  
Confessions may also be scheduled  
by calling the parish office for an  
appointment.

**HOLY DAYS:** Check bulletin or website

The Rosary is prayed 35 minutes before each Weekend Mass

### PARISH MINISTRY TEAM

**PASTOR:** Rev. Antonio Giraldo  
**DEACON:** Deacon Jim Schmall  
**OFFICE MANAGER:** Kathy Meyerkord  
**BOOKKEEPER:** Kathleen Halligan  
**LITURGY/MUSIC DIRECTOR:** JoAnne Romer-Aylward  
**DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS  
EDUCATION:** Julie Dew  
**OCIA:** Bruce Boudin  
**WELCOMING, EVENTS AND SOCIALS (WEST):** All  
**GARDENS & GROUNDS:** Ilene Rainwater  
**FACILITIES:** David Girard  
**SOCIAL MEDIA/WEBSITE:** JoAnne Romer-Aylward  
**PASTORAL CARE  
(SICK & HOMEBOUND):** Suzie Fay  
**ST. CLARE GIFT SHOP:** Camilla Sorrell  
**COLUMBARIUM:** Bob Eberhardt

### PARISH ASSOCIATIONS

**COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN:** Ilene Rainwater  
**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:** Debbie Eberhardt

**NEW PARISHIONERS:** Please contact the pastor or ask an usher for a registration form, and then place the completed form in the offertory basket or mail it to the church office. For more information call 865-448-6070.

**PARISHIONERS:** Please report any change of contact information to the parish office via e-mail, mail or phone.

**BAPTISM:** Parents are required to attend the Baptismal Prep Class. Your family must be registered in the parish.

**MARRIAGE:** Contact the parish priest a minimum of six months before the wedding to allow for marriage preparation formation.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Anyone entering the hospital or in serious ill health is encouraged to be anointed.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE:** Please email Microsoft Word articles to [sfbulletin7717@gmail.com](mailto:sfbulletin7717@gmail.com) with the subject of "Bulletin Announcement" by Tuesday 12:00PM. All submissions are subject to further editing to fit the format of the bulletin. THANKS!

**PASTORAL CARE AT ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI:** How can St. Francis of Assisi be of assistance/service to you & your loved ones? Please contact Suzie Fay at 423-829-5466 or contact the office at 865-448-6070.

**MASS INTENTIONS:** (Mass cards are available upon request at the office.)

Mon	5/27	8:30 AM	In Honor & Memory of our Veterans†
Tue	5/28	8:30 AM	Pat Baker †
Wed	5/29		<b>NO MASS</b>
Thu	5/30	8:30 AM	Brian Barker †
Fri	5/31	8:30 AM	Arnold Korth †
Sat	6/1	4:00 PM	David Pivec †
Sun	6/2	9:00 AM	Jack Troupe †

To schedule a Mass intention, please contact the Parish Office via phone or email or in person during office hours. Please specify whether the Mass Intention is for a living or deceased loved one. The usual requested donation for a Mass intention is \$10.00 in the Diocese of Knoxville.



**PRAYER REQUESTS:** (Homebound, sick or recovering parishioners, friends and relatives): Charlotte Graham, Pat Sanders, Judy Sanders, Doreen Mancuso, Naomi Nwadike, Chris Owens, David Holmes, Amy Frink, Myra Montero, Claire Cheadle, Elise Martin, Mike Scully, Paul Fain, Joyce Fain, Raymond Payne, Sue Ann Tippitt, Charles Tippitt, Emmanuel Nwadike, Julie Schirack, Kay Walker, Jay Ladner, Deb Koehler, Laken DuRussel, Lori O'Toole, Marcus Bolte, Johnny Mallory, Louann Felske, Gary Pavis; Kathy Meyerkord, Stephanie Romer

**SANCTUARY CANDLE** *The sanctuary candle is lit in thanksgiving for the healing of Normand Messier, Jr.* If you would like to donate to the sanctuary candle fund in memory of or in honor of someone, please contact the Parish Office via phone or email. The cost is \$15 for 1 week.



**SANCTUARY FLOWERS:** If you would like to donate to the sanctuary flowers fund in memory of or in honor of someone, please contact the Parish Office via phone or email. The cost is \$40.00 for two weeks.



**Monday  
May 27, 2024**

**ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

Mon	5/27	9:00 AM	Church & Hall Cleaning
Tue	5/28		
Wed	5/29		<b>NO Gus Lloyd meetings until 6/5/24</b>
Thu	5/30		
Fri	5/31		
Sat	6/1	4:00 PM	Vigil Mass
Sun	6/2	9:00 AM	Mass



“Our Mass attendance - its frequency and its quality - is the most objective vital sign of our spiritual life, and our spiritual life is the key to the rest of our life.”

- Fr. John Bartunek *A Quiet Place*



**ST. CLARE GIFT SHOP**

Open after weekend Masses and by request/appointment after daily Mass

Our gift shop has many items that will make perfect gifts for First Communion, graduation, Father's Day, and every other special occasion! Stop by and shop for that special someone!



## THE HOLY TRINITY: THE SUN, MUSIC, MATH, PRAYER, AND SHAMROCKS

Eight years ago, this weekend, I was ordained a permanent deacon in the Diocese of Memphis. The very first homily I ever preached as a younger still-wet-behind-the-ear's deacon was this one on Trinity Sunday. So, there I was at the Vigil Mass on Saturday at my home parish, a parish I had grown up in since I was a little boy, preparing to preach my first ever homily, on the Trinity no less, after being ordained that very morning. No pressure, right? I was terrified. Of all the things to preach about, this was probably the hardest topic to start with. I'm not sure our Bishop at the time didn't plan it that way!

It really is a challenge for us how to make sense of this intimate union of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Spirit (three persons in one God). It's really hard to explain. But here are some analogies that may help us realize how we may come to understand this mystery of our faith. For the lovers of nature, God is like the sun. The Father is the Sun. The rays emanating from the sun is God - the Son. And the warmth we feel and the energy we get and benefit from it is the Holy Spirit. For music lovers, the Father is the singer, the Son is the song, and the Holy Spirit is the beautiful sound of music that comes out of both. For musicians, the piano can even be used as an analogy. The Father being the hand or the person playing, the Son as the piano, and the music that is produced is the Holy Spirit. For the mathematician, God is a perfect triangle - three perfect angles in one triangle. But I like the one analogy from the Celtic prayer addressed to the Trinity: It says: "Oh Father who sought me, Oh Son who bought me, and O Holy Spirit who taught me."

According to legend, St. Patrick was traveling and happened upon a number of Irish chieftains along a meadow. The tribal leaders were curious about the Trinity and asked St. Patrick for an explanation. So, he bent down, picked a shamrock, and showed it to them, and explained how the three leaves are part of the one plant, and how similarly the three Persons, Father, Son, and Spirit, are part of one Supreme Being. This feast of the Holy Trinity therefore is a reminder for us that God loves us so much that he shared his life with us, his love in his only Son, Jesus Christ and through the Holy Spirit. This also tells us that we need a loving Father, we need a caring Lord and friend (in Jesus - the Son) and the warmth of God's loving embrace (in the Holy Spirit).

As we move forward in this season of Ordinary Time, let us live out the gift of love that the Holy Trinity has shared with us by sharing it and letting it overflow to one another. Let us learn from the love and the perfect communion of the three persons in one God. If we love one another, we come to understand the love of the trinity and also, we would be experiencing this love ourselves. So then let us be instruments of God's love for the Glory of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



## CATECHISM

## CORNER



Good and happy feast day St. Francis! Here we are at the end of May! Wow, that went fast. I do have a couple or three more apparitions to “talk” about. I’m sure these will be familiar to you!

On February 11, 1858 a young, poor girl named Bernadette Soubirous was out collecting firewood with her sister and another friend near a grotto in Lourdes, France when she saw a vision of a lovely lady. Bernadette reluctantly told her parents. They forbid her to return to the grotto, but she was allowed to go a few days later and at these subsequent visits the Lady (who had not yet identified herself as the Blessed Virgin Mary) asked for a chapel to be built on the grounds, for Bernadette to pray for the conversion of sinners, and for her to drink the spring water that was revealed to her at the grotto. Bernadette suffered much, not only through physical suffering due to her chronic poor health, but also through the jealousy and suspicion from others because she was given the grace of visits from the Blessed Mother. Our Lady of Lourdes appeared 18 times to Bernadette.



Several churches and basilicas in Lourdes associated with Marian apparitions receive over 5 million pilgrims a year, making Lourdes the second most visited Christian pilgrimage site in Europe after Rome. Each year, 700 tons of candles burn for you and those who have not been able to come. The water of Lourdes has become popular because of the miracles. 50 official miracles are apparently linked to the use of this water.



The Sanctuary of Our Lady of Fatima Portugal – (*Santuário de Nossa Senhora de Fatima*) is one of the largest Marian shrines in the world. Our Lady of Fatima is the title given to the Blessed Virgin Mary according to her apparitions to three shepherd children at Fatima on the 13th day of six consecutive months in 1917. Fatima, Portugal receives about 4-5 million pilgrims a year. The Chapel of Apparitions is the very heart of the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Fatima. It was the first structure constructed in the Cova da Iria, at the place of Our Lady’s Apparitions. The exact spot is marked by a marble pillar on which the Statue of Our Lady is placed. It is here that four million pilgrims converge to visit the Sanctuary each year.

The last apparition I’m going to “talk” about is Our Lady of Knock. The Story of Knock began on August 21, 1879 when, at approximately 8:00 in the evening, fifteen people from the village of Knock in County Mayo, Ireland witnessed an Apparition of Our Lady, St. Joseph, St. John the Evangelist, a Lamb and cross on an altar at the gable wall of the Parish Church. The witnesses watched the Apparition in the pouring rain for two hours, reciting the Rosary. Although they themselves were saturated, not a single drop of rain fell on the gable or vision. There were fifteen official witnesses to the Apparition, most of whom were from the village of Knock and surrounding areas and ranged in age from just 5 years old to 74 years old. Knock Shrine, located in County Mayo is Ireland’s National Marian Shrine where over 1.5 million pilgrims visit each year.



As I’ve said in the past Corners, there is SO much information on the different apparitions. I haven’t even skimmed the surface of information/evidence. If you have a moment and if you would like to “hear” of my experience at Conyers, Georgia where there has been evidence of a Marian Apparition – let’s have coffee!

One last item I would like to say about Marian Apparitions is this: Mary has been giving us one fundamentally unified message because the world has forgotten God and turned away from Him. She calls us to return to the Gospel and to live generously. Mary ALWAYS encourages us to turn our hearts back to her Son through prayer and penance.

Have a wonderful week! Next week, we will continue with the Creed – I bet you thought I forgot!



### THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

As we celebrate the mystery of the Trinity we also realize the mystery of how much God loves and cares for us each day. Believing in this, our lives can then overflow in thanksgiving and praise.

**Your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box will help the poor to believe in the mystery of God's love for them.**

Have you considered answering the call to serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul? Contact Debbie Eberhardt at 865-312-0141 for more information.

SVDP normally meets the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of the month at 5:00 PM in the PRC. **However, during the month of May, we will not be meeting.** When we resume our meetings, all Are Welcome!

***Thank You***  
for your continued support of SVDP!

### SVDP MAY "PRODUCT OF THE MONTH"

DISH SOAP & SPONGES



### ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL - 1810 HOWARD RD. KNOXVILLE, 37918

FRIDAY, JUNE 7 (8:00 -3:00) & SATURDAY, JUNE 8 (8:00-2:00)

Donations of household items, furniture, toys, clothes, etc. will be accepted starting Tuesday, May 28 through Tuesday, June 4 from 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM every day except Sunday OR by appointment. Please bring items to the old gym entrance at the front of the building. Note: Large TVs and children's car seats are not accepted. Proceeds benefit the outreach and educational efforts of Tennessee Right to Life. For more information contact [triknox@prolifeknox.com](mailto:triknox@prolifeknox.com) or 865.689.1339.



NATIONAL  
**Eucharistic  
Pilgrimage**

**INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA  
July 17-24, 2024**

The diocesan pilgrimage will include round trip transportation, a four-night hotel stay, and admission for all Eucharistic Congress events, speakers, and the closing Mass. There is also a tickets only option, which excludes transportation and lodging. Buses will depart from Knoxville on July 17, 2024 and return on July, 21, 2024.

The cost and other details can be found at [Dioknox.org/Revival](http://Dioknox.org/Revival), by email at [Revival@Dioknox.org](mailto:Revival@Dioknox.org), or by phone at 423-596-0181. The pricing ranges from \$541-\$1,098 per pilgrim, depending on the occupancy of the room. This includes 4 night hotel accommodations and admission to all events and speakers.

### INSPIRATIONAL QUOTES TO PROMOTE DEVOTION TO JESUS IN THE EUCHARIST



[Eucharisticrevival.org](http://Eucharisticrevival.org)

***Pope St. John Paul II  
(1920—2005)***

*"Jesus waits for us in this  
sacrament of Love."*



**RESUMES  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5<sup>TH</sup>**

**1:00 PM - PARISH RESOURCE CENTER**

Our discussion group **WILL NOT** be meeting during the month of May. Any questions, please contact Julie Dew: 954-749-3929; jdewtn2018@att.net

**SUNDAY MORNINGS  
COFFEE, DONUTS, AND FELLOWSHIP**

Each Sunday after the 9:00 AM Mass, we like to invite the congregation into Shea Hall for Coffee, Donuts, and Fellowship. We need the help of our parishioners to supply the donuts/pastries each week. If you are enjoying this ministry and would be able to help out supplying pastries, please sign up on the clipboard hanging in the kitchen area in Shea Hall. We need your help to keep this ministry active! Please contact Donna Czerniewski (847-668-4074) with questions or for more information.



**WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP—5/19/2024  
PENTECOST SUNDAY**

**Attendance: 188**

Sunday Offertory .....	\$2,974.00
Donation Box.....	00.00
Holy Days .....	00.00
Other Donations*.....	40.00
Donations for the Week.....	\$3,014.00
Year-to-Date Donations .....	\$164,761.73
Year-to-Date Budgeted Donations .....	<u>166,423.97</u>
Year-to-Date Donation <b>Deficit</b> .....	<b>(\$1,662.24)</b>

Other Donations Not in Budget

Maintenance Fund .....	\$00.00
Parish Charity.....	25.00
Second Collection .....	25.00
Other: .....	00.00
Total Non-Budget Donations .....	<u>\$50.00</u>

\* Mass Intentions, Flowers, Candles, Facility Use, etc.

\*\* Based on Year-to-Date Total Donations minus Year-to-Date Budgeted

*Have a blessed and safe*

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**MEMORIAL DAY**

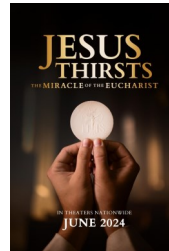
REMEMBER AND HONOR

**MONDAY, MAY 27, 2024**



The Armed Services bulletin board in Shea Hall is getting a cosmetic facelift! If you have any relatives or loved ones whose picture and information you would like to have placed on the bulletin board during their period of service, please contact JoAnne for getting it posted: 859-361-4561; joannera.726@gmail.com

***Jesus Thirsts: The Miracle of the Eucharist***



is a captivating documentary that explores the transformative power of the Eucharist. Through discussions with Catholic leaders and personal narratives, the film reveals the Eucharist as Jesus Christ Himself, eager to fulfill our spiritual thirst with His boundless love.

**IN THEATERS NATIONWIDE**

**June 4, 5, & 6 ONLY**

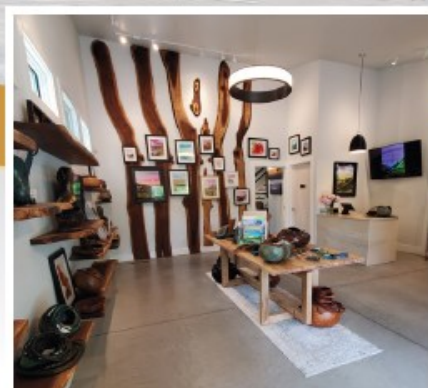
**Foothills 12 Theatre - Maryville:**

Tuesday, 6/4 & Wednesday, 6/5: 4 and 7 PM

**Regal Downtown West Knoxville:**

Thursday, 6/6 at 4 and 7 PM

These are just a few of the movie dates and times. Please visit <https://www.fathomevents.com/events/jesus-thirsts-the-miracle-of-the-eucharist/> for a full schedule of movie dates and times and a very easy way to purchase your tickets online.



Please Join Kathy Janke after  
Church for a Grand Opening

# Celebration

Saturday, June 1st, 5 p.m. for Heavy Hors d'oeuvres

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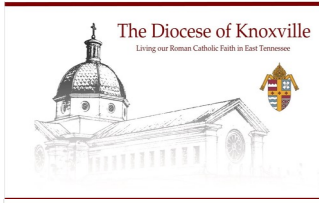
Sunday, June 2nd • 10 a.m. for Pastries

Gracehill Fine Art and Basketry  
110 Mountain Ave • Townsend, TN 37882  
(Corner of Hwy 321 & Mountain Ave. across from the Gulf Gas Station)

Kathleen A. Janke • 865-660-6400 • GracehillArt.com • Info@GracehillArt.com

# UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	DETAILS
6/1-2/2024	Gracehill Fine Art and Basketry Open House (Sat 5:00 PM, Sun 10:00 AM)	Online: GracehillArt.com Email: info@gracehillArt.com Phone: 865-660-6400
6/7-8/2024	Tennessee Right to Life Annual Rumage Sale St. Joseph School (Knox)	Online: www.trtl.org E-mail: trlknox@prolifeknox.com Phone: 865-689-1339
6/15/2024	Marriage Retreat: Living the Marriage God Desires for You St. Thomas in Lenoir City	Online: Tinyurl.com/KnoxMarriageRetreat E-mail: regnumchristi.knoxville@gmail.com Phone: 865-584-3307, ext. 5739
6/24/2024	National Eucharistic Pilgrimage in Chattanooga 11:00 AM - 7:30 PM	Online: dioknox.org/revival Other: Scan QR code (Bulletin or Shea Hall poster)
7/17-24/2024	Eucharistic Congress Pilgrimage to the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis, IN	Online: DioKnox.org/Revival E-mail: Revival@DioKnox.org Phone: 423-596-0181
7/26/2024	Tennessee Smokies Baseball Game Yee-Haw At the Yard Group Section	\$35.00 for adults; \$33.00 for children (12 and under) Contact the Parish Office to reserve tickets
9/10-19/2024	Pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes with Fr. Charles Robinson Coupon Code: Bulletin150	Online: Www.QoHTours.com E-mail: info@qohtours.com
10/6-11/2024	Yellowstone National Park Retreat with Fr. Michael Cummins	Online: https://www.saintdominickpt.org/ E-mail: secretary@saintdomchurch.com Phone: 423-288-8101

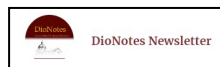


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Living our Roman Catholic Faith in East Tennessee

**DioNotes**  
a newsletter for our parishioners

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