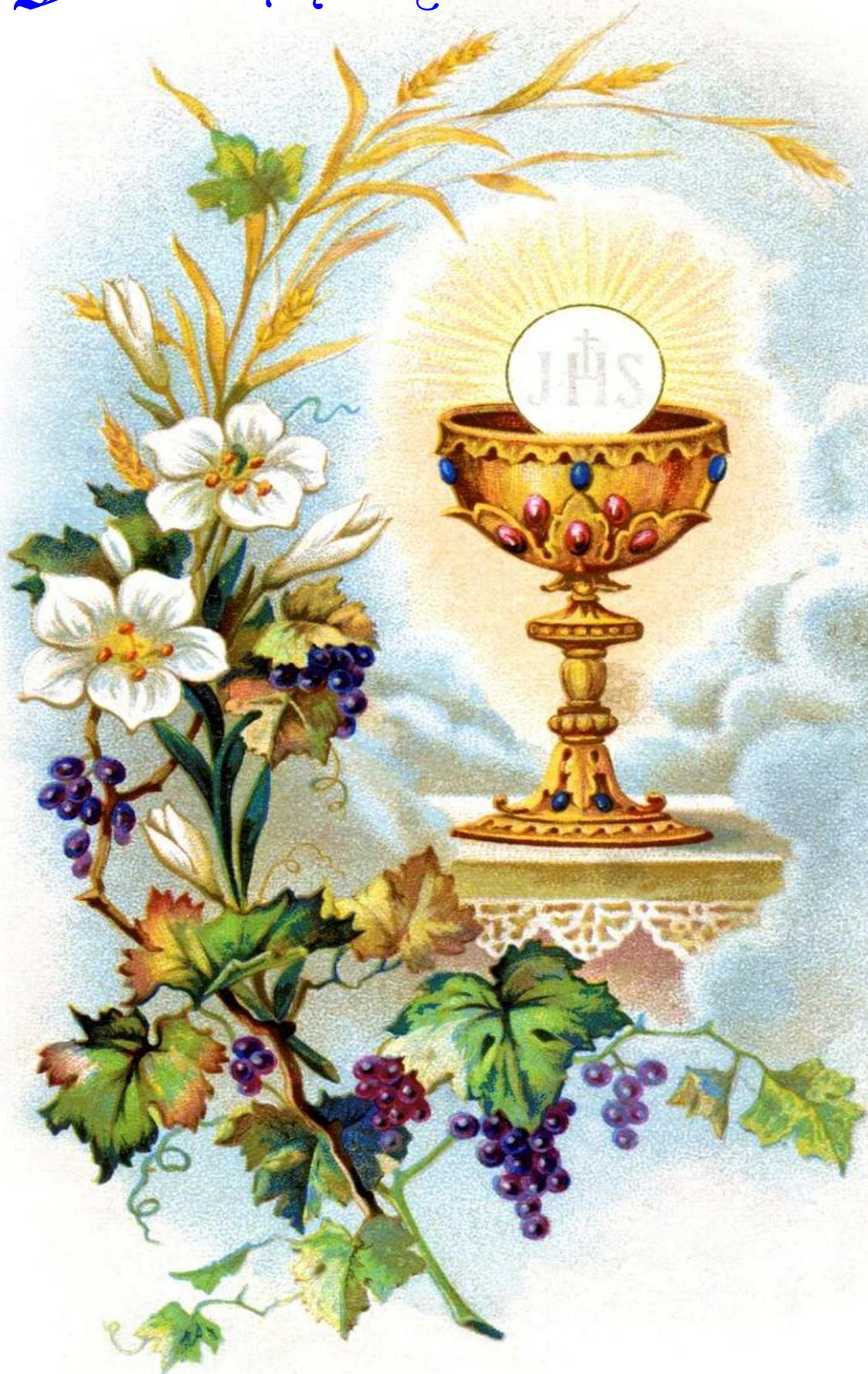


First Holy Communion



Parish Location
 2100 SE Cove Road
 Stuart, FL 34997
 Telephone: 772-781-4415
 Fax: 772-781-2906
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Mass Schedule
 Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm
 5:00pm Mariner Sands
 Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, & 10:30am
 (November-April)
 Monday-Friday 7:30am
 Holy Days: Vigil 4:00pm
 Holy Day: 7:30am & 6:00pm

Confession:
 Saturday: 2:30pm
 Those wishing to receive the sacrament should be here at 2:30 or by appointment

First Saturday
 7:30 Mass followed by individual confessions

Eucharistic Adoration
 Mon-Fri. 8:00am-8:00pm
 Saturday: 8:00am-2:00pm

Pastor
 Reverend John Barrow

Retired Assisting Clergy
 Monsignor Blase Gintoli
 Monsignor James Moore

Deacons
 Deacon Richard Venezia
 Deacon Louis Romero

Deaconate Candidates
 Andre Boucher

Office Hours
 Mon. Wed. & Fri. 9:00am-12:00noon
 Saturday 2:30—5:30pm
 Sunday 9:00-12:00noon

Parish Ministries

Religious Education/Youth Activities
 Donna Hernandez

Adult Education (RCIA) & Lectors
 Christine Michaelian

Adoration Chapel
 George & Linda Mekulsia

Servants of the Eucharist & Care of the Sick
 Kathleen Sullivan

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 John Ginnetti

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 David Olio & Norma Olio

St. Vincent de Paul Society
 2200 SE Cove Rd., Stuart
 772-286-4411
 by appointment

May 6, 2018

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Mass Intentions



For the week

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| May | 3 | Thursday | 7:30am | Souls in Purgatory |
| May | 4 | Friday | 7:30am | Al & Mary Northrup+ |
| May | 5 | Saturday | 7:30am | Mothers Day Novena Intentions |
| May | 5 | Saturday | 4:00pm | George & Russell Badame+ |
| May | 6 | Sunday | 7:30am | Mothers Day Novena Intentions |
| May | 6 | Sunday | 9:00am | Joseph Oreiro + |
| May | 6 | Sunday | 10:30am | First Holy Communion Class |
| May | 7 | Monday | 7:30am | Mothers Day Novena Intentions |
| May | 8 | Tuesday | 7:30am | Mothers Day Novena Intentions |
| May | 9 | Wednesday | 7:30am | Mothers Day Novena Intentions |
| May | 10 | Thursday | 7:30am | Mothers Day Novena Intentions |
| May | 11 | Friday | 7:30am | Mothers Day Novena Intentions |
| May | 12 | Saturday | 4:00pm | Mothers Day Novena Intentions |
| May | 13 | Sunday | 7:30am | Mothers Day Novena Intentions |
| May | 13 | Sunday | 9:00am | Laura Power + |
| May | 13 | Sunday | 10:30am | Carmen G. Encarnacion (liv) |
| May | 14 | Monday | 7:30am | Anne Lange + |
| May | 15 | Tuesday | 7:30am | William Murray + |
| May | 16 | Wednesday | 7:30am | Debra Klein & Barbara Zumstag+ |
| May | 17 | Thursday | 7:30am | Victorine Rogers + |
| May | 18 | Friday | 7:30am | Mary Elissa Murray + |
| May | 19 | Saturday | 4:00pm | John Gehm + |
| May | 20 | Sunday | 7:30am | Priests of St. Andrew (liv) |
| May | 20 | Sunday | 9:00am | Mercedes Bakon + |
| May | 20 | Sunday | 10:30am | Scott Sherman + |

The Prayer of the Chalice

Father, to You I raise my whole Being, a vessel emptied of self. Accept, Lord, this, my emptiness, And so fill me with Yourself-Your light, Your love, Your Life-that these Your precious gifts may radiate through me and Overflow the chalice of my Heart into the hearts of all with whom I come in contact this day, revealing unto them the beauty of Your joy And wholeness And the serenity of Your Peace which nothing can destroy.

They were astounded.
(Acts 10:45)

Today, the Sacrament of Confirmation follows Baptism and Eucharist. Baptism, in most cases, is administered to infants. Then, children receive their First Holy Communion around the age of seven. Then, they are confirmed sometime in their teens. That's the typical order of things.

In the early Church, the order was a bit different. Once a person had a conversion to Jesus, they received all three sacraments of initiation at the same time.

Today's second reading tells us that the Holy Spirit doesn't always follow the prescribed order. Before he is even baptized Cornelius is visited by an angel. At the same time, the Holy Spirit tells Peter to visit Cornelius, although Cornelius was a Gentile, and Peter—a faithful Jew—was forbidden to enter a Gentile's home.

Then as Peter preaches to Cornelius and his household, God breaks the rules again. The Holy Spirit comes upon these Gentiles, and they begin speaking in tongues. They didn't have to repent, convert, or be baptized; the Spirit just fell. Only then did Peter baptize them.

What's the point to this story? God likes to stretch the way we think. He stretched Cornelius and Peter while they were at prayer, and the same can happen with us. (Acts 10;3, 10-16). He stretched everyone again while Peter was preaching and he stretched the whole Church when Peter explained to the apostles what had happened.

Today, ask the Holy Spirit to stretch the way you think. When the Scriptures are proclaimed at Mass, ask the Spirit for new insight into God's love. When you hear the homily, ask the Spirit to show you how to put it into practice. When you are praying after Communion, ask him to stretch your love for the people at Mass with you.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The Candles to **Our Lady of Perpetual Help** are burning for **Aaron Banasiewicz** this week.
2. The Candle in the **Adoration Chapel of the Two Hearts** is burning for **Eleanor Morton** this week.
3. The **Sanctuary Candles** are burning for the intention of **Eleanor Morton** this week.

Do this in Memory of Me

It can be said that the most important words that are offered to others; come from someone who is facing certain death.

Our Lord instructed His Apostles on the night before He was to die, in the elements that later became known as "The Holy Mass" and admonished them "Do this in Memory of Me."

Therefore the Holy Mass is the best means we have:

1. To give glory to the Heavenly Father
2. To Thank Him for all his blessings
3. To make reparation for our sins
4. To obtain all the blessing we desire
5. To release souls from purgatory, and shorten our time there.
6. To preserve us from all dangers to soul and Body
7. To be consoled at the last hour of death, For at that time its memory will be our greatest consolation
8. To intercede for us at the judgment seat of God.
9. To better understand the sublimity of the passion of Christ, and to increase our love for Him.

Therefore assist at Holy Mass on Sundays and everyday possible, while you still have time to do so.

Easter truly continues daily in our lives, as a direct result of our reverence of it.



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It's Up To You

Have you made someone happy,
or made someone sad,
What have you done with the day that you had?
God gave it to you to do just as you would,
Did you do what was wicked or do what was good?
Did you hand out a smile or give 'em a frown,
Did you lift someone up, or push someone down?
Did you lighten some load
or some progress impede,
Did you look for a rose, or just gather a weed?
What did you do with your beautiful day,
God gave it to you, did you throw it away?

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Handing On the Beauty of Faith

“By your word and example you will be the first heralds of faith to your children,” said Father Gerry repeatedly during our marriage preparation course some twenty years ago.

So, our son’s preparation for First Communion, years later, was yet another opportunity to live Father Gerry’s words. We wanted our son to share in our “Eucharistic Amazement” at the spiritual gift *par excellence* of the Eucharist. We read books together and talked about the meaning of the Eucharist. Looking back now we were probably in parent overdrive, sometimes looking too anxiously for what we might say or do better.

Months before his First Communion, we happened to attend Sunday Mass at a Trappist Monastery. In front of us sat an older woman with her granddaughter, about our son’s age. As Mass ended we overheard the woman ask the girl “What do you think of this church?” To which she replied innocently, “Mass here feels like we’re in heaven!” Our son looked at us, nodding in agreement.

Had he, like the girl, learned more about the Eucharist at that beautiful liturgy than we, books, or teachers could convey? In simple words, that little girl captured what we hold in faith—the earthly liturgy is a participation in the heavenly liturgy!

We were reminded that while parents are the first heralds of faith, we are not the only heralds. A cloud of witnesses surrounds us, sometimes teaching in delightful, surprising ways. And we learned to rely on God, the primary teacher of the children entrusted to us. Our role is to help them cultivate a heart and mind attentive to God’s presence, and eyes and ears open to the beauty of Faith.

~by Jem Sullivan, wife, mother, author, educator, serves as Secretary for Education in the Archdiocese of Washington.



“Dear George, Remember no man is a failure who has friends.” You may recognize those words as the message Clarence the angel wrote in the flyleaf of his copy of Tom Sawyer when he gave it to George Bailey in the holiday classic “It’s a Wonderful Life.” Why thoughts about a Christmas movie on a Sunday in early May? Precisely because Our Lord brings the subject of friendship to the fore in the Gospel for this weekend. “You are my friends,” He says to His followers, “if you do what I command you. I no longer call you slaves because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from My Father.” Friendship for Jesus involves trust and the absence of secrets between true friends. We see the truth of this in our friendships. What begins as a first meeting and some conversation eventually leads to more and more sharing, and a measure of trust that we don’t give mere acquaintances. As our shared time and experiences with our friend mounts up, it leads to ever greater trust, and we gradually open up to him more deeply and he to us. Our mutual respect grows. Soon, when we get together long silences are not uncomfortable. All this and more Jesus implies with His words. On this next to last Sunday of the Easter season, we discover yet another encouraging facet of resurrected life: In the kingdom of heaven, all of us will enjoy a sustained friendship with God that we began here on earth.

The Second Reading from John’s Letter tells us that all love is from God, because God is love. Note the equation John makes. He does not write that “God has a lot of love, or gives much love away.” As an old man who has witnessed much and has had time to reflect on it all, he simply writes that “God *is* love.” Amazing! Comforting! Alleluia! No wonder that St. Peter can declare that “God shows no partiality!” The actor Jimmy Stewart, who played the part of George Bailey in the movie, once said in an interview that he remembered Frank Capra, the producer, saying after the 1946 film wrapped up, that “No man is poor who has one friend. Three friends, and you’re filthy rich.”

Well then, how wealthy we are, if we count the Blessed Trinity as our friends! Or rather, if *they* count *us*. That lets us agree wholeheartedly that “the world is round so that friendship may encircle it.”

Reflection by Rev. Leonard Petersen



Congratulations First Communicants!
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Jenna Charlize Brumond
Gianna Alessandra Burgos
Drew Valery Garcia Calderon
Marco Rosario Cavallaro
Elizabeth Rose Dalton
Savanna Leigh Fredette
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Edward James Samuel Hreso III
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