

St. Faustina Catholic Church



Week of May 21 to May 29

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

Clergy
Parochial Administrator
Father Dave Gillis
Assisting Priest
Father Fernando Gil

Mass Schedule
Saturday, 4 pm
Sunday, 8:00, 9:30, & 11:00 am
Mass in Spanish, 7 pm

Daily Masses
8 am — Tuesday, Wednesday,
Thursday & Friday

*The Divine Mercy Chaplet
takes place 15 minutes
prior to all Weekend Masses.*

Divine Mercy Chaplet
Wednesdays @ 3 pm

Anointing of the Sick
First Tuesday @ 8 am Mass

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
First Friday, 8:30 am to 5 pm

St. Faustina Parish is a community of Roman Catholics inspired by the Holy Spirit called to reflect God's Divine Mercy, to foster spiritual growth, and attend to the temporal and spiritual needs of all God's people.

Parish Office Hours & Contact Information:

Monday thru Thursday, 10 am to 4 pm
Friday, 10 am to 1 pm

NEW Phone: 352-515-9297 // Fax: 352-559-3920

NEW Location: 1714 U.S. Highway 27

Clermont, FL 34714

Web Site: www.stfaustina.org



**KEEP FILLING THOSE
BABY BOTTLES
FOR SOUTH LAKE
PREGNANCY CENTER**
*Due back here on
Father's Day,
June 19th.*



Reconciliation is celebrated from 3:00 to 3:45 pm on Saturday or by prearranged appointment with the priest.

Baptism Parents of children to be baptized must be registered and actively participating members of the parish for at least four months prior to arranging any baptism. Attendance at parental preparation class is required.

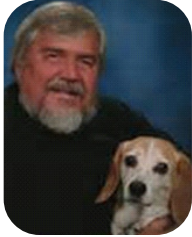
Marriage Weddings are celebrated on Saturdays. Engaged couples should contact the parish office for an initial interview before setting any dates. A four-month preparation program is required. At least one member of the couple must have been a registered and actively participating member of the parish for a minimum of four months prior to the beginning of marriage prep.

PARISH STAFF Elaine Goth, *Bookkeeper*; Marylu Mariniello, *Coordinator of Faith Formation*; Carol Arroyo, *Parish Secretary*; Bob Vince, *Knights of Columbus Grand Knight*; Jose Cordeiro, *Spanish Mass Ministry Coordinator*; Nancy Harrigan, *Readers and EMs Coordinator*; Bill Murphy, *Mass Captains, Ushers & Greeters Coordinator*; Kelly Mucci, *Music Ministry*

**WELCOME
TO OUR CHURCH!!**

If you are a visitor to St Faustina Catholic Parish, we want you to know how welcome you are -- whether you have come from across the world, from another part of the country, or from another parish here in the state or city. If you wish to become a registered parishioner, please pick up a form in the church or office or download it at www.stfaustina.org and return it to the office.

Father Dave's Corner



As St. Augustine was reflecting on the Trinity and was walking along the seashore, he saw a young boy digging a hole in the sand. With a bucket, he was pouring ocean water into the new hole in the sand. St. Augustine asked what he was trying to do. "I am going to fill the entire ocean into my hole," said the lad. Augustine replied, "You cannot possibly pour the contents of the vast ocean into your small hole." The boy responded, "And you cannot

fit the mystery of the Holy Trinity into your small brain." At this, the boy vanished.

Most puzzles and mind-benders are solvable. Every now and then, especially at places and events, where groups of Irish-Americans gather, you may see a bumper sticker that reads $26 + 6 = 1$.

How is such a mind-bending riddle possible? It's easy once explained. There are 26 counties in the Republic of Eire (Ireland) and six counties in the northeastern corner of the island (Northern Ireland). Many Irish foresee a time when the six counties rejoin their Republican brethren to form a single country. Now the mystery makes sense. Even St. Patrick's use of the Irish shamrock to explain the Trinity could not exhaust that mystery of our faith.

Many of the fundamentalist Christian sects rely strictly on the BIBLE in order to accept mysteries of the faith. The Bible has much to say about the Most Holy Trinity. Ours is an incarnational faith, coming forth especially through the Incarnation of God in Christ. The Trinity is revealed by means of this incarnation—the baptism of our Lord in the River Jordan where the persons of the Trinity are manifested; Jesus' kingdom of God movement emphasizing intimacy with a God who is Father in the here and now; the promise of the arrival of the Spirit of Truth in today's Gospel.

Some may ask how the dogma of the Trinity can apply to our day to day lives. Our Trinitarian God is community. God is a UNITY of persons. These persons are lovingly relational, love's source, with no beginning and no end. Relationally, we MUST mirror this foundation. We find our Trinitarian God in OUR community, unity, and relationship with one another in the ordinary give-and-take of life. At the heart of this Trinitarian relationship is a MERCIFUL LOVE. Pope Francis encourages us to embrace MERCY wholeheartedly.

There are many Church historians who believe that the greatest of all popes was one who was elected at the advanced age of 77, was expected to name lots of cardinals (his predecessor had NOT done so in his later years) and NOT cause waves. This beloved pope was St. John XXIII (1958-63), who sat on Peter's chair a mere five years, accomplished more to advance the Church's life than some would say 100 popes had done, and was a simple Italian peasant named "Good Pope John" by a world that had fallen in love with him.

MERCY was truly at the heart of John's papacy. He met with those who had previously been condemned by the Church, and even left the confines of the Vatican for the first time since Pius IX, visiting orphanages and jails in Rome. His wise motto: ("Observe everything, ignore much, correct little") reflects the Trinitarian way. All LOVE FLOWS from the Trinity, as does the grace to forgive over and over. Because we are human, we must do that. Living in loving interaction is achieved ONLY with Trinitarian grace, which we receive with the Body and Blood of our God! (Timothy J. Cronin, HOMILY HELPS; St. Anthony Messenger Press)

MAY THE LORD'S PEACE, JOY, HOPE, AND LOVE BE YOURS ALWAYS!!!

Father Dave



Pray everyday, thanking God for the St. Faustina parish community we have, and asking Him to provide us with the church building we desire.

BUILDING GOD'S PROJECT

CONSTRUCTION FUND BALANCE IS: \$1,245,289
(as of May 8, 2016)

DINE TO DONATE OPPORTUNITY: Tuesday, May 24th at I LOVE NY PIZZA in Cagan's Crossing. Please pick up a flyer and present it to your server before ordering. From 11 AM until Closing, whatever you eat and drink, the parish will receive 10% of for our building fund. Please help us if you can. **PLEASE DON'T FORGET OUR REGULARS--Mandarin Garden**, down on 192 East, 1/2 mile from 27.. and **Sarah's Greek Cuisine** in Cagan's Crossing as well as to **Bruno's NY Style Pizza and Italian Restaurant** (Postcards are available at Church entrances. **ANYTIME** you dine at Bruno's we will get 10%. **DINE TO DONATE RESULTS:** we received 2 checks from Texas Roadhouse on 5/12/6. One in the amount of \$120.00 for the Sunday lunches during the month of April. The second was in the amount of \$111.00 for our Tuesday, April 19th event. MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED.

COME SAIL AWAY WITH ST. FAUSTINA'S WONDERFUL FOLKS On Sunday, Feb. 12, 2017 through Sunday, Feb. 19, 2017, join us on the Beautiful Royal Caribbean OASIS OF THE SEAS! The ship will sail from Port Canaveral to Labadee, Haiti, Falmouth, Jamaica and Cozumel, Mexico before returning to Canaveral. This 7 night cruise has 3 days at sea, which you will be happy for because the OASIS is a destination in itself. There is so much to see and so many things to do on the ship. Contact Debbie at (407) 791-2444 for more information. St. Faustina's church does use this as both a social event and a small fund-raiser for the parish.

MEMORIALIZING OPPORTUNITIES are still available. If you are interested in memorializing one of chairs, please contact the office.

TEXAS ROADHOUSE SUNDAY EVENTS--If you dine with them on Sunday from Noon to 4 PM and just write "St. Faustina Church" on your receipt and drop it in the box at the host stand. The parish will receive 10% of your receipt.

OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP THE PARISH: Eiana Villarta and Kim Nigrelli, parishioners and Real Estate Agents, are offering a portion of their commission to St. Faustina's Construction Fund. Pick up a flyer at the bookcase in the front lobby.

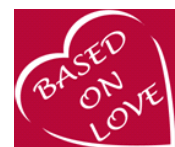
ONLINE FUND-RAISER--See our website: www.stfaustina.org/earncashback.html to see and participate in St. Faustina's partnership with Shop.Com's Non Profit Program designed to help us raise more funds for the Construction Project. Our Shop Consultant is Francis Mulhern and you can call him with any questions at (267-275-6182).

ATTENTION ALL AMAZON SHOPPERS--To find out more about this wonderful opportunity to add to our building fund, please go to our web site: www.stfaustina.org and click on the **AMAZONSMILE FUNDRAISER link.**



May 1st Offertory:
\$7,370

OCA update for 5/13/16 -- We have 281 of our 500 families (56,2%) pledging \$68,410.00 and paying \$37,750.33 toward our goal of \$45,000. MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED.



EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER to contact Father Dave after office hours. Call the parish number: (352) 515-9297 and you will get a voice mail message telling you the number for getting in touch with me IN AN EMERGENCY.



LAST FAITH FORMATION CLASS IS this Tuesday and Wednesday.

BABY BOTTLE BENEFIT supports the South Lake Pregnancy and Family Care Center. On Father's Day weekend and we will pass the proceeds to those good folks in Clermont.

FATHER'S DAY is coming on June 19th – If you would like to remember your father, grandfather, or any other special father-figure in your life, please take one of the envelopes from the congregational chairs, fill it out and **drop it in the collection basket by June 12th**. On Father's Day, all the envelopes will be placed on the altar and we will pray for all the special fathers in our lives. Don't forget to remember Fr. Dave and Fr. Gil in your intentions. They are fathers to all of us. **LEGION OF MARY** is changing its meeting time effective 5/16. They will be meeting in the parish meeting room from 6:00-7:30 PM every Monday.

SPECIAL LETTER ARRIVED ON MAY 4TH from Bishop Noonan and the Catholic Foundation: "Grace and Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is with great joy that we thank you and the good people of St. Faustina Catholic Church for your love of God above everything. Your financial gifts toward *Our Catholic Appeal* 2016 bring forth the sacrificial love which God the Father has given to us." **CONGRATS**

CONGRATULATIONS TO our 4 Teens and 1 Adult who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, May 21st at the 4:00 PM Mass. Bishop Noonan imposed hands calling the Holy Spirit down upon Christopher Gutowski, Gissel Inamagua, Isaac Nunez, Ifran Tello, and Gabriel Ramirez. May the seal of the Spirit which they were anointed with remain with them and strengthen them wherever they go!!!

YEAR OF MERCY CATHOLIC SHRINES OF ITALY TOUR from Oct. 3-14 2016. Consider joining our own, Fr. Richard Tuttle, on this special Pilgrimage to Rome, Assisi, Siena, Florence, Pisa, Padua, Venice and Milan. It will include a Papal Audience, a walk through the Holy Door at St. Peter's Basilica, a visit to the Sistine Chapel and Vatican Museums, the Coliseum, Catacombs, and Major Basilicas in Rome. Information brochures and applications are available at the St. Faustina office. Non-refundable deposit of \$250.00 per person is due June 30, 2016, with the balance due July 30, 2016. (Land-only price per person in double occupancy is \$2,920.00. Roundtrip air from Orlando is \$1,245 pp.) Pick up an information card on bookcases in church. Get detailed info at parish office.

RESPECT LIFE ARTICLES ON OUR WEB SITE--May is the month of the Blessed Mother, the Rosary and of Respect for Life. To celebrate our Christian Respect for Life, in honor of Our Blessed Mother and the Rosary, we have reprinted a series of articles (in both Spanish and English) on our website, www.stfaustina.org (**click on the Pro-Life link on the right side of the page**). **The fourth article in the series is entitled, "Abortion and the Economy (Part 1)"**

"Let's not pretend that abortion isn't about the mass slaughter of innocents." **Michael Aston**

SUNDAY, MAY 29th is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. Join Catholics from across the Diocese of Orlando to publicly express our belief in Jesus Christ, truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. Bishop Noonan will lead the procession at the Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary, Queen of the Universe (8300 Vineland Ave. in Orlando) as participants pray, sing and reflect on the Mystery of the Most Holy Eucharist. The procession will follow the 6:00 p.m. Mass. For more information visit: www.orlandodiocese.org/CorpusChristi

4TH DEGREE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS of Corpus Christi parish has placed a box outside the usher's room in the church to collect "used" sneakers and athletic shoes. They have a company that will take these shoes and do some sort of recycling of the materials left after use.

BAKE SALES are the second weekend of the month.



Mass Intentions

May 21 to May 29, 2016

- Sat. 5/21 SOLEMNITY of the MOST HOLY TRINITY**
Proverbs 8:22-31 Romans 5:1-5 John 16:12-15
4 PM -- Confirmation Candidates of Parish
- Sun. 5/22**
8:00 AM -- Joan Abdul + (Diane Peterson)
9:30 AM -- Ricky McAndrew + (Margaret & Joel Pashkin)
11:00 AM -- Living & deceased Parishioners of St. Faustina
7:00 PM -- (espanol) Manuel Antonio Matos + (Elvira Nunez)
- Mon. 5/23 NO MASS**
1 *Peter 1:3-9 Mark 10:17-27*
- Tues. 5/24 -- 8 AM-- Irene Gillis (20th Ann) + (Fr. Dave)**
1 *Peter 1:10-16 Mark 10:28-31*
- Wed. 5/25 -- 8 AM -- Joan Abdul + (Kathleen Turner)**
1 *Peter 1:18-25 Mark 10:32-45*
- Thurs. 5/26 8 AM -- Nellie Murphy (8th Ann) + (Fr. Dave)**
1 *Peter 2:2-12 Mark 10:46-52*
- Fri. 5/27 8 AM -- Healing of Marlene Calvin**
1 Peter 4:7-13 Mark 11:11-26
(Leo F. Calvin)
- Sat. 5/28 SOLEMNITY of the MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD of CHRIST**
Genesis 14:18-20 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 Luke 9:11-17
4 PM -- Intentions of Ines Goncalves (Ines)
- Sun. 5/29**
8:00 AM -- Marie Santomaso + (Phil Santomaso)
9:30 AM -- Healing of Ellen Giffhorn (Brian & Saranne)
11:00 AM -- Donald Jones + (Russell Perine)
7:00 PM -- (espanol) Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Faustina

Celebrate May by Hosting The Pilgrim Virgin Mary

Celebrate May, the month that the Catholic Church dedicates to our Blessed Virgin Mother, the Rosary, the Respect for Life by hosting the Pilgrim Virgin Mary, please visit our website at: www.stfaustina.org and then click on the link on the right.



Stewardship



Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. That means we are celebrating God on this holy day. In the Catholic Church a solemnity is the highest ranking holy day possible (followed by a *feast* and a *memorial*). The Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of our Catholic faith.

As Catholics we acknowledge the Holy Trinity when we arrive in a church, and several times during our liturgies as well as other times. Every time we make the sign of the cross, every time we pray most likely, we are expressing our faith in the Trinity and our faith that the Trinity was revealed by Jesus on the Cross. One part of stewardship is knowing our traditions and the meanings behind them.

Making the sign of the Cross should never be an empty gesture on our parts. Jesus told us that if we love Him, God (the Trinity) will come and dwell within us. More than once St. Paul reminds us that we are "temples of the living God." God is within each and every one of us. Do we realize that? Do we live out that truth? Today's feast confronts us to examine ourselves and our lives. As good stewards we need to live with the certainty that the Blessed Trinity is present in us. Then we need to reflect that presence.

Pope Francis, in his homily on the Feast of the Holy Trinity in 2013, said, "In today's feast we praise God for His glory is immense. We praise Him and thank Him for He is love, and He calls us to embrace Him and those around us with that love."