Daughters of the Holy Cross

Daughters of the Holy Cross - The DHC met on Saturday, May 19th, 2018, at St. Gregory's. We completed the DHC Study for the new members, Anne Bressert, Nathalie Odunze and Candace Griffin. After the meeting, we proceeded outside and planted begonias in colorfully decorated pots by the children of St. Gregory's and other children. We had fun filling the pots with rocks, soil, geraniums and other decorations. Father Horton blessed the potted plants and walker totes, made by Candace Griffin and St. Clara's Guild, at the Sunday Service. After the Service, the DHC and other church members took the plants and the walker totes to the Mansfield Nursing Home to be distributed to the Residents. Anne Bressert and friends played beautiful music for the residents and children at St. Gregory's sang some songs.

Next meeting is Saturday, June 16th, 2018.

Bernice

DHC pictures by Candace Griffin.
There is something beautiful about the ordinary. We have just left the Easter season as Trinity Sunday has ushered in a long period of ordinary time in our Church year. We get to settle in for the next 26 weeks of green as we experience the stability and sameness of our life in worship. It is in this routine that we can develop a deep love and appreciation for the ordinary. Or, we can become restless and discontent, but that is a choice. In our lives, we often find ourselves in the same routines. For instance, during the school year I wake up every weekday morning, get lunches ready for the kids, help Holly get everyone off to school, get ready for the day and head into the office and on a week to week basis, much of my time is spent doing the same things. Chapel with the preschool, mass on Wednesdays, sermon preparation for Sunday, etc. There are seasons with more or less activity, but generally my life is pretty predictable. It becomes up to me to decide how to react to this predictability. I can resent it as being boring, trudging through the monotony, waiting for the next break or I can be thankful for the opportunities that it affords me and make the most of what I have been given.

Just because we are stable doesn’t mean we’re inactive. Stability allows us to work things into our lives that in times of busyness and chaos, we can’t manage. So, when you are experiencing a period of ordinary time in your life, what are some things you could work in? Always at the top of the list should be prayer and scripture. Finding a space to connect with God and allow him to shape the contours of your life. This is how to live the ordinary, extraordinarily well. On the other side, you can look for ways to connect with others. Make it a point to call friends on a regular basis. Work in charity and volunteer your time. There are plenty of ways to take advantage of the routine of our daily lives, but what about on Sunday morning?

To enhance your weekly communal worship, there are various things that you can focus on in order to get more out of it. You can pay more attention to the words of the hymns which we sing (assuming that we will have a musician in the near future). Our hymns are full of richness and meaning. You can add private devotional prayers, several of which can be found on pages 833-835 in your Book of Common Prayer, or from other sources, such as the St. Augustine Prayer Book. You can contemplate the mystery of the Real Presence of Christ before or after receiving the Eucharist. Try one of these and be consistent through this period of ordinary time and see what fruit it bears in your spiritual life.

_Fr. Alan Horton+

Sunday sermons are recorded, each Sunday, and archived at [http://stgregorysmansfield.org/sermons](http://stgregorysmansfield.org/sermons) by 11:00 AM

Parish Picnic at the Bradburn’s
Saturday. May 12, 2018
Preschool Happenings

All is quiet on the preschool front, another successful schoolyear has come to an end. The month of May was a whirlwind of activities: We had 10 Pre-K students graduate from our program, Bounce house day, picnic lunches and field day activities!! A big thank you to the church for helping make teacher appreciation week special! We were treated to coffee by Ms. Cheri Davis, home made chicken salad sandwiches by Ms. Barbara Hanson and a catered lunch of On the Border fajitas.

Pre-K graduation was a special time for all our families. Each student was gifted with a children’s bible that was thoughtfully chosen by Fr. Horton. We pray that the knowledge of Christ that was imparted during their time with us here at the preschool will continue to grow in the coming years.

The preschool office will be closed until we begin summer camp on June 4th. We are looking forward to a summer full of new friends and fun!

Pic #1 Last Chapel time of the year led by Fr. Horton, the story of Zacchaeus (credit: Elizabeth Rivera).
Pic #2 End of the year fun in the bounce house (credit: Michelle Savitch).
Pic #3 Picnic and popsicles (credit: Michelle Savitch).
Pic #4 Pre-K graduates (left to right, back to front) Grace Pittman, Frank Hryhorchuk, Chelsea Whitney, Liam Steve, Noelle Prejean, Victoria Botha, Yohana Michael, Kyle Welch, Brenna Hendricks, Ellie Conedera. (credit: Sarah Rivera).

Elizabeth Rivera

Jr. Warden’s Report

We have a good group in the Garden Guild and they are busy working in the flowerbeds and grooming St. Gregory’s.

With the preschool out for two weeks it is time to clean up the playground. The grass and weeds have been taken care of and the slide painted. The swing will be completed before the kids return for summer camp.

Trice
Field Trip to the US Bureau of Engraving and Printing aka. “The Mint.” Rated #2 of 166 to-do’s in FTW.***

Wednesday, June 27, leaving St. Gregory’s at 9 AM, arriving back around 1 PM

You can drive, or there will be transportation available for $20 per person (money needed by June 1). For more information contact Maria Casamento 817.266.3306/Maria@highroad.us.com.

Your editor highly recommends this outing.

LOCATION: ST. VINCENT CATHEDRAL, 1300 FOREST RIDGE DR. BEDFORD, TX 76022

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Mark Your June Calendar

01 ~ Bishop Iker Golf Challenge in Glen Rose
02 ~ Men’s Group, 8 am
06 ~ Wednesday Monthly Potluck following Mass
09 ~ St. Clara’s work day, 9-12 am & Tai Chi, 10 am
13 ~ Holy Eucharist at Watercrest, 1 pm
16 ~ Men’s Group, 8 am & DHC, 10 am
19 ~ Vestry, 6 pm
23 ~ Parish wide garage sale, 7-12 am

June Birthdays
03 ~ Phil Hawkins
05 ~ Robert Mowrer
08 ~ Dot Cannon
10 ~ Rita Barowsky, Tony Casamento, Colin Hiley
19 ~ Cheri Davis & Dee Lemser
22 ~ Madeleine Barganier
23 ~ Kay Tamakian
24 ~ Maria Casamento
26 ~ Juan Zavala
27 ~ Cayden Yocom
28 ~ Angie Griffin
29 ~ Jason Grubenhoff & Ginilcachukwu Okafor

June Anniversaries
11 ~ Juan & Jane Zavala
14 ~ Eugene & Harriet Motter

June Memorials
Clyde & Betty Reed ~ in memory of Joshua.
Eugene & Harriet Motter ~ anniversary & in memory of Ralph.
Cheri Davis ~ in thanksgiving for her birthday.

Order of St. Luke
Ubi Caritas et Amor

"Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him (James 5:14 KJV). "And heal the sick that are therein, and say unto them, The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you. (Luke 10:8)

We are opening a Diocesan Center in Support of the Healing Ministry of Jesus. All prayer warriors interested or involved in the healing ministry of Jesus are invited to join us. Training will concentrate on how to pray for the sick using the recorded healings by Jesus and the Apostles. The Center will be open to all who believe that Jesus the Christ healed, heals and will heal. The Center will also sponsor past and present members of the Order of Saint Luke (OSL).

Our Mission:
Train prayer warriors to form prayer teams for their churches in the diocese
Establish teams to convene once a week and pray for any one asking for prayer.
Establish 1 hour of soaking/listening prayer (soothing religious music and scripture reading) once a month.
Establish a once a month meeting for training and discussion of books and videos on Healing Prayer, followed by a healing service.
Provide training and provision to officially become members of OSL if so desired.

Our schedule for June:
June 5 - 6:00 set-up and prayer preparation - 6:30-7:30 Taise/Soaking Prayer service
June 9 - 10:30-12:00 planning session
June 12 - 5:30 set-up and prayer preparation - 6:30-7:30 open prayer
At an age when many folks are contemplating retirement, Tony Casamento is going strong in a career he loves. And he has no thoughts of stopping anytime soon. The 66-year-old, born and raised in New York City, has worked in a variety of capacities in life. He is proud to be a veteran, having served in the U. S. Air Force for four years. But teaching math for the Mansfield Independent School District’s Phoenix Academy, an innovative nontraditional school, is what he has loved more than anything. His wife taught most of her career, from special education to vocational schools. “I’d drop by to see her,” he recalled. “It always fascinated me watching her.”

It also fascinates his students to watch him in action. Among the things he’s done to get their attention and advance their education is having a “rap-off” with his friend and fellow teacher Raymond Cook. “I try to motivate students in different ways,” Tony said. “We had a blast. You’ve got to be willing to let go to reach the kids.”

And reach them. He does. In other of his popular projects was a Math Murder Mystery, which he carried out with another fellow teacher and his good friend, Jeff Maison. “I got those pipes and Sherlock Holmes hats. We made a big deal out of it,” Tony said, “we had almost the whole school. Sign up.”

In the project, teams of four students worked on a set of math problems with numbers that corresponded to letters that led to solving the mystery. The suspects were teachers at the school. “You should have seen the kids. They really wanted to solve those path problems and get the clues,” Tony said.

Tony and his wife, Maria, moved to Mansfield, 28 years ago because of his job with Johnson & Johnson as a network manager. He also worked for TD Ameritrade as a stockbroker, and once certified to teach, he was both the weekend stockbroker and a weekday substitute teacher.

He soon became an English as a second language math tutor. Then, he realized where hers heart really was and listened. “About three years ago I said, ‘I'm too old for this. I'm going to start teaching full time if an opportunity comes up,’” he said.

“It was evident that he had a passion for helping students to succeed,” Phoenix Academy Principal Regenia Crane wrote in a letter of recommendation for an award for Tony. “I knew I needed teachers with a heart like his.”

Now, he’s focused on creating chances for his students in preparation for life. And the first step is establishing a positive relationship. “This one student was a gangster type, and we hit it off,” Tony said. “He told me, ‘I have to finish this program and be the first in my family to finish high school.’ He’d come in and call me ‘Brother C.’ That’s the kind of thing I’m talking about.”

Tony sees past his students problems, looking instead at the person. His students appreciate this. “I was tutoring ESL at Mansfield High, and we got this kid from Vietnam who was visually impaired. We developed a relationship, and his English got a lot better,” he said. “He’s my friend now. We go for coffee every once in a while.”

Tony, now the school’s math chairman, was nominated by Jeff for the H-P-B Excellence in Education Award. “He has an innate ability to figure out why a student is not getting or understanding a math lesson and do something different, so the student not only understands it, but can apply what they have learned. Tony is in tune with what's real and is able to teach our students how to use real world, every day math,” Jeff said.

“It meant a lot to me. Out of all the teachers, he thought to nominate me”, Tony said, humbled. “But I don’t do it for awards. I do it for the kids.”

***** Parish wide garage sale, Saturday, June 23rd, 7-12 am *****
!! FREE !!
Our Clergy and Staff

“Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him”
John 13:16

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