



## ST. PATRICK OF THE ISLAND – BULLETIN WEEK OF JUNE 7, 2020 – FEAST OF HOLY TRINITY

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### This Week's Readings:

*Today's readings celebrate one God, three persons. They ground us in the simplicity of who God is and what God does for us.*

**EXODUS 34: 4B-6, 8-9** – The story of Moses on the mountain reveals a God who meets us on the mountains of our lives.

**2 CORINTHIANS 13: 11-13** – St. Paul asks us to put things in order and live in peace.

**JOHN 3: 16-18** – God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world...



THIS WEEK THE SANCTUARY LAMP BURNS FOR:

- All those working for a peaceful resolution to racism

### COLLECTIONS – FOR YOUR INFORMATION

We thank those who have been continuing the weekly donations thru the past months.

Total Collections for April were \$1910 including:

Roof Fund - \$ 95  
Envelopes - \$ 615  
Donations - \$ 100  
**Pad - \$1100**

Total Collections for May were \$2490 including:

Roof Fund - \$ 115  
Envelopes - \$ 975  
Donations - \$ 300  
**Pad - \$1100**

Our average collection per month prior to COVID-19 was approximately \$6000. Our monthly expenses have remained the same through this period.



## **REFLECTION FOR THE FEAST OF THE HOLY TRINITY**

Today's feast is at the core of our faith, a mystery, a reality, a great love. I remember learning about the Trinity at a very early age; the Trinity as we know, consists of the Father (Creator), the Son (Redeemer) and the Spirit (Sanctifier), One God, Three Persons. A puzzling idea. We were told that it was a mystery and we would never truly understand it fully, but it was something that we had to believe. I acknowledged the reasoning and accepted it as fact. Why? I believe it was Faith. Faith in God and in the teachings of the church.

Today as an adult, I still believe it, but I have had time over these many weeks, to study the mystery, to interiorize some questions that have arisen from our Confirmation students who have a hard time understanding this dogma of our faith.

Where do we find proof of the Trinity, they ask? How can there be one God if there is Father, Son and Holy Spirit? Doesn't that make three Gods, because  $1+1+1=3$ , doesn't it? Difficult facts to understand for these 11 and 12 year olds and for many people in this age of science. We expect answers to all our questions, answers that are researched and provable.

Greater minds than mine have studied these questions. The Nicene & Apostles' Creeds resulted because theologians, fathers of the Church, popes and bishops studied this mystery. The word Triune was put together to explain the Trinity. Tri (three) une (in one).

Jesus tells us in his own words about the Trinity.

"Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works". *John 14:10*

"And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth." *John 14: 16-17a*

"For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one." - *1 John 5:7*

When Jesus said these words on the Feast of the Ascension: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." - *Matthew 28:19*, He didn't say in the names of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. He used the term "name", one.

Finally, it still boils down to Faith. And maybe we need to think not of  $1+1+1=3$ , but  $1 \times 1 \times 1 = 1$ .

- Anne Coulter

## **An Encouraging Message from Pope Francis**



***“Everyone is doing something for the community, for others. And this is what joy is. Right? To go at the pace of the people who have another speed, or at least to consider them and to accommodate our pace to theirs...Receiving the joy of the Spirit is a grace. Moreover, it is the only force that enables us to preach the Gospel and to confess our faith in the Lord. Faith means bearing witness to the joy that the Lord gives to us. A joy such as this cannot be the result of our own efforts.”***

*Pope Francis*

### **ARE YOU LONGING TO PRAY TOGETHER? JOIN US FOR THE ROSARY**

Every Tuesday at 7pm until June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020, you are invited to join fellow parishioners via Zoom, to pray the Rosary. To join the Zoom Meeting, click on the link below and follow the instructions on your screen.

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78397290004?pwd=RzNObDN3VCtEcXZER1RoNWpCRU9MUT09>

Meeting ID: 783 9729 0004

Password: 9xMWvB

### **ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SHARING YOUR FAITH?**

Every Thursday at 7pm until June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020, you are invited to join Deacon Nic via Zoom, to share your faith. To join the Zoom Meeting, click on the link below and follow the instructions on your screen.

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78686231805?pwd=bCtSN1NZeWQ4ODA3T21SdIBHODNTUT09>

Meeting ID: 786 8623 1805

Password: 1jFenf

## Pope Francis' Message For These Times:



***“In the book of Genesis, the accounts of the fall of Adam and Eve and of the murder of Abel by his brother Cain, tell of the emergence and expansion of evil and sin across successive generations. We too still experience the presence of wickedness in the world. Yet God’s will for his creatures is for the good, not for evil. In the first pages of the Bible we also see another, less conspicuous story, with Abel, Seth, Enoch, and Noah, who acted humbly and prayed to God with sincerity. These just men of prayer were peacemakers who show that authentic prayer, freed from the tendency to violence, is a hope-filled gaze directed to God, which can cultivate new life in place of arid hatred. Throughout history, righteous men, and women of prayer – often misunderstood or marginalized – have ceaselessly offered up intercession for the world, invoking God’s power to bring about healing and growth. I urge you to always be docile to the action of the Holy Spirit, so that your life may always be warmed and illuminated by the love that the Spirit of God pours into hearts.”***

- Pope Francis

LET US CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:



Josephine, Audrey Angelozzi, Jean & Joseph Gabriel, Edward Bertrand, Maria Linck, Jacques R., Bob Forest, Tom Law, Heather Coulter, Anthony Hulse, Paule, Theresa Hannan, Noah & Bailey Santos, Jean Clifford, Gordon Hincks, Kayla Cordeiro, Helen Lalonde, Helene Larose Pullin, Allison Latham, Caron Rothwell, Caiti Dore, Andria MacDonald, Karen Descoeurs, Mary & Marian Lapchak, Betty, Gerry & Mary Guy, Elaine Kerr, Claude Bourbonnais, Catherine Shea, John Battaglia, Frank McCluskey, Virginia Camus, Antanas, Nadia Lombardi, Cathy Good, Molly Gillette, Michel Leclerc, Ralph Jenkins, Kathleen Guy.  
Anyone affected by the virus.