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JOHN 3:16



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**THE MOST HOLY TRINITY
 JUNE 7, 2020**

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

Mass of Anticipation for Most Holy Trinity
 5:00PM Albert Catanio—6th Anniversary

SUNDAY, JUNE 7

Trinity Sunday
 7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church
 10:30AM Stanley Berek—15th Anniversary

MONDAY, JUNE 8

Weekday
 7:30AM Deceased Members of the Palermo Family—Mem

TUESDAY, JUNE 9

Weekday/St. Ephrem, Deacon & Doctor of the Church
 7:30AM Michael Iapaolo—Memorial

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

Weekday
 7:30AM John & Jack Duffy—Memorial

THURSDAY, JUNE 11

St. Barnabas, Apostle
 7:30AM Carolyn Perretta—Birthday Remembrance

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

Weekday
 7:30AM Elizabeth Loughlin—Memorial

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

St. Antony of Padua, Priest & Doctor of the Church
 8:30AM Msgr. William J. Carey—12th Anniversary

Mass of Anticipation for the Solemnity of Corpus Christi
 5:00PM Rita McGoff—1st Anniversary

SUNDAY, JUNE 14

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ
 7:30 AM Bruce Hart—Birthday Remembrance
 10:30AM Catherine & Michael Caparco—Memorial





Dear Parishioners:

We began public Masses last weekend with great rejoicing, and with much hope. I am grateful for the patience and cooperation that helped to make it go smoothly. The 7:30 AM Mass saw the most people attending, but there were many people at all the Masses.

The safety precautions of wearing face masks and social distancing are essential to observe for the health and well being of all of us. Also, the method for receiving Holy Communion offers a safe way to receive for those who wish to take Communion. We hope and pray for that the day when Covid-19 Virus might cease, and we can return to a normal style of worship.

My thanks to our OLM Maintenance Crew, who work so hard to keep our church clean, and also for preparing for public Mass. Their hard work and great concern for the well being of our parish is deeply appreciated. If you see them, please offer your thanks.

We continue with the new schedule of weekend Masses: 5:00 PM on Saturdays and 7:30 AM and 10:30 AM on Sundays. Unfortunately, the cleaning of our large church after public Mass takes time, and we cannot complete it and reopen for the 9:00 AM Mass on Sundays. We are keeping this weekend Mass schedule until further notice.

Mass is also celebrated publicly at 7:30 AM, Monday through Friday, and at 8:30 AM on Saturday mornings. We encourage you to consider coming to daily Mass.

However, if you are

elderly, infirm, or sick, please stay home and stay safe. Also, if you remain concerned about gathering for public Mass, please know that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass continues to be dispensed by Bishop Tobin. Therefore, it is not a grave sin to miss Mass.

Instead, we urge you to join us for the live stream Mass each Sunday at 10:30 AM and offer a Spiritual Communion. We continue to live stream Sunday Mass at 10:30 AM for all those unable to attend. We know you've found consolation in these virtual Masses, and we know that for some of you, this is your only way to participate in Sunday Mass.

Sadly, just as we resumed public Masses last weekend, we witnessed much violence and rioting across the country. The killing of George Floyd, which led to this unrest, was a senseless and brutal act of injustice.

The sadness and pain surrounding this tragedy are intense. We pray for comfort for his grieving family and friends, peace for a hurting community, and prudence while the process moves forward. This tragic injustice indeed calls us all to continue to pray for justice and peace.

Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles and president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops stated: *"We should not let it be said that George Floyd died for no reason. We should honor the sacrifice of his life by removing racism and hate from our hearts and renewing our commitment to fulfill our nation's sacred promise — to be a beloved community of life, liberty, and*

equality for all."

The tragedy also moved many people to legitimately protest against injustice and racism. Such peaceful protest is a liberty we rightly enjoy living in a free country. It has a proper role in allowing us to speak out for justice and dignity.

But the violence and destruction witnessed across the nation this past week, even here in Providence, should be rightly condemned. It is self-destructive and self-defeating. Nothing is ever gained by senseless violence and wanton destruction. Rather, so much is lost. Dr. Martin Luther King taught: *"Violence never brings permanent peace."* In this time in our nation's history, as we seek peace, his words speak loudly and profoundly.

Amid this pandemic, we've seen much death and great suffering. Human frailty is so very evident. Let us remember the call of the Gospel of Life to respect the life and dignity of every human being. Such respect must be apparent whether they be civilians in need of protection or law enforcement officers charged with providing that protection. All human life is sacred.

We pray for our nation in these uncertain times. We join the Psalmist in praying for that day when *"love and truth will meet [and] justice and peace will kiss."* Be Well. Do Good! Stay safe. God Bless Our Lady of Mercy, pray for us.

Ask Father

How to explain the Trinity to Children?

As I tell the eighth graders, any discussion about God is (in part) necessarily difficult because we are on the fringes of what our minds can understand. We can come to some understanding of who God is using our reason, and particularly what he has told us through Revelation, but we can never fully comprehend God. We know that God is a Trinity of persons only through Revelation. We can find hints and markers of the Trinity in the world around us, but to be able to assent to the idea that God is three persons in one God is something only faith can reveal. This does not mean that the Trinity is a contradiction or against reason because we can grasp it to the extent that it does not cause difficulties.

One idea that is important to convey to children (and to ourselves) is that understanding comes with time, study, prayer, and contemplation. For children, start by having them memorize the formula: We believe in One God, who is a Trinity of three distinct Persons who are all God. This is the bedrock from which you can go forward. Next, use an analogy or image. It is appropriate that we just celebrated St. Patrick's day. In order to explain the Trinity when he was converting the Irish he used a three-leaf clover. It is one plant with three leaves and so this helped the Irish to see the meaning of the Trinity. Yet, with any analogy, you need to purify it: negate any concepts in it which would not properly apply to God, while affirming what would. In the case of the clover the three Persons are not simply three parts or powers of God (that would be Modalism). Also, we say that God is a Trinity of persons. One definition of person is: a unique substantial being. This is not the definition of "person" in the Trinity, because to say that each Person of the Trinity is a unique substantial being means that we would have three gods. We need to hold on to the distinctiveness of the persons and this comes from their relation to each other.

Part of teaching children the faith is learning about it ourselves. If anyone would like to read a great text on the Trinity I recommend Giles Emery, O.P., The Trinity: An Introduction to Catholic Doctrine on the Triune God. In fact I recommend reading anything by Emery. There are so many other things to understand in relation to the Trinity: Appropriation, Communication of Idioms, Analogy, Nature, Person, and so on, but I hope that this will get the ball rolling.

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May 31, 2020

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	Total=\$12,273.00
Outreach.....	\$682.00
Building & Grounds.....	\$880.00

May 26, 2019

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Outreach Update

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Thank you for your support!

• **If you are need of food or financial assistance please contact the OLM Outreach Director, Doug Green at 884-4410 (leave a message if not in) or via email at outreach@olmparish.org**



Religious Education NEWS

UPDATE FOR RE FAMILIES

The First Communion and Confirmation Classes are our top priority and we will keep students and families informed by email! As we plan for our celebrations of First Communion and Confirmation in the fall, please keep in mind that the way we "used to do things" is gone. Your child's First Communion and/or Confirmation might look very different from the large ceremonies we were all "used to" but we promise to keep it as meaningful, special and reverent as it should be.

Please know of our continued prayers for you.

Mickey St. Jean & Doug Green
OLM Religious Education Coordinators



Our Lady of Mercy Parish invites you to join our active Prayer Chain. The power of prayer is tremendous and many successful results have been reported back. Anyone wishing to join the Prayer Chain as a caller, or simply as one who prays for others and their intentions, please call Mary Hart at 884-5629 or email directly at 2hart@cox.net.

If you know someone in need of prayers due to illness, infirmity, surgery, hospitalization or any serious reason please call us!

The power of prayer at work!

Holy Trinity



The major seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, Triduum, and Easter are now past, but about half the year remains for us to celebrate our redemption in Christ in a more general way.

Before we resume the counted Sundays of Ordinary Time, however, we devote this Sunday and next to celebrating two profound mysteries of our faith: the Trinity and the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

A special feast in honor of the Holy Trinity began in monastic communities as early as the ninth century. By the fourteenth century, the whole Western church was observing it as it does today, on the Sunday after Pentecost.



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