

PASTOR'S LETTER

Dear Parishioners,

The Work of the People
Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

"In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." Christians who use this phrase repeatedly could easily lose sight of the powerful mystery it expresses. Today, Trinity Sunday, the Scriptures call us to reflect on this central belief of Christianity: The Trinity. One of the greatest gifts of the Christian faith is the dogma of the triune God: God is three (tri) in one (une). Christians name God as a Trinity of Father, Son, and Spirit, but only in light of Jesus Christ does such language and insight fully emerge.

The reflection for this Sunday is from Mary Stommes who is editor of *Give Us This Day*.

Overheard on the Catholic school playground, rising above all the joyful springtime screeching and chatter, the voice of a little boy atop the sprawling playground climber: "Oh yeah? You don't even know what two plus two equals." The height of insult. Some things never change, or change only incrementally over a very long time. Evidently, knowing what one plus one equals is now common kindergarten knowledge. The advanced math made me laugh.

A minute later, still smiling, I was inside the church for the funeral of a dear aunt who had died just shy of her eighty-ninth birthday. She'd been a lifelong member of that parish, baptized there—along with her twin sister—in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. One God in Three Persons—ancient math and mystery of love.

Several years before my aunt entered the waters of baptism and the communion of saints (forget trying to wrap your head around that math), her future husband had been baptized at the same font. Only God could have known that years later the two of them would stand before the altar there and be united in marriage. Theirs was a marriage made in heaven, a reflection on earth of the God who blessed it, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Communion of Love.

Love begets love, and my aunt and uncle were blessed with seven children, bringing each in turn to the same baptismal font. One can imagine the heavenly chorus singing, "Here they come again! O, what joy!" And to the newly baptized, "Welcome, dear little one, to the communion of saints!" Each addition a unique and gifted individual. Yet somehow, one individual plus one individual—plus one zillion individuals—still equals One. One Love.

Three of my cousins died far too young. My uncle would follow them, also too soon. All four had been commended to God for eternity in that parish. The greater the love, the greater the loss. Addition is easier than subtraction. How could we bear it without the communion of saints? Without the Father who creates, the Son who

redeems, and the Spirit who sanctifies. The Love that holds us in this life and leads us to life eternal with those who go before us. It is never to a distant throng that we sing during the Rite of Final Commendation. And so, for my aunt on that beautiful day last May: "Receive her soul, O holy ones, present her now to God most high."

All was quiet on the playground as we left church. Back in their classrooms, some of the children were probably learning that one plus one does not always equal two. And perhaps learning a song to accompany the math ever-Ancient and ever-New: "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty . . . God in three Persons, Blessed Trinity."

Forget trying to wrap your head around the mystery. Only the heart can be drawn there.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 16

Monday: 2 Cor. 6:1-10/Ps. 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4/Mt. 5:38-42
 Tuesday: 2 Cor. 8:1-9/Ps. 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a/Mt. 5:43-48
 Wednesday: 2 Cor. 9:6-11/Ps. 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9/Mt. 6:1-6, 16-18
 Thursday: 2 Cor. 11:1-11/Ps. 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mt. 6:7-15
 Friday: 2 Cor. 11:18, 21-30/Ps. 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt. 6:19-23
 Saturday: 2 Cor. 12:1-10/Ps. 34:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Mt. 6:24-34
 Sunday: Gn. 14:18-20/Ps. 110:1, 2, 3, 4/1 Cor. 11:23-26/Lk. 9:11b-17

THE EMMAUS PRAYER

*Lord Jesus, hear our prayer
for the spiritual renewal of priests.*

*We praise you for giving
their ministry to the Church.*

*In these days, renew them with the gifts
of your Spirit.*

*You once opened the Scriptures to
the disciples on the road to Emmaus.
Now renew your ordained ministers
with the truth and power
of your Word.*

*In Eucharist, you gave the Emmaus disciples
renewed life and hope.
Nourish priests with your own Body and Blood.
Help them to imitate in their lives
the death and resurrection they
celebrate at your altar.*

*Give priests enthusiasm for the Gospel,
zeal for the salvation of all,
courage in leadership, humility in service,
fellowship with one another
and with all their brothers and sisters in You.*

*For you love them, Lord Jesus,
and we love and pray for them
in Your Name.*

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Couples celebrating their 25th, 50th or 60th or more wedding anniversaries are invited to attend the annual Diocesan Anniversary Celebration Liturgies on Sunday August 25 at Sacred Heart in Erie. Liturgy begins at 2:00 pm. To register, contact your parish office or Family Life Office at 814 824-1265.

WORSHIP

Monday, June 17
 8:00 am + Leona Auer
 Tuesday, June 18
 8:00 am + NO MASS
 Wednesday, June 19
 8:00 am + NO MASS
 Thursday, June 20
 8:00 am + NO MASS
 Friday, June 21
 8:00 am + A Special Intention
 Saturday, June 22
 4:30 pm + Margaret (Peg) Styborski (Stacy Mott)
 Sunday, June 23
 8:00 am + AT ST. BERNADETTE
 Thomas Brunot (Jim & Fran Peters)
 9:30 am + AT ST. ANTHONY
 Living & Deceased Parishioners

PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

Monday - Wednesday - Friday AT ST. BERNADETTE
 7:00 am - Communion Service
 Saturday, June 22
 3:45 - 4:15 pm - Confessions
 Sunday, June 23
 Before Mass - Confessions AT ST. BERNADETTE
 After Mass - Confessions AT ST. ANTHONY

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA
SATURDAY, JUNE 22 - 4:30 PM

Eucharistic Ministers: Tom Hobson/Judy Kingston/
 Kathleen Lipkovich
 Lector: Marie Marteeny
 Altar Servers: Robert Moats/Sydney Zilhaver

SUNDAY, JUNE 23 - 9:30 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Ginger Beck/Christine Krzysiak/
 Don Marteeny/Barb Milligan
 Lector: Veronica Walker
 Altar Servers: Max Marteeny/Andrea Walker

ST. BERNADETTE
SUNDAY, JUNE 23 - 8:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: C. Sada/G. Beisler/D. Nowak
 Lector: D. Capel/Mrs. Greco
 Ushers: S. Sada, Jr.
 Altar Servers: Greco/levis

STEWARDSHIP

6/9/19	
Offertory	\$657.00
Votives	6.00
Strawberry Festival	351.00
Rent	<u>500.00</u>
TOTAL	\$1,514.00
CSA:	
Plledged—\$7,615	
Paid—\$6,010	

A FATHER'S DAY PRAYER

God,
*Bless all the fathers in the world.
 Father, we ask that You guide them
 to be good role models
 and loving to their children.
 We also ask that You help them
 to be a father like You are.
 Give them grace and patience
 to handle situations in a loving way.
 Amen*

LOOKING FOR A SUMMER JOB?

Apply to Camp Notre Dame. Available positions: Senior Staff and Kids Kamp Counselor. Be someone who C.A.R.E.S. Camp Notre Dame runs a C.A.R.E. philosophy—Christ, Awareness, Recreation and Education is what we implement daily. Please check the bulletin board for description of the available positions.

“Father, thank you for all you’ve given me.
 Show me how to share it.”

V.B.S

Cambridge Springs VBS will be happening June 24 - 28 and we need you to volunteer! We have positions available for adults and teens as station leaders, crew leaders, assistants, actors/actresses, tech, photography, decorating, and more. We have a place for you no matter your talents/gifting. You can find out more about available positions and register to volunteer at www.vbspro.events/pevent/cambridgsprings or contact VBS Director Pam Lowther at lowther-pam@gmail.com

If you can, please donate the following: Pool Noodles, Deck of Cards, Sponges, Beach Balls, Plastic Water Bottles w/lids. Please drop these items in the gathering space by next weekend.

BINGO - The next scheduled BINGO at St. Anthony’s will be Monday, June 17. Early Bird BINGO starts at 6:00 pm and the regular BINGO starts at 6:30 pm. Doors and kitchen open at 5:00 pm. Dinner will be available at a cost of \$5.00.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. BERNADETTE’S

The Strawberry Festival is set for this Saturday, June 22, 2019 from 11:30 am - 4:00 pm at St. Bernadette Center in Saegertown. Please see the posting on the bulletin boards for further information.

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory	\$1,583.00
Maintenance	479.00
CSA	645.00
Candles	18.00
International Needs	60.00
Ascension	<u>45.00</u>
TOTAL	\$2,830.00

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL
 Pledged: \$20,926 Paid: \$13,126

“...give me understanding to learn your commands.”
 Psalm 119:73

CHURCH NAME: ST. ANTONY OF PADUA

CHURCH NO.:

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:
