

June 16, 2019

First Sunday After Pentecost

The Most Holy Trinity

Solemnity



This God We Constantly Await

Many have over the centuries devised a variety of symbols to explain the Mystery of the Trinity, three persons in one Godhead. Today, however through the Liturgy on this feast of the Most Holy Trinity, we are invited to acknowledge the Mystery by celebrating our experience of the God who has chosen to be revealed as Father, as Redeemer and as Sanctifier. The intimate communion of the Trinity in which we share, is the model placed before us today in our celebration.



Flowers for the Altar this weekend are donated by the Praha Altar Society in thanksgiving to God for all fathers in our Parish.

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, June 22
4:30 p.m. Fred H. Holub
Sunday, June 23
8:00 a.m. Louis Stryk

Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the Liturgy



Next weekend is *The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.

First Reading: Genesis 14:18-20
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 110
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26
Gospel: Luke 9:11b-17

Happy Father's Day

Prayer For Fathers

O God, giver of life and Father of us all, help me to be the kind of father to my children that You are to me. May I love them unconditionally, forgive them when they fail, counsel them when they doubt, lift them up when they fall, guide them in the darkness and walk beside them in the light. Show me, loving Father, how to teach them, to play with them, to share with them and to pray with them. Thank you for my children, thank you for my role as a father. Amen.



See Insert for Fathers Specially Remembered Today

**St. Mary's Restoration Endowment Fund
Maintaining & Preserving Maticka Praha**



We thank the following for their recent contributions:

Melvin Hutzler - \$200
(pledged payment)

In Memory of Sue Gassman
Liz & Leo Janak - \$20

MISSION APPEAL FOR FUNDS

The Franciscan Missionaries of Hope (Lyke Community) have been given permission by the bishop's office to participate in this year's Mission Corporation Plan at St. Mary's Church, Praha and St. Joseph's Church, Moulton. A missionary from the Order will preach at all Masses on the weekend of the 29th/30th of June. A Second Collection will be taken to help the Franciscan Missionaries of Hope in their ministry.



The Franciscan Missionaries of Hope (Lyke Community) strives to offer hope to the people of God through the charism of hospitality and counseling as enlightened by the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and following the spirituality of Saint Francis of Assisi.

Vacation Bible School at St. Joseph's, July 8-12, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. To register contact the Parish Office in Moulton (361-596-4674).

The Sanctuary Light will be lit this week in memory of the Cerny & Vacek Families.



REFLECTION

“In The Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit”

This formula recurs so often in the Liturgy that we risk not paying much attention to it. Our yearly celebration of the Feast of the Trinity invites us to renew our awareness of the content and the import of our faith in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Many fail to see what the mystery of the Trinity evokes. They believe in God, period, like so many others who belong to diverse religions, profess the existence of a God. By the same token, Jesus Christ is an outstanding prophet. He lived among us doing good and taught a particularly lofty way of living as religious human beings. Others do not see that the Trinity adds to faith in Jesus. They do not realize that if there is no Trinity, Jesus would no longer be Jesus. He is Jesus Christ, our Lord because he is “the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.” No one has ever seen God. The only Son of God, who is at the Father’s side, has revealed him to us. Besides, he spoke to his disciples of Another, coming also from the Father, the Spirit of truth sent to guide them “to all truth”.

Created in the image of God, human beings will be fully realized in as much as they live, in communion with others, a life similar to that of the Trinity, one God in three Persons. We all have our own existence, being distinct from all others. We however, become more and more ourselves by living in communion with others. Failing to do this, we shut ourselves up in the narrowest of prisons, that of our egos, where our personalities disintegrate. The most Holy Trinity is the most concrete model of life in the human community.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



June 17 – Emily Hill
June 18 – Scott MacDonald
June 19 – Jane Schneider

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



June 16 – Karina & David Saucedo
June 20 – Congratulations Rosemary & Arthur Klekar
on your 60th Wedding Anniversary

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND PETER’S PENCE

This collection enables the Holy Father to respond with emergency financial assistance to requests to aid the neediest throughout the world – those who suffer as a result of war, oppression, natural disasters. *Be generous.*

The Peter’s Pence Collection originally scheduled for June 29/30 will be taken up next weekend June 22/23 due to the Missionary Appel on June 29/30 (see article).

ORIENTATION

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, observed on the Sunday after the Solemnity of Pentecost, dates to the seventh century; it has been on the Church’s universal calendar for nearly seven hundred years. “The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of Christian faith and life,” the Catechism tells us. “It is the mystery of God in himself. It is therefore the source of all the other mysteries of faith, the light that enlightens them” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 234). As Christians, we believe in one God, in three Persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Through the centuries, saints and artists have helped us to understand the Holy Trinity through images and comparisons. St. Patrick is said to have explained the Trinity to the people of Ireland as a shamrock, with its three leaves on one stem. St. Ignatius Loyola compared the Trinity to a chord played on an instrument: three distinct notes forming one sound. The early iconographers of the Church in the East depicted the Trinity with imagery from the Old Testament story of Abraham’s angelic visitors. A familiar story of the Trinity is a triangle with rays radiating from it, and in the middle of the triangle an open eye, representing the all-seeing Providence of God.

Praha Picnic

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 2019

Update on Picnic Chairpersons Meetings

The Picnic plans are coming together. We have been meeting with the chairpersons of the various work stations/booths. We thank all the chairpersons for their continued dedication and hard work for the success of our Picnic. Here is a brief breakdown of the meetings:

The Meal Chairpersons: Junior Chaloupka (*Stew*); Johnnie Hoffman & Jared Tousek (*Chicken Frying*); Helen Schaefer & Josie Kubenka (*Kitchen*); Theresa Tousek (*Plates-to-go*); Alphonse Kubenka, Leon & Greg Kubenka, Bennie & Earlene Okruhlik, Irene Bartek and Pat Masek (*Kettle Cashier / Dinner Tickets / Business Plate Distribution / Plate Distribution*) are finalizing their supply lists.

— CP Meetings Update to be continued next week.

