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Most Holy Trinity • May 26, 2013

dear Padre

How can I explain the Trinity to a non-Catholic?

May 26, 2013

I was using a clover to explain the Trinity to my non-Catholic sister-in-law, and I wasn't successful. She says the leaves of a clover are separate, and sharing a stem doesn't mean they're one entity. How can I get her to understand?

Legend tells us Saint Patrick used a shamrock to speak about the God who is one and three, but that doesn't mean everyone will find clover imagery convincing.

It took hundreds of years, lots of argument, and multiple Church councils to refine the basic outline of orthodox Christian belief in the Trinitarian nature of God, so it's no great shock that you can't quickly break it down into convincing sound bites for a resistant in-law.

Perhaps you should concentrate on the way humans came to know the Trinitarian God, how we have encountered the God who is all at once Father, Son, and Spirit in the events of history and revelation. In sharing the way Christians have gradually come to understand what we do about the nature of the God who saves us, you can speak of how that understanding leads us to pray.

At our liturgies we have a distinct pattern of praying to the Father, through the Son, in the Spirit. There's more than a shamrock to discuss in all of that. And don't forget the creed we pray each Sunday. Discussions like yours are what the creed was made for.

Fr. Matthew Allman, CSSR
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Saturdays at 5:00 p.m.

Sundays at 7:30 and 10:00 a.m.

Holy Days at 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

WELCOME!

If you are new in the Parish, please register and introduce yourself to the Pastor. The Parishioners wish to meet and serve you! Drop by at our Coffee Social or Pancake Breakfast after the Sunday Mass, both per the Calendar online or as announced inside the bulletin. We hope you will favor our Parish with your prayers, your presence, your talents and your financial assistance according to your means!

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION):

By appointment.

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Please call the rectory (860-643-4466) to arrange for a meeting with the Pastor.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Arrangements must start more than 6 months before marriage. Necessary interviews, a pre-cana course and plenty of paperwork is required. We strongly urge you to contact us to begin the Diocesan preparation course as soon as you are engaged to get the most out of it without rush.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP:

The Sacramental Guidelines define Church Membership in terms of Sunday Mass attendance and Church support. For membership verification and sponsorship certificate, registration and regular use of the envelope system are the only way we have of verifying this for you. Please notify us if there are changes in your address, marital status, etc., so that we may update your records.

VISITATION TO THE SICK:

We are most anxious to help anyone who is not able to celebrate Mass with us in Church due to illness, handicapped or age. If you wish the Sacraments, please call 860-643-4466.

THIS WEEK
THE MOST HOLY TRINITY
MAY 25 – 26, 2013
USHERS GROUP II

SATURDAY, MAY 25 – CONFIRMATION
5:00 P.M. Mass offered for THE CONFIRMANDS WHO ARE BEING CONFIRMED TODAY

Coffee Social after 5 P.M. Mass in the Church Basement

SUNDAY, MAY 26 –
7:30 A.M. Mass offered for +Casimir & +Thomas Kurys request of Helen Kurys and Family

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

10:00 A.M. – Mass offered for +Stanislaw Jablonowski request of the Czercowy Family

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

5:30 P.M. LITURGY OF THE HOURS

MONDAY, MAY 27 –
9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Henry Leonard

5:00 P.M. – Parish BINGO – Food available from 5 P.M. GAMES begin at 6:30 P.M. / Jackpot \$400

TUESDAY, MAY 28 – No Mass

7:15 P.M. – Adult Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29 –
9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Ann Vieweger request of her sisters Fran & Irene

NO FAIR WORKSHOP

3 to 7 P.M. – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

THURSDAY, MAY 30 – No Mass

FRIDAY, MAY 31 – No Mass

SATURDAY, JUNE 1 –
4:30 P.M. – ROSARY BEFORE 5 P.M. MASS

Last week's Offertory – May 19 – \$2,835
Last year's Offertory – May 20 – \$3,367

"But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth..." (John 16:13)

Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to help us know the truth. So why not talk to the Holy Spirit about your stewardship? Are you sharing your time and talent with God and others? Do you give a fair amount of your treasure to do the work of the Lord? Can you hear the Holy Spirit's answer to those questions in your heart now? What more is He calling you to do?

NEXT WEEK
THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST
JUNE 1 – 2, 2013
USHERS GROUP III

SATURDAY, JUNE 1 –
5:00 P.M. Mass offered for +Steven Gaumond request of Elaine Gaumond

*Altar Servers: Maria Cinea
Lector: Patti Cinea
Eucharistic Minister: Patti Cinea*

Coffee Social after 5 P.M. Mass in the Church Basement

SUNDAY, JUNE 2 –
7:30 A.M. Mass offered for +John Sheetz request of Jennifer and Phil Daly

*Altar Servers: Shirley Warbeck
Lector: Joel Cohan
Eucharistic Minister: Arlene Giglio*

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

10:00 A.M. – Mass offered for the Intention of Angelica Czercowy request of Her Family

*Altar Servers: Lee and Ben Snuffer
Lector: Paul Brown
Eucharistic Minister: Kathleen Smythe*

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

5:30 P.M. LITURGY OF THE HOURS

MONDAY, JUNE 3 –
9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Ivan Dube and +Leonel Plouide request of The Family

5:00 P.M. – Parish BINGO – Food available from 5 P.M. GAMES begin at 6:30 P.M.

TUESDAY, JUNE 4 –
9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Rolande Mishio and +Emily Dube request of Solange Fournier

7:15 P.M. – Adult Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5 – No Mass

9:00 A.M. – FAIR WORKSHOP

3 to 7 P.M. – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

THURSDAY, JUNE 6 – No Mass

FRIDAY, JUNE 7 – No Mass

SATURDAY, JUNE 8 –
4:30 P.M. – ROSARY BEFORE 5 P.M. MASS

Readings for the Week of May 26, 2013
Sunday: Prv 8:22-31/Rom 5:1-5/Jn 16:12-15
Monday: Sir 17:20-24/Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12/Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday: Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17/Mk 10:32-45
Thursday: Sir 42:15-25/Mk 10:46-52
Friday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Lk 1:39-56
Saturday: Sir 51:12cd-20/Mk 11:27-33
Next Sunday: Gn 14:18-20/1 Cor 11:23-26/Lk 9:11b-17

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We need someone to keep BINGO! @ St. Maurice in the public eye with news stories, social media postings, signs, posters, etc. Two or three people working together would be great. Just a little time each week will help a lot. If interested, please call the office at (860) 643-4466 or Member-in-Charge Susan Brock at (860) 742-9133. E-mail addresses are available on our website.

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FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT WEEKENDS

"I did not think the sorrow and wounds from my abortion, my closely guarded secret for years, could be healed". Healing and forgiveness can begin with a **Rachel's Vineyard Retreat**. Retreat June 7-9 in Westerly, RI call 401-421-7833 ext.118. or www.rachelsvineyard.org. "Project Rachel" is a Diocesan outreach for anyone in need of healing. Priests in "Project Rachel" can help you through healing and forgiveness. Call 860-889-8346 ext.283. All inquiries are confidential.

Marriage Preparation for Engaged Couples

"God's Plan for a Joy-filled Marriage"

July 12, 19, 26, 2013 6:30pm-9:00pm

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Gales Ferry

To register for the 3 session class call:

Family Life Office at: 860-889-8346 ext.283

THE LIFE OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Embracing Poverty, Humility & Nature

When Pope Francis was asked how he chose his papal name, he said he thought about the poor "...then I thought of Francis of Assisi...for me he is the man of poverty, the man of peace, the man who loves and safeguards creation."

One of Catholicism's most beloved saints, Giovanni Bernardore, commonly known as Francesco, was a 13th-century monk and the founder of the Franciscan order.

Path to Faith

Born in Assisi in 1182, St. Francis was the son of a wealthy silk merchant and lived his early life in luxury. After a rather boisterous youth, his experience as a soldier and war prisoner slowly led him on a path to faith. He served the poor and the ill around Assisi and after a pilgrimage to Rome, where he begged for the poor at St. Peter's, he renounced his former life, took on a vow of poverty, and devoted himself to Christ. In Assisi he restored several ruined churches, among them the little chapel of Porziuncola, one of his primary sources of inspiration.

The Franciscan Order

Francis gained followers and in 1210 Pope Innocent III authorized his new order, the Franciscan Order of Preaching Friars. He later founded the Order of Poor Clares for women and the Order of Brothers and Sisters of Penance. Poverty was central to his character and St. Francis, the Patron of Animals and Birds, believed that nature reflected God. He was also known for his love of the Eucharist.

Stigmata and Canonization

Near the end of his life, Saint Francis, suffering from several illnesses, received the stigmata. He died October 3, 1226 outside Assisi, reciting Psalm 141(142) – "Voce mea ad Dominum" (with my voice to the Lord). He was canonized two years later by Pope Gregory IX.

Defending Our Religious Liberty

For the first time in our nation's history, the federal government will force religious institutions to facilitate drugs and procedures contrary to our moral convictions, and it will purport to define which religious institutions are "religious enough" to merit exemption.

To voice your opposition to the federal health care mandate, contact the White House at: www.whitehouse.gov/contact or call: 202-456-1111 or 202-456-1414; or write to: The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20500. Let the White House know that the mandate violates the First Amendment, which guarantees religious freedom.



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