

**For The Bulletin of  
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## **SOLEMNITY OF THE HOLY TRINITY**

### ***From Father Robert***

At first reading, today's gospel sounds like a mysterious riddle Jesus is sharing with His disciples at the Last Supper to confuse them. What is the "more" that Jesus has to tell His disciples that they cannot bear? Clearly Jesus is speaking of a pretty weighty issue. So weighty that He promises to send His Spirit to guide them "to all truth." Ultimately, Jesus is speaking of life and death – His own and ours – which are probably the most weighty issues any of us ever faces. We human beings cling to life like a dog with a bone – we fight for it, we do all we can to preserve and prolong it. Jesus is facing His own imminent death; He is faced with the decisions to give over His life. He is preparing His disciples for the same choice. We cling to our life like it is ours, but it really is not. Life is a gift from God.

On this Sunday when we celebrate the mystery of the Trinity, when we celebrate the Life the Trinity shares among the three Persons and also shares with us, we cannot help but be like a dog with a bone. More even than our human life, we who have come to know Jesus and commit ourselves to Him cling to the fullness of divine Life He offers us. We choose to receive this Life and, like Jesus, hand it over for the sake of others.

Surely this mystery of our God giving Life is so great that we "cannot bear it now" fully. Revelation is always gradual. The fullness of "all truth"

would be overwhelming if we heard it in its full power, for the revelation of "all truth" is the gift of the Trinity's very Life dwelling within and among us. This feast celebrates the mystery that the Life and love of the Trinity "has been poured out into our hearts." Like the Trinity itself, we must let go, give that gift to others by surrendering our own selves for their good. Jesus showed us the way. He prepared His disciples for His suffering and death; He prepared His disciples to receive the Holy Spirit Who enables Jesus' followers to share in His suffering and death in such a way as to also share in His risen life, the very Life of the Trinity itself. Life is a gift. We take that gift from God so that we can give that gift to others. All relationships are about give-and-take. This is no less true of the relationships of the divine Persons in the Trinity. This is no less true of the relationships that bind us together in the Life of the one Body of Christ.

The Father gives everything to Jesus – all life, all love, all truth. The Spirit takes from Jesus to "declare to us the things that are coming." Give and take. Such is the dynamic of the inner Life of the Trinity. Such is the dynamic of how the Father, Jesus, and the Spirit engage us in their Life. Give and take. We can "bear" the "much more" the Spirit has to tell us when we surrender more fully to the Trinitarian Life within us. What is coming? Full entry into the glory of Trinitarian Life. All give and take. It is ours to choose.

### ***Living The Paschal Mystery***

As difficult as it is to grasp the mystery of God's triune majesty, it is even more difficult to grasp that God loves us enough to share divine Life and glory

with us. God chooses to dwell within and among us. Living the dying and rising of the paschal mystery means that we are faithful witnesses to the God within. The give-and-take necessary for growing in God's life is the dynamic rhythm of the give-and-take, dying-and-rising of the paschal mystery. We give ourselves over for the good of others so that we can take the risen Life God gives us in the Holy Spirit.

How has our celebrating of Trinity Sunday affected you? What role does the doctrine of the Trinity have in your life?

- The Trinity's inner dynamic Life of give-and-take urges me to...
- The give-and-take of my own life looks like...
- The "much more" I hear the Spirit telling me is...I can "bear" the "things that are coming" because...

### ***About Liturgy: Making The Sign Of The Cross***

Because we sign ourselves in the form of a cross, this traditional Catholic gesture is probably more readily connected with Christ and His paschal mystery than with the mystery of the Trinity. Yet the words of the gesture – "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit" – clearly connect this gesture with the whole triune majesty and mystery of God.

We begin and conclude each celebration of the Eucharist with the sign of the cross. When we make it at the beginning of the liturgy, we are prompted to remember that this celebration is God's invitation to be in God's triune Presence. Eucharist isn't primarily our celebration, but God's gift

of Self to us by which we are transformed into being more perfect members of the Body of Christ. It is well that we make this sign slowly and deliberately at the beginning of the liturgy and ask God to help us to surrender ourselves to this great mystery of God's Presence to us.

When we are blessed and sent forth at the conclusion of the liturgy, we are prompted to remember that we are dismissed to be God's presence to all those we meet in the ordinary circumstances of our daily lives. By signing ourselves with the cross in blessing, we also make a commitment to live in such a way that others might see the goodness in us that is God's Presence. Further, this signing and blessing remind us that in our ordinary actions we are to carry on the work of our triune God; that is, to re-create our world in newness of Life, to redeem our world from the evil that besets it, and to bring God's glory and holiness to all we meet. Through the indwelling God we participate in God's loving work on behalf of all.

### ***Appointment As Pastor***

At each liturgy last weekend, I was able to announce that the Bishop, upon the recommendation of the Personnel Board, has appointed me **Pastor** of St. Ignatius of Antioch. I am deeply grateful to the Bishop for his trust and confidence in me as well as to the members of our Pastoral Staff, Pastoral Council, and Finance Council who participated in the Review of Ministry. As soon as a date has been set, I will be able to announce the Installation Liturgy which we are hoping will be in the context of Sung Evening Prayer on a Sunday afternoon, followed by a reception/celebration in

the tent. Please watch the bulletin and my Insert for more information. I also take this opportunity to thank you for your support, love, and prayers for me over the last eleven, almost twelve, years that I have served as Administrator. I thank God every day that I was sent to you and for the Gift you are in my life. I look forward to serving you and the Community of Antioch for many years to come. Please continue to pray for me that I may serve you as a true shepherd “who smells like his sheep!”

**Marla Plurkowski and the Members of the Social Events Committee, along with our Knights of Columbus,** are planning the reception that will follow the Installation Liturgy.

#### ***Deanery Planning Process***

The next meeting of the combined committees of the Deanery Planning Process will take place this coming Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m., here at St. Ignatius of Antioch. The representatives from our parish include myself, **Brian McCoy, Pastoral Staff; and Will Avitabile, Chair, Pastoral Council.** Since the last meeting, the subcommittees on Education and Human Needs have met and will report on their progress. Please keep us in prayer as we discern the future of ministry and of the church in the Delta Deanery.

#### ***Deanery Pilgrimage***

Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, is the date for our Deanery Pilgrimage at the Cathedral. We will travel by bus from the parish parking lot, leaving at 8:15 a.m. in order to arrive at the Cathedral by 9:15 a.m. The procession into the Cathedral begins at the foot of the Pilgrim’s Path at 9:30 a.m. with the Celebration of Eucharist beginning at 10:00 a.m.

**Fr. Mark Wiesner, Missionary of Mercy for the Diocese,** will be our Presider and Homilist. The clergy of the Deanery will concelebrate. A joint Choir, under the direction of **Ed Magistrado** from Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, will direct the music with assistance from Music Directors and instrumentalists from each parish. The liturgical ministries will be facilitated by ministers from each of the 8 parishes. We need the following ministers to represent our parish: Parish Banner Bearer, one Greeter, one Usher, representation from each of our ethnic groups wearing native dress; someone who speaks any of the following languages: Portuguese, Igbo, Tagalog, Vietnamese, Italian/Sicilian. The liturgy will be multi-lingual and multi-cultural. At the conclusion of the liturgy at approximately 12:00 Noon, we will return to the parish by bus. The cost of the bus per person is \$20 and we will be able to take 110 parishioners, not counting those who will need to drive themselves and be at the Cathedral earlier than 9:15 a.m. (musicians, liturgical ministers, etc.). You may reserve your place on the bus by contacting the parish office.

#### ***Knights of Columbus Surf & Turf Dinner – From Steve Rojek***

We held our "Surf & Turf Dinner" last Saturday night in the Parish Hall. Many thank you's need to go out for the work and the donations that went into a very successful evening.

This was a fundraiser scheduled to make up for our Crab Feed that didn't get to happen due to the crab situation.

The menu included Barbequed Tri-tip - provided by and prepared by **Dave**

**Costanza and his crew**, Deep fried calamari - prepared by **Rich Confetti**, a delicious green salad with more ingredients than can be listed - provided by and prepared by **Brian and Vicki McCoy**, penne pasta with red sauce prepared by **Rich Confetti**, linguini with clam sauce prepared by **Clem Bushman** and **Steve Rojek**, garlic bread, and dessert. There was also salmon mousse and shrimp cocktail prepared by **Steve Rojek**. Guests were served all they wanted of whatever they wanted.

The raffle prizes were many and were provided by **Bill and Fran Barbanica, Dave Costanza, Marc and Emily Douville, Brian and Vicki McCoy, Kelly and Kristi Ouimet, Fr. Robert, Frances Rojek, Dave Simpson, Stan and Theresa Stanek, and Oscar and Anna Tellez.**

Preparing and serving the food and doing KP afterward included **Bill Barbanica, Don Benson, Tony and Joanna Burgarino, Rich Confetti, Brian and Vicki McCoy, Jose Palomino, Steve Rojek, and Steven Rojek**. Tending the bar were **Steven Rojek and Walter Schlueter**.

Many compliments from the guests - and it was a festive atmosphere, not the least due to the announcement that **Fr. Robert is now officially our Pastor!!**

We do not have a final number at this time, but it appears we will net close to \$1700, which will help offset the loss of the Crab Feed income.

#### ***Supervisor Candidate Forum***

Last Thursday evening our parish hosted a Forum for the Candidates for the

position of County Supervisor. Approximately 65 people from East County attended. Our thanks to our wonderful parishioners who helped facilitate the event:

#### **Set up and Take Down**

**Rich Confetti**  
**Don Benson**  
**Jose Palomino**  
**Steve Rojek**

#### **Parking Lot Security**

**Don Benson - Coordinating**  
**Tony Burgarino**  
**Clem Bushman**

#### **Reception**

**Yvette Young**  
**Estrella Rusk**  
**Maryann Peddicord**  
**Frances Rojek**

#### ***Congratulations To Our Knights of Columbus - From Grand Knight Bill Barbanica***

Last Friday a 2nd degree ceremony was held at our parish hall. A total of 17 Knights took their 2nd degree; our council had a total of seven new brothers that have moved up to the next level.

Please join me in congratulating the following Knights from our council 12587 council: **Harlan Young, Rey Dollete, Tim Cox, Christoph Holl, Keith Hrabchak, Joelan Tanique, and Mike Stubbs.**

#### ***The 5K Run – From Kristi Ouimet***

What an amazing event! This started out as an idea of something I would someday want to try to do, but never did I think I would actually do it. So many offered their time and volunteered for different areas, but once the idea of doing a 5 K came to actually planning it,

our volunteers vanished leaving the task to two people. Angie and I squeezed in time between caring for special needs kids and busy family schedules. Our big ideas turned to basic ideas. We managed to do something pretty impressive and I am very proud of our accomplishment.

We had some donations and some opportunities to advertise our event and we were successful. A big thank you to everyone at St. Ignatius of Antioch for allowing us to sell tickets and advertise with all the parishioners. We are so blessed to belong to such a wonderful supportive church.

We raised over \$5500 for Oxalosis Hyperoxaluria Foundation. People donated online and sponsored some of the participants as well as donating to **Team Matthew**. We held a wonderful raffle where many people won some great prizes. Here are some of the people from St. Ignatius of Antioch who won some of the prizes:

**Leo Garcia** won a \$500 gift certificate toward financial planning.

**Anna Tellez** won free oil changes and a \$50 gift card to Outback restaurant.

**Mary Ewing** won a gift basket filled with chocolate, Starbucks gift card, a candle and coloring book.

**Robert Goncalves** won 50 lottery scratchers.

Two items were donated back to us so we will donate them to the "Surf & Turf" raffle.

Our cash 50/50 reached \$1175 and was won by long time Team Matthew supporter **Roberta Frisbie-Boyd**. She took home \$588 cash.

Another family that is effected by the disease Molly and Matthew have

(Primary Hyperoxaluria) drove down from the Reno area. 12 year old Haley Perkins has PH1 and her family has never met anyone else with this rare disease. Having the families come together to share stories and bond was very special. Molly and Haley have become very close and talk on the phone almost daily. It is incredibly important for these kids who suffer from such a rare disease know that they are not alone and someone does understand what they are going through.

**Julie Bertarelli** works for OHF and she flew out from St. Louis to be there for the event. She was very excited at the turn out and so appreciative to all who supported us. She has been with OHF for 20 years and proudly announced that there is a clinical trial with medication for the first time ever to treat Primary Hyperoxaluria. This clinical trial brings such hope for those who suffer from this disease and have always been told there is "no treatment and no cure."

Heart of a Hero (Spiderman) joined forces with Batman (**Kelly Ouimet**) to give kids some hope and pose for pictures. We had super heroes of all sizes there and enjoying the day. Spiderman often spends his time at children hospitals giving hope and encouragement to sick children. Soon, it is our hope, that Batman will be joining him on some of these trips.

Red Cross had a blood donation with their mobile unit and received 23 units of blood donated that day. It was our first time working with the mobile unit so the numbers are not as high as our previous drives, but Red Cross was very happy with that number.

A lot of time, effort and energy went into planning this event but it was worth it to see so many people wearing our shirts and having a little more understanding of the disease our children suffer from and the organization that is fighting to find a treatment and a cure.

We are constantly looking for ways to advocate for this organization and help them raise awareness. If we don't do it, who will?

### **A little information about OHF (Oxalosis Hyperoxaluria Foundation)**

The Oxalosis and Hyperoxaluria Foundation (OHF) is the leading organization in the world dedicated to the awareness, understanding and treatment of Primary Hyperoxaluria, Oxalosis and related Hyperoxaluria Kidney Stone Conditions for thousands of healthcare professionals, patients and their families.

We aim to share our knowledge so that everyone – patients, medical professionals, government officials, the general public and industry has accurate information about the advances in our disease.

Our goal is to create brighter tomorrows for those impacted by Primary Hyperoxaluria, Oxalosis and related Hyperoxaluria Kidney Stone Diseases. OHF strives to use what we learn through our own research and outside sources to create forums for rich clinical and scientific discussion, covering the most current topics about our disease so that we can provide better outcomes for patients around the globe.

When you have a child diagnosed with a disease no one has ever heard of

(including almost every doctor) you get frustrated and worried about your child's care and treatment plan. When you find out there is an organization dedicated to this rare disease, you will do anything you can to help.

Thank you again for your help in promoting this event and supporting us with it.

We are very blessed,

**Kristi Ouimet (and family)**

### ***Thank You Volunteers***

...to those who cleaned and prepared both the church and parish hall for the weekend: **Mila Rodrigo, Nancy Santos, Mency Osborne, Angela Bueno, Kathy Romeo, Steve Rojek, and Jun Bajet.**

...to those who cleaned and maintained the bathrooms in the church and parish hall throughout the week: **Robert Goncalves, Mila Rodrigo, Mary Ewing, Gino Ramos, and Patricia Britton.**

....to our **counting teams** who are here every week to count the weekly collections.

...to our volunteers who assisted in the parish office last week: **Mary Ng, Melodye Costanza, Karen Oliver, Lorraine Lohmeier, Alicia Perez, Rowena Cayaban, Joe Fanfa and Bev Iacona.**

....to our St. Vincent de Paul and Mobile Mall volunteers who transported last week's donations: **Lorraine Lohmeier and Barbara Jackson.**

....to our faithful weekly bulletin assembly team: **Dave Costanza, Carole Miller, Judy Quicho and Dilcia Aparicio.**

