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Family Connection



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Christ has Risen!

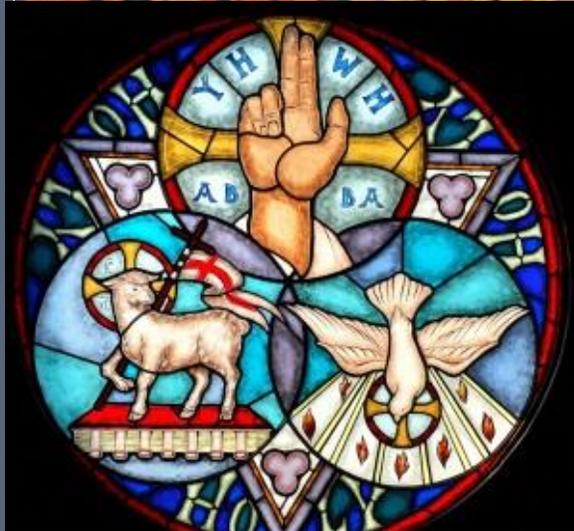
Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for May

Universal: That in every country of the world, women may be honored and respected and that their essential contribution to society may be highly esteemed.

Evangelization: That families, communities, and groups may pray the Holy Rosary for evangelization and peace.



Come Holy Spirit



Happy Easter! It's still the Easter Season until **Pentecost Sunday**, which we celebrate this month. The following Sunday is the feast of the **Most Holy Trinity**, a special day for our parish!

Email BethanyLoeffler@yahoo.com with questions or ideas for our next newsletter!



Pentecost Sunday is the birthday of the Church! Celebrate with your family by making a Pentecost cake. Let your kids sing the birthday song and blow out the candles!

Family Funnies

Dad: Do you remember what books of the Bible our readings were from at Mass this morning?

Boy: The Gospel according to John, and... The Attacks of the Apostles.



Holy Trinity S'mores

<http://www.holycrosscatholic.org/2014/08/05/god-smores/>

This summer when you make s'mores with your kids, talk about how the three ingredients of cracker, chocolate, and marshmallow go together to make one delicious taste like the Holy Trinity is One God in Three Persons. This may be a mouth-watering analogy of how to get a grasp of the Holy Trinity, but of course this one, like all others, has its limitation.

St. Patrick is known for his analogy of comparing the Holy Trinity to a shamrock – three leaves on one stem. Another analogy is the three states of H₂O: liquid (water), solid (ice), vapor (steam).

Our Catholic catechism (#234) calls the mystery of the Most Holy Trinity the central mystery of our Christian faith and life, because it is the mystery of God himself -- the doctrine of the inner relationship of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit in such that each of them is fully and equally God. There are not three Gods, but one.

Though we will never fully comprehend the mystery of our God, knowing God is a Holy Trinity teaches us something very important about Him and about us.

First: God does not exist in solitary individualism but in a community of love and sharing. God is not a loner. This means that a Christian in search of God must shun every tendency to isolationism. The ideal Christian spirituality is not that of flight from the world like that of certain other religious traditions. Christianity draws us into communion with others.

Secondly, true love requires three partners. You remember the old saying “Two is company, three is a crowd.” The Trinity shows us that three is community; three is love at its best; three is not a crowd.

We are made in God's image and likeness. Just as God is God only in a Trinitarian relationship, so we can be fully human only in a relationship of three partners. The human person needs to be in a horizontal relationship with others and a vertical relationship with God. In that way our life becomes Trinitarian like that of God. I am a Christian insofar as I live in a relationship of love with God and other people.