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UNIVERSITY PARISH

May 30, 2021 | *The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity*

A Kean Perspective: "The Trinity Guarantees our Eternity"

The weekend after Pentecost Sunday is always the celebration of the Most Holy Trinity. In my seminary class about the Trinity, the final project was to develop a homily that included the teachings of the Trinity and yet was understandable. It is a bigger challenge than what one thinks initially. First, you cannot explain the Trinity, but only describe it. The idea of One God in Three Divine Persons is considered by many to be the greatest mystery of our Faith. Yet, we can describe it, and we can speak about what the idea means to us.

I find in the Trinity the great theological virtue of hope! To begin to fathom the Trinity is to begin to think about leaving this world and being with God for all eternity. All religious traditions deal, in some way, with this basic human preoccupation. What is interesting to me is that for the non-Christian ones that seriously deal with the concept of eternity, they end up with the idea that we as individuals do not retain our individuality. For Buddhists and for some Jewish thinkers who teach about the "collective soul" they are explicit – the individual is annihilated when it passes over to eternity with God. When these thinkers contemplate eons unimaginable, all they see is God.

That seems kind of sad since it is very much in our human nature to spend time and energy cultivating our unique gifts and nurturing our unique relationships while here on earth. If we are to leave this world only to be faced with a destiny of being bleached away when we unite with God, eternity doesn't sound very appealing. For Christians, logic explains it beautifully: just as a couple in marriage will grow similar over the decades in small or big ways, when we are in heaven for all eternity, our souls will be perfected to become like God but we'll retain our individual identities.

With Jesus there is hope. The Trinity is three unique persons in One God for all Eternity. They have always been and will always be, and yet they retain their Three Person individuality. So, for us Christians to be with God in Heaven doesn't mean that everything about me will disappear for all eternity, but rather that which is good in me will be perfected for all eternity. The paradox of the Three in One of the Trinity is the great hope for all Christians. God isn't an entity absorbing all other rational entities – rather, God is a community that makes the billions of members of the human community perfect in their own right. When I meet my many loved ones who have died and gone on before me, what made them unique and recognizable to me in this world will be recognizable in the kingdom to come. It makes me look forward to eternity with God!

One of the gifts of the Holy Spirit is "awe and wonder." When one seriously ponders the infinite nature of God, the mind-boggling nature of eternity and the reality of God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we must have a sense of awe. This is the Faith we find from Jesus Christ, and it is a Faith that is filled with hope from the simplest ideas to the greatest. May you have a blessed week.



—Fr. Jim Kean

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MASS TIMES

Tuesday:

12:15pm Mass

Wednesday:

12:15pm Mass

Thursday:

7:15pm Mass

Friday:

12:15pm Mass

Saturday:

9:00am Mass

Sunday:

10:00am & 6:00pm Mass

CONFESSION TIMES

Tuesday, 1:05-1:50pm (Drive-thru)

Thursday, 6:00pm in Church

Saturday, 4:30pm in Church

First Saturdays, 8:30am in Church

PRAYER & DEVOTIONS

Eucharistic Adoration

1:00pm every Tuesday
6:00pm every Thursday

Parish Rosary

8:30am every Saturday

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

First Reading: Exodus 24:3-8

Psalm: 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18

Second Reading: Hebrews 9:11-15

Gospel: Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

5/30/21 at 10:00am - Leo Juricic
at 6:00pm - Leo Juricic

6/1/21 at 12:15pm - Dominic Juricic

6/2/21 at 12:15pm - Fr. Jim Rafferty
25th Anniversary of Ordination

6/3/21 at 7:15pm - Dominic Juricic

6/4/21 at 12:15pm - Dominic Juricic

6/5/21 at 9:00am - Thomas and Kathleen Addis,
Francis Ciolini

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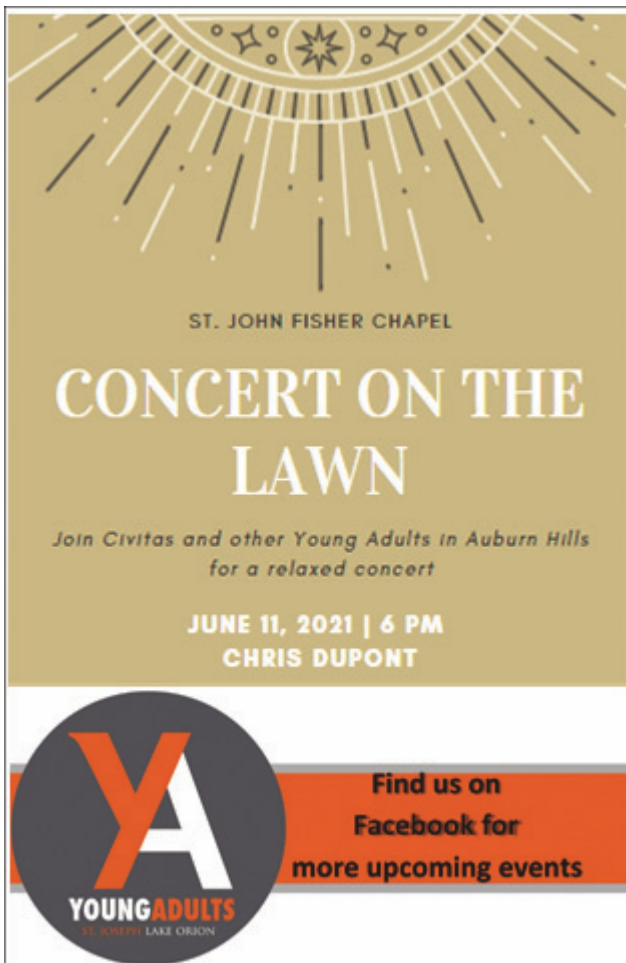
EVENTS | NEEDS | NEWS

Corpus Christi Procession June 6

Join us after the 10am Mass on Sunday, June 6 for a Eucharistic Procession in honor of the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

Young Adult Event

Young Adults are invited to join us for a "Concert on the Lawn" with Christ DuPont on Friday, June 11th at 6pm. Bring your own blanket or lawn chairs.



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FINANCE UPDATE

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Our Offertory is the primary source of funds for our day-to-day operations. Donations through our online giving program are deposited daily.

For the week ending May 23, 2021:

Envelopes: \$4,933
 Electronic: \$2,285
 Total: \$7,218

For Fiscal Year July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021

YTD Offertory Collected: \$262,343
 YTD Offertory Budgeted: \$382,643
 Over/(Short) from Budget: (\$120,300)

Other Collections:

Peter's Pence: \$225
 Aid for Church in Central/Eastern Europe: \$3
 Catholic Relief Services: \$50
 Priests' Pension: \$728
 Mission Sunday: \$23
 Catholic Charities of SEM: \$77
 Retirement for Religious: \$487
 Total: \$1,593

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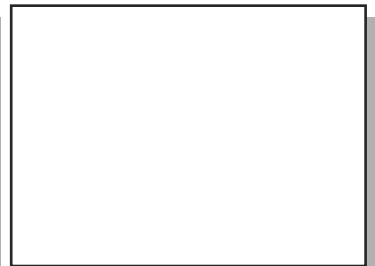
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