

GREETINGS FROM FR. SCOTT June 15, 2014 The Most Holy Trinity

St. Augustine of Hippo, planning his great work on the Holy Trinity, was walking on the seashore. He saw a boy carrying water from the sea. He watched him pour the water into a hole in the sand. "What are you doing?" asked Augustine. The boy replied, "Emptying the sea into this hole." Augustine replied "But how can you empty the sea into that little hole?" The boy replied, "How can you understand the Holy Trinity with your finite human mind?"

The Holy Trinity is the greatest mystery of our faith. It is not finite. Mathematics can be figured out logically with our minds, and thus math is finite. The Holy Trinity is a divine mystery, which is infinite. It cannot be figured out logically. We can only partly understand it. Human minds cannot fully understand things that are infinite or endless.

In whatever way we use to portray the Trinity, it will always be inadequate and incomplete. How can God be three persons but have only one nature?

Our Catechism describes the Trinity as, "The central mystery of the Christian faith and life. It is the mystery of God IN HIMSELF." Here are a few other ways to think about the Trinity.

The Father and the Son exist in a relationship of love. That bond of love that binds them together is the Holy Spirit. Put another way, the love between the Father and Son is so great it brings forth the Holy Spirit.

Similarly, the love between a wife and a husband is so great that it brings forth a child.

Saint Patrick famously used the three-leaf shamrock to explain the unity of God in three persons.

Intellectually, we can never solve the mystery of the Holy Trinity. Believe it or not, the mystery of the Holy Trinity does not have to be solved. The Holy Trinity is an experience of faith that we are called to encounter throughout our lives. It is a mystery we slowly uncover but never fully understand.

What most of our founding church fathers settled on when trying to explain the Holy Trinity is this: God is not an idea or a principle. God is a loving relationship. We are invited into that relationship. The idea is to open our hearts to the love of the Holy Spirit. By doing this we are drawn into the loving relationship that exists between the Father and the Son, which is the very Holy Trinity itself.

Every time we do anything to form good healthy relationships, mend broken relationships, or enjoy the ones we have, we get drawn deeper and deeper into the mystery of the Holy Trinity, that divine relationship between the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

STEWARDSHIP

June 8, 2014	\$5,777.95	Online	\$465.00
Last Year	\$6,505.10	Online	\$683.00
Food Pantry	\$275.00	Pie Auction-	\$680.00

Daily Mass Readings

Monday June 16

1 Kgs 21:1-16 Ps 5:2-3b,4b-7 Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday June 17

1 Kgs 21:17-29 Ps 51:3-6b, 11,16 Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday June 18

2 Kgs 2:1,6-14 Ps 31:20-21,24 Mt 6:1-6,16-18

Thursday June 19

Sir 48:1-14 Ps 97:1-7 Mt 6:7-15

Friday June 20

2 kgs 11:1-4,9-18,20 Ps 132:11-14 Mt 6:19-23

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday June 14

5:00pm

Sunday June 15

9:00am

11:30am For the People of the Parish

Monday June 16

9:00am

Tuesday June 17

9:00am + Marie Noone

Wednesday June 18

9:00am

Thursday June 19

9:00am

Friday June 20

9:00am



FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation, Confirmation, and 1st Reconciliation classes begin in the Fall.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

GOOGLE QUESTION

Who is the patron saint of college students?

SPECIAL COLLECTION CHURCHES IN EASTERN, & CENTRAL EUROPE & RUSSIA

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ONE BREAD ONE BODY

It's not too late!!! If you haven't already, please make your pledge to this year's One Bread, One Body Annual Appeal and support the ministries of your local Church. Pledge securely online at www.archdioceseofanchorage.org/donate.



FEAST OF THE BODY & BLOOD ADORATION & BENEDICTION

Adoration and Benediction for this feast will be after Mass June 22 from 10-11am. Parishioners are invited to spend time with the Blessed Sacrament.

KITCHEN CLEANING

Please join the cleaning party on Sunday, June 22 after the 11:30am Mass. Linda Skalsky 355-0061

OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

JOB OPENING: Part-time 6-8th Grade teacher. Must have a current teaching certificate (Alaska type A or other state), B.S. or B.A. Applications are available at www.olvwasilla.com Click "teacher application" link. Please send application and resume to contactolv@valleycatholicsschool.org or fax 907-376-0853.

Joyce Lund, Acting Principal Enrollment is open—Please call to make an appointment—376-0883

BLESSING OF THE NEW SIGN

Fr. Scott will celebrate the completion of the new sign with a blessing after the 9am Mass on June 22nd. A special thank you to Gagnon Construction for their excellent and speedy work constructing this new addition to our parish.

COMING EVENTS

JUNE

- 15 Father's Day—Blessing of Fathers
- 16 Centering Prayer 6:30pm
- 19 Rosary 7pm
- 22 Blessing of the new Parish sign
Kitchen cleaning 12:30pm
- 23-27 Dillingham Retreat for Youth
- 29 Adult Catechism Discussion 10:15am

PARISH PICNIC

Thank you to all the Knights for the great food served at the Parish picnic. Andrea Severance and the home-school families provided a lot of fun games. Our pie auction to support the Food Pantry brought in \$680 thanks to the excellent talents of Tim Mahoney!!

DILLINGHAM MISSION TRIP

Our Lady of the Lake

Students going to Dillingham from OLL are having a Yard Sale & Car Wash to support Faith Formation & the Dillingham trip. Join us at OLL on June 14 from 9am—4pm and after Mass on June 15 from 11am—1pm



Sacred Heart

Students will host a bake sale on June 14-15. They are inviting parishioners to bring baked goods to sell and help with the costs of the mission trip. We are trying to raise the last \$3000. Thank you for supporting our garage sale and car wash.

FOOD BANK NEEDS

Peanut Butter,
Jelly, Rice, Pasta,
Sugar, Flour,
Tomato Sauce,
Oats, Milk—
Powdered/Can
357-3769

LINEN MINISTRY

We need more volunteers to launder Mass linens. Please check in the Sacristy.

SIGN DONATION

Because of your generosity to the garage remodel, we have \$3,213.06 left from that project. Fr. Scott would like to use that money to help pay for other projects. If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Scott.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayers may be requested on-line on the parish web site under Spiritual Life