MONKEYS AND METAPHORS

When we think about the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, it is only somewhat helpful to think of St. Patrick's example of the clover with its three lobes. And it is even less helpful to think of the Trinity in terms of a mathematical conundrum that needs to be solved ("How do three persons square with one God?).

What is more helpful is to think (but not over-think) of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in their relatedness to one another. Think of the flow between and among them. God is much more a verb than a noun looking for a definition. We flow, similarly, into one another's lives.

Thinking of God as more of a verb than as a noun is not easy. We may first have to let go, in order to expand, our notions of God. Why? So that our limited ideas about God can give way to the True God, the revealed God. Our Catholic faith is a revealed faith. The truest revelation, of course, is Jesus Christ.

Here is a story about letting go. Monkeys, being so frenetic, are difficult to catch without harming them. Some people have devised a way. They empty out gourds, fill them with peanuts, and then patch up the gourds so only a small opening remains in each one. Then they attach the gourds to trees and leave the area. After a while, when the monkeys feel safe and all is quiet, they come down from the trees, stick their hands in the gourds and grab a handful of peanuts. However, once they do this, they cannot get their hands out of the gourds. To escape, all they need to do is let go of the peanuts. But they hold on, screaming with fear and frustration. Finally the trappers come back and catch them.

Monkeys may offer us clues to the first, the most necessary, and the most difficult step in our spiritual growth....that of letting go. Without letting go we remain, like the monkeys, trapped. Can we let go of our little kingdom, so that God's great kingdom



may come (...thy Kingdom come...)? Can we let go of trying to form others into what we would like them to be? Can we let go our way, so that Jesus who is the Way can redeem us? Can we see every little letting go as preparation of the big letting go, the letting go of our very own lives into the hands of God? Can we let go of our very notion of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, so that a deeper truth of God can be revealed?

Fr. Phil



June 11. 2017 Most Holy Trinity



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REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE—HEURES DES MESSES

St. Augustine's:	Friday—12:00 noon Saturday—4:00 p.m.; Sunday 11:00 a.m.	
St. Lawrence O'Toole:	Sunday —9:00 a.m.; dimanche—9h00	
Our Lady of Mercy:	Saturday 7:00 p.m. Sunday 9:00 a.m.—AUGUST ONLY	



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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00, 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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Eileen Caissie eileen.caissie@gasmoncton.com

St. Lawrence O'Toole Cemetery:

Linda Evans 389-9300

Ray of Hope Needy Kitchen: 857-4224 Meals served: Monday to Friday 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon

St. Vincent de Paul Society: 857-2088 Clothing Depot Hours: Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Summer Hours July and August: Monday and Thursday 10:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

Daily Readings

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Monday	2 Corinthians 1:1-7; Matthew 5:1-12		
Tuesday	Memorial: St. Anthony of Padua 2 Corinthians 1:18-22; Matthew 5:13-16		
Wednesday	2 Corinthians 3:4-11; Matthew 5:17-19		
Thursday	2 Corinthians 3:15-4:1, 3-6; Matthew 5:20-26		
Fríday	2 Corinthians 4:7-15; Matthew 5:27-32		
Saturday	2 Corinthians 5:14-21; Matthew 5:33-37		
Sunday	Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16: 1 Corinthians 10:16-		



of Christ (Corpus Christi) Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17; John 6:51-59



CONGRATULATIONS St. to all High School 2017 Augustine's graduates! St. Augustine's would like to recognize your accomplishment at the 11:00 a.m. liturgy next Sunday, June 18th. In order to acknowledge you each by name, graduates are asked to leave their name and which school you attended at the Parish Office (857-4223) by June 14th notifying that you plan to attend. Following the liturgy, cake will be served at the back of the church so that everyone will have the opportunity to congratulate you, and celebrate with you.

To everyone who planned. prepared, cooked or cleaned up, attended the BBQ at St. Lawrence O'Toole last Sunday, THANK YOU-such hospitality! Great fun was had by all in attendance.

INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS are held at Notre Dame de Grace Church. 854 Mountain Road on the third Saturday of each month from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

ST. LAWRENCE O'TOOLE LOCAL PASTORAL COUNCIL will meet Tuesday, June 13th at 10:00 a.m.

St. Augustine's Church is open each Tuesday from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. for those who wish to visit. During this time, the Blessed Sacrament is exposed for adoration. At 2:00 p.m., the Rosary is prayed for vocations and for our priests. The elevator will be available each Tuesday for access to the church.

An hour of bilingual prayer will be held each Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m. at the Magnetic Hill PRAYER GARDEN. Information available from Normand at 850 -3841

		MASS INTENTIONS					
Sat	10	4:00 p.m.	St. A	Anniversary Late Donald Fitzsimmons	Mum & Dad		
		7:00 p.m.	OLM	Late Dot & Ernie O'Brien	Daughter Maureen		
Sun	11	9:00 a.m.	St. L O'T	Anniversary Late Norman Landry	Wife Rita & Family		
		11:00 a.m.	St. A	Late Margaret & Pius McGaughey	Mary McAllister		
Fri	16	12:00 noon	St. A	Anniversary Late Gladys Lowry	Family		
Sat	17	4:00 p.m.	St. A	Special Intention	Nancy		
		7:00 p.m.	OLM	Late Robert Gautreau	Ted & Roberta Kresky		
Sun	18	9:00 a.m.	St. L O'T	Anniversary Late Robert Lowry	Family		
		11:00 a.m.	St. A	Late Rev. Robert Shaw	Francis & Dorothee Arsenault		

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS

Saint Augustine's: Envelopes: \$3,533.00 (194 env); Loose: \$631.00; Building Fund: \$595.00 (35 env.); Pope's Pastoral Works: \$35.00 (3 env.); Candles: \$110.00; Pre-Authorized Payments: \$1,400.00 (34 env.).

Saint Lawrence O'Toole: Envelopes: \$809.00 (37 env.); Loose: **\$127.00**: Cemetery Upkeep: \$170.00 (11 env.); (Pre-Authorized: \$70.00 (3 env.).

Our Lady of Mercy: Envelopes: \$897.00 (50 env.); Loose: \$238.70; Candles: \$89.00; Good Friday: **\$30.00**.

> Thank you for your continued generosity!

Dear Friends.

I am pleased to be back in the saddle since Monday and I am slowly getting back into my routine.

Thank you for all your cards, prayers, phone calls, and good wishes. They are all appreciated and I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

> Love and prayers, Fr. Laurence

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BOOKS FOR BREAKFAST - The next selection for our Young Adults book club will be The Year of Living Biblically, by A.J. Jacobs. Date and time TBA. Check the Office of Youth Faith Development's Facebook page for more information.



MAKER FUN FACTORY VBS 2017 - There are still spaces left for this year's Vacation Bible School. being held at Immaculate Heart of Marv Church June 26th to 30th.

THERE IS NO COST FOR THIS PROGRAM AND CHILDREN FROM ALL PARISHES IN THE DIOCESE ARE ENCOURAGED TO **REGISTER!** The program is designed for children who have finished kindergarten up to the end of sixth grade, as of June 2017. For more information, contact Karen at the St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Catechism Office at 387-4198. You may also register your child online by going to the diocesan website at <u>www.diomoncton.ca</u> and following the Maker Fun Factory VBS link.

