

REFLECTION for Blessed Trinity Sunday 2017

Fr. Don

'And the three men I admire most, The Father, Son, and the Holy Ghost, they caught the last train for the coast, the day the music died.' These are lyrics from the classic pop song American Pie. It is not too much a stretch of the imagination to imagine someone at a Don McLean concert holding a sign that says: 'God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.' The above verse- John 3:16- is often on display during sports and music events. Bold believers want to ensure that the whole world knows that the Trinitarian God is to be acknowledged and praised.

Let us invoke our Trinitarian God to bless he who writes, and those who read, this reflection- *in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, Amen.* It's only right to do so. Christians, down through the ages, do this whenever they gather, whenever they pray, whenever they do anything. It's natural to do so.

I have vivid memories of blessing myself when joining a group of boys as we would dive off high cliffs on Bell Island. I did it because I believed with all my heart and soul that it was my safeguard against harm. It was probably to my benefit that I wore a brown scapular as well. We may not understand why but, mysteriously and wonderfully, God, in one of three Persons, hears us and answers us. We are protected, guided, loved, by a mystery of faith. So we have been taught and so we believe. Now, there's a life lesson for parents!

A 'mystery of faith' as defined in the Catechism of the Catholic Church is 'a mystery hidden in God, which can never be known unless revealed by God.' The revelation of the mystery demands trust and belief; it is that often invoked- letting go and letting God. It is the comfort of knowing that 'we are all God's children, His next of kin.' Perhaps we could use Moses' words from our first reading: 'The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.'

God is transcendent (unapproachable) yet immanent (fully present). We just completed Easter season when we contemplated the Paschal Mystery. But the greatest, and most central, mystery of our faith is the one we celebrate today- the Blessed Trinity. The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are one God in three distinct persons. Today, in gender neutral times, some prefer to present them by their primary roles in relation to humanity- as the Creator, the Redeemer, and the Sanctifier. Our God has many names. But our God is both God of heaven and God of earth, my God and your God. The God who always was and always will be.

Our God deserves our praise. And the way we choose to praise God is by always acknowledging the Blessed Trinity. For we use the Trinitarian blessing to begin each, and every, Mass. We bless ourselves with holy water when we enter church, and we baptise newborns, confirm youth, anoint the sick, and commend the dead, using it. As Christians, whether alone or in groups, we first declare belief in the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Before we eat, drink, and be merry, we have the common sense to submit to God seeking Divine Presence. With humility, we admit that we do not know why God is to be praised and glorified in this manner. But our minds and hearts tell us that this is right and for our good. Bless us O Lord- Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

'I can still remember how that music used to make me smile and I knew if I had my chance that I could make those people dance and maybe they'd be happy for a while.' May the music never die.

Sacred Heart Parish

A Stewardship Parish in Love with Christ



Parish Information

Parish Administrator: Fr. Don Leonard

Office Hours: Mon, Wed, Fri 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
Tues, Thurs 1:00 pm to 5 pm.

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Weekend Masses: Saturday 4:30pm, Sunday 11:00 am

Reconciliation: Wednesday after Mass, or by request

Mass During the Week: Mon at 5pm, Wed, Thurs at 7:00 pm, Friday at 10 am

Holy Hour of Adoration: Third Sunday of the Month at 2 p.m.

Marriages: Six months' notice is required. A year's notice is recommended.

Baptisms: Celebrated at Weekend Mass after preparation session.

June 11, 2017

Blessed Trinity Sunday

RECEIVED WITH THANKS (June 3, 4)

Collection	1871.15
Parish Dues	20.00
Bldg. Fund	65.00
Cemetery Fund	95.00
Votive Candles	97.60
Bingo Proceeds	1002.15
Mass Stipends	200.00
Seminary Donations	10.00
Pope’s Pastoral Works	5.00
St. Vincent de Paul	5.00
Soup & Sandwich Supper	156.00
Ticket Draw	2500.00

MASS INTENTIONS

June 12	5pm	Leonard Family
June 13		No Mass
June 14		Jack & Phyllis Young
June 15		Raymond Dunphy
June 16		Jerry Gillis
June 17		Leo & Mary Wheeler, Roy Reid, Jack Neville, Stephen Callahan
June 18		Parish Community

LITURGICAL MINISTERS (June 17,18)

READERS **EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

Gen Quigley Eileen Moore, Marie Byrne,
Victoria Murphy Shirley Noseworthy

Communion to the Sick John Carroll

Donna Eldridge Amelia Dicks, Calvin Gillis
Debra Allen Wayne Dicks

BIBLE STUDY

The group will next meet in the Parish house on **Sunday evening, June 11 at 7 pm.** We welcome newcomers to join us in ‘breaking open the Word.’ This week’s focus is Corpus Christi.

FLOWER GARDEN

You will notice a large pile of topsoil outside. Please help us by bringing perennials to plant. We ask that you donate them either in support of the beautification or in memory of a loved one. We thank John Hancock who has volunteered to oversee the planting of annuals in the Cross again this year.

TABERNACLE ART WORK FOR SALE

Limited edition Prints of the beautiful painting which adorns our tabernacle are being made available. The small prints will cost \$30.00 The medium prints are \$45.00. To order one, please sign the sheets which are available at the back. These would make a nice addition to your home or make a great gift for family living away.

OLD PARISH PHOTOS

We are now in the process of sorting the photos so as to display them. We have some depicting our former pastors, some for the prayer group, snow walks, social club, Christmas socials, processions, and more. If you have some old photos that you think could enhance our display, please bring them. Contact the Parish Office.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Father Don Leonard will be celebrating his birthday on **Monday, June 12th @ 5pm** with a **special mass, followed by a potluck supper** at the parish house. We will be celebrating Everyone is invited to attend and celebrate!

Don't forget to bring your favourite dish!

ROSARY -OUR LADY OF FATIMA

The Ladies Group invite you to join them in the recitation of the Rosary at 7 pm on Tuesday June 13 in our church.

THANK YOU to the following people for your generous donation to our May bingo. Together we made \$1002.15! Donna Mitchell, Eileen Moore, Mrs. Theresa Murphy, Victoria Murphy, Bob Musseau, Kay Musseau, Barbara Neville, Valerie O’Brien, Valerie O’Connor, Patricia Payne, Veronica Payne, Jack Pennell, Margie Pennell, Joan Penney, Mary Jo Perrett, Kim Preston, Rita Pye, Gerry Quigley, Linda Randell, Carol Reid, Assumpta Roche, Annette Rowsell, Bernice Rowsell, Mrs. Marie Samms, Ann Marie Seaward, Carol Snow, Brian Sparkes, Jennifer Stone, Veronica Stone, Maxine Staples, Lynette Taylor, Derm Traverse, Tammy Wareham, Rita Woodman, Peggy Young, Michelle Andrews, The Lohnes Complex.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Members are reminded that there will be a meeting in the Chapel room **on Tuesday June 13 at 7:30 pm** following the Rosary

SPECIAL THANK YOU

We would like to say a **special thank you to Veronica Stone** for working so tirelessly in organizing the Ladies Group ticket draw over the last few months. Her outstanding work and the work of **ALL** our volunteers selling tickets is greatly appreciated. The winner of the \$1000 prize was Eileen Drover from Springdale! Congratulations to her and congratulations to all who participated in this *SUCCESS!*

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Join Sacred Heart & Star of the Sea Parishes in celebration of **Father Don Leonard's 11th Anniversary as a member of the priesthood on June 28th.** Sacred Heart will be hosting a special mass in his honour @ 5pm, followed by POT LUCK SUPPER at the Sacred Heart School cafeteria. All are welcome; **Don't forget to bring your favourite dish!**

MT. CELILIA CEMETERY MASS

We will gather in the cemetery on **Wednesday July 12 at 7 pm.** Please notify any friends or relatives who might want to attend.

CROSS IN THE CEMETERY

FYI- The men of the parish have committed to erecting a large lighted cross in the cemetery before the above Mass. We will bless and dedicate it at that Mass. Thanks in advance.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

The Society is still looking for new members. And there is a need for used furniture. Call: 638-9010 for more information. They thank you for your generous support of their 4th Sunday collections. Money donated goes to fund some vital projects. \$158.40 was collected last week. Please be advised that the monthly meeting will take place on Wednesday, June 14th, at 7:00 PM in the

basement of Most Holy Redeemer Cathedral. All are welcome.

FROM THE CATECHISM on the TRINITY

‘The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of Christian faith and life. It is the mystery of God in himself. It is therefore the source of all the other mysteries of faith, the light that enlightens them. It is the most fundamental and essential teaching in the hierarchy of the truths of faith. The whole history of salvation is identical with the history of the way and the means by which the one true God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, reveals himself to men and reconciles and unites with himself those who turn away from sin.

ST. PATRICK’S PRAYER TO THE BLESSED TRINITY

I bind unto myself the Name, The strong Name of the Trinity; By invocation of the same. The Three in One, and One in Three, Of Whom all nature hath creation, Eternal Father, Spirit, Word: Praise to the Lord of my salvation, Salvation is of Christ the Lord.

FEAST of ST. ANTHONY of PADUA- June 13

Anthony should be the patron of those who find their lives completely uprooted and set in a new and unexpected direction. Like all saints, he is a perfect example of turning one’s life completely over to Christ. God did with Anthony as God pleased—and what God pleased was a life of spiritual power and brilliance that still attracts admiration today. He whom popular devotion has nominated as finder of lost objects found himself by losing himself totally to the providence of God.



JESUS PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy on me, a sinner.