

Pastoral Reflection
The Feast of the Most Holy Trinity
June 12, 2022

The Holy Spirit, gift of the Risen Jesus, conveys divine life to us and thus lets us enter into the dynamism of the Trinity, which is a dynamism of love, of communion, of mutual service, of sharing. A person who loves others for the very joy of love is a reflection of the Trinity. A family in which each person loves and helps one another is a reflection of the Trinity. A parish in which each person loves and shares spiritual and material effects is a reflection of the Trinity. (Pope Francis, Reflections on the Trinity, 2014)

God is love, which is embodied by Jesus in his presence and teachings, and enkindled in us by the Holy Spirit, who “proceeds” from the relationship between God and Christ. That relationship among the persons of the Trinity is our covenant, our birthright, our charge. We bring this love to every relationship we encounter. We embrace this love in everyone we meet. We proclaim this love to our community, our city, our state, our nation, our world.

And yet, where is this love? As I review all of the headlines in the past weeks: the gun violence that besieges our children; the monstrous attack on our democratic ideals from Jan 6; the wars and unrest in our world that create so many refugees and immigrants. Where does the violence end? Where does the love begin and flourish? How do we take the fire of love that the Holy Spirit has enkindled in our hearts and overcome the hate we see and experience? How do we support our brothers and sisters who experience this hate first-hand every day, even at the hands of so-called Christians?

This week, the USCCB Bishop for the sub-committee of African American Affairs, Bishop Joseph Perry, recalled the 7-year anniversary of the shooting at the Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, South Carolina. Those gathered there for bible study were looking at the Parable of the Sower of the Seed. Bishop Perry urges us to reflect on that parable this month, and especially on Juneteenth, and to consider the condition of our “soil.”

Perhaps we need to consider God’s love the seed. It may be as small as a mustard seed when compared to the many hate-filled actions we see in our world. However, that may be all it will take to change the tide of hatred in our country. Like many of you, I have relatives who consider me a “bleeding-heart liberal,” and who promote the selfish nationalism so ingrained in our world today. I often find myself talking with these relatives less and less – avoiding the derision and arguments that invariably ensue. Perhaps I need to take that mustard seed of love and let its spark shine even with my own relatives, not to start stressful conversations, but to gently engage them with Christ’s love. If we see the love of Christ in those we disagree with, perhaps we can start the glimmer of hope and love in all those who find hate and distrust in their hearts.

“Lord, grant me patience and I want it NOW!” The love of God, embodied by Jesus and shared by the Holy Spirit can’t be spread fast enough for me, but we must find ways to start with ourselves, in the now, and trust that the Trinity will triumph, as is promised. So let’s walk for an end to gun violence, vigil for our Black Lives Matter ideals, support refugees and immigrants and welcome all into our midst.

Diane Gozdziwski



St. Cronan Catholic Church
The Feast of the Holy Trinity
June 11-12, 2022

Mass Information

SUNDAY – 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

SATURDAY VIGIL – 5:00 p.m.

Wednesdays – 8:00 a.m.

Masks are suggested for all Masses

Live-streaming continues at the 10:00 am Mass. PLEASE BE ON TIME! Live-streamed masses are available on our Facebook page any time after the 10:00 Mass, <https://www.facebook.com/StCronan>

The Mass for Sunday, July 3 will be recorded and placed on our website: <https://www.stcronan.org/> If anyone is available to serve as lector on Thursday, June 30 at 9:30, please contact Diane G. diane@stcronan.org



ALL THINGS NEW

Sr. Chabanel and our leadership team is asking us to help answer one of the 64 questions that will be included in our next report to the Archdiocese. The question is:

64) What else is important for the Archdiocese and the Catholic Leadership Institute, which is directing this planning process, to know about St. Cronan that might not be covered in our responses to the other questions and the Disciple Maker Index survey results?

Please sit with this question and send a one-to-two paragraph response to Sr. Chabanel, (chabanelm@gmail.com) by June 18. The team will then summarize these responses and include them in the report going to the Archdiocese on June 24.

ACA Update: We have made our published goal and new donor goal, and are just \$826 away from our challenge goal! Thank you for your generosity!

Juneteenth: Juneteenth will be celebrated next weekend. Please keep all those victims of racially-motivated violence in your prayers and actions.

Black Lives Matter Vigil, takes place the third Friday of the Month at the corner of Manchester and Kingshighway, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. The next vigil will take place on Friday, June 17. Please join us!

Marianist Retreat Center Summer Schedule: This summer, the Marianist Retreat and Conference Center, located in Eureka, MO, is offering three unique retreat opportunities, and you are cordially invited! These and all summer events can be found at: <https://marianistretreat.com/blog/summertime-events-2022/>

Transformational Journey: A Pilgrimage to the Edmund Pettus Bridge, the National Voting Rights Museum in Selma, the National Memorial for Peace & Justice and the Legacy Museum in Montgomery, Alabama is being planned for Thursday, October 20 – Sunday, October 23. Save the dates – more details will follow as they are finalized. A community member who now lives in Florida, Jenny Marquardt, recently wrote that she has visited these sites, and the journey is truly transformational.

City Greens Market would like to partner with the St. Cronan Community in providing fresh, quality food to our neighbors. The Grove's neighborhood nonprofit grocery store, the market is located just up the street at 4260 Manchester. Our mission is to provide access to fresh, quality and affordable food to our neighbors; to promote healthy living in the community; to provide a safe and welcoming space for neighbors to interact; and to support local farmers as part of our extended community. We offer fresh fruits and vegetables, bulk grains and flours, staple goods like beans and pastas and soups, frozen foods, and a variety of quality and humanely raised meats, eggs, and dairy products. While anyone is welcome to shop with us, our members get a 30% discount on all food. And anyone - member or not - who purchases food with their EBT card at City Greens Market can take advantage of the Double Up Food Bucks program to increase their purchasing power - if they purchase at least \$25 of produce, they can get up to \$25 of produce for free. Fresh food, healthy choices, and a united and empowered community. That's our commitment. Please come check us out! www.stlcitygreens.org

Rummage Sale: Holy Innocents Parish is having a rummage sale the weekend of June 24-26. Please see the flyer in the Chapel for further information.



Donations for Ukraine: If you would like to help, please give to the Ukrainian Children's Aid and Relief Effort, Inc. or UCARE, Inc., which is a charity serving the needy and orphaned children of Ukraine. If anyone wants to financially help the Ukrainian situation, please consider this charity. The website is www.ucareinc.org. Bob Hoffman has worked with this group for years.

Day-Long Women's Retreat: Mark your Calendars! Women's Day Long Retreat planned for Saturday, June 25, 2022. Tentative time from 8:30am to 4:30pm. In person and outdoors. Centrally located near Hampton and Hwy 44. Theme and details to follow. Donna Moromarco, Kim Madden, and Mary Middendorf are in the planning stages. Express your interest in attending by emailing mary.middendorf@gmail.com as soon as possible. Space is limited.

COFFEE AND DONUTS IS BACK. Please join us for Fellowship and community in the COFFEE AND DONUT ROOM after the 10:00 Mass on Sundays. Many thanks to Maggie Hart-Mahon and Dorothy Strathman-Lucy for organizing. People mentioned that they missed having it last week - If you are interested in taking one weekend a month to host, or even the fifth weekend when it occurs, please contact Maggie: ofccomp17@gmail.com

Erastus Brown Historical Marker Unveiling Ceremony There is a group in our area who have been working on memorializing lynchings that occurred in Missouri. The next remembrance will take place in Union, Missouri, on Saturday, July 9 at 11:00 a.m. and will honor Mr. Erastus Brown. Please see the flyer in the Chapel for further information.

Prayers Please: Laurel Hayes; Laurel Hayes' parents, Jerry and Nancy; Rose; Robert Nathe's Mother, Eileen; Colleen Wallace's godson, Lachlan; Michelle Frank; Jennifer Lyle and Krista Rakers; Jessica; Nick Ambrose; Al Sprehe; Phil Milner; Leslie Conway; Mike's grandson, Jack; Jim Gorman; Andrew Viraugh's father; Sharon Orlet's sister, Betty; Nancy Buck's daughter, Jeanne; Kathy Bayless; Tom Kuciejczyk-Kernan's brother, Steve; Barry Buchek's wife, Mary; Trish Curtis' mother and brother; Gavin Barrett-Hayes; Barb Sopp's cousin, Patty Struckhoff; Marie and Roland Martir's granddaughter, Madie, and great-grandson; David Gaillardetz' father, Richard; Fr. Gerry's classmate, Fr. Pat O'Laughlin; Nick and Shirley Ambrose's daughter, Brigid Costello; Shelly Kurtz; Varrietta Anthony; Teresa Sullivan's friend, Caroline Bucci; Kathy Stock's niece, Jill, Fr. Jack's brother, Mike; Natalie Johnson and the Johnson Family; Nancy Buck; Nancy Buck's daughter, Nancy Hall.

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