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## *Catholic Community*

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Mass: Fridays at 6 p.m. in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Sundays at 10 a.m. in the main Sanctuary

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### **June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**

Readings (Missal p 171 et seq.): Deut 8:2-3, 14-16 • Ps 147:12-15, 19-20 • 1 Cor 10:16-17 • Jn 6:51-58

**Welcome to our 10 a.m. Mass at All Saints. Our Celebrant today is Fr. Sylvester Ajunwa**

Lectors: Helga Beck • Eucharistic Ministers: Beate Hausmann, Thomas Schmidt, Heide Doblhofer

Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar Servers: NN • Hospitality: Karen Castellon

Designated collection: Caritas

### **The Holy Trinity is a model for a relationship of love and respect**

Today, on Trinity Sunday, we celebrate the wonder of relationships. Relationships exist even in God. From our vision of God as Trinity - God as relational - we are reminded that we are "all connected" as a community of faith, hope and love. We want to form, we want to become a community that hopes to be one family, a community that brings rich and poor together, a community that works for justice in the world. We have been created with a desire for mutual and loving relationships.

We are invited to work together in order to create healthy relationships between all of God's people: relationships between individuals and also between nations and groups, relationships of mutual respect and collaboration, relationships leading toward justice and peace. In some ways today's scriptures for Trinity Sunday are a story of discovery: the discovery of God, the discovery of who God is, what God is like and what God offers to us.

#### **1<sup>st</sup> reading: [Exodus 34,4-6.8-9]**

On the mountain, Moses finds a God with whom he can converse in some way. Moses finds a God with whom it feels good to talk, a God with whom it feels good to walk together. Moses asks this God to journey with all the people. Again and again, in the scriptures we discover a God of relationships. God is more than "totally other". We discover a God traveling with us and with the whole community. Our God is a social God -- a God who is concerned with our world and its people.

#### **2nd reading [2 Corinthians 13,11-13]**

The second reading reminds us that the relationship that exists within God also mirrors the relationship that should exist within us as a human community. The relationship within God -- we call it the "trinity" -- is a relationship of mutual support, a relationship of love and respect. And we are invited to imitate it. In the 1920s, a theologian even said that the Trinity is a model for democracy, that modern Western democracies would be impossible without the theological concept of trinity. I was impressed by this Erik Peterson (1890-1960). He also said that strict monotheism leads necessarily to dictatorship and tyranny and totalitarianism. Whereas all divine persons have the same dignity, the same love and the same power.

#### **Gospel [John 3,16-18]**

Jesus reminds us in the gospel that God travels with us not to condemn but to love -- God travels with us to be of help to all of us. Our teaching about God and the great mystery of God is a social teaching. As God is a social being, so are we. Any good theology of God has social implications. It calls us to social values. Our religious faith involves a community of mutual support and discovery. It involves a set of values that we share in common. Values that call us to share with each other. Therefore, we are concerned with the issues of the world and everyday life. We are concerned with justice and peace. As friends of Jesus, we focus on the common good, we do not want to exclude anybody. We have hope in the midst of all the problems and challenges of the world. In this way the Trinity is a model for how we live, of how we love, for how we change the world.

**Fr. Wolfgang Felber, SJ**

# Membership meeting of the Friends of All Saints on Sunday, July 2nd at 11:15 in the Community Hall



**WELCOME!** *Visiting for the first time?* At the end of Mass, please introduce yourself and tell us where you are from, so we can welcome you. Please join us for coffee and cake in the Community Hall!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance on June 11<sup>th</sup>: 99

Collection: All Saints €377.50



As we move into summer the All Saint's community must bid farewell to some of our members.

We wish the very best to:

- The Doeringer Family who are moving to Switzerland
- Nathan McConvey who will be attending the Army Academy at West Point, NY
- Tait Doeringer who will attend the University of Kentucky in Lexington, KY
- Niels Waliszewski who will attend Xavier University in Cincinnati, OH

### Mark your calendars:

- June 18<sup>th</sup> - **Boys Confirmation Class** meets at 17:00 h at the Ching residence.
- June 23<sup>rd</sup> - **Girls Confirmation Class** meets at 18:00 h at the Brinda residence.
- June 25<sup>th</sup> - **Girls Confirmation Class** meets at 18:00 h at the Pedussel residence
- June 30<sup>th</sup> - **Boys Confirmation Class** meets at 18:00 h at the Schulze-Makuch residence.
- October 19<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> – **Pilgrimage to the Holy Land** - Konrad Giersdorf has details. Contact him at: [giersdorf@hotmail.de](mailto:giersdorf@hotmail.de)

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### **Will you be in Berlin over the summer?**

If so, would you consider helping in one of these ways?

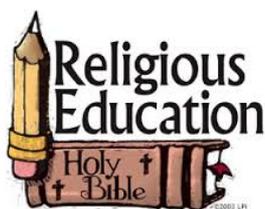
**Hospitality** – during the summer we just need to have someone make coffee and put out the cakes.  
**Water the garden** – from time to time help water the flower beds, especially if we have some hot days. See someone in the church office to volunteer and thank you very much.

### **Would you like to become more involved in our community activities?**

Have you been considering becoming more involved in the All Saints community? NOW would be a great time to speak up.

As things slow down for the summer vacation period now is the perfect time to pitch in and learn how to help with the many aspects that make our church run smoothly. Every little bit helps and you will feel great for your contributions to our growing community.

From helping to host hospitality, singing in the choir, to teaching our young people; helping hands are always welcome! Ask Konrad, Vanessa, Heide, Jenny or Buck and they will connect you with the head of the ministry in which you have an interest.



**Call for volunteer catechists!** Any confirmed adult who wishes to minister to our children and youth by teaching the faith,

particularly in preparation for the Sacraments of Holy Communion, is invited to contact Jenny Gebhardt / Fr. Sylvester before the summer break for more information! Email: [jgebhar@yahoo.de](mailto:jgebhar@yahoo.de)

### **Blood and Body of Christ, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017, Celebrant: Fr. Wolfgang Schonecke**

Lectors: Glenda Massey • Eucharistic Ministers: Thomas Schmidt, Heide Doblhofer, John Massey  
Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar Servers: NN • Hospitality: Monique & Family, Marianne Sihotang  
Designated collection: All Saints

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