

persons. God is, was, and will always be a Father, a Son and a Holy Spirit.

I have heard many analogies for how this can be. For example, some say it's like water, ice and steam...all the same just different forms. Or it is like a three leaf clover, one plant with three leaves. I have used these analogies before. And chances are one of my brother priests will use these analogies this weekend (don't yell at them if they do!). And while these are cute, they are in fact wrong. Every one of the analogies we use to describe the Trinity is faulty at best and, at worst, was probably more along the lines of a heresy according to the early Church theologians.

The reason I and others grasp for these analogies when trying to understand the Trinity is because we like to know what we are talking about. In fact, when we don't have a handle on things, we are uncomfortable...like standing on one foot. Someone could just come and push us over and we would fall really easily. In the same way, if someone were to 'poke' us by challenging us about this doctrine of the Trinity...we would have trouble defending it...because we do not fully grasp it...and that makes us feel indefensible.

This certainly is no excuse to throw our hands up and excuse ourselves from critical thinking and study...study isn't just for seminarians...

But it does require a peaceful and trustful acceptance that we cannot understand everything about God. A child cannot understand nuclear science, but he has a better chance of understanding that than we do of grasping the nature of God (the Trinity is the inner workings of God). Spouses say they still don't understand the spouse they've been married to for 50 years...and they're human! So don't feel too bad if you don't understand what's going on inside of God.

That said, we can be absolutely sure of the things we do know. Because God has told us and he isn't a liar. God is one God. He existed eternally as a Father, a Son and a Holy Spirit.

What is even possibly more amazing to think about is that when we go to Heaven, we enter in to the core of that relationship, inside those inner workings of God...wow...talk about make your head spin!!!

Have a good week!

Fr. Rossi

Budgeted Weekly Income	\$3,288.00
Collection	<u>3,667.25</u>
Gain	\$ 379.25

***Bishop Barron's DVD series on Catholicism** will begin on Sunday, June 18 at 9:30, finishing at 10:30 for those who want to attend Mass at 10:45. The series will last ten weeks.*

Lawyers welcome! Mass to Honor St. Thomas More Friday, June 16th – The Saint Thomas More Society, an association of Catholic lawyers in the Richmond Diocese, is honoring St. Thomas More with Mass celebrated by Society Chaplain Monsignor R. Francis Muench at the Diocesan Pastoral Center Chapel (7800 Carousel Lane, Richmond 23294) at 8:00 AM on Friday, June 16. The cost of the breakfast after Mass is \$5.00. For more information, contact Society President, James Schliessmann at 804-873-1035 or via email at jeschliessmann@hotmail.com. Please RSVP so there is an accurate count for breakfast.

ATTENTION

EXTRAORDINARY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS!

Installation of Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers will take place at all Masses on Corpus Christi – June 18. Please make every effort to attend one of the Masses that weekend.

Please keep the family of Bill Holzgreffe, who passed away Thursday, June 8, 2017, in your prayers.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church will hold its 9th annual Latino Festival at 1400 Perry St. in Richmond's Manchester neighborhood, Saturday June 24th from noon to 11 pm. Come enjoy authentic cuisine, live bands, dancing & a performance by students of the Richmond Latin Ballet. Admission is free, please bring a non-perishable food item for our parish Food Pantry.

Outreach & Social Ministry – 134 lunches were served on Tuesday, June 6, 2017. 85 dinners were served on Wednesday, June 7, 2017. Thank you to all the dedicated volunteers who serve God's people.

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