## Sunday Feasts and Our School Gala



Dear Friends in Christ,

First, just a few words about the string of Sunday feasts we've been having: Pentecost, Holy Trinity, and (next Sunday) Corpus Christi. They might appear to be a random grouping of devotions, but there is a logic to them. It has everything to do with our share in God's life.

**Pentecost** is the feast about God's life -- indeed, God Himself -- *within* us. The Spirit descends to dwell within each of us personally and within all of us corporately, as the soul of the Church.

Holy Trinity is about God's inner life, to which we are called. In effect, us within God. Heaven is not just an eternity of worldly pleasures. Nor is it even the enjoyment of some aspect of God. It is, rather, our fullest participation in the very life of God Himself -- Father, Son, Spirit.

Corpus Christi calls us back to our time here and, more specifically, our journey to heaven. It focuses on and celebrates the Eucharist, which is our "food for the journey." It is the nourishment we need for His life within us as we journey to heaven.

May these feasts make us more aware, not only of His love for us, but even more the great gift -- that He dwells within us and we dwell within Him.

Updates...

• Sign-up/registration form for next Sunday's Masses.

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- This week's bulletin.
- **Reminder:** There will be no Eucharistic Adoration Monday afternoon on account of a funeral. Otherwise, <u>adoration</u> from Noon to 630pm every day this week.
- **Divine Mercy:** parishioner Pat Matheny has graciously volunteered to lead the <u>Chaplet of Divine Mercy</u> after every 8:30am Mass this week for peace and justice in our nation.
- **Rectory Ramblings:** Why do we need the Eucharist? If we have God within us by Baptism, what's the need for something more? These and other questions answered cheerfully tonight at 8pm.
- Mass for the Preservation of Peace and Justice. Today I have asked our priests to offer the Mass for the Preservation of Peace and Justice. This is done in union with Bishop Burbidge, who will be offering that Mass at the Cathedral at Noon today. As our country now experiences intense division and violence, it is fitting that we more deliberately bring our prayers to the most powerful place, the altar of God.

## Saint James School Gala!

The third and final Saint James School gala is tomorrow night at 7:30pm.

Feast your eyes on the much anticipated, highly coveted *live items* only available on our 3rd and final Saint James School zoom auction. Tune in Tuesday June 9th, 7:30PM.

- **Feasting with the Fathers:** Dine with our Priests in style at the Rectory (yes, the meals will be prepared by their very own hands!).
- **Tea Party at The Convent:** 10 lucky kids will have a once in a lifetime experience with our Sisters in the Convent!
- VIP Parking: Your very own school parking spot!
- **King/Queen of the Cafeteria:** Your child and 7 friends will have special seating and meals for an entire week!
- Principal for a Day: Your child can rule the school for day (benevolently, of course).
- Burgers, Brats & Beverages at the Convent: Enjoy a heavenly dining experience with our Sisters in the Convent.

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• **Dinner Party at Voltaggio:** Top notch private dining experience for 10! Located in the MGM Grand in National Harbor, enjoy a glorious menu with wine pairings in one of the area's hottest new steakhouses.

In addition to these amazing experiences, the Gala will also highlight this year's Fund-A-Cause: replacing our aging active boards with new, state of the art Promethean ActivPanels to provide for an enhanced learning experience. Please watch the appeal from Sisters Mary Sue and Melissa for our Fund-a-Cause:

"Doors" Open at 7:00pm and the Auction starts at 7:30pm

Join Zoom Meeting: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81911053648?">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81911053648?</a>
<a href="pwd=SFR5TjY2ZGNxemMwRlpRc0ZWZm8wUT09">pwd=SFR5TjY2ZGNxemMwRlpRc0ZWZm8wUT09</a>

Topic: Auction #3 Saint James School

Time: Jun 9, 2020 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Meeting ID: 819 1105 3648

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Through the intercession of our Lady and Saint James, may the Lord bless and keep you.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Scalia

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