

On Line and On Point

MARY MOTHER OF JESUS INCLUSIVE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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TRINITY—A rationalistic trinitarian theology, dysfunctional and divorced from Christian life and ethics, has little practical effect. A revitalized trinitarian theology, however, has strong down-to-earth ramifications. The opening sentence by Catherine LaGugna's influential study *God for Us* articulates this surprising claim with vigor: "The doctrine of the Trinity is ultimately a practical doctrine with radical consequences for Christian life." The logic of this assertion is clear: God lives as the mystery of love. Human beings are created in the image of God. Therefore, a life of integrity is impossible unless we also enter into the dynamic of love and communion with others. What practical pattern of life best enables us to do so? LaGugna proposes that the key resides in the reign of God, which Jesus preached and enacted. As glimpsed in his parables and practices, the reign of God is a gracious rule of

saving love and communion. As a place where God's will is done on earth as it is in heaven, it sets up a new kind of community where "the least of these" brothers or sisters are included, a gathering where the Samaritan woman, the tax collector, and the leper are equally at home. In this community tyranny is countermanded in the light of God's self-giving, male and female are equal partners, as are Jew and Greek. Justice, peace, and the well-being of all creatures are the goal. If we are not living out the types of relationships that serve this pattern of the truth of the reign of God, then we haven't got a clue about who God is. Knowing God is impossible unless we enter a life of love and communion with others.—*Elizabeth A. Johnson's Quest for the Living God.*

OFFERINGS—If you have made a recent donation to our community, we thank you for your generosity. We are most grateful for your demonstrated care and concern. Please remember to make your regular donations to MMOJ by sending your check to MMOJ % St. Andrew UCC, 6908 Beneva Road, Sarasota. FL 34238.

Remember: MMOJ continues to donate 5% of all received offerings each month to Outreach, which will continue to focus

Mary Mother of Jesus Inclusive Catholic Community Mission Statement

We are a Christ-centered community of equals, consisting of women and men, ordained and non-ordained, empowered by the Spirit whose mission is to worship, to serve, to promote compassion, justice and care for creation. Come join us.

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on real issues of food and hunger in our surrounding communities.

OUTREACH—The current recipient of our offered financial support is All Faiths Food Bank of Sarasota [AFFB] in its task of providing food for hungry and needy families and children.

School is out for the summer and means days spent running barefoot through the sprinkler are in. While the summer is a relaxing time for some, for many others the summer is a stressful time for parents concerned about how they will feed their families. When school is out, hunger does not take a break. In fact, when school is out, that is where AFFB steps in. Please be generous with your offerings.

MOVIE CORNER

As if one can ever tire watching this popular series on Amazon, check out **Shrek Forever After**—the further adventures of the giant green ogre, living in the land of Far, Far Away. This is one to enjoy!—*Beth Ponce*

Send your suggestions for movies to watch, to ponce.beth@gmail.com

COME, HEAR MY CALL

When sleep is gone
And night is nigh
When troubles plague your vision
And tension's high

When peace is gone
And in distant skies
You hear the thunder roaring
In your mind's eye

Come hear my call again
Retrieve my glance
Listen with distant ears
Join in my dance

Remember the truth of all
Know we are one
Come live within my gaze
Our journey's begun

When the shepherd's gone
And wolves prowl and rage
When chaos fills the corners
Of your own cage

When people talk
With disregard and hate
And act with violent visions
That perpetrate

Come hear my call again
Retrieve my glance
Listen with distant ears
Join in my dance

Remember the truth of all
Know we are one
Come live within my gaze
Our journey's begun

You think you're alone
You think love is gone
You think war is waging
And none lives but harm

You trouble yourself
In worry and fear
In circles you travel
Going nowhere

Listen you all
And follow my call
Know you're disciples
Stand firm and tall

Remember the love inside
Live in my ways
Walk on this earthen plane
In goodness and praise

Donna Marcantonio c 2020

QUOTE—If we are to have peace on earth, our loyalties must become ecumenical rather than sectional. We must develop a world perspective.—*MLKJR*

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