



~ Clergy Corner ~

The unexplainable Divine

Do you remember those times where and when you are with someone and there is this energy — a seemingly unexplainable presence in your relationship with another even when that relationship may only be moments old? I have had many of such experiences in my life, and in ministry over the past 30+ years. I have spoken with many others who have tried to relay the same experiences which are often very challenging to explain. Sometimes I have found myself referring to the experience as a “kindred spirit” and other times a “synergy”, and sometimes just plain “holy” but no matter what terms we use to define the reality, it evades clarity and precise language.

I was recently informed of the scientific principle of “Quantum entanglement” which is basically an unexplainable unity that exists between two particles, such that the quantum state of each particle cannot be described independently of the other even when separated by large distance. To translate to the Spiritual life, it would mean that two particles are so inherently connected that time, distance, space, nothing can separate them from being affected by the other.

I am reminded of Paul’s letter to the Romans when he says: “Nothing, absolutely nothing, can separate us from the Love of Christ—no height, depth, principality, power, life nor death, nothing in God’s creation can separate us from our Divine source.” That is with only one exception: our free will. We are created in God’s image. We are created with a “quantum entanglement” with God, and only we can stop that entanglement.

So when we meet that person whom we cannot explain why we feel the way we do, maybe it is because in those moments, we are opening the channels of our mutually shared quantum entanglement with the Divine. Maybe in those moments, we are not placing any roadblocks or barriers to the flow of the energy of Grace and that is why it is nearly inexplicable for us. It may well be when moments like this happen in our prayer, public or private, or in a gathering of friends or even a larger community setting, our greatest challenge may lay in simply rejoicing in the unexplainable Divine that has just been revealed. Maybe the whisper of a simple prayer of thanks would be all that is needed.

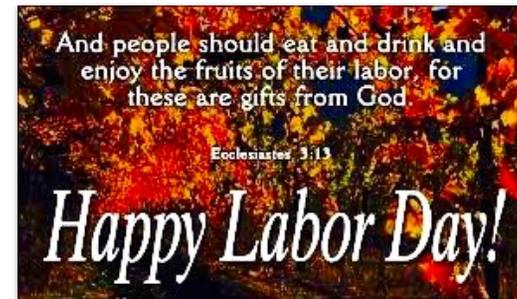
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Spirit of Hope Catholic Community

*A community of Radical Hospitality,
Provocative Nurturing and
Courageous, Compassionate Leadership*

To Our Eucharistic table, All are invited!



SEPTEMBER 2017

LITURGY

SATURDAY - 5:00 pm

THURSDAY - 6:00 pm

Parish Staff

Bishop Marty Shanahan

Rev. Corein Turbak

Rev. Colleen Woodley

Music Coordinator: Cynthia S

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	Presider	Cantor	Lector	Pianist	Prayers of the Faithful
Sept 2	Rev Colleen	Melinda H	Jim K	Lou Lou L	Rick K
Sept 9	Bishop Marty	Alex K	Rick K	Lou Lou L	Kathy S
Sept 16	Rev Corein	Ingrid M	Tom K	Marcea K	Ingrid M
Sept 23	Rev Colleen	Kristin F	Ingrid M	Lou Lou L	Jane R
Sept 30	Bishop Marty	Ingrid M	Amy S	Lou Lou L	Marge B

Save the date: Saturday January 20, 2018 for Spirit of Hope's

10th Anniversary

Celebration!

If you are interested in helping with planning for this event please let Bishop Marty know.



**CHILDREN'S
LITURGY OF THE WORD
RESUMES SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 16TH**

HEALING MEMORIES WORKSHOPS Sept. 8-10 and Nov. 17-19

The Healing of Memories workshop is designed to help you remember and examine life experiences, especially traumatic ones, which negatively affect your life.

The workshops will be held at the ARC Retreat Center in Stanchfield, MN. The fee is \$375 and scholarships are available.

Register online at <http://www.arcretreat.org/healing>

There are brochures available in the narthex with more information or for questions or further information, contact: Sheila Laughton 651-338-6201 or MinnesotaHOM@gmail.com

Calendar

SEPTEMBER	
Tuesday September 5	7:00 pm Circle of Servant Leaders Meeting
Thursday September 7	1:00 pm Spirited Women of Hope Dresses for Africa - Joyce's house
Saturday September 9	6:00 pm Hospitality and 80th Birthday Celebration Mary N
Monday September 11	7:00 pm Social Justice Team Meeting
Tuesday September 12	7:00 pm Ministry Action Team Meeting
Wednesday September 20	6:30 pm Men's Group (Panera Bread/Robert St)
Tuesday September 26	7:00 pm St Anne's Celtic Healing Service
OCTOBER	
Monday October 2	7:00 pm Social Justice Team Meeting
Tuesday October 3	7:00 pm Circle of Servant Leaders Meeting
Thursday October 5	7:00 pm Spirited Women of Hope
Saturday October 7	6:00 pm Pizza/Games
Tuesday October 10	7:00 pm Ministry Action Team Meeting
Saturday October 14	9:00 am-1:00 pm National Assembly
Wednesday October 18	6:30 pm Men's Group (Panera Bread/Robert St)
Friday October 20	5:00 pm Set up for community dinner
Saturday October 21	6:00 pm Community Dinner
Tuesday October 31	7:00 pm St Anne's Celtic Healing Service

Reminder: If you wish to have your prayer request move from the altar to the prayer team, please check the box on the prayer request form.

Remember the hungry this fall!
food donations for Neighbors can be dropped off at either door