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Mass Schedule

Weekend
Saturday 5:00 p.m. (R)
Sunday 8:30 a.m. (B), 10:30 a.m. (R)

Weekday

Tuesday 4:00 p.m. (R) (Mass & Adoration);
Wednesday 8:00 a.m. (B); Thursday 8:00 a.m. (R);
Friday 8:00 a.m. (B)

Communion to the Sick & Shut-ins

If you have a loved one or know of someone who is homebound that would like to be receiving communion, please let Fr. Petrica know at steve.petrica@gmail.com so that he can make certain that they are able to receive this sacrament.

Anointing of the Sick

Call to request this sacrament anytime.

Sacrament of Penance

First Saturdays, 8:15-8:45 a.m. (R)
Third Saturdays, 8:15-8:45 a.m. (B)
Confession by appointment anytime.
Saturday confessions followed by Mass at 9:00 a.m.

Key: (B) Barneveld • (R) Ridgeway



FROM THE RECTORY

Fr. Steve Petrica

You Shall Receive Power When The Holy Spirit Has Come Upon You

Jesus told his disciples before ascending to heaven: “You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth.” (Acts 1:8) These words set out a program, they were prophetic, and they established an apostolic and missionary mandate.

This fullness of the Spirit was not to remain uniquely the Messiah’s [“Messiah” being the anglicized form of the Hebrew word for “the Anointed One”], but was to be communicated to the whole messianic people. On several occasions Christ promised this outpouring of the Spirit, a promise which he fulfilled first on Easter Sunday and then more strikingly at Pentecost. Filled with the Holy Spirit the apostles began to proclaim “the mighty works of God,” and Peter declared this outpouring of the Spirit to be the sign of the messianic age. Those who believed in the apostolic preaching and were baptized received the gift of the Holy Spirit in their turn. (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, Art. 1287)

The promise that the Holy Spirit would be poured out on God’s people was first made by the Old Testament prophets; it was reiterated by Jesus; it dawned on the day of Resurrection; it came to fruition for the first disciples on the day of Pentecost; and it comes to each of us in the sacraments of Christian initiation. In **Baptism** we “receive from the love of God new life by water and the Holy Spirit;” in **Confirmation** we are “sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit;” and in the **Holy Eucharist**, in union with the self-offering of Jesus, we pray that “by receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit, we may be able to consider the world as crucified for us, and to be ourselves as crucified to the world” (in the words of the early Church father, St. Fulgentius of Ruspe).

For those who receive its spiritual seal, Confirmation brings an increase and deepening of baptismal grace: It roots us more deeply in the divine filiation which makes us cry, “Abba! Father!”; it unites us more firmly to Christ; it increases the gifts of the Holy Spirit in us; it renders our bond with the Church more perfect; it gives us a special strength of the Holy Spirit to spread and defend the faith by word and action as true witnesses of Christ, to confess the name of Christ boldly, and never to be ashamed of the Cross. (*Catechism*, Art. 1303)

Today is an especially propitious day for conferring the sacrament; as it says in the Catechism (Art. 1302):

It is evident from its celebration that the effect of the sacrament of Confirmation is the special outpouring of the Holy Spirit as once granted to the apostles on the day of Pentecost.

Confirmation Administered by a Priest?

The *original* minister of Confirmation is the bishop, and in the Latin Rite (which is what we are), the bishop remains the *ordinary* minister of the sacrament.



Bishop Hying

It is fitting that [the bishop] confer it, mindful that the celebration of Confirmation has been temporally separated from Baptism for this reason. Bishops are the successors of the apostles. They have received the fullness of the sacrament of Holy Orders. The administration of this sacrament by them demonstrates clearly that its effect is to unite those who receive it more closely to the Church, to her apostolic origins, and to her mission of bearing witness to Christ. (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, Art. 1313)

However, the same article of the Catechism notes that “if the need arises, the bishop may grant the faculty of administering Confirmation to priests.”

Five high school students in our congregation have completed several years of religious education, and have been prepared by their catechists to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation:

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On the Cover

Two descriptions of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit form the basis for the graphic on this week’s cover:

When Jesus was baptized, he went up immediately from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened and he saw the Spirit of God **descending like a dove**, and alighting on him (Matt. 3:16)

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them **tongues as of fire**, distributed and resting on each one of them. (Acts 2:1-3)

The text is from the verbal formula for conferring Confirmation.

Key Events on the Bible Timeline #65a
Pentecost (A.D. 33): Acts 2:1-13

That we often Pentecost call “the birthday of the Church” is an indication of just how “key” an “event” it truly is! For the observations that follow, I draw heavily from a commentary on this passage from Acts by Dr. Brant Pitre, an eminent Catholic Bible scholar.

The first thing to understand is that Pentecost is not solely a *Christian* feast. Jewish pilgrims were in Jerusalem that day because before Pentecost gained its Christian meaning, it was already a Jewish feast. Just as Pentecost is 50 days after Easter in the Christian calendar, it is 50 days after Passover in the Jewish calendar. For the Jews it is a spring offering of first fruits, but the 50 days also alludes to the people of Israel arriving at Mount Sinai — where Moses received the Law from God — 50 days after their Passover from Egypt.

With that in mind, then, we recall what happened on Mount Sinai: “Mount Sinai was wrapped in smoke, **because the LORD descended upon it in fire...** And the LORD called Moses to the top of the mountain, and Moses went up.” (Exod. 19:18,20) So the tongues of fire that St. Luke describes descending on the apostles in Acts 2:3 allude to God’s descending in fire on Mount Sinai at that earlier Pentecost. Dr. Pitre explains:

Just as in the Old Testament, the Lord came down from heaven and descended upon Israel in fire to give them the old law, so now too in the New Testament on Pentecost, the Holy Spirit descends upon the apostles in tongues as of fire, not to give them the old law, which was written on tablets of stone, but to give them the new law, which is written on the tablets of their hearts.

Priest Confirming, continued...

Nathan Adelman	Aiden Fishnick
Nicole Elfering	Peyton Laube
Laney Evans	

We *had* planned to present our confirmands to the bishop in a regional celebration of the sacrament at St. Joseph’s Church, Dodgeville, this past April 26. As with so many other things, though, the coronavirus crisis put an end to that plan.

Recognizing the unusual pastoral circumstances brought about by the epidemic, Bishop Hying said he would be receptive to requests from clergy to delegate his authority to confirm. “In order,” then, he wrote, “that Confirmation might not be unnecessarily delayed,” he has granted me the faculty on this occasion to administer Confirmation to these candidates. We are grateful to him for that permission.

Key Event: Pentecost, continued...

Finally, the immediate consequence of the Holy Spirit’s descent on Pentecost was that the apostles “began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.” (Acts 2:4) Pilgrims from all over the known world heard the mighty works of God—and responded to what they heard: “there were added that day about three thousand souls. (Acts 2:41) This is the beginning of the Church’s spread, as Jesus said, “to the end of the earth.” (Acts 1:8) But once again, there’s an ancient allusion here as well. In Genesis 11, the peoples of the world were divided by a diversity of tongues at the tower of Babel. At Pentecost, by God’s intervention, that ancient division is reversed; the sin of Babel is overcome. In the Catholic Church, the Body of Christ, men and women “from every tribe and tongue and people and nation [are made] a kingdom and priests to our God.” (Rev. 5:9-10)

Remember St. Bernadette Parish in your will!

St. Bernadette’s Offerings	
Weekend of May 24, 2020	
Envelopes	\$435.00
Loose offerings	20.00
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Total	\$735.00
Same weekend last year	\$1,514.65
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<i>May the gift you have promised not be an exaction, but a willing gift. (cf. II Cor. 9:5)</i>	

Mass Intentions

“Remember me at the altar of the Lord.”

—St. Monica to her son, St. Augustine

Tuesday, June 2: Sts. Marcellinus and Peter

8:00 a.m. (R)

Wednesday, June 3: St. Charles Lwanga

8:00 a.m. (B)

Thursday, June 4: Feria

8:00 a.m. (R)

Friday, June 5 — FIRST FRIDAY

8:00 a.m.: St. Boniface (B)

Saturday, June 6 — FIRST SATURDAY

9:00 a.m.: Votive of the BVM (R)

Sunday, June 7: Most Holy Trinity

8:30 a.m. (B)

10:30 a.m. People of the Parish (R)

When requesting Mass intentions, be sure to specify the date and time you’d like.

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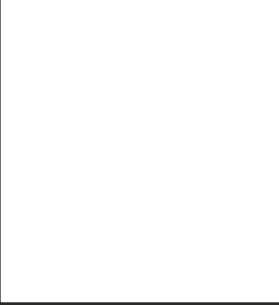
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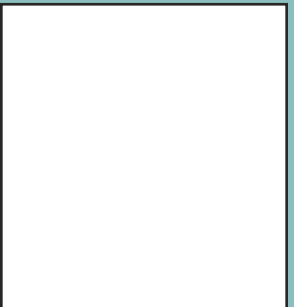
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