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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](mailto: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.



## FROM THE RECTORY

Fr. Steve Petrica

### The Central Mystery of the Christian Faith

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* is unambiguous about the importance of the mystery of the Most Holy Trinity that we celebrate today:

The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is **the central mystery of Christian faith** and life. It is **the mystery of God in himself**. It is therefore **the source of all the other mysteries of faith**, the light that enlightens them. It is **the most fundamental and essential teaching** in the “hierarchy of the truths of faith.” The whole history of salvation is identical with the history of the way and the means by which the one true God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, reveals himself to men “and reconciles and unites with himself those who turn away from sin.” (Art. 234, emphases added)

No doubt about it, the Trinity is at the heart of the faith! It’s all the stranger, therefore, to reflect that among the myriads of popular devotions our faith has inspired, there are precious few devoted to the Trinity. *The Raccolta*, a pre-Vatican



*The shamrock, sometimes proposed as an illustration of the Trinity.*

*II* handbook of indulgenced devotions, cites a relative handful of invocations, acts of adoration, and prayers to the Trinity drawn primarily from liturgical sources and the writings of the saints. Estimable as those are, they’re nowhere near as widely known and loved as devotions like Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, the rosary, the scapular, the Guardian Angel prayer, and so on. Devo-

tion to the Trinity is even more fundamental than those devotions; it precedes and undergirds them. As the Church’s official *Directory on Popular Piety* says:

Numerous pious exercises have a Trinitarian character or dimension. Most of them begin with the sign of the cross “in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,” the same formula with which the disciples of Jesus are baptized... (Art. 157)

That, I think, gets to the heart of the matter. Our life in Christ *begins* with the invocation of the Trinity at the very moment of our being baptized, and it proceeds in the same way. You might consider beginning every day — as I do immediately upon awakening — by making the sign of the cross “in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” And finally, the goal and destination of our life it to be taken up into the very life of the Trinity. 2

### It’s a Mystery

If you were counting, you noted that I used the word “mystery” or “mysteries” six times in the first item. We often speak of “the mysteries of the faith.” Maybe too often, as the phrase gets easy to caricature. You may remember this routine by George Carlin, a popular comedian in the 1960s and 70s:

There was so much freedom [in my parochial school] that by eighth grade, many of us had lost the faith. Cause they made questioners out of us and, uh, they really didn’t have any answers, y’know. They’d fall back on, “Well, it’s a mystery.” “Oh, thank you, Father. I dunno. What’s he talkin’ about? Mystery.”

Merriam-Webster’s first definition of “mystery” reflects the way George Carlin uses the word: “something not understood or beyond understanding,” and there’s certainly an element of truth to that perception of religious teaching. God is indeed beyond our understanding! But Christian theology has a specific understanding of “mysteries” when speaking of the faith: they are those truths “which can never be known unless they are revealed by God.” Catholicism is a learned faith! The Church has nurtured generations of world-class intellects over the centuries, who have offered profound analyses of the “mysteries of the faith.” But even brilliant attempts to articulate the transcendent inevitably fall short, and that’s when we receive with thanksgiving God’s gracious self-disclosure in his written Word, and above all in Jesus, the Word made flesh.

### On the Cover

A modern rendition of Andrei Rublev’s icon of the Holy Trinity, one of the best loved and most widely known icons to come from the Eastern Church. Rublev’s icon was “written” circa 1410 and is currently in the Tretyakov Gallery, Moscow. Rublev (b. 1360s, d. between 1427 and 1430) is considered to be one of the greatest medieval Russian painters of Orthodox Christian icons and frescos. The Russian Orthodox Church canonized him as a saint in 1988.

The prototype for this icon was the mysterious appearance of the Holy Trinity in the form of three travelers to Abraham and Sarah under the oak of Mamre (Gen. 18). This icon most fully expresses the dogma of the Holy Trinity: the three angels are depicted in equal dignity, symbolizing the *trinity* and *equality* of all three Persons. All three angels are blessing the chalice, in which lies a sacrificed calf, prepared for eating. The sacrifice of the calf signifies the Savior’s death on the cross, while its preparation as food symbolizes the sacrament of the Eucharist. All three angels have staffs in their hand as a symbol of their divine power. (For a more detailed explanation of the icon, go to [www.holy-transfiguration.org/library\\_en/lord\\_trinity\\_rublev.html](http://www.holy-transfiguration.org/library_en/lord_trinity_rublev.html))

—Adapted from [wikipedia.org](http://wikipedia.org) and [holy-transfiguration.org](http://holy-transfiguration.org)



Confirmands of our parish after the celebration of the sacrament at St. Bridget's Church May 31. From left: Laney Evans, Nicole Elfering, Nathan Adelman, Peyton Laube, and Aiden Fishnick. Second row: Catechist Tom Pechan and Father Petrica. Photograph courtesy of Lynn Evans.

### Confirmation 2020

This year's confirmands from our parish had been geared up for a regional celebration of the sacrament to be held at St. Joseph's Church in Dodgeville this past April 26. But as with so many things for all of us, the coronavirus epidemic put the kibosh on those plans. In order that the delay not be unduly protracted, Bishop Hying extended to me the faculties to confirm our candidates myself, and we did that last Sunday, on the feast of Pentecost. The day we celebrate the pouring out of the Holy Spirit on the disciples in Jerusalem 2000 years ago was the perfect occasion to celebrate the pouring out of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation in 2020!

Priests don't normally preside at Confirmation, so I had to brush up on the liturgy. Happily, I didn't mess anything up too badly, and our young people were successfully confirmed. Say a prayer that our confirmands may  
*—Continued in next column*

#### St. Bernadette's Offerings Weekend of May 31, 2020

Envelopes .....	\$1,175.00
Loose offerings .....	35.00
Online offerings .....	325.00
Total .....	\$1,535.00
Same weekend last year .....	\$1,754.00
Difference .....	-219.00

*May the gift you have promised not be an exaction, but a willing gift. (cf. II Cor. 9:5)*



### June, Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Devotion to the Sacred Heart, long privately practiced, was approved by Pope Pius IX in 1873 and urgently recommended by Pope Leo XIII in 1899. The feast day requires a bit of calculation: It's the Friday following the Second Sunday after Pentecost, which this year falls on June 19. The related celebration of the Immaculate Heart of Mary is the Saturday after Sacred Heart, which is June 20 this year.

#### Holy Father's Prayer Intention for June: The Way of the Heart

Join Pope Francis this month to pray that all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus.

#### Confirmation 2020, continued...

continue to grow in the life of faith. Congratulations to them, and to their family and friends! And a big thank you to their parents, catechists, and everyone who helped bring them to this milestone in their spiritual life.

#### Mass Intentions

"Remember me at the altar of the Lord."

*—St. Monica to her son, St. Augustine*

#### Tuesday, June 9: St. Ephrem

8:00 a.m. .... (R)

#### Wednesday, June 10: Weekday

8:00 a.m. .... Joanne Murphy (B)

#### Thursday, June 11: St. Barnabas

8:00 a.m. .... (R)

7:00 p.m.: First Communions ..... (B)

#### Friday, June 12: Weekday

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

#### Saturday, June 13: St. Anthony of Padua

9:00 a.m. .... (R)

#### Sunday, June 14: Corpus Christi

8:30 a.m. .... (B)

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

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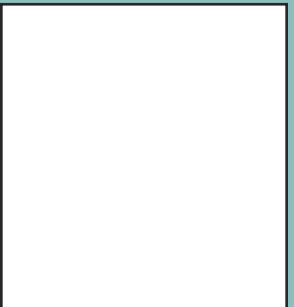
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