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Mission Statement:

Established in the Spirit of Jesus Christ with an Afro-centric focus, Blessed Sacrament Chapel is committed to spreading the "Word" through fellowship and good works.

Sunday Mass: 10:00AM

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June 4, 2023 Feast of Holy Trinity

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son. John 3:16

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"The LORD, the LORD, a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity." (Ex 34:6)

Psalm:

Glory and praise for ever! (Dn 3:52b)

Second Reading:

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you. (2 Cor 13:13)

Gospel:

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. (Jn 3:17)

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass
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My Dear Parishioners:

Over the past two thousand years, many have tried to explain the mystery of the Blessed Trinity, how there could be Three Divine Presences but One God, all having done so without success. It appears that this mystery is the greatest of all mysteries within the Holy Catholic Church, the one that just cannot be penetrated. So how do we explain the Blessed Trinity? I am sure that over the years, you have all heard of different explanations that were simple and acceptable. For example, for little children to understand the Blessed Trinity, we can use a sheet of white paper. We fold the sheet in three equal parts. Then, we indicate that while it is one sheet of paper, it has three parts to it. All three parts are equal and constitute the whole. If we were to cut one section away from the folded sheet of paper, it would no longer be a complete sheet of paper. Therefore, as there is One God, there is one sheet of paper. As there are Three Divine Presences in God, there are three parts to the sheet of paper. Now, when we have to explain the Blessed Trinity to teenagers, we have to use a little more wisdom. To do so, instead of using a sheet of paper, we use an egg. We explain that while there is one egg, there are three parts to it, the shell, the egg white and the yolk. When we look at the egg, we know that it has an egg white and a yolk but we cannot see them. Comparing this to God, the egg represents God. The visible shell represents God incarnated through Jesus. The egg white represents the Holy Spirit and the yolk represents God the Father. Both, God the Father and the Holy Spirit are hidden from our sight just like the egg white and the yolk... unless of course, if we crack the egg. Then all are revealed. These kinds of explanations have been around for as long as we can remember. They are good and they are simple.

It is said that a people's values can be seen in the god they worship. For Christians, "God is love" (1 Jn 4:8).

Each of the persons of the Trinity lives completely for the others; each is a complete gift of self to the others. The complete self-giving not only constitutes the individual persons of the Trinity, but also their inseparable oneness.

Thus, for Christians the very basis of all reality is the loving communion of persons that is the Holy Trinity. The only way to truly have any understanding of the Holy Trinity is to understand it in 'relationship'. God the Father loving the Son, perfectly. God the Son loving the Spirit, perfectly. God the Spirit loving . . .

We are 'taken up' in this relationship, in this love every time we make the sign of the Cross. We become part of this mystery every time we take part in the holy Mass. We become part of this mystery most especially every time we process forward and receive Holy Communion. God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, guide and protect each of us.

Blessings, Fr. John

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

It is often heard that today's observance is an "idea feast," and that it is somewhat difficult to grasp its meaning. Other great solemnities, such as Christmas and Easter, have an easily grasped core. Yet, even though the Trinity is at the heart of our faith, firmly declared in the Creed since the council of Nicea in 325, we are used to having people shrug and say, "Well, it's a mystery."

Perhaps it is more helpful to think of this as a "relationship feast," since it unveils our deepest identity. Dorothy Day was a great social reformer, pacifist, and ardent lover of the Trinity. When people told her that she would certainly be canonized one day (the process is indeed underway), she protested dismissively by remarking that people were raising a fuss just because she was not afraid to talk about God. She loved the Trinity, and treasured the traditional icon for the feast, also known as "The Hospitality of Abraham," depicting the three angelic beings seated at a table tilted toward the viewer and laden with bread and wine. For her, the Trinity revealed the heart of the Catholic life, three C's if you will: community, communication, and communion. That was not an "idea" for her, but what it means to be created in the image of the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Rev. James Field, Copyright J.S. Paluch

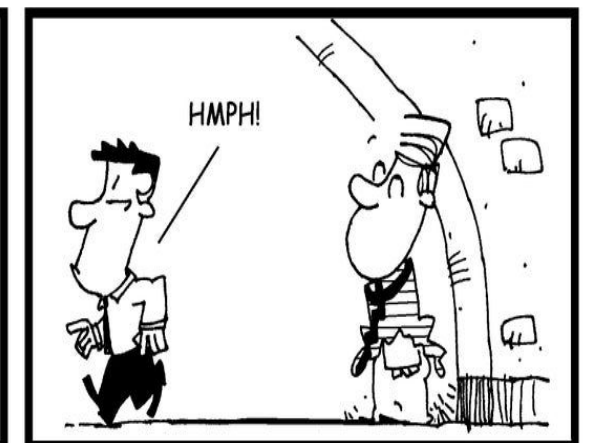
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On the Feast of Pentecost,
he was confirmed.

He is pictured with Bishop Medley and
his sponsor, Lori Robinson .



TRINITY SUNDAY



May Birthdays

30--Karen Leachman
31--Barbara Hammond,
Layson Brook

June Birthdays

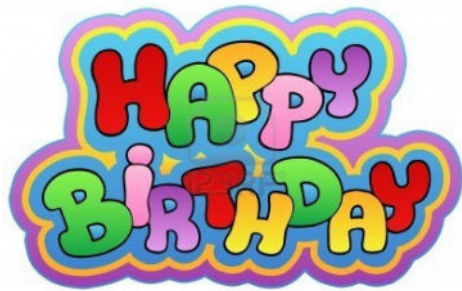
2--Anthonia Hagan
4--Larry Leachman
9--Alvin Leachman
16--Sister Jeannette
23--Michelle Jones, Pam McCarter
27--Leland Herzog
28--Cassidy Campbell
30--Trent Hatchett, Father Sinjo

Mass Intentions

May 28--Bobby Hardin
June 4--Aaron Fennewald
June 11--Frances Johnson
June 18--Brian Bumm
June 25--Danny Stevens

Let us remember to pray for those who have recently died or those in the process of dying. Remember to pray for the souls in purgatory, especially for those who have no one to pray for them.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the sick:
Steven Moorman, Rachel Mattingly Philip Moorman, Jr., Danny Stevens, Wynter Keller, Larry Clark, Gloria Savet, Shaun Winchell, Jeeriah Cruite, Charlie Brown Sr, Carol Hatchett, Teresa Woods, Larry Allen, Jordan Gertisen, Buddy Adcock, Debbie Moseley, Donna Kaelin, Janice Taul, Merle Griffith, Pam Wilson, Frank & Gloria Adams, Shelby Webster, Louise Johnson, Ruth Coble, Larry Conder, Andy Evans, Gary Moorman, Camilla Greer,
If you know of anyone who is in need of prayer or visitation, please notify the office.



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PRAYER FOR GOD'S BLESSING

Bless all who worship you, almighty God, from the rising of the sun to its setting from your goodness enrich us, by your love inspire us, by your Spirit guide us, by your power protect us, in your mercy receive us, now and always. Amen.

Coming Events



Blessed Sacrament Chapel

June 4--Important parish meeting--Picnic, chapel update, Corpus Christi

June 11--**Parish Feast Day**
Corpus Christi procession 4 pm
Starts at Sts. Joe and Paul



May 28--\$776

Budget--\$1058

MTD Collection--\$5029.71

MTD Budget--\$4,232

YTD Collection--\$60,987.82

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May each give according to what the Lord has blessed us with.

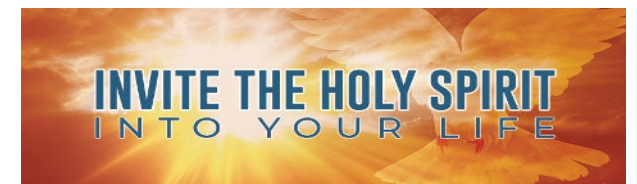
Thanks to everyone who practices stewardship on a regular basis. An active parishioner attends Mass regularly and practices stewardship (time, talent, treasure).

The Most Holy Trinity

In my experience, one of the peculiarities of being a man is the somewhat unlikely ability to look into the mirror, no matter how out of shape he may be, and declare with full confidence: "Looking good, buddy!" Ask a man. He'll probably confirm it.

Therein lies a mystery. You might think I refer to man's ability to deceive himself or his propensity toward vainglory. But in this case, I refer to the mystery of a healthy and proper sense of self-love. We human beings (both men and women) have the utterly weird ability to look at ourselves as if we were another. Then we tend to love this "other." Then, somehow, that love becomes a bond between the two. We are three and yet one.

This Sunday is Trinity Sunday. We ponder anew that God in His unity is a play of multiplicity: Lover, Beloved, and shared Love. Or, as we also proclaim, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. If we allow it, this mystery heals our temptation toward self-hatred and destruction. We all know how awful it is to look into the mirror and not know the person we see, or, equally bad, to know and hate who we see. Jesus, the Son of God, draws us into the dynamics of authentic self-knowledge and self-love. Perhaps we could ask the Holy Trinity this Sunday to teach us to truly look at ourselves and to properly love who we see looking back.



	LECTORS
<u>June 4::</u>	Alexis Hatchett, Elizabeth Hatchett
<u>June 11:</u>	Connie Clary, Barbara Bisel
<u>June 18:</u>	Layson Brooks, Kathi Skidd
	Eucharistic Ministers
<u>June 4:</u>	Rita Moorman, Lori Robinson, Greg Richardson
<u>June 11:</u>	Greg Gough, Vivian Higgs, Holly Hollis
<u>June 18:</u>	Cindy Clark, Janet Clark, Misty Sanford
	Collection & Gifts
<u>June 4:</u>	Alvin and Karen Leachman
<u>June 11:</u>	Jacques & Whitney Williams and sons
<u>June 18:</u>	Malone Family

.NATIONAL BLACK CATHOLIC CONGRESS XIII

The National Black Catholic Congress will be held July 20-23 at the Gaylord National Resort in National Harbor, Maryland.

Key Participants include noted figures in U.S. Catholic history.

For more information or to register, contact Veronica Wilhite at veronica.wilhite@pastoral.org or the National Black Catholic Congress at nbcc@nbccongress.org

We Bear the Name of the Lord

The name of the Lord is a curiously powerful thing. Say it deliberately, even in a group of people who are not particularly religious, and you’ll know what I mean. There is a shift in the mood, a change in the atmosphere. When we utter the name of the Lord, He turns His head.

Once, in confession, I admitted to the sin of using the Lord’s name in vain. “When you do that, tell God that you love him,” advised the priest, who was wise enough to know that I would repeat this sin at some point. “You’ve said His name, after all. You have His attention.”

We hear the name of the Lord, and we think of what it represents — John 3:16, salvation history summed up in a neat little sentence, the why and the how and the who of it all laid out before us. The Lord, so slow to anger that He offers us a million chances. The Lord, so rich in kindness and fidelity that He literally gave Himself to us that we might be saved.

But the name of the Lord is more than that. It is not just a symbol, it is an invitation. I think of Moses clutching the commandments, beseeching the Lord: “Come with us. Forgive us. Receive us as your own.” The Lord accompanies us down the mountain. We bear the name of the Lord into the world with us wherever we go. I have to ask myself: do I do that name justice?

“Blessed is your holy and glorious name, praiseworthy and exalted above all for all ages.” — Daniel 3:52

Readings for the Week

Monday: Tb 1:3; 2:1b-8/Ps 112:1-6/ Mk 12:1-12

Tuesday: Tb 2:9-14/Ps 112:1-2, 7-8, 9/ Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday: Tb 3:1-11, 16-17/Ps 25:2-9/ Mk 12:18-27

Thursday: Tb 6:10-11; 7:1, 9-17; 8:4-9/ Ps 128:1-5/Mk 12:28-34

Friday: Tb 11:5-17/Ps 146:1-2, 6-10/ Mk 12:35-37

Saturday: Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20/Tb 13:2, 6-8/Mk 12:38-44

Observances for the Week of June 4

Monday: St. Boniface, Bishop, Martyr

Tuesday: St. Norbert, Bishop

Friday: St. Ephrem, Deacon

Next Sunday: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

A QUESTION OF FAITH

It is never a question with any of us of faith or no faith; the question always is, “In what or in whom do I put my faith?” -- Anonymous

LIFE IN THE TRINITY

The name of the Trinity is, without a doubt, the most familiar sacred name to us. We speak it every time we make the sign of the cross, and it forms the heart of our Creed. Trinity Sunday is a good day, however, to stop and reflect on the unique role of each of the three persons we name so often in the Trinity and in our own lives. When we celebrate the Eucharist on Sunday, we come together as the Body of Christ through our baptism, and through the power of the Holy Spirit we offer the whole prayer of the Mass to God the Father. This presence of the Trinity does not stop when we leave church on Sunday. We are--always and everywhere--members of the Body, and everything we do as members of that Body is empowered by the Holy Spirit, all of it offered to the glory of our loving Father.

Take a moment each day this week to reflect on how the persons of the Trinity were present to you during the day, and how other people came to see the presence of the Trinity in your witness to the Good News.

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Corpus Christi Procession

Parish Feast Day

Please plan to be part of the Corpus Christi procession next Sunday June 11 at 4 pm. We will gather in front of Sts. Joe and Paul Church and process across the street to the Marian Shrine behind their hall. BSC will lead a song, and have a reading. We then process to the next altar led by the African congregation from Bowling Green, and then the Burmese members, followed by the Hispanic group will lead us to the next altars. We end with Benediction at Brescia University.