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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY — JUNE 12, 2022

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Sunday: 8 am, 10 am, noon

Daily Mass:  
Monday-Saturday, 8:30 am

#### **Confession**

Saturday: 9-9:45 am or by appointment

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#### **Adoration of the Holy Eucharist - Feast of Corpus Christi**

Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament will take place from 1 pm (after the noon Mass) to 4 pm on Sunday, June 19th for the Feast of the Body and Blood of Jesus. Come spend time with our Lord in his Real Presence, a great opportunity to pray for our dads, living and deceased, on Father's Day.

**Welcome, Father Francis!** Fr. Francis Fordjour Dartey, a priest of the Diocese of Sunyani, will be with us for the summer. Fr. Francis is currently the Pastor of St Anthony of Padua in Drobo, Akwaba!

St. Marianne Cope Outreach Ministry...

~ The **Summer Sandwich program** is back! Each Sunday we provide 60 sandwiches to the homeless. To volunteer one hour on a Sunday morning, send an email to [outreach@stmariannecope.com](mailto:outreach@stmariannecope.com).  
~ If you need **temporary or permanent assistance** or know someone who does, our food pantry may be able to help. Contact John at [outreach@stmariannecope.com](mailto:outreach@stmariannecope.com).

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court St. Rita Upcoming Events:

~ June 19th, after all Masses: **Drop Off Baby Shower**. All new baby items gratefully accepted, especially diapers. Donations will be distributed to the Sisters of Life, Beacon of Light, and Good Counsel.  
~ June 19th at 11 am at our Lady of Fatima statue: **Pray the Rosary** to celebrate the birth of the 170 spiritually adopted babies!

**Father's Day** is Sunday, June 19th. Envelopes are in your envelope packet and in the back of the church. All will be remembered in a novena of Masses beginning on June 18th.

**Altar Server Call!** Children in fourth grade and above are invited to serve as an altar server at Sunday Masses. Email Father Doughty at [pastor@stmariannecope.com](mailto:pastor@stmariannecope.com).

The **Prayer Shawl Ministry** will next meet on Monday, July 11th at 10 am in the St. Thomas old School. New members welcome!



**EVERETT DANIEL TABONE**

was baptized  
on June 5, 2022.

**Faith Formation Classes** begin in first grade. To register your child for classes, contact Faith Formation Director Mary Ellen Tiernan at (845) 534-2547 (option 2) or [metiernan@stmariannecope.com](mailto:metiernan@stmariannecope.com).

**Inquiry and the Rite of Christian Initiation** for Adults (RCIA) and Teens (RCIT): Formal classes begin in the fall, but this is a time for "inquiry". For information, email [metiernan@stmariannecope.com](mailto:metiernan@stmariannecope.com).

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Morgan Gagnon will be joining the **Capuchin Appalachian Mission** this July. She will be helping to fix houses and a local church in Harlan County, Kentucky. Morgan will be available after all the Masses this Sunday to tell you all about it and ask for your financial support. Any help is greatly appreciated.

## THE PASTOR'S CORNER

# THE HOLY TRINITY AND RESTORED ORDER OF THE SACRAMENTS

**L**AST WEEK'S CELEBRATION OF **PENTECOST**, when we recalled the sending of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and Our Lady in the upper room, was the culmination of our season-long lesson in the mystery of the Holy Trinity. Having begun on the First Sunday of Lent with Satan's confusion about the person of Jesus, and continuing on with the confirmation by the centurion at the foot of the cross that "Truly this was the Son of God," and finally to the revelation of the Holy Spirit, the combined seasons of Lent and Easter steep us in what the Catechism of the Catholic Church says 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." (CCC 234)

Bishop Barron calls today's feast of the Holy Trinity the "preacher's nightmare." Years ago, a priest I knew - reputed to be one of the smartest fellows to come out of the seminary - told the people at Mass that "it's a mystery" and simply left it at that. The worshippers were, I suppose, either overjoyed at the five-second homily or disappointed that their questions were left unanswered. Many know of St. Patrick's limping analogy of the shamrock to try to explain the concept of "three persons in one God." You likely have heard me tell of St. Augustine's walk along the shore when he met the little boy who, improbably, was trying to capture the sea in a small hole he dug in the sand. We could well identify with the child's rebuke of the saint, who had been pondering the Trinity, that his task was no less possible than Augustine's attempt to capture the mystery in such a small head. Nevertheless, the Church has ever explained and articulated and elucidated what had been handed on to the Apostles and subsequently to us. Words and concepts such as hypostatic union, consubstantial, perichoresis, etc., have been coined and used to give us something of a grasp of what is essentially Love itself. But the inmost Being of God as Holy Trinity, the Catechism tells us, can never be known unless it is revealed by God Himself.

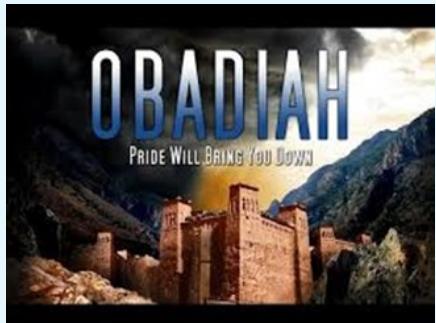
That revelation can be aptly described as Grace. As the Catechism teaches us, grace is the free gift "God makes to us of his own life, infused by the Holy Spirit into our soul to heal it of sin and to sanctify it." (CCC

1999) We acknowledge this particularly when we baptize infants, that they might claim God's forgiveness of Original Sin, but also that they are His sons and daughters. No litmus test, no schooling, no certificate of completion is required; only the love of the child's parents.

This is a lesson that must be learned by everyone, and of which we should be reminded frequently. It is an important reason behind the parish's move to the restored order of the sacraments! Since St. Pius X's decree in 1910 allowing and encouraging the reception of Holy Communion for children who have reached the "age of reason," the Sacrament of Confirmation has been administered by bishops at various ages, though Pope Leo XIII clearly taught beforehand, as the Second Vatican Council did, that it should be given at the age of discretion. Unhappily, these different practices have led to a culture of formation that has created false notions children could only properly receive the sacrament after completion of a course of study and that adolescence somehow made it easier. While some catechesis is necessary (and this from the notion of "the age of reason"), the graces received in Confirmation, as a completion of baptismal graces and preparation for the fullness of communion with Christ in the Eucharist, require a "mature" understanding that is *relative to the age of the person*, whether they are 7 or 8 or 16 or 32. Actually, since many studies suggest that the "moral compass" of a person is formed by the age of 9, it seems most practical to ensure they have received the graces of the Holy Spirit shared through Confirmation at that younger age.

Our hope is that not only will this restoration of the proper order of the sacraments (Baptism - Confirmation - Communion) engage our young children and their families more effectively and fully, but that it will inspire them to continue with their formation in the faith, helped by grace from the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist, and prevent them from becoming one of the 80% of confirmed adolescents for whom it is, in Pope Francis's words, "the sacrament of farewell." We believe that this will help our children embrace the Mystery of the Holy Trinity in their lives and pray that it bring them to love God with all their heart, mind, soul, and strength.

# THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE



**OBADIAH IS THE 39TH BOOK IN OUR BIBLES.** It is also one of the shortest (tied with four books in the New Testament) at only one chapter in length. For those reading a book a week, this week you'll only have to read three verses a day! Obadiah writes from over 500 years before Christ. His name means "Servant of God", and he is such by taking the people of Edom to task for forgetting their ties to the people of Judah going way back to the twin sons of Isaac and Rebecca: the Edomites descended from Esau, the Israelites from Jacob. When Jerusalem fell in

587 B.C., the Edomites mistreated the people of Judah. Obadiah points out in verses 12-14 eight things the people of Edom should not have done, and he tries to break the cycle of violence by prophesying what lies in store for them if they have no change of heart. In sort of a backward golden rule, he writes in verse 15 that "as you have done, so will be done to you." As with many of the other prophets, Obadiah writes of the Day of Yahweh (verses 16-18), and then speaks more hopefully of a New Israel.

Timothy P. Schehr, author of *The Bible Made Easy* which has been quoted a few times earlier, shares three spiritual lessons from Obadiah: "This world is a gift from God to be enjoyed. Human plans should be in accord with the plans of God. The misfortunes of others should stir up within us feelings of compassion" (p. 125).

When you finish this book, you will have read 38 (52.1%) of the 73 books of the Bible, yet 1,035 (77.6%) of the 1,334 chapters of the Bible.

*Permission granted by Rev. Robert J. Schrader (based on Timothy Schehr's book, The Bible Made Easy: A Book-by-Book Introduction).*

## MASS INTENTIONS

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

8:30 +Joanne Natale by Maria Lambert

### Tues, June 14

8:30 +Fr. Robert Hilfiker by Kathy Kissel

### Wed, June 15

8:30 +Michael Prezioso by Fran Clifford

### Thurs, June 16

8:30 +Patrick Kane by Kathy Kissel

### Fri, June 17

8:30 +Elaine Colonna by family

### Sat, June 18

8:30 Father's Day Novena

4:30 Father's Day Novena

### Sun, June 19: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

8:00 Father's Day Novena

10:00 Father's Day Novena

12:00 Pro Populo (for the people of the parish)

*The Sunday Mass at noon will ALWAYS be offered only for the People of the Parish. The offering for an unannounced Mass is \$10; for an announced Mass—\$15.*

## READINGS FOR THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

### Reading I – Proverbs 8:22-31

Personified Wisdom claims a certain superiority over the rest of creation because he (she) pre-existed them. The Holy Spirit is Wisdom in all its glory.

### Reading II – Romans 5:1-5

Paul puts God as the source of our peace through our faith in Him and through Jesus Christ who gives us access to His grace. This allows us to boast even of our afflictions because they are gifts.

### The Gospel – John 16:12-15

There is real consolation for the disciples in that they will soon have the Holy Spirit as their guide into all the truths Jesus taught, which in turn will comprise the essence of their message to the world.



Scan the QR code to visit the **Worship Aid** page for the readings, antiphons, and music for the Sunday Mass.

We will be taking a hiatus from streaming the 10 am Mass at St. Thomas for the summer. To watch a streamed Mass from St. Patrick Cathedral via the Catholic Faith Network, visit [catholicfaithnetwork.org/masses](http://catholicfaithnetwork.org/masses).

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