

# Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sunday, May 23, 2021  
Pentecost Sunday



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## WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday ..... 5:00 pm

Sunday ..... 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 am

## DAILY MASSES

Monday-Saturday ..... 8:30 am (except Wednesday)

Wednesday ..... 7:00 pm

First Friday Mass ..... 2:00 pm  
@Homestead Nursing Home

Holy Days ..... 8:30 am & 7:00 pm

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday ..... 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday ..... 4:15 - 4:45 pm

## SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM, MARRIAGE & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please contact the office to arrange.

# Masses for the Week

## Saturday, May 22

ACTS 28:16-20, 30-31 / JN 21:20-25

8:30 am Alice Lahnes

*by Eleanor Long*

5:00 pm Patsy Miller

*by Boettcher Family*

## Sunday, May 23 – Pentecost Sunday

ACTS 2:1-11 / 1 Cor 12:3B-7, 12-13 / JN 20:19-23

7:30 am Tom Scroll

*by Tom & Cindi Rivara*

9:00 am Health & Blessings of Tommy Schoonover

*by Lisa Cangelosi*

11:00 am Stephen DeAngelis

John Hibbits

*by Danielle DeAngelis & John Hibbits, Jr.*

## Monday, May 24 – Memorial of the Blessed Virgin

Mary, Mother of the Church

GN 3:9-15, 20 / JN 19:25-34

8:30 am Fr. Jean Claude St. Martin

Sr. Marie Elise Briel

*by Lisa Cangelosi*

## Tuesday, May 25

SIR 35:1-12 / MK 10:28-31

8:30 am Roderick Erickson

*by Julie Erickson*

## Wednesday, May 26 – Memorial of St. Philip Neri,

Priest

SIR 36:1, 4-5A, 10-17 / MK 10:32-45

7:00 pm Blessings for Tom & Darlene Scarince on their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

*by Connie Van Hoven*

## Thursday, May 27

SIR 42:15-25 / MK 10:46-52

8:30 am John Prudden

*by Parish Staff*

## Friday, May 28

SIR 44:1, 9-13 / MK 11:11-26

8:30 am Healing & Blessings of Philip Capuzzi

*by Lisa Cangelosi*

## Saturday, May 29

SIR 51:12CD-20 / MK 11:27-33

8:30 am Annamaria Costa

*by Mazzola Family*

5:00 pm Joan Byrne

*by John & Katrina Prior*

## Sunday, May 30 – The Solemnity of the Most Holy

Trinity

DT 4:32-34, 39-40 / ROM 8:14-17 / MT 28:16-20

7:30 am Marion Marotta

*by Patricia Cholasta*

9:00 am Robert H. Schoonover

*by Tommy & Pauline Schoonover*

11:00 am Catherine Powell

*by Parish Staff*

## PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:



Richard Baker, Ted Cassera, Fr. Angelus Croce, Stephanie Cuomo, Larry Domonos, Emma Finnegan, Henry Kochanski, John Kucinski, Linda Kucinski, Yvette Murphy, Fr.

Peter Oddo, Susanne Martone, Deacon Ed Muller, George Shammass, Stephanie, Charles Sullivan, Constance Van Hoven, Tom Walaszczyk

## This Week the Sanctuary Lamp Burns for Annamaria Costa



## A GOOD STEWARD

### Sunday

May 16	\$ 2,125.96
Online Giving	\$ 470.00
Ascension	\$ 700.00

*Thank you for your generosity!*

## WOMEN AND MEN OF THE ARMED FORCES

We ask God the Father, through the intercession of St. Michael the Archangel, to protect all the men and women in our Armed Forces. May they be brought back safely to those whom they love: Capt. Jason Gieniewski



### What happened between the Ascension and Pentecost?

*The apostles and the Virgin Mary joined together in prayer between the Ascension and Pentecost, waiting for the coming of the Holy Spirit.*

In the *Acts of the Apostles*, there is a short interval of days between the Ascension of Jesus and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

What happened during those days? What did the apostles do between the Ascension and Pentecost?

### Devoted themselves to prayer

Immediately following Jesus' ascension, the apostles and the Virgin Mary gathered together in the **upper room** to pray. This is the same location where Jesus celebrated the **Last Supper**.

*All these devoted themselves with one accord to prayer. (Acts 1:14)*

### Replaced Judas with Matthias

Besides prayer, they were also quite active during these days. The *Acts of the Apostles* explains,

**“During those days ... they gave lots to them, and the lot fell upon Matthias, and he was counted with the eleven apostles”** (Acts 1:15, 26).

### Gathered for the Jewish feast of Pentecost

The apostles and the Virgin Mary made the necessary preparations for the Jewish feast of Pentecost.

Pentecost is the Greek name for the festival known as the Feast of Weeks, or *Shavuot* in Hebrew.

It is, together with *Pesach* and *Sukkot*, one of the three pilgrimage feasts of Israel, during which each adult male was **required to be present in Jerusalem** (cf. Ex 23:14-17).

This helps explain why all were present in Jerusalem, and also gives some insight into what they may have been doing during this time.



### Quote of the week:

**“I have been all things unholy; if God can work through me, He can work through anyone.”**  
– St. Francis Assisi

### Stillwater Township's Memorial Day Observance



Please join your neighbors this Memorial Day on Monday May 31, 2021 at 10:00am to honor and remember all those who have served our country to ensure our rights and liberties as Americans. The Memorial Day ceremony will be at Veterans Memorial Park on Pond Brook Road. All veterans are encouraged to participate. If you have any questions, please call Lou at 862 268 3553. We will be observing Social Distancing and masks are encouraged.

### Wine and Cheese Gathering

The next Wine and Cheese Gathering will be Saturday, June 5 after the 5 PM Mass. There will be dishes of assorted cheeses, fruits, etc. **Wine of course!** We will follow safety standards for COVID-19. Hope to see you there!



### Corpus Christi Food Collection For The Poor

The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted those living in poverty the most and Catholic Charities, Diocese of Paterson's 3 Food Pantries (Father English Center, Paterson; Hope House, Dover; and Partnership for Social Services, Franklin) are giving out more food than ever before.

Most months, *Catholic Charities, Diocese of Paterson*, gives out food to 5,000 – 7,000 people at their 3 food pantries. Through COVID-19, this number has more than quadrupled as they have helped over 20,000 each month.

Bishop Sweeney has authorized a Catholic Charities Diocesan-wide food collection in all parishes. This year, the drive has gone virtual and you can shop online and have items directly shipped to Catholic Food Pantries.

Visit: [www.ccpaterson.org/corpus](http://www.ccpaterson.org/corpus) or to contribute. Just scroll down on the left side of the screen to 'Parish Listing'. Here you can find our parish and shop for items of great need.

You may also email: [Info@ccpaterson.org](mailto:Info@ccpaterson.org) or call (973)279-7100 ext. 2038 with any questions or to donate food directly to Catholic Charities Food Pantries. Thank you for your continued support.

**Pentecost Sunday Readings*****First Reading – Acts 2:1-11***

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven staying in Jerusalem. At this sound, they gathered in a large crowd, but they were confused because each one heard them speaking in his own language. They were astounded, and in amazement they asked, “Are not all these people who are speaking Galileans? Then how does each of us hear them in his native language? We are Parthians, Medes, and Elamites, inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya near Cyrene, as well as travelers from Rome, both Jews and converts to Judaism, Cretans and Arabs, yet we hear them speaking in our own tongues of the mighty acts of God.”

***Responsorial Psalm – 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34***

**R. (cf. 30) Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.**

Bless the LORD, O my soul! O LORD, my God, you are great indeed! How manifold are your works, O LORD! the earth is full of your creatures.

**R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.**

May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD be glad in his works! Pleasing to him be my theme; I will be glad in the LORD.

**R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.**

If you take away their breath, they perish and return to their dust. When you send forth your spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth.

**R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.**

***Second Reading – 1 COR 12:3b-7, 12-13***

Brothers and sisters: No one can say, “Jesus is Lord,” except by the Holy Spirit.

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.

As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.

**Sequence**

Come, Holy Spirit, come! And from your celestial home Shed a ray of light divine! Come, Father of the poor! Come, source of all our store! Come, within our bosoms shine. You, of comforters the best; You, the soul’s most welcome guest; Sweet refreshment here below; In our labor, rest most sweet; Grateful coolness in the heat; Solace in the midst of woe. O most blessed Light divine, Shine within these hearts of yours, And our inmost being fill! Where you are not, we have naught, Nothing good in deed or thought, Nothing free from taint of ill. Heal our wounds, our strength renew; On our dryness pour your dew; Wash the stains of guilt away: Bend the stubborn heart and will; Melt the frozen, warm the chill; Guide the steps that go astray. On the faithful, who adore And confess you, evermore In your sevenfold gift descend; Give them virtue’s sure reward; Give them your salvation, Lord; Give them joys that never end. Amen. Alleluia.

**Alleluia**

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

***Gospel – JN 20:19-23***

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, “Peace be with you.” When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.”



### The Holy Spirit – The Advocate uplifts us, strengthens us, consoles and comforts us

For several weeks, we have been reading Jesus' farewell discourse. It was a lengthy farewell that culminated in Jesus' comforting words, loving each other, and prayers for peace and unity for the apostle college. He also reassured them He is not leaving them "orphans" because He and the Father would send the Holy Spirit, the advocate, the comforter, to lead them to the truth, to encourage them and to guide them.

Today Jesus' promise comes to fulfillment. The Holy Spirit descended on the apostles. As the first reading puts it beautifully, "They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim." Moments after His descent, the Spirit gave the apostles a voice – a voice that could not be contained in that upper room. A voice that needed to be spread to the wider world. Despite the wide range of cultures and languages gathered in Jerusalem that day, everyone present heard and understood. They left the upper room with a changed character. Why? Because they were no longer afraid to speak or bear witness to the risen Christ. For instance, Peter stood up on the Day of Pentecost and talked about Jesus. He said, "Jesus is the one whom you crucified. Jesus is the one God raised from the dead. Jesus is the one who can set you free."

What are other effects of the Holy Spirit? Looking back on one of the greatest past inaugural speeches of a president will help us understand the effects of the Pentecost. John F. Kennedy during his inaugural speech in 1961, calls Americans and the world, "Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country." In fact, earlier in that speech, he alerted the world that change was in the air, a generational shift, saying that the "torch had been passed to a new generation." And he began with a grand declaration: "Let the word go forth." That in a nutshell summarizes the profound effect of the Holy Spirit on the apostles. "Let the word go forth. For in the dramatic events of that first Pentecost, when the bewildered and exited disciples poured into the streets, they had one purpose in mind: to let The Word go forth." "The Word went forth from Jerusalem to Judea, and on to Corinth and Ephesus and Rome and Africa and Spain and even, eventually, to America. What began with a few frightened people in a darkened room in Jerusalem had spilled out and touched every corner of the globe. You'll find the Word preached in every language - just as on that very first Pentecost - and understood in billions of hearts. And, it all began on this day we celebrate, Pentecost: the birthday of the Church."

Like the birthday comes with different gifts, so does the Holy Spirit offer us with His seven-fold gifts: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. We have the Spirit to uplift us when we are struggling, to strengthen us when we are weak, to console us when we are grieving, to comfort us when we are frightened and so forth. In his letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul speaks about gifts of the Holy Spirit by using human body parts analogy to describe the functions of the human body. According to St. Paul, some are called to be prophets, interpreters, teachers and so forth. Thus, they need each other for support. Like parts of the human body that performs different functions, but they work together for the welfare of the entire body. So, at the end he counsels them to use their gifts, talents to work together and build good Christian community.

Some of us are teachers, nurses, doctors, lawyers, engineers, electricians, politicians and so forth. We can use these God given gifts to build our community. The Holy Spirit is our guide - and more than that, our model. Paul's letter to the Galatians calls us to "live in the Spirit." And he then reminds us what beautiful fruits that kind of living offers: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. May the Holy Spirit lead us to set the world ablaze with His message, His love and His peace...Let the Word go forth.

-- Fr. Abuchi

