

May 31, 2020
Pentecost Sunday

Mission Statement

We are a Roman Catholic family centered in the Eucharist, rooted in our immigrant traditions since the 1800's and devoted to our Blessed Mother. Humbly guided by the Holy Spirit, and with the warmth and hospitality that springs from a small community, we seek to share our faith in Jesus Christ through prayer, devotion, education, stewardship, and service to others.



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MASS SCHEDULE

Church

Saturday Vigil.....4:30pm

Sunday.....8:30am & 11:30am

Chapel - Weekday Mass

Monday, Thursday, Friday ... 9:30am & 7:00pm

Tuesday 9:30am

Wednesday...7:00pm

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Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday: 9:00am - 4:00pm
(Call First)

Chapel

MASSSES for the WEEK

Monday, June 1

9:30am - Ed & Helen Vojtak - Family
7:00pm - Henry & Catherine Kantosky - Bill & Dorothy Kantosky

Tuesday, June 2

9:30am - Carl Seabold - Family

Wednesday, June 3

7:00pm - Helen Vojtak - Family

Thursday, June 4

9:30am - Ralph Brady - Theresa Wukie
7:00pm - Tammy Kazmierczak - Family

Friday, June 5

9:30am - Jim & Mae Bolte - Daughters
7:00pm - Jeanne Kowalski - Dick & Freda Smith

Church

The Most Holy Trinity

Saturday, June 6

4:30pm - Helping Hands

Sunday, June 7

8:30am - Jean Matusik - Bonnie Scallon
11:30am - Clayton Walter - Family

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14;
Ps 87:1-3, 5-7; Jn 19:25-34
Tuesday: 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18; Ps 90:2-4, 10, 14, 16;
Mk 12:13-17
Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12; Ps 123:1b-2;
Mk 12:18-27
Thursday: 2 Tm 2:8-15; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14;
Mk 12:28-34
Friday: 2 Tm 3:10-17; Ps 119:157, 160, 161, 165,
166, 168; 1-6; Mk 12:35-37
Saturday: 2 Tm 4:1-8; Ps 71:8-9, 14-15ab, 16-17, 22;
Mk 12:38-44
Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9; Dn 3:52-55; 2
Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18



PASTOR'S CORNER: We conclude the Easter Season today with the Solemnity of Pentecost. I don't know about you, but it seems like we never ended our Lenten Season, let alone celebrated the Easter Season. The Mass for Pentecost is going to feel and look much like we are still in the Lenten fast and abstinence mode. There was a time when there was no organ played during Lent and only chanting without accompaniment. Today there will not even be the chanting or singing.

Hopefully our Easter faith has been strengthened, however, during these uncertain times of the pandemic. It is our Resurrection faith that gives us hope and confidence in the midst of struggles and uncertainty. Our faith reminds us that God's power that is greater than even death is with us and in us. In the gospel this weekend (John 20:19-23), Jesus comes into the locked Upper Room where the disciples were gathered out of fear. In their isolation, fear, suspicion, betrayal, abandonment, and near despair, the Risen Christ enters and offers them peace. "Peace be with you." It is a peace that offers hope. A peace that offers forgiveness. A peace that is life giving. That peace is still being offered to us today. The Easter Season has been that reminder to us. The power of God is with us. It is more powerful than a pandemic and more powerful than the violence we are experiencing in our cities. It is a power that gives us hope and leads us to life. A power that is able to forgive, breaking through the barriers of defense and shame that encapsulate us. We see that power present in the readings this weekend as the Holy Spirit comes down upon those gathered as flames of fire, uniting them together. And we see it in the life breath of Jesus who offers the great power of forgiveness. If we look around we still see that power in our times. Yes, it is in us breathing this power of hope and life into us.

May the peace of the Risen Christ break through all barriers and offer you hope this day.

Fr. John

NEWMAN CONNECTION: Danielle Scheetz is looking for families that have graduating seniors to contact her at scheetz@glwb.net or the church office to give their child's name, child's or family email address and the college they will attend in the Fall. Newman Connection is a non-profit organization that provides support in keeping students connected to the Catholic Church. The Newman Connection would like to congratulate and welcome their child to the college of their choice!

Sympathy to the families of **Kathleen Bash and Virginia Smith** who recently died. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

Thank you for your generous support of our Parish, and your help with the needs of the community through your ongoing participation in our various ministries. The numbers below are actuals through May 29th, 2020

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Sunday Y-T-D:	\$512,742.27	\$499,798.00	\$12,944.27
Mortgage Principal:	\$493,194.37		

On a side note, we are now over 100 parishioners signed up and using our E-Giving system. What a great way to send in your gifts without having to remember to bring your envelopes or to continue your gift while you are away.

If you would like to learn more or sign up for E-Giving, just give the office a call and they will help set you up.

As you can see above we are now below \$500,000 on the principal owed on the mortgage. In under ten years we have paid off \$900,000 in principal. Thank you for your extra gifts to help us pay down the principal.



SCRIPTURE STUDY: On Thursday, June 11th we will once again conduct bible study with the beginning of the in-depth study of "SALVATION", with Session One (1) from the FORMED LECTIO series (**no computer is required**). Meet with us at 7:00PM in the Parish Hall. This study will cover "Not Self Help", "Jesus came to earth to save us" on pages 7-26 of the study guide. Study guides will be provided and are available in the Parish Office, or can be downloaded from "Formed". We are selecting our new study to allow us to more fully connect with GOD. You do not need a computer to participate. We will be meeting for this study the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each Month through October. If anyone has questions please contact Rick Gallaher at (440) 458-6335 for comments or assistance.

Pray for the Sick: Pray for the Sick: *David Blackburn, Herb Kuepfer, Jose' Magiste, Sandy Vasbinder, Leon Denomme, Jim Hempfling, David Myers, Kathy Borowy, Shirley Livchak, Jerry & Lee Severns, Bille Updegrove, Robert Falatic, Al Machovina, Jim & Pat Wracker, Cathy Buckland, Don Gates, Ken Schroeder, Shayne Reisinger, Dennis Frabotta, Albert Bessey, Pastora Galarza, Ann Bring and Criag Nirosky.*

Please call the Parish Office 440-926-2364, or email us at info@olqpgrafton.org to have a name of a friend or relative included in this list.

THANK YOU: Even though the parish has been closed during these weeks there still was activity. I am so grateful for the ministry of those who have helped with the Helping Hands food distribution. The drive thru food distribution offered an opportunity to get together with one another, and to give us all the ability to do something for others. Thank you to all those who helped pick up the food, pack and distribute, as well as to organize the entire process. And I wish to thank those who have generously donated to the Helping Hands Ministry to make it all possible. Between the money donated by parishioners and grants through Second Harvest, we never ran out of food to distribute.

Also during these days of uncertainty when the weather was equally uncertain (remember waking up to snow on a Saturday in May?) there has been busy gardeners weeding, planting, mulching and watering the flowers around the parish grounds. Not only is there life now inside the church with Masses beginning, there is also life blooming to welcome you. Thank you to all of our gardeners.

As the announcement to prepare to reopen the churches was made, I made a plea for help with cleaning supplies, sanitizer and masks. Once again I was not disappointed as supplies came through in many directions. Also people responded to help with cleaning the church after each Mass, which has become a major project to ensure the safety of everyone. Thank you to all who made donations and who have helped with the cleaning.

Reports throughout the diocese, as well as other dioceses, is that the Offertory collections have significantly declined during these weeks. Our donations have not! Yes, they have gone down, but nothing like what has been reported by other parishes. Again the community has come together. Thank for your generous donations during these weeks. All spending has been cut except essential purchases, but there still remains the utilities, and buildings to maintain. Thank you for these contributions that not only help with the current expenses, but keep us in a good position for when activities open up and we are able to offer more ministries and services.

And thank you for your prayers and support for the parish, and for me. Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we venture into this new unknown. And thank you for the example of your faith that has supported and held up your family and those you have reached out to help. I have been inspired by so many stories of parishioners as we have all tried to live a faith filled life in the face of this pandemic.

Thank you and may the Holy Spirit continue to guide and direct all your efforts.

Fr. John

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