# Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church



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## ABOUT OUR PARISH

#### WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday

5:00 p.m.

Sunday

7:00 a.m.

8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.

Mon WEEKDAY MASSES
No Mass

Tue 8:00 a.m. Wed 6:30 p.m. Thu 8:00 a.m.

Fri 8:00 a.m.

## HOLY DAY MASSES

Vigil and Holy Day Mass times vary; please see bulletin or website

## SPECIAL DEVOTIONS

Tuesday: St. Jude Novena following 8:00 a.m. Mass

Thursday: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena following 8:00 a.m. Mass

Thursday: Patriotic Rosary in Church 6:30 p.m.

First Friday: The Most Blessed Sacrament and Eucharistic Adoration following 8:00 a.m. Mass until 5:00 p.m. closing with Benediction

First Saturday: Mass at 8:00 a.m. followed by the Rosary and Confession

## RECONCILIATION

Sat 4:00-4:45 p.m. Wed 6:00-6:15 p.m.

Or by request

## YOUR CLERGY

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## REGISTER

If you are new to the parish, we invite you to register by filling out a form located in the holder at the Church entrances and place it in the collection basket or come by the office.

## SACRAMENTS

## Baptism

Usually the third Sunday of the month (except during Lent) following the 10:30 a.m.

Mass. Please call for registration forms at least three weeks in advance.

## Matrimony

By appointment with the parish priest or deacon at least <u>six months</u> in advance.

No other arrangements should be made before contacting the priest.

## Anointing of the Sick

Upon request for the seriously ill, infirm and those undergoing major surgery.

Please contact the Church Office when someone is homebound or hospitalized and in need of the sacrament.

#### Communion for Ill/Shut-In

Please call the Church Office if you know of anyone who would benefit from this ministry.

#### **Funerals**

Families should contact the priest (office) before making arrangements.

## Parish Mission Statement

It is the mission of our Church Parish to follow the commands of Jesus to Saints Peter and Paul: "Feed My sheep" and "Carry My name among the nations."





Tuesday Morning Rosary—Tuesday after 8:00 a.m. Mass and St. Jude Novena in Parish Hall

OCIA Tracks I & II—Tuesday 6:30 p.m. in classrooms

Legion of Mary—Thursday 2:30 p.m. Parish Hall

Patriotic Rosary—Thursday 6:30 p.m. in church

Bible Study—Sunday 12:00 p.m. Parish Hall

#### TABERNACLE LAMP

This week, the Tabernacle Lamp in the Sanctuary burns for

† Debra Goodey †

#### TEACH AND REMIND

I'm not very good at telling jokes. I like them, but after I hear one and laugh at it, I let it go and forget it. I suspect this doesn't just apply to jokes. The Gospel today hints that the disciples may have had the same weakness when Jesus says the Spirit will "teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you" (John 14:26).

Jesus spent three years teaching his disciples about the kingdom of God. While he may have condensed his message to "Love God . . . and love your neighbor as yourself" (Mark 12:30–31), he spent most of his time showing them how much God loves them and how to love their neighbor. He used parables as examples and miracles as signs of the Father's love. He answered their questions and explained things privately. Knowing that this would still not be enough, he promised to send the Spirit after he had risen. He seems to have known that sometimes you just can't learn by listening. You have to experience some things to understand them. Sometimes you have to explain something to someone else before you understand it yourself. And that is what the disciples would do.

When they received the Spirit after Jesus' resurrection, they began to talk about Jesus to anyone who would listen. They also began to do the things Jesus talked about. They fed the poor and healed the sick. Thus they began to experience Jesus in those around them. They would remember what Jesus had taught them and apply it in their lives. They even accepted suffering for their faith.

We too can receive that promise from Jesus to have the Spirit teach and remind us. As we share our faith with others, we begin to experience Jesus in them. Just talking about our faith helps it to grow. As we listen to the Lord in prayer, we are reminded of passages in the Bible that we have read or heard from the altar on Sunday. We begin to understand how they apply in our lives. We may remember things that seemed to be very bad but turned out to be God's plan—maybe losing a job, only to find a better one; or moving away from friends, only to make new friends later. May the Holy Spirit teach and remind us of the signs of God's love.

You Schmidt

### MASS INTENTIONS

## Monday, June 9

(Gen 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14; Jn 19:25-34)

No Mass Scheduled

## Tuesday, June 10

(2 Cor 1:18-22; Mt 5:13-16)

8:00 a.m. Drauzin Bourgeois†

## Wednesday, June 11

(Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Mt 5:17-19)

6:30 p.m. Purgatorial Society

## Thursday, June 12

(2 Cor 3:15-4:1, 3-6; Mt 5:20-26)

8:00 a.m. Kelly Roszczynialski

## Friday, June 13

(2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 5:27-32)

8:00 a.m. Pat & Tom Cuccia

## Saturday, June 14

(2 Cor 5:14-21; Mt 5:33-37)

5:00 p.m. Joseph D'Antoni, Jr.†, Roszczynialski/ Stottman Family, Poor Souls in Purgatory, Lee & Yvonne Tracey†, Ken & Adele Salzer†, Danny Ragusa, Sr.†, Lawrence Otillio†, Lee Ann Scogin†, Judy Woods†, Patti & Vaughn Gay, Ron DelBianco†, Robert Jenevieve†, Joseph Jenevieve†, Bill Deckwa†, Leanna† & Lester Coupel, Alfred Guillot†

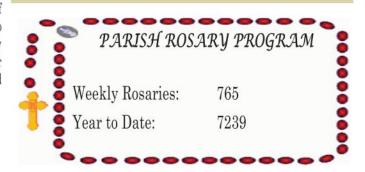
## Sunday, June 15

(Prov 8:22-31; Rom 5:1-5; Jn 16:12-15)

7:00 a.m. Michael Wingerter, Sr.

8:30 a.m. Deacon Pat Downey†, Doris Bourgeois†, Larry DuBois†, Elizabeth Mae Barrois†, Odell Dearman†, Patrick & Tyler Brent, Dorothy Clouser†, Herbert J. Landry†, The Richard Family, Philip Ramos†, Sister Annette Seymour, RSM†, Frank Drake

10:30 a.m. People of the Parish



## ACTION FOLLOWS BEING

Have you ever felt like a failure or a hypocrite? I can remember the first big event that I gave a talk for and I underestimated how different it was to talk in front of a youth group of 15 people as opposed to 300. Though I think it went well, I certainly felt like I jumped into something and had to see it out to prove to myself and others that I could do it. We all do this time and again where we want to try to prove our worth.

The sequence of events typically goes something like acting in order to enter into a relationship in order to prove worth or dignity. This is how people try to climb the ladder at their jobs or how they often ask people out on a date. The model that Christ gives us flips this train of thought on its head.

Today is the birthday of the Church, Pentecost, and we see the Apostles cowering in the Upper Room. They are probably thinking that they have to prove themselves. They are terrified, but you can almost feel their desperation to come up with the next step to take in order to keep their relationship with Jesus and prove their worth.

Once again, Jesus knows better. Instead of first expecting something from them, He shows them who they are, then doubles down on the relationship, and then expects them to act. There is a philosophical idea that action follows being. If we believe that we are truly made in the image and likeness of God then we'll start acting in accord with what a child of God would do.

This is the lesson He gives the Apostles. He knows they are afraid and instead of asking them to come up with a plan to prove themselves, He gives them the power of the Holy Spirit. He shows them that first and foremost they have dignity, then He shows them the relationship He has with them, and then they have the confidence to go out and preach the Good News.

The Holy Spirit does the same for us today. If we are ever feeling like we have to prove ourselves or like we are hypocrites, it is time to pray to the Holy Spirit. In this way we will realize our immense worth, we will be grounded in our relationship with God, and we will have the courage, just like the Apostles did, to act.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth.

From all of us here at Diocesan, God bless!

By Tommy Shultz

## AROUND THE PARISH

**Movie Night**—June 13th at 7:00 p.m. and August 9th at 6:30 p.m. the Parish Council will host a family movie night.

Corpus Christi Procession—June 22nd after the 10:30 Mass.

Sts. Peter & Paul Potluck in honor of our patron saints feast day will be held on June 28th after the 5:00 p.m. Mass in the Parish Hall.

**Blood Drive**—June 29th from 7:40 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Please sign up in the back of church.



## PRAY FOR THE SICK

Lord, Hear Our Prayer

May Caballero, Diana Bradshaw, Mary Salzer Brown, Elizabeth Kittel, Zachary Cresson, Patricia Cuccia, Ed Roszczynialski, Norris Ripp, Mary Ware, Ryan Ware, Lily Jorns, Dalin Davis, Israel & Joyce Landry, Steve

Dunn, Joann Brewin, Joseph Decaro, Lois Leonard, Donald Paul & Larry Dickerson, Shirley Matthews, Jim & Eydie Richmond, Ed & Carol Wallace, Sue Miller, Molly Hymel, Lucy Reese, Brenda Dehm, Landon Jeffrey, Glenn Bunting, Lucy D'Antoni, Judy Aleman, Isabella & Dylan Gornor, Vaughn Gay, Cathy Stanford, Herbert Landry, James White, Maria Kalcic, Dave Anderson, Lisa Wayne, Courtney Allen, Robert Lawtum, Bailey Battle

#### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today we are at the fiftieth day of the Easter celebration: seven weeks of seven days, a week of weeks, now culminating in a festival fiftieth day. While the liturgical color of the Easter season is gold, on this last day we have red. For the first thousand years of the church, there were no firm rules for using colors. Only wealthy churches could afford a full array of colors, and most places used the best vestments, no matter the color, for the greatest feasts. The Church spelled out an exact plan for color, including red for Pentecost, only in 1570, but local differences held on until the 1800s.

Color experts tell us that red is a hot color, best used for fast-paced, upbeat, active experiences. It is hard to be neutral before red, as any matador will tell you. It invites commitment, draws you in. It is a stimulating color, engaging the eye, stirring hunger. It is the most fitting color for this day when we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit into our lives, a dynamic presence overturning neutrality in favor of passion and commitment.

—James Field

## PASTORS CORNER FOR PENTECOST SUNDAY 2025



PASTOR'S CORNER

We celebrate the Feast of Pentecost today, which is celebrated 50 days after Easter. This is the official start of the Catholic Church. The name pentekoste is a Greek word that means fiftieth and began as an Israelite feast day. It refers to the festival of Shavout, one of Three Pilgrimage Festivals, in the Jewish faith, which is celebrated on the fiftieth day after Passover. According to Deuteronomy 16:10 and Exodus 34:22, it is referred to as the festival of weeks. For us Catholics, this should make us think. It would mean that Jesus resurrected on Passover; since Pentecost is fifty days after Easter. The more that I think about what God has done and what He has come into this world for, makes me realize that He set up everything according to His divine plan. Remember that Passover was the feast, celebrated every year, where the Israelites remembered their release from captivity in Egypt. But

more importantly, what it means for Catholics is that Easter, the new Passover, is the day where Jesus freed us from slavery to sin and death, which is so much bigger than just slavery to another person on earth. Of course we will still struggle with sin here on Earth, but ultimately we can overcome sins by the grace of God.

It is important to note that the event of Pentecost changed the Apostles in a truly remarkable way. First before the event happened, the Apostles were gathered together in the upper room hiding out for fear of the Jews. That is to say they were afraid of being found and then persecuted and eventually killed. But after Pentecost, they changed so much that they were willing to be martyred for the faith in Jesus and they even rejoiced when they were beaten or flogged for the name of Jesus. See Acts 5:40-41

The narrative in Acts 2 of the Pentecost includes numerous references to earlier biblical narratives like the Tower of Babel, and the flood and creation narratives from the Book of Genesis. It also includes references to certain theophanies, which is a manifestation or appearance of God to a person, with certain emphasis on God's incarnate appearance on biblical Mount Sinai when the Ten Commandments were presented to Moses.

Another interesting thing about Pentecost is the Apostles are heard speaking in different tongues. This event is an undoing of the Tower of Babel event in Genesis where the people's languages, formerly one language, was confused so that they could no longer understand one another; and in so doing work together to defy God and build a tower into the sky. As is noted in Acts 2:9, there were Jews from all over the known world who spoke many different languages, but they all heard Peter speaking in their own native tongue. God unified the languages of creation under the one banner of the Catholic Church. Today, there is no language in the world that is not spoken by a catholic. This is a unifying event in salvation history where now God has a representative in the Church for every language on earth.

One of my favorite parts of Pentecost is how Peter gives his first homily and 3,000 people are added to the church that day. So the Holy Spirit must have spoken through Peter in such a powerful way that he inspired so many Jewish people to enter the church after one homily, his first. Wow! May the Holy Spirit do that same thing today. Iinspire priests to speak so eloquently about Jesus that people are inspired to come into the Catholic Church.

So I hope that you can see that Pentecost was a powerful event in the church that can inspire us to grow closer to Jesus and to have an intimate relationship with Him. Some years ago, I participated in the Charismatic renewal and this helped me to grow closer to the Holy Spirit, which in turn drew me closer to the Blessed Virgin Mary, who drew me closer to Jesus, who drew me closer to God the Father.

May this Pentecost be a very spiritual event that inspires the People of Sts. Peter and Paul Parish to grow closer in relationship with Jesus and allow us to know our risen Lord in a greater way. May the Holy Spirit grant us a renewal in faith and a growth in holiness. May Jesus show us His love more and more each day, and may God bless us abundantly with a deeper faith. Amen

## SAINT EPHREM (C. 306-373) JUNE 9



He was born in present-day Turkey, the son of a pagan priest and a Christian mother. From a very young age, he displayed an explosive temper, which he learned to control. At a very young age, he was baptized and later ordained a deacon. His ministry was dedicated to teaching the faith, for he was a great teacher. His bishop, noting his Christian and human qualities, wanted to ordain him a priest, but Ephrem opposed it, considering the priesthood unworthy of him. As a deacon and teacher, he spread Christian teaching with extraordinary writing skills, making use of poetry, religious songs, and parodying the lyrics of popular songs of his time to not only refute Christian heresies but also to propagate the teachings of Christ. History distinguishes him with the nickname "The Zither of the Holy Spirit." Through his poetry, he founded a theological school. Although he did not speak Greek, he was bold in his language, writing poems dedicated to Mary, Mother of God. His writings and mysticism made him one of the Doctors of the Church.

## ACT OF REPARATION FOR FIRST FRIDAY (SACRED HEART PRAYER BOOK)

Behold this Heart that has loved men so much and that finds only indifference, neglect, and ingratitude among most men, and often even among those whom it has honored with a special love.

Lord, we have heard Your sorrowful complaints. You revealed to the blessed servant and disciple of Your Heart, St. Margaret Mary, that You felt greater sorrow over this ingratitude than over all the sufferings You endured in Your passion; that if men would only make some return of love, You would count as nothing all that You have done for them.

Therefore, Lord, we will try to return love for love. Through our grateful, compassionate love, we shall be able to offer You at least some consolation. We want to live a life perfect in immolation, in service, and in love as Your Heart so greatly desires.

Just as Mary Magdalen poured ointment over Your feet and sacred head, we likewise offer You adoration, love, humility, and loyalty. With Veronica, we desire to console You for all the abuse that has been heaped upon You. And finally, with Your blessed Mother, St. John, and all the loyal and devoted friends standing on Calvary, we will stand by You faithfully to make up for Your many loved ones who have deserted You.

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be loved everywhere.

To the Heart of Jesus, most worthy of adoration, be praise, thanksgiving, and consolation throughout the whole world, now and forever. Amen.

## PRAYER FOR FIRST SATURDAYS

Most holy Virgin and our beloved Mother, we listen with grief to the complaints of you Immaculate Heart surrounded with the thorns that ungrateful people place therein at every moment by their blasphemies and ingratitude. Moved by the ardent desire of loving you as our Mother and of promoting a true devotion to your Immaculate Heart, we prostrate ourselves at your feet to prove the sorrow we feel for the grief that people cause you, and to atone by means of our prayers and sacrifices, for the offenses with which people repay your tender love. Obtain for them and for us the pardon of so many sins. A word from you will obtain grace and forgiveness for us all.

Hasten, O Lady, the conversion of sinners, so they may love Jesus and cease to offend God, already so much offended, and thus avoid eternal punishment. Turn your eyes of mercy toward us, so that henceforth we may love God with all our heart while on earth and enjoy Him forever in heaven. Amen.

Jesus, Savior of the world, sanctify Your priests and sacred ministers.



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