

A Mighty Wind: Scott Hahn Reflects Pentecost Sunday

The giving of the Spirit to the new people of God crowns the mighty acts of the Father in salvation history.

The Jewish feast of Pentecost called all devout Jews to Jerusalem to celebrate their birth as God's chosen people in the covenant Law given to Moses at Sinai (see Leviticus 23:15–21; Deuteronomy 16:9–11).

In today's First Reading the mysteries prefigured in that feast are fulfilled in the pouring out of the Spirit on Mary and the Apostles (see Acts 1:14).

The Spirit seals the new law and new covenant brought by Jesus, written not on stone tablets but on the hearts of believers, as the prophets promised (see 2 Corinthians 3:2–8; Romans 8:2).

The Spirit is revealed as the life-giving breath of the Father, the Wisdom by which He made all things, as we sing in today's Psalm. In the beginning, the Spirit came as a "mighty wind" sweeping over the face of the earth (see Genesis 1:2). And in the new creation of Pentecost, the Spirit again comes as "a strong, driving wind" to renew the face of the earth.

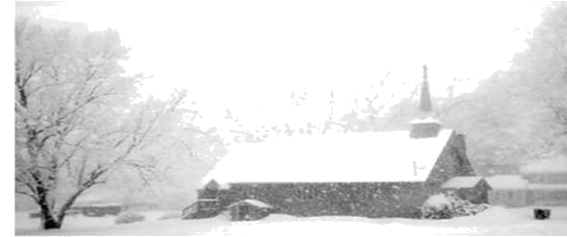
As God fashioned the first man out of dust and filled him with His Spirit (see Genesis 2:7), in today's Gospel we see the New Adam become a life-giving Spirit, breathing new life into the Apostles (see 1 Corinthians 15:45, 47).

Like a river of living water, for all ages He will pour out His Spirit on His body, the Church, as we hear in today's Epistle (see also John 7:37–39).

We receive that Spirit in the sacraments, being made a "new creation" in Baptism (see 2 Corinthians 5:17; Galatians 6:15). Drinking of the one Spirit in the Eucharist (see 1 Corinthians 10:4), we are the first fruits of a new humanity—fashioned from out of every nation under heaven, with no distinctions of wealth or language or race, a people born of the Spirit.



Welcome to our parish!



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Wheelwright, MA 01094*



*St. Aloysius Church
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Gilbertville, MA 01031*

Mass Schedule

St. Aloysius Church: Saturday 4 P. M.

Sunday 7:30 A.M.

St. Augustine Mission: Sunday 9:00 A.M.

*For weekday Mass times please check the detailed schedule
inside the bulletin.*

Rev. Richard A. Lembo, Pastor

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Safe Environment

As a reminder, our parish follows the guidelines of the national Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People approved by the US Bishops and the policies of the Diocese of Worcester. If you or someone you know has been sexually abused by a Church employee or volunteer in the past, please contact our diocesan office of Healing & Prevention at **508-929-4363** (direct line and confidential voicemail). If you are concerned about a current case of abuse, please contact the local civil authorities immediately.

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Pentecost Sunday



Saturday June 7
4:00pm - Nick Seminara by Alvira

Sunday, June 8
7:30am - Souls in Purgatory

St. Augustine
9:00am -

Monday June 9
8:00am

Tuesday, June 10
8:00am

Friday June 13
8:00am –Martin Francis Fitzgerald
by Fitzgerald Family

Saturday June 14
4:00pm - Rikki LaMonda by Carol

Sunday, June 15
7:30am - All Fathers

St. Augustine
9:00am - All Fathers



Pentecost Sunday

“The Advocate, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you.” (John 14:26) The materialism of our society lures us to concentrate more on what we want than on what God wants for us. The relativism of our world tells us that we should be tolerant of all things, that there is no absolute truth. Pray to the Holy Spirit to transform our lives and to guide our thoughts, words and actions. What you put in your mind, heart, and soul affects your actions. Put good things in and good things will come out.

Offertory Collection**

May 31 & June 1, 2025

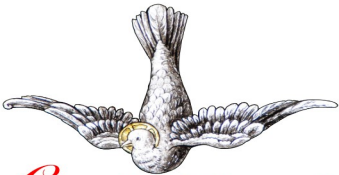
St. Aloysius - \$3,015.00

St. Augustine - \$250.00

**This includes all envelopes given in the collection

St. Augustine Mission

There will be a short Holiday Fair meeting after the 9:00 am Mass at St. Augustine’s in the church hall on June 8. This will be our last meeting until September. Please plan on attending.



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.

Pentecost Sequence

June 7 & 8, 2025

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT



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.

Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Wisdom is both the knowledge of and judgment about divine things and the ability to judge and direct human affairs according to divine truth.

Understanding is penetrating insight into the very heart of things, especially those higher truths that are necessary for our eternal salvation in effect, the ability to “see” God.

Counsel allows a man to be directed by God in matters necessary for his salvation.

Fortitude denotes a firmness of mind in doing good and in avoiding evil, particularly when it is difficult or dangerous to do so, and the confidence to overcome all obstacles, even deadly ones by virtue of the assurance of everlasting life.

Knowledge is the ability to judge correctly about matters of faith and right action so as to never wander from the straight path of justice.

Piety is principally, revering God with filial affection, paying worship and duty to God, praying due duty to all men on account of their relationship to God and honoring the saints and not contradicting Scripture.

Fear of God is, in this context “filial” or chaste fear whereby we revere God and avoid separating ourselves from him, as opposed to “servile fear” whereby we fear punishment.