



FROM THE DESK OF FATHER LEWIS

Saturday, May 22 (St. Rita of Cascia, Religious)

9:00 am Regina Ryan + | Clotilda Crawley
 5:00 pm Leta Hughes | St. Philip the Apostle School

Sunday, May 23 (Pentecost Sunday)

10:00 am For the Parish

Monday, May 24 (The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church)

8:30 am Deacon John Somerville + | St. Philip School

Tuesday, May 25 (St. Bede the Venerable, Priest & Doctor of the Church; St. Gregory VII, Pope)

8:30 am Albert Johnson Sr. | St. Philip School

Wednesday, May 26 (St. Philip Neri, Priest)

8:30 am Daughters of St. Anne

Thursday, May 27 (St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop)

8:30 am Elizabeth Peppe + | St. Philip School

Friday, May 28

Private Mass Marcelino Fernandez + | Young Family

8:30 am Daria Flaim + | Daughters of St. Anne

Saturday, May 29 (St. Paul VI)

9:00 am Adihanet + | Daughters of St. Anne

5:00 pm John Tierney + | Tierney Family

This week, we celebrate the great feast of Pentecost. The Holy Spirit descends upon the Apostles and Mary, breathing new life into the Church. At St. Peter's Basilica, there is a window that has an image of the Holy Spirit. A golden light enters through the window because it is made of porphyry, a yellow stone. (Our yellow windows at St. Philip are a similar hue.) As the light streams into the basilica, it's taken up by the statues, the gold leafing, the marble, and the mosaics. In a way, it appears that everything comes from this one source of light.

That window points to our belief that all the life in the Church comes from one source: the Holy Spirit poured upon us at Pentecost. May the Spirit descend upon us - and may the life of the Church flow ever more abundantly into our lives and our world.

Happy Feast!



PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL AND THOSE WHO CARE FOR THEM:

Duffy Askin Family, Bradley Baker, Evan Beck, Pat Brooke, Counihan Family, Martin (Red) Fahey, Walter Harley, Lukas Hjort-Tyson, Hoehl Family, Art Grenier, Mary Gressett, Bert Latimer, Tonya Lee, Ralph Loveless, MacMannis Family, Lina Maralit, Jennifer Whipple-Marciano, Leondre Massey, Denise McHale, Grace Mueth, Nancy Palmedo, Deborah Pritts-Murray, Joe Norris, Shannon O'Connell, Matthew Pineda, Father Michael Quill, Barbara Ruf, Robert Wayne Saul III, Dolores Steinhilber, Elijah & Marilyn Thorne, Nellie & Ruth Wade, Suzanne Walters, Shawn & Tommy Webb, Dineen Whipple, Bee Duncan, Alma Streicher, Shoko Ferguson, Ryan Murray, Patrick Baggott, Genevieve Desmarais, Joan Williams, Francis Zak, Patty Gilmartin

Communion Calls

- We are updating our Communion Call list. Is there someone who is homebound in need of the sacraments?
- Please have them call us at (301) 423 - 4244 during office hours, Monday thru Friday 8am-1pm.



Angel Tree

Are you a crocheter or a knitter? Want to help provide items for this year's Angel Tree? We are looking for people who would be interested in making scarves, hats and mittens to donate. If you would like to help please contact Suzy Giroux at suzygiroux@verizon.net or Alma Walton at the5waltons@aol.com.



**Catholic Relief Services
(2nd Collection Information)**

Thank you for your generous support of The Catholic Relief Services Collection and for helping Jesus in disguise. Your contributions make a difference for the poor and marginalized around the world. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Just visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections for more information on how to give.

2021 Jubilarian Mass

Information Registration for the 2021 Jubilarian Mass is now closed. All are welcome to join us for the Mass via livestream on June 27 at 3:00pm.

<https://www.youtube.com/washarchdiocese>

School News

St. Philip the Apostle Catholic School in Camp Springs, MD, a terrific home for students in grades PreK-8, is enrolling students now for the 2021-2022 school year!

St. Philip offers a challenging, well-rounded curriculum, along with life lessons rooted in the Gospel, to prepare students for success in the high schools, colleges, and careers of their choice. For more information or to arrange a visit, call 301-423-4740 or visit their website: stphiliptheapostlemd.org



Offertory Summary for May 16, 2021

Parishioner Contributions: \$4,337.96

Pentecost Sunday

Begin by taking a moment to calm yourself, focus on your breathing and become aware of the life force that flows through your veins. Center yourself in the words and affections of St. Augustine's Prayer to the Holy Spirit, "Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy. Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy. Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy. Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy. Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, that I may always be holy." Sanctifying, bringing things to wholeness, blessing, restoring and creating are just some of the fruits of the presence of the Holy Spirit. Being filled with the Holy Spirit is not always about proclaiming loud cries of praise or singing alleluia from a roof top. It is about unfolding and encountering the ordinary in an extraordinary way. Being filled with the Holy Spirit means being filled with the fullness of God's life and in touch with the power and wonder of God's presence. It's about becoming holy.

It is not just for saints or people who have a religious vocation. Holiness is for the ordinary, simple run-of-the-mill person who desires to love God, others, and all of creation. When an ordinary, humble person becomes connected with life and the wondrous power of God's love, they begin to live life more deeply, a bit more reverently, desire a simple fare and find themselves relishing in ordinary beauty. Their senses become attuned to the Author of life and they realize that they are not alone. The Holy Spirit connects all of the dots of human experience and existence, bringing everyone to center on the Divine Presence. The Holy Spirit does not just breathe "on me" but "in me" and is the force behind every breath I take. Take a moment to soak that thought in. There is the Divine Presence of the Holy Spirit in me, right now. When a person becomes in touch with truth, they know that when inspired by the Holy Spirit, his or her actions are not solely their own. They realize that they are moved by Divine Grace and drawn to things not found in secular affairs.

We live in a world where it is hard to discover truth. Real truth is veiled by so many imposters that it is hard to find, especially for those who are young. It is easy to get fooled and duped and often, without full conscious awareness of doing so, we choose to walk down a path of self-absorption and destruction. It is only the Holy Spirit, through the ministry of the church most especially, who guides us to truth and shows us the way to be the graced and holy human beings God made us to be. The wonders and inspirations of today's Feast of Pentecost are necessary to share with both those we love and those who only casually cross our paths. The first disciples, touched by the Holy Spirit, brought the Gospel to the ends of the earth one step at a time. Is it unrealistic to ask that we assist in that same mission by helping people understand who they are and who God is one at a time? Ask the Holy Spirit to alleviate the fear in your heart that prevents you from doing so. ©LPI