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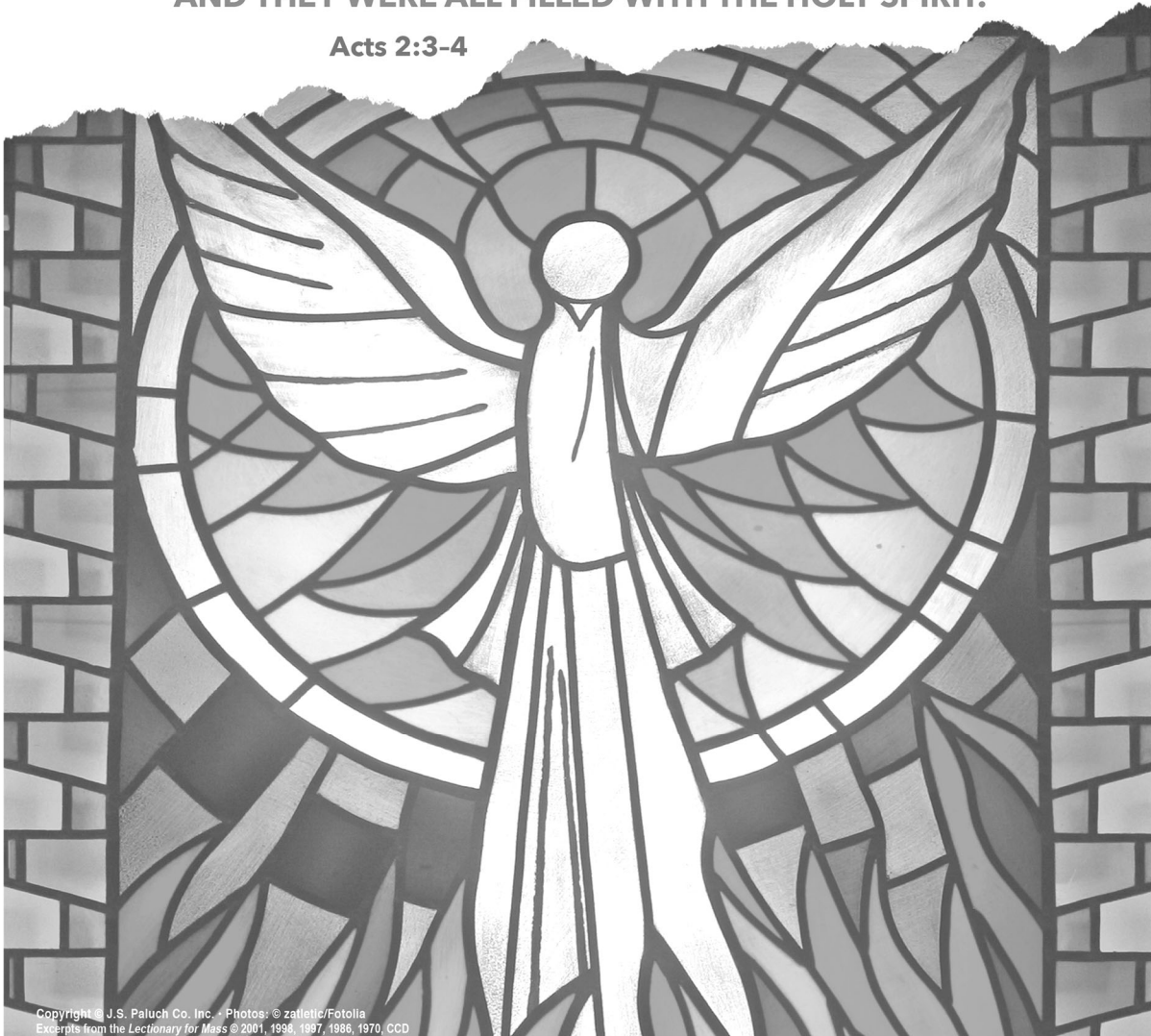
OVER A CENTURY OF CATHOLIC PRESENCE

May 31
2020

Pentecost SUNDAY

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.

Acts 2:3-4



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PENTECOST SUNDAY

MAY 31, 2020

Join us for SUNDAY MASS, now streaming live on Youtube, each Sunday, at 10:30 AM.

The link can be found on our Parish website:
www.stjosephparishfamily.com

Mass Intentions



SATURDAY	May 30
5:00 PM	George Sabol
SUNDAY	May 31
8:00 AM	John Pogorzelski
10:30 AM	Rev. Wilfred Yeo
12:00 PM	Hedwig Moscaritolo
1:30 PM	Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish
MONDAY	June 1
8:00 AM	Parishioners of St Joseph Parish
TUESDAY	June 2
8:00 AM	Innocent Unborn
WEDNESDAY	June 3
8:00 AM	Vocations to Consecrated Life
THURSDAY	June 4
8:00 AM	Souls in Purgatory
FRIDAY	June 5
8:00 AM	Priests of the Diocese of Metuchen
SATURDAY	June 6
8:30 AM	Parishioners of St Joseph Parish
5:00 PM	Giuseppantonio DiMartino
SUNDAY	June 7
8:00 AM	Joseph and Anna Sahulcik
10:30 AM	Dominic J. Mastromonico
12:00 PM	John DeBella
1:30 PM	Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish

Though these Masses will not be said publicly, our Priests will say them privately for the individual intentions.

*"For everything there is a season and
a time for every purpose under heaven. . ."*

a time to heal... for the sick of our Parish and especially for Anthony LaMotta, Joseph Sabol, William Lenahan, Charles Alongi, Angelina Virola, Rachel Rustemeyer

PRAY AND FAST FOR VOCATIONS

Heavenly Father, help to inspire men who are called to a priestly vocation to answer Your call and participate in the fullness that You have planned for them. Amen.



Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them.—Acts 2:3

Father in Heaven, fifty days have celebrated the fullness of the mystery of Your revealed love. See Your people gathered in prayer, open to receive the Spirit's flame. May it come to rest in our hearts and disperse the divisions of word and tongue. With one voice and one song may we praise Your name in joy and thanksgiving. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



The Holy Spirit, Who came on Pentecost, gave voice to the apostles to proclaim the truth of the Gospel. The Spirit, the Soul of the Church, continues to enable the Church to speak, and enables us to speak in our individual capacity. As Cardinal Elio Sgreccia, the former head of the Pontifical Academy for Life, said, "The Church must speak out in today's context on fundamental rights, the right to justice, the right to peace, but above all and in the first place, the right to life. If the Church did not speak, did not proclaim the truth, it would be abandoning its duty; it would be unfaithful to society, to the good of society. Therefore, its precise duty is the very liberty to intervene with word, and also with example – the example of promoting human life, of intervening for the salvation of mankind." -**Priests for Life**

Prayer for the Precious Gift of Life

God, the Author of Life, help us to nurture and protect this most precious gift. Help us to recognize and defend the dignity of all human life—from the moment of conception until the time You have chosen for our death. Guard us against all temptation to be angry or disrespectful. Deliver us from the evils of hatred and violence in all their many forms. Above all, help us to see Your face in our sisters and brothers, whoever they are and wherever they may be. Make us women and men who love peace and who are ready to work for liberty and justice for all. Amen.

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Parish Website: www.stjosephparishfamily.com

PREP Website: www.stjosephprep.net

School Website: www.sjps.net

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading - Acts 2:1-11

Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

Gospel - John 20:19-23

Transformed by the Spirit

Luke (in Acts) and John (in his Gospel) narrate different accounts of the Holy Spirit coming to the disciples. Though the narratives differ, in each the disciples were transformed by the experience. As we listen to scripture today, let us open our hearts to be transformed by the Spirit and pray that the Church and the world may be transformed by the myriad gifts the Holy Spirit imparts, which sanctify our lives and renew the face of the earth.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14; Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18; Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12; Mk 12:18-27

Thursday: 2 Tm 2:8-15; Mk 12:28-34

Friday: 2 Tm 3:10-17; Mk 12:35-37

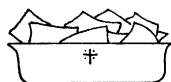
Saturday: 2 Tm 4:1-8; Mk 12:38-44

Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18

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For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and give His life for many. -Mark 10:45

WE ARE HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE...

Our Church is now open on Saturdays for prayer, from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m., and Confessions from 11:00 a.m. until noon, in the Church Chapel. For your safety, all social distancing guidelines will be followed.

Prayer for the Protection of Our Military

O Merciful Father, You desire the welfare of all Your children. Stretch out Your protecting arm over our men and women in the Military. Shield them from every danger to body, mind, and soul. Comfort them in loneliness, sustain them in hardship, give them the courage they need to fulfill their duty and do Your will in all things. Bestow on our leaders and the leaders of the world the wisdom and prudence which will bring peace and justice to all men. This we ask through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord. Amen.

Remember in your prayers the members of our Armed Services, especially: Taylor Setar, daughter of Greg and Terry Setar; Thomas Rapp, grandson of Jeanette Miller; Justin Lurker, grandson of Helen Lurker; Robert Michnowicz, nephew of Helen Lurker; Justin Molarz, grandson of Susan Molarz; Andrew Weaver, grandson of Joanne Halkovich; Darren T. Dreboty, son-in-law of Jacqueline Eak; James Molnar, grandson of Alice Benson; Elizabeth Brito and Lisa Marie Brito, daughters of Ivette Brito; Raymond Torres, son of Deacon and Mrs. Ramon Torres; Laura Roe, daughter of Louis and Maria Pena.

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

Register now for the 2020-2021 School Year!

To learn more about enrolling your Student in St. Joseph School, visit www.sjps.net or call 732-541-7111.

OUR PREP PROGRAM NEEDS YOUR HELP!

As we prepare for upcoming changes (starting September 2020) in our PREP, we ask that you please consider helping. There is a great need for Catechists, Classroom Aides, and Substitute Catechists. For information, call the PREP Office at 732-969-8767.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Pentecost Sunday

Monday: The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church;

Tuesday: Ss. Marcellinus and Peter

Wednesday: St. Charles Lwanga and Companions

Friday: St. Boniface; First Friday

Saturday: St. Norbert; First Saturday

PLEASE NOTE: The celebration of Fr. McGuffey's 25th Anniversary to the Priesthood has been postponed until August, at the earliest. Once Father is able to reschedule the celebration, he will fill you in on the details.

RESTRICTIONS CONTINUE

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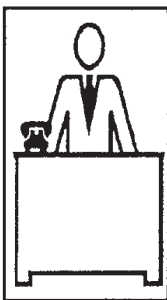
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