

SUNDAY OF PENTECOST



Icon of Pentecost

There is Life in the Church because in the Church is the Spirit

My brothers and sisters, if you want the Holy Spirit to dwell in you, listen carefully. Our spirit, by means of which each individual lives, is called the soul. And look what the soul does in the body. It gives life to all the limbs. It sees with the eyes, hears with the ears, smells with the nose, speaks with the tongue, works with the hands, walks with the feet. It is present at one and the same time in all the limbs to make them live. It gives life to all the limbs and to each limb its function. It is not the eye that hears, not the ear that sees, not the eye or the ear that speaks. Yet they are nonetheless alive. The ear is alive, the tongue is alive. Their functions are different, the life is the same.

The Church of God is like that. By means of some believers she performs miracles, by means

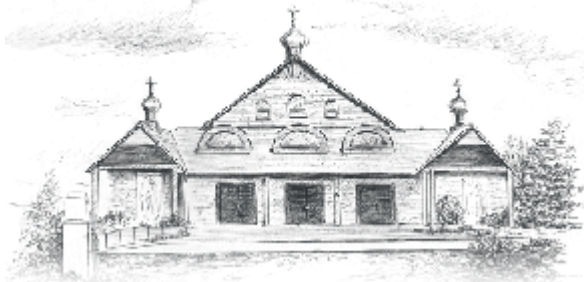
of others she teaches the truth; by means of some she keeps virginity, by means of others she respects marital fidelity. The tasks are different, the life is the same. What the soul is to the body of a human being, the Holy Spirit is to the Body of Christ, the Church. The Holy Spirit does for the whole Church what the soul does for the body of the individual. Look then and see what you ought to fear and what you ought to avoid. If the body suffers an amputation (for example of a finger or a hand or a foot) does the soul go with the limb that has been cut off? While it was in the body, that limb was alive; when it is cut off it loses its life. It is like that with Christians. They are alive only while they are in the Body. If they are cut off from the Body, the Holy Spirit is no longer with them.

St. Augustine of Hippo

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From the Pastor's Desk

It was impressive to see many back in church for the first week of opening since the coronavirus restrictions. The ushers counted 43 in church and 22 listening from their vehicles on Saturday. The Sunday numbers totaled 96, with folks taking advantage of a variety of ways to participate (the majority in church, 104.3 FM from the lot, outside listening to the front speakers, vestibule and downstairs with the closed circuit video). I'm going to list the following items so that you are informed as to what to expect when attending.

- Social Distancing will be observed (every other pew is roped off), but families may sit together.
- Side aisles will be used for Holy Communion (returning down the middle).
- Each person will have their own Communion spoon—church provided (each spoon will be first purified then put through the dishwasher).
- Masks are recommended but not required (state guidelines).
- Only the middle church doors will be open for entering/exiting.
- The pew rails, restrooms and door handles will be sanitized after each liturgy. (Hand sanitizers will also be available.)
- Books have been removed from the pews.
- Holy water fonts are empty.
- The tetrapod icon should only be prayed before (not venerated).
- Baskets will be available for collection envelopes (middle aisle and outdoors).
- Hard copy bulletins will be on a table (not passed out, except to those in their vehicles listening on 104.3).

Some other items of note:

1. We will dispense from the use of greeters for the time being.
2. Two altar servers will be used on Sundays instead of four.
3. The Sunday coffee/donut social is cancelled until further notice.
4. Liturgies will still be recorded for YouTube (posted by late Sunday afternoon)
5. Due to restrictions from the chancery, mirovanije (anointing with the oil of gladness and the distribution of blessed bread) will be discontinued until the restrictions are lifted).

Our theme as we move forward...let us be FAITH DRIVEN and EUCHARISTIC CENTERED and not fear based!

May 31, 2020

Christ is Among Us!

Liturgy Schedule

Monday	June 1	Simple Holyday: Pentecost Monday 7:00 p.m.	Health of Elsie Marchak by Chuck/Judy Churavy <i>Outdoor Liturgy at St. John Paul II Chapel</i>
Tuesday	June 2	8:00 a.m.	Intention of Luke Macik by Betty Macik
Wednesday	June 3	8:00 a.m.	Intention of Elizabeth Silyaghi by Mary/Don Smith
Thursday	June 4	8:00 a.m.	Intention of Phil Maitino by Joe/Marie Lupia
Friday	June 5	8:00 a.m.	† John Simko by Nick/Mary Lizanich
Saturday	June 6	4:00 p.m.	Intention of the Parishioners
Sunday	June 7	10:00 a.m.	† John/Irene Trompak by Family

		Altar Servers	Lectors	Greeters
June 1	7:00 p.m.	N. & A. Masters		
June 6	4:00 p.m.	S. Lupia & J. Mosgo	D. Doane	—
June 7	10:00 a.m.	G. Karaffa & J. Cohn	G. Kolenich	—

We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean.
But the ocean would be less because of that missing drop. —*Mother Teresa*

Come 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.**

**O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit
Did instruct the hearts of the faithful,
Grant that by the same Holy Spirit
We may be truly wise and ever
enjoy His consolations,
Through Christ Our Lord,
Amen.**

INVOKING

It is hard to imagine the Holy Spirit for the Holy Spirit chooses to stay out of the spotlight and prefers to work behind the scenes. The Spirit is with us now when we come together in faith and prayer. The Spirit helps us to listen to God's word. We pray for the Spirit to change bread and wine into Christ's body and blood. The Spirit guides the Church, and the Church still survives even when the Church leaders and members do not always let themselves be guided by the Spirit. The Spirit blesses our inner spirits with love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness faithfulness, humility and self-control—gifts that Paul lists in Galatians (5,22-23).

With all that the Spirit does, what does the Spirit not do? The Spirit does not force us. God gave us a free will and the Spirit does not take that away. The Spirit inspires us to move in God's direction, but it's our choice whether or not we do so. The Spirit guides and inspires the whole Church and the Spirit guides and inspires each one of us individually.



Pentecost Monday

Tomorrow is Pentecost Monday, which is listed as a Simple Holyday on our liturgical calendar.

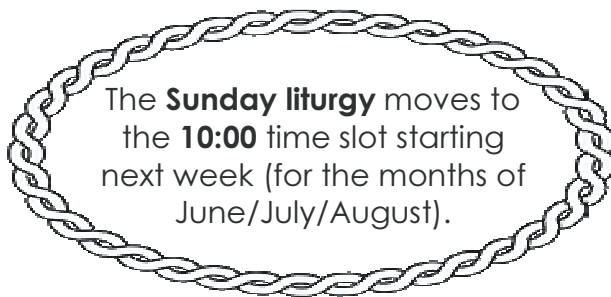
The Liturgy will be celebrated outdoors at the St. John Paul II Chapel at **7:00 p.m.** Social distancing will be practiced (there should be ample space). You can bring your own chair or pick one up from the storage building as you walk down. As long as the ground is not soggy, feel free to park in the pavilion area, otherwise utilize the church lot and get the exercise. (There won't be any refreshments afterwards due to the restrictions still in place.) At the close of the service a Gospel reading from each of the evangelists will be read, symbolic of the Apostles going forth once they received the Holy Spirit, to spread the Good News of Salvation in Jesus Christ. (We plan to have the liturgy recorded for a YouTube broadcast.)

Advisory Board Meeting

The **Advisory Board** will meet on **Tuesday** at **7:00** (once again via Zoom). Discussion will include moving forward as the coronavirus restrictions continue to ease.

Brecksville Home Days Cancelled

We were notified that "**Brecksville Home Days**" have been cancelled for this year. We have had a booth for a number of years in a row and utilize this for visibility and evangelization. Organizers plan on resuming the event next June.



The **Sunday liturgy** moves to the **10:00** time slot starting next week (for the months of June/July/August).

Our Grads

Next week's Byzz Line will feature our high school and college graduates. Any pictures received will be displayed in the vestibule. The **A-OK Club** will have a small gift for each student.

Your Weekly Offering May 24, 2020

Sunday:	\$5,450.00
e-giving:	140.00
Students:	4.00
Cash:	12.00
Candles:	88.00
Holy Days:	393.00
Flowers:	10.00
Building Fund:	545.00
Easter:	190.00
Total:	\$6,832.00

Have you considered e-giving? We can set up direct debit for you. Just call the office at 440-526-0016 or e-mail us at stjoebyz@sbcglobal.net

Stewardship

We have gone over our Stewardship goal! Thanks to everyone who participated. It took a bit longer this year, but we made it! Everything over the goal is returned to the parish—which will help during this time of revenue loss (hall rentals, fish fry, collections) during the coronavirus shut-down.

Goal: \$21,100.00
Pledged: 21,600.00
Donors: 93

Communion Visits Still Restricted

Restrictions are still in place for visits to the nursing homes; thus the usual First Friday Communion visits to the shut-in will not take place this month.

Sanctuary Lamp

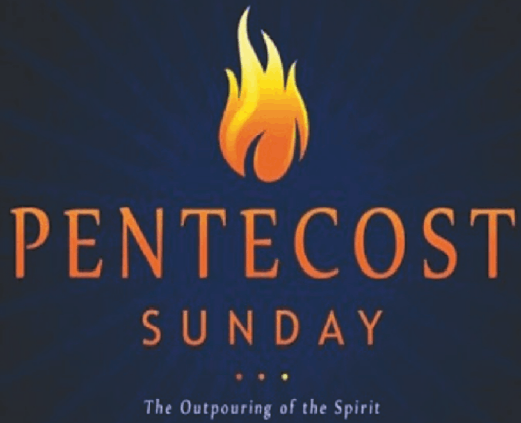
The sanctuary lamp will burn during the month of June in memory of **Mickey and Jim Pinchof**.

Altar Server Schedules

Altar server schedules are available in the mail slots and on our website.



Please remember all the sick/suffering in your prayers, especially **Kathryn Durst** (Parkside Villa; rehab) and **Bea Chrusic** (home).



PENTECOST
SUNDAY
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The Outpouring of the Spirit

It was a huge change. There was nothing subtle about it. They had been in hiding, scared out of their wits. Jesus had been arrested. Rumors flew that the high priests wanted Him crucified. The “powers that be” wanted to send a message to all who would dare challenge their authority. The message was received loud and clear. None of the disciples were around to witness the events of that Friday—the one we call Good. None, that is, except John, as well as his mother, Mary, Mary

Magdalene, and a few other of Jesus’ closest friends. But now, fifty days later, the eleven remaining disciples were publically proclaiming Jesus Christ, right there in the Temple area—right where those who murdered Jesus could see them. “You cannot kill God’s plan,” they said. “You couldn’t even keep Jesus in the grave, for He rose and gave His Life to all who believe in Him.” The apostles who had been so afraid of suffering and dying, now saw their own deaths as minor in comparison with their new life with Christ. And they all would be put to death—all except, according to tradition, the only one of them who had the courage to be at the foot of the cross—the apostle John.

It was a huge change. And people were listening and joining! Three thousand people chose Jesus Christ that first day that the apostles proclaimed Him—that Pentecost Sunday (see Acts 2). What happened? How was it that those who feared for their lives now scoffed at death? How was it that 30,000 people would jeopardize their own lives to join these followers of Jesus? How could those simple men—fishermen mostly—move the hearts of so many to Jesus Christ? How was it possible that these Eleven could suddenly be so powerful spiritually? What happened?

The Holy Spirit happened. The Holy Spirit came upon the Eleven and Mary that Pentecost Sunday. And then through them, came upon all who would choose Jesus Christ.

We also can invoke the Holy Spirit—the Power of God. We can do this by virtue of our sacrament of confirmation—our personal sharing in Pentecost. We can call upon God to be present. And He will be present.

PARISH INFORMATION

ACTIVITY CENTER & HALL RESERVATIONS: 440-526-0016

CONFESSIONS: One half hour before liturgies for fifteen minutes and by request

MEN’S CLUB: 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

LADIES’ AUXILIARY: 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

A-OK CLUB: 2nd Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

COFFEE SOCIAL: Every Sunday after liturgy

EASTERN CATHOLIC FORMATION (ECF) CLASSES: Sundays 9:00 a.m.–10:20 a.m.

BULLETIN INFORMATION DEADLINE: Tuesday noon

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