

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.

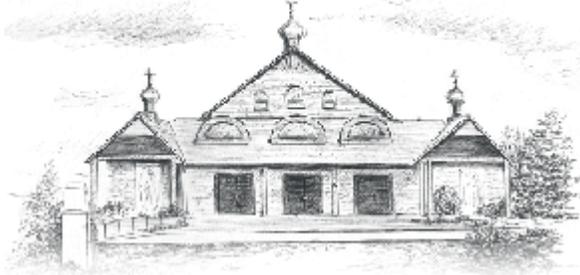
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Pentecost

The feast of Pentecost is often times referred to as “the birthday of the Church.” But in reality, that statement really needs to be qualified. By using the term “birthday of the Church”, we tend to imply that the Church sprang fully formed into being. Surely the Church had to grow up, but the implication is that all the essential elements were there from the start. It tends towards the assumption that Peter was swiftly acclaimed as the first Pope, and the ten remaining apostles were soon regarded as bishops, and everything went smoothly after that. Nothing could be further from the truth. There are hundreds of issues and assumptions that would have to be quietly glossed over if we were to fall in with such a scenario.



Christ bequeathed his followers the Holy Spirit to inspire and guide the Church. At the Feast of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came down upon those gathered in that locked room, and filled them with the earnest desire to go out and proclaim the Gospel to each person in his or her own language. The first impulse of the Spirit is, therefore, a missionary impulse. The task given is to open the hearts and minds of the people of the world to the Good News. And the disciples certainly took up this task with great vigor, and in due time travelled the length and breadth of the known world to bring the message to as many as they could.

What is at stake here is the realization that the work of the Holy Spirit did not begin and end on the day of Pentecost—the Holy Spirit is alive and well, working in the Church right down to the present day. And that Spirit will continue his work till the end of time.

May 23, 2021

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Liturgy Schedule

Monday	May 24	Simple Holyday: Pentecost Monday
		7:00 p.m. † Steve Betsa by Kathy Strobel
Tuesday	May 25	8:00 a.m. Intention of Regina/Megan Cepelnik by Paula Cepelnik
Wednesday	May 26	7:00 p.m. Akathist Service to St. Joseph (at St. John Paul II Chapel)
Thursday	May 27	8:00 a.m. † Nancy Hibler by Bob Karges
Friday	May 28	8:00 a.m. † Elroy/Mary Alice Primuth by Eric/Linda Primuth
Saturday	May 29	4:00 p.m. † Joseph/Anna Klinkovsky by Joseph Klinkovsky
Sunday	May 30	10:30 a.m. Intention of the Parishioners Baptism of Wyatt Scott Zaucha

		Altar Servers	Lectors
May 24	7:00 p.m.	D. Kattler & L. Tinter	
May 29	4:00 p.m.	M. & T. Ebert	J. Foreman
May 30	10:30 a.m.	A. & R. Percic	C. Csornok

We need not worry about what the future holds for us if we know who holds the future.



It was a year ago that our churches opened back up following the historic shutdown due to the Pandemic. Not a whole lot has changed in terms of our worship experience. However, that is about to change. In conjunction with **Governor DeWine's** recent announcement concerning easing the Covid restrictions, **Bishop Milan** has notified all priests that as of June 2 he will follow suit and lift what has been imposed on all parishes—except for the method of distributing Communion. The use of single spoons will remain in place until further notice. When you come to church the first weekend of June this is what you can expect.

- ⇒ Masks are no longer mandated
- ⇒ The church will be back to full capacity
- ⇒ Books will be back in the pews
- ⇒ Holy water will be in the fonts
- ⇒ Ushers will resume collecting and passing out bulletins
- ⇒ Communion will be distributed in church only (using the middle aisle)
- ⇒ All church doors will be unlocked for entering/exiting

Other items to also note:

- ⇒ Attempts will be made to reintroduce our greeter ministry
- ⇒ The radio broadcast on 104.3 FM will continue in the lot (however, Communion will be in church)
- ⇒ The closed-circuit broadcast in the hall will be discontinued
- ⇒ We will continue to live stream
- ⇒ The audio portion of the liturgy can still be heard on the outside speakers of the church (doors will be closed)

I see these all as positive steps forward in returning to a sense of normalcy. This past year certainly posed its share of challenges. I am proud of how we as a parish community responded. It's time to move forward with the steadfast faith, patience and charity expected from all who claim to be disciples of Jesus Christ.

What better day to state these intentions than on Pentecost Sunday. Lord, let Your comforting Spirit be upon us all!



We keep the “Spirit Moving” with a **Simple Holyday on Monday**. The liturgy will be at **7:00 p.m.** At the close of the service a Gospel from each of the four Evangelists will be chanted at the four corners of the church, symbolizing the Apostles mandate to spread the Good News of Salvation to all parts of the earth.

Outdoor Akathist to St. Joseph

Tuesday marks the first of six outdoor services where the “Akathist to St. Joseph” will be prayed in conjunction with the “Year of St. Joseph.” Starting time at the St. John Paul II Chapel is **7:00 p.m.** At the close of the service there will be a special anointing with oil from the St. Joseph Shrine in Montreal. (It was given to our parish by **Fr. Andrew Summerson** from St. Mary Church in Whiting, Indiana. His wife is from Canada and they made a trip to the Shrine.) Feel free to park down below. Bring your own chair or grab one from the storage room on the way down. Booklets will be provided.

Spiritual Enrichment for Men

If you recall, when we announced the agenda for “The Year of St. Joseph” in January we included a seven-week spiritual enrichment series for men. The first session will be **June 10** from **7:00-8:30** in the Activity Center. Participants will view a presentation by **Fr. Donald Calloway** on “*The Fatherhood of St. Joseph.*” A discussion will follow. (Fr. Calloway is a Roman Catholic priest who wrote the popular devotional book entitled “Consecration to St. Joseph.”) Future sessions will also be on Thursdays. (**Jim Hritz** will be the moderator.) The lineup is as follows:

- ⇒ **June 17—Dr. Scott Hahn** “St. Joseph and the Theology of the Body.”
- ⇒ **July 1—Dr. Christopher West** “Stunned by Glory: A Renewed Vision of St. Joseph as Husband & Father” (Part 1)
- ⇒ **July 8—**(Part 2 of the above)
- ⇒ **July 15—Fr. Jacques Philippe** “St. Joseph a Father for Difficult Times”
- ⇒ **July 22—Fr. Boniface Hicks OSB** “A Journey Through the Heart of St. Joseph”
- ⇒ **July 29—Dr. Greg Bottaro** “Knowing What You Need from St. Joseph and How to get it”

Your Weekly Offering

May 16, 2021

Sunday:	\$7,686.00
e-giving:	275.00
Student Envelopes:	5.00
Cash:	45.00
Candles:	147.00
Holy Days:	360.00
Building Fund:	95.00
Total:	\$8,613.00

Have you remembered St. Joseph Church in your Will and/or Trust?

Home Missions Collection

Thanks to everyone who participated in the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops “Home Missions” Collection last weekend. A check in the amount of \$120.00 was forwarded to our chancery.



Birdhouse Building Contest

The “**Birdhouse Building Contest**” in conjunction with the Year of St. Joseph has arrived! There will be four categories with prizes for the best in each. A sheet with the rules/regulations can be found on the desk in the vestibule (and on our website). Judging will take place after liturgy on August 29 at the pavilion. However, anyone with the intention of entering needs to contact **Jeff Cifranic** at jcifranic@ameritech.net by June 15.

Earlier Summer Liturgy Time

For the months of **June, July and August** our **Sunday** liturgy time will be **10:00**. (Folks have found this to be favorable in helping them with summer plans.)



St. Joseph
“Worker” of the Week

“Crocheted a baby afghan and hooded cape for the Mariapoch Gala raffle.”



GCU Lodge 302 will once again sponsor Memorial Day Prayers immediately following the Divine Liturgy on **May 30** (on the oval). Anyone in attendance is welcome to remain.

All veterans are encouraged to participate in uniform. A "Kick-off to Summer" luncheon will be held in the hall following the service. For more information contact **Jean Karaffa** at **216-513-3854**.

Graduate's Pictures Needed

Father is seeking pictures of high school and college graduates by the end of this month (they will be returned). Please bring them in a frame for display.

Altar Server Schedules

New altar server schedules can be found in the mail slots and on our website.

Building Commission Meeting

The **Building Commission** will meet on **Thursday** at **6:00**.

St. Joseph Outreach Resumes

After more than a year off because of Covid restrictions, the **St. Joseph Outreach** is ready to resume serving the Men's Shelter in Downtown Cleveland (2100 Lakeside). Starting this Tuesday, the sandwich making assembly line kicks into gear. In addition, volunteers will also be preparing the shelter's evening meal. Help is needed from noon-3:00 (one does not have to commit to the entire three hours—for example, you can leave after the sandwich making if necessary). If you are interested in assisting, contact **Pat Lesnick** at **216-973-1430**.

ByzanTEEN Gathering

The final **ByzanTEEN Sunday gathering** will take place at **5:00** at the pavilion. The evening consists of prayer/discussion/activities/food. This is open to all teenagers in the Cleveland area. **Fr. Cyril Pinchak SJ** and **Fr. Lukas Mitro** are the moderators. Check it out and bring a friend. (Pick-up time is 7:00.)



Save the date for the **Ladies' Auxiliary "Pie Sale"** to be held on **June 27th** after liturgy.

Please Pray

Please remember all the sick/suffering in your prayers, especially **Virginia Lechko** (Mt. Alverna; rehab); **Diane Balasz** (home) and **Bea Chrusic** (home).



We had about a dozen volunteers tackle some landscaping issues the property down below, especially around the stations of the cross. Thanks to the men/women who stepped and to the **Men's Club** for organizing this day and providing the lunch. (Thanks also to the kitchen crew who prepared it.)

Community News

- The **Garfield Hts. Knights of Columbus** is sponsoring a "**Stuffed Chicken Breast**" Dinner on **May 26**. Take-out only from 4-6. The cost per meal is \$10. Reserve yours by calling 216-662-2277 x-2 by Sunday night.
- **Holy Spirit Church (Parma)** in holding **prayers on Memorial Day** starting at **9:00** with the American Legion salute at the flag in the cemetery, followed by a Divine Liturgy and Panachida in church at 9:30.
- The "**Miracle at Mariapoch Gala**" will be held in our Party Center on **June 26** at **6:00**. Tickets are \$40. Contact Deacon Bill (216-469-1425) or Bob Dirda (330-671-5408) if you are interested in attending.

ACTIVITY CENTER & HALL RESERVATIONS: 440-526-0016

CONFESSIONS: 45 minutes before liturgies for half an hour and by request

MEN'S CLUB: 2nd Sunday of the month after liturgy

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.

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