



June 5, 2022 Pentecost Sunday

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PENTECOST SUNDAY

[Jesus] breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." - Jn 20:22-23

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Holy Mass Saturday 5:00 PM; Sunday 8:00 AM & 11:00 AM
Monday– Friday 8:00 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation Monday, Tuesday and Friday 6:00 PM;
Saturdays 4:00 PM; or by appointment

**BULLETIN
STANDARD DEADLINE:
9:00 A.M. MONDAY**

Dear Parishioners,

There's a famous saying from St. Catherine of Siena that goes like this. "If you are what you should be, you will set the world ablaze." This implies that you receive the Holy Spirit who is living and active within you. That happens or is meant to happen at baptism which is a sacrament some refer to as "Personal Easter" and in a more powerful way at Confirmation which is a sacrament some refer to as "Personal Pentecost," because of the infusion of the Holy Spirit that happens at this moment. We are meant to be well disposed to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit and allow them to work through us. That means we receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion often. That means we enter into prayer with Our Lord and the study of our faith, that we seek the will of God, that we love his law and follow it. If we yearn for his will and follow it openly, the Holy Spirit will be at work in our lives. If we do these things, we indeed will set the world ablaze with the love of Christ. How does the Holy Spirit work in our lives? According to the New Testament the Holy Spirit is 'the unseen power at work in all the efforts of the people of God. The Holy Spirit unites us; it prays within us; it teaches, guides, and inspires us; it frees us; it empowers us to proclaim the gospel with our lives. In fact, it has been said that every inspiration to do good is the Holy Spirit at work in us.' The Holy Spirit is sent by the Son and the Father to help us. It's true that the Holy Spirit is something we can't see. It is something within us. But that's ok because of the primacy of the invisible. I heard someone put it this way, what we cannot see and hear and touch and smell is more potent than what we can. Our faith tells us that. Our faith is premised on the reality of the invisible. We cannot see. We cannot hear. We cannot touch Almighty God. But, he is the most real entity there is in creation in our existence. If someone was to come here from another planet and walk into St. John the Baptist and ask what we are doing during Mass, we would tell him, 'we are worshiping God.' 'We are talking to Him.' 'We are singing to him.' The person would say, 'where is He?' 'Show him to me.' We'd say, 'you can't see him.' That person visiting from another planet would think we were crazy. But you and I know through the gift of faith that the most potent force, the most enduring reality in existence happens to be the invisible. How do we unlock the Holy Spirit to work in our lives? By loving Our Lord and seeking Him and His way in all things.

God Bless,
Fr. Butler



New Members

We welcome the following new parishioners to our faith community:

Maire Snider



POTLUCK SUPPER Wednesday, June 22, 5:30PM Parish Center

All Parishioners are invited to come to a potluck supper to see what Totus Tuus (Totally Yours), a religious education summer program for our youth, is all about. Meet the Totus Tuus team and hear more about the program. Please bring a dish to pass. Meat will be provided.



Cemetery Sunday
June 5 12:15PM

Blessing of Statues
Prayer Service
Rosary Walk

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

Saturday, June 18, 6pm

Immediately following 5pm Mass



Gospel Meditation June 5, 2022 Pentecost Sunday

Even though Pentecost is rightly celebrated in late spring, the robust experience of a New England fall can provide a profound metaphor for reflection. A full expression of fall colors is beautiful to behold. But, with all of its majesty and beauty, the observer knows the experience of death is soon to come. Creation will be dark and barren for a while. Pentecost cannot be separated from the cross. Before God's transformative, life-giving power can bear fruit, we must first die.

Pentecost is all about leaving the lifeless dead wood behind and allowing God, through the power of the Holy Spirit, to create something new. These Pentecost creations happen repeatedly over and over again. The birthing process of the Church is ongoing. God is always bringing life out of death and creating something where there was once nothing. That is why the fall is such an apropos metaphorical season for Pentecost. In order to really receive the gift of the Holy Spirit we have to die to what we once knew and what no longer works.

When fire and wind find their fullest expression, they are in no way gentle nor kind. They have the potential to level anything in their paths. We are experiencing great turmoil in our world, nation, and our Church. Whether the result of circumstance or the work of the Holy Spirit, much of what we knew to be normal and constant is changing. Common systems and institutional structures that may have worked for a time no longer do. When the old and familiar need to be left behind, God creates something new. Change and disorder do not need to be our enemies. They always bring opportunities for something exciting and new. What we need is untiring faith, firm hope, and perfect love.

What we need is for the Holy Spirit to enlighten us to see what is important and what we must do. "O Holy Spirit, descend plentifully into my heart. Enlighten the dark corners of this neglected dwelling and scatter there Thy cheerful beams." (St. Augustine) If we experience joy, even in the midst of turbulence, then we will know we are exactly where God needs us to be. If not, then perhaps there is a lesson in the decaying leaves that graciously descend to the ground on a crisp fall day.



Nicholas Binot, Mike Burke, Suzanne Burton, Patricia Butler, Jill Carlson, Kathleen Carr, John Clapper, Dave Claahsen, Patrick & Anna Doherty, Eileen Finn, Maureen Fox, Joan Frieders, Kate Gage, Sharen Gavin, Michael Geever, Denise Green, Virginia Hann, Margaret Hardekopf, Marlene Heinen, Linda Hickey, Jerry Hinterlong, Mary Holevas, Ted & Arlene Ivanauskas, Jim Johnson, Rose Lenhardt, Mike Lesniewicz, Jan Magioni, Irene Osifichin, Noah Poland, Bob Scholl, Ted Smith, Kathy Stafani



SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Our candle offerings this week are
in memory of :
Harriet Fanchi
Req by: Joseph Fanchi



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MASS INTENTIONS

June 6-12, 2022

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| Monday | 8:00 am | Harriet Fanchi Req by Joseph Fanchi |
| Tuesday | 8:00 am | Kazia Dillett Req by Joe & Sharon Dillett |
| Wednesday | 8:00 am | Ed Fox Req by Alice Weissensel |
| Thursday | 8:00 am | Michael Jordan Req by Mary Jean Sweeney |
| Friday | 8:00 am | Zofia Michalak Req by Stawiarski Family |
| Saturday | 5:00 pm | Ed & Angie Kreczmer Req by Judy Kreczmer |
| Sunday | 8:00am | Darlene Ciesielski Req by Don&Marilyn Ciesielski |
| | 11:00am | Pro Populo People of the Parish |

LITURGICAL ROLES

June 11-12, 2022

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| Saturday 5:00 pm | Lector | Chuck Hickey |
| | Extraordinary Minister | Linda Hickey |
| Sunday 8:00 am | Lector | Chuck Kessler |
| | Extraordinary Ministers | Craig Zuege |
| Sunday 11:00am | Lector | Piper Runge |
| | Extraordinary Ministers | Susan Clifford |

ALTAR SERVERS

June 11-12, 2022

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| Saturday 5:00 pm | Serenity & Savannah Guzman |
| Sunday 8:00 am | Madeline & Natalie Short |
| Sunday 11:00 am | Malayna & Macey Kinney |

JUNE USHERS

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| Saturday 5:00 pm | TBA |
| Sunday 8:00 am | TBA |
| 11:00 am | Bill Mokry, Linda Pesch |

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, June 5, 2022

Loss and Transition

9:00am

Cemetery Sunday

12:15pm

TUESDAY, June 7, 2022

St. Vincent DePaul

6:00pm

FRIDAY, June 10, 2022

Pray the Rosary at grotto

8:30am



SCRIPTURE READINGS

Readings for the week of June 5, 2022

Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/

Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/

Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 Day: Acts 2:1-11/

Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17/Jn 20:19-23 or

Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 6, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 17:7-16/Ps 4:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8/Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 18:20-39/Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab and 8, 11/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: 1 Kgs 18:41-46/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13/Mt 5:20-26

Friday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14/Mt 5:27-32

Saturday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Mt 5:33-37

Next Sunday: Prv 8:22-31/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2a]/Rom 5:1-5/Jn 16:12-15