



# 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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# ST. MARK PARISH



## 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.

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## MISSION STATEMENT

**As the Eucharistic family of St. Mark Parish,**

we are called to welcome, love and serve. We continue the mission of Jesus Christ: "to transform our lives and believe in the Good News." (Mark 1:15)



Dear Parish Family,

WHEN – will these horrific tragedies stop? The recent shooting of innocent children attending elementary school in Texas is another example of the pervasive sickness of many people in our country today. The subject of gun control has been and will be debated in our country for many years. No matter what your position is – it is hard to imagine anyone believes that members of our society can be shot at random in any number of places or venues that “should” be safe. Where is a “safe” place for people? We hear of drive by shootings into cars, homes, places of worship and business.

Remember Columbine and the teenagers who were disgruntled? Then the little children of Sandy Hook, and Oxford High School in our own back yard - the carnage goes on and on. Why is there not more surveillance and action taken by authorities of the internet? Isn't it amazing that within a few hours, the media has reams of information about the perpetrator? Most of these evil people have exhibited unhealthy traits. Why are they not on the radar?

To be hired for a position, most people have to undergo a background check. Why not have this? To cash a check, we need ID. Why wouldn't we do everything to protect life? What on earth do we need assault rifles and the modified weapons for? From our youngest to the oldest citizens, no one is immune to this disrespect of life.

WHEN - will our legislators come together and help to STOP people from harming others? These horrific events envelope families and friends throughout their lives. It does not stop with the incident. Think of the sweeping range of people affected.

Some have asked “why does God allow this?” Isn't this an age old question for many different situations? Let's all pray for the safety of our people, that we come together as God's Holy Family and create a safe and peaceful world

Mary Jo

## LIVE THE LITURGY

St. Josemaria Escriva tell us, “To live according to the Holy Spirit means to live by faith and hope and charity. To allow God to take possession of our lives and to change our hearts, to make us resemble him more and more.” Today we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit given freely by God to us. The Holy Spirit is the very breath of God and the true source of our power and strength. When we accept that God is the beginning and the end of all things, we open ourselves to receiving this powerful presence. The Holy Spirit alone is the one who teaches us how to pray, who stirs us to lift our eyes to heaven in search of our Creator and opens them to recognize the wonderful gifts of faith, hope, and love God gives us. The Holy Spirit is the one who teaches us how to understand ourselves, God, others, and the world. When we allow God's Own breath to truly take possession of us, we realize that we are meant to become like God and know Him as He really is. This ultimate helper lifts our eyes from what is below to what is above and empowers us to live life with joy and keener vision!

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## Fellow Parishioners!

We will be resuming our weekly Rosary in the meditation garden on Thursday, June 9th at 6:30 pm.

We will continue to meet every Thursday at 6:30 through October.

Please bring a chair for your comfort as we pray!



## THE WORD

### Readings for the week of June 5, 2022

- Sunday: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/  
Jn 20:19-23
- 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

## ST. MARK OUTREACH



Thank you for your continued food and monetary support.

God bless.



## MASS INTENTIONS

### *Saturday, June 4*

4:00 pm Imelda Donlon

### *Wednesday, June 8*

9:30 am Jim Wawrzyniak

### *Sunday, June 5*

8:30 am Carmela Palamara

11:00 am Theresa Wernette

Mary Elliott

Chris Mixen

### *Saturday, June 11*

4:00 pm Margrie Boston

Christopher Gendron

### *Sunday, June 12*

8:30 am Carmela Palamara

Katie Elliot

11:00 am Jim Wawrzyniak

Chris Mixen

Baby Emma &

Baby Genieve

## QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

### **First Reading:**

On Pentecost Sunday, the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles and gave them the gift of speaking in multiple languages of the mighty acts of God accomplished in Jesus Christ. What gifts of the Spirit might you pray for today?

### **Second Reading:**

Paul speaks of believers in Christ as having the "Spirit of God" dwelling within them. How do you experience the presence of the Holy Spirit in your life?

### **Gospel:**

The resurrected Jesus breathed on the disciples and gave the Holy Spirit to them to forgive or retain sins. How often do you partake in the sacrament of reconciliation?

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## PRAYER INTENTIONS



Anne Carroll  
Cathy Gambrell  
Mary Hernandez  
Michael Skeltis  
Blanche Sobieralski  
Grace Witt

Only **immediate** family members may request a 'prayers for the sick' listing. Call the Parish Center: 586-759-3020. Names remain on the list for 4 weeks.

### PRAYERS FOR THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVE IN OUR ARMED FORCES.



#### WE PRAY FOR ALL OF OUR MILITARY, & PARTICULARLY:

Master CPO Michael Brightman  
Lt. Commander Adam Craig  
LCPL Sarah J Page  
Sgt. Steven Parisi  
Major Michael F. Weigle

Family members who wish to have their loved ones prayed for may do so by submitting names to the parish office.

#### Prayer Resources

##### Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

##### Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, we fly unto thee O Virgin of virgins, our Mother. To thee do we come. Before thee we stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not our petitions, but in your mercy hear and answer us. Amen.

#### POPE TWEETS

"Religious differences do not justify indifference or enmity. Rather, on the basis of our religious faith we are enabled to become peacemakers, rather than standing passively before the evil of war and hatred. #Peace"

- Pope Francis

@Pontifex Twitter (May 30, 2022)



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**St. Mark Golf  
SAVE THE DATE**

**Friday, August 26th**



## STEWARDSHIP

**OUR FINANCIAL SACRIFICE TO ST. MARK PARISH**

We thank you for your generosity.

## SACRAMENTS

### BAPTISMS

Parents are asked to contact the Parish Center Office to arrange for Baptism instruction and a date for the Baptism.

### MARRIAGES

Couples wishing to celebrate the sacrament of matrimony at St. Mark Parish are asked to allow at least six months to complete arrangements.

### RECONCILIATION

Private Confessions: Saturday 3:00 PM.

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

LAST Sunday of every month after all Masses.

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