

PENTECOST SUNDAY

MAY 23, 2021

FROM OUR PRIESTS' DESKS

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Sacred Heart:

"I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets." These are words that we recite each Sunday in our Creed; words that we repeat in a special way today as we celebrate the Solemnity of Pentecost, sometimes called the Birthday of the Church. After Easter and Christmas, Pentecost is the most important Christian celebration in the Church year. In the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 2:1-11) we hear the familiar story of the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles in the form of tongues of fire, and, even more importantly, the touch of the Spirit in changing their lives, perfecting their faith, and inspiring them with the courage to fulfill the mission they had been given by Jesus, to preach the Gospel throughout the world. The experience of unity, as people of many different languages and cultures suddenly understand each other, is symbolic of the word "Catholic" which means universal, reminding us that the Good News of Jesus Christ is meant to embrace all people and every culture without exception, and that the ultimate goal of this Good News is to challenge us to form a community, as St. Augustine would say, one in mind and heart on the way to God. Jesus, on Easter Sunday, had already given the apostles his authority of reconciliation and healing and, thus, the power to form a faith community when he breathed on them and said: "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you shall forgive are forgiven them." (Jn. 20:19-23)

Our Scripture readings for today, then, speak to us about the transforming effects of the Spirit where that Spirit is fully accepted into minds and hearts: the Spirit bestows courage—overcoming the fear and anxiety of the apostles, locked in the Upper Room, and moving them to open up the doors and go forth in spite of danger and difficulty and the Cross; the Spirit bestows forgiveness—overcoming sinfulness and bringing about reconciliation: with oneself, others, and with God; the Spirit bestows unity . . . from the diversity of languages, which symbolizes division and lack of communication, the Spirit produces mutual understanding and a common belief—Jesus is Lord (1 Cor. 12:3); and the Spirit bestows a sense of mission, for the apostles now speak "about the marvels God has accomplished in Jesus." Indeed, they do more than speak, they act as Jesus had acted—they heal the sick, raise the dead, they bring hope and comfort and joy into the lives of all those whom they meet.

Perhaps the greatest damage caused by the current pandemic that has so afflicted us (and that now, thank God, seems to be loosening its grip) is that it has made us see each other as "enemies", as potential threats to our own personal health, and sources of infection to be avoided. How do we preserve the bonds of charity that identify us as followers of Jesus? Only through a new Pentecost! It is the Spirit living in each one of us who can help us to continue to see the face of Jesus in others and to fulfill our deepest desires: for happiness, for peace of soul, and for belonging . . . If we can only open the doors of our hearts as the disciples opened the doors of the Upper Room on that first Pentecost. And so, we pray in a special way today and every day: "Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love!"

Fr. John Gruben, OAR
Fr. Michael Rafferty, OAR
Fr. Eric Crelencia, OAR



COME, HOLY SPIRIT

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle 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 has instructed the hearts of your faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may have a right judgment in all things and evermore rejoice in his consolations. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord send out your spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord, my God you are great indeed! How manifold are your works, O Lord! The earth is full of your creatures.

Lord send out your spirit and renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord be glad in his works! Pleasing to him be my theme; I will be glad in the Lord.

**CHEERS TO THE
25TH AND 50TH ANNIVERSARY
COUPLES**

50th ANNIVERSARY

Anna & Tony Civitano
Marilynn & John McQuillan
Mary & Andrew Halstead
Daria & Owen Cosgrove
Patrick & Marie Whelan
Bernard & Elizabeth Listwan

25th ANNIVERSARY

Raymond & Margaret Krasinski
Aby & Suja Mathew

SHARING WHAT WE HAVE IN JESUS' NAME

**7th Sunday of Easter Collection-\$12,235.
Last Year's Collection – Pandemic
Ascension – \$2,287.
2nd Collection Eastern Europe - \$2,035.**



CARDINAL'S ANNUAL APPEAL 2021

\$20,525 to go! Please consider donating! As always, we graciously thank all our parishioners for their continued generosity. To date **\$91,975.** has been pledged. Our goal is \$112,500. Your donations help the entire Archdiocese in so many ways. It is only through your generosity that the Archdiocese can help so many, here in our own area and the entire Archdiocese of New York. Even the smallest amount helps.

TAKE NOTE

As per the directive of the Archdiocese of New York beginning May 19th all capacity restrictions are lifted but still keeping socially distanced and wearing masks are still enforced. Again, due to the size and shape of our church this directive does not change much for us. Those who are vaccinated may sit together yes but policing that just seems odd in Church. Please bear with us as things move forward. We miss each and everyone of you! Come and pray with your parish Family at Mass as soon as you feel comfortable. Amen.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE:

Recently our parish email address suffered some issues and had to be changed. The new address to reach us is sacredheart129@gmail.com

**DONATING ONLINE
WITH WE SHARE!**

Have you considered making your contributions online? It is so easy to do and goes a long way to minimize any human errors in accounting and gives you the ability to view your contribution any time. At the end of the year, you still receive a complete accounting of your donations for tax purposes. For the parish it helps with reducing costs associated with sending the envelopes out through our envelope company. So many parishioners forget to use the envelopes. Sometimes people have moved, and the church was not informed and have sent envelopes out already. So please consider donating online. It is so easy. Please visit our website: www.sacredheartparish.org and look for the donating tab. It truly is easy to sign up. Thank you for considering donating online.

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, May 23
Monday, May 24
Tuesday, May 25
Wednesday, May 26
Immaculate Heart of Mary Prayer Group – 7:30pm
Church
Thursday, May 27
Friday, May 28
Saturday, May 29
Holy Rosary – 12:00pm

**PRAYER GROUP DEDICATED TO THE
IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY AT
SACRED HEART OF JESUS**

Will begin meeting every Wednesday from 7:30 to 8:30pm in the Church. Everyone is Welcome! For more information call Margaret Petukh at 551-804-1631.

SISTERS OF LIFE

Providing Life-affirming choices for women: If you know someone who is struggling, please urge them to contact: www.visitationcenterus.org or call (877)777-1277.

“Have you suffered an abortion? Experience God's love and mercy and begin the journey of healing. Please call the Sisters of Life: 866-575-0075 or e-mail: hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org. For men, call Theresa Bonopartis at Lumina: 877-586-4621 or e-mail: Lumina@postabortionhelp.org

**CRISIS PREGNANCY HOTLINE
GOOD COUNSEL HOMES**

For Pregnancy emergencies call
Any time of day: 1-800-723-8331
www.goodcounselhomes.org



Please pray for those who are ill and have asked us to pray for them: Jenna Applebaum, Theresa Anselmi, Michael Brady, Angie Clifford, Robert Conly, Comerford Family, Teresa & Tom Consolo, The Cosentino Family, Janet Curcione, Joe Davey, Anthony DeFrancesco III, Matthew DeMayo, Cledha Desir, Mary Discini, John Duffy, David Eckert, Sr., Ginny Figula, William Figundio, Stefanie Gaudelli, William DeGroat, Arlene Gentile, Teddy Girvan, Joseph Gilson, Debra Gravina, Senan Halpin, Clement Hayes, Mr. Harris, Domenic & Anthony Iannaccone, Rob Incognoli, Bob Janson, Fran Janson, Eileen Kennedy, Fred Lemoine, Elizabeth Lempka, Ginger Listwan, Vasily Lockhart, Roberta Lynch, Laura Mack, Matthew Luludis, Charles Lynch, D. Pat Lynch, Kathy Masserano, Thomas Mathai, Jeanne Matera, Richard McCarthy, Rosemary McCormick, Debra McGovern, Catherine McMenamin, John McLoughlin, Jacob Mendelsohn, Ken Meyer, Florence Mohan, Joyce Miller, Barbara Neilson, Michael Noonan, Robert Nunes, Thomas O'Connor, Jennifer O'Hara, Pat O'Neill, Nancy Overend, Leona Overend, Gerry Roemer, Joseph Payne, Shace Paljusevic, Frances Petrosky, Noreen Pidgeon, Barbara Procopio, Jerry Rourke, Etta Rooney, Rosemarie Scandura, Claudia Spallanzani, Joseph Pasculli, (Baby Ty) Reilly, Charles Picarelli, Michael Shumway, Jean Simons, Roberto Sorgo, Maureen Starke, Lindsey Sterling, Shaun Stein, Patricia Steiper, Janet Tamburro, Richard Vanadio, Barbara Veraldo Strano, Phyllis Varacalli, Kali Villela, Robert Vogt, Fr. Wing.



SCHEDULE OF MASSES
9:00AM DAILY- (MONDAY - FRIDAY)
SUNDAYS
8:30AM, 11:30AM, 1:00PM AND 5:30PM
10:00AM - (SPANISH)

LIVE STREAMED ON OUR WEBSITE:
WWW.SACREDHEARTPARISH.ORG

- SATURDAY, MAY 22 Vigil Mass**
 5:30pm – Jacqueline Zangrilli
 Harold “Hack” Gravius
- SUNDAY, MAY 23**
 8:30am – Elizabeth Lisi
 10:00am – Spanish- Armando Recinos
 11:30am – 25th & 50th Wedding Anniversaries
 1:00pm – Edward Fryns /
 Carmela & Giovanni Magurno
 5:30pm – All Parishioners/ Parish Memorial Society
- MONDAY, MAY 24**
 9:00am – Marie Dodrill
- TUESDAY, MAY 25**
 9:00am – Angelo Benedetto
- WEDNESDAY, MAY 26**
 9:00am – Deceased Members of the
 McPhillips & Biondo Families
- THURSDAY, MAY 27**
 9:00am – James Halloran / Susana Kin
 9:00am – Irene Torres Gomez &
 Sylvestre Aviles Alvarez
- SATURDAY, MAY 29**
 9:00am – William Curtin
 12:00pm – Holy Rosary
- SATURDAY, MAY 29**
 5:30pm – Mary Madsen
- SUNDAY, MAY 30**
 8:30am – Francis Camilleri
 10:00am – Spanish
 11:30am – Ryan Vosler
 1:00pm – John Priest
 5:30pm – Parish Memorial / All Parishioners



FOR OUR ARMED FORCES & FIRST RESPONDERS OF ALL KINDS, AND OUR DOCTORS & NURSES

We pray for all the men and women serving our country AND especially the sons and daughters, grandchildren and loved ones of our parishioners.

ALTAR MEMORIALS
MAY 23, 2021

ALTAR CANDLES In Memory of
SUSANA KIN

SANCTUARY LAMP In Memory of
SOLLECITO & MASTROSERIO
FAMILIES



Let us pray for our deceased parishioners, and family members and loved ones:

BOOSTER CLUB
WEEK 7- MARY & THOMAS LYONS