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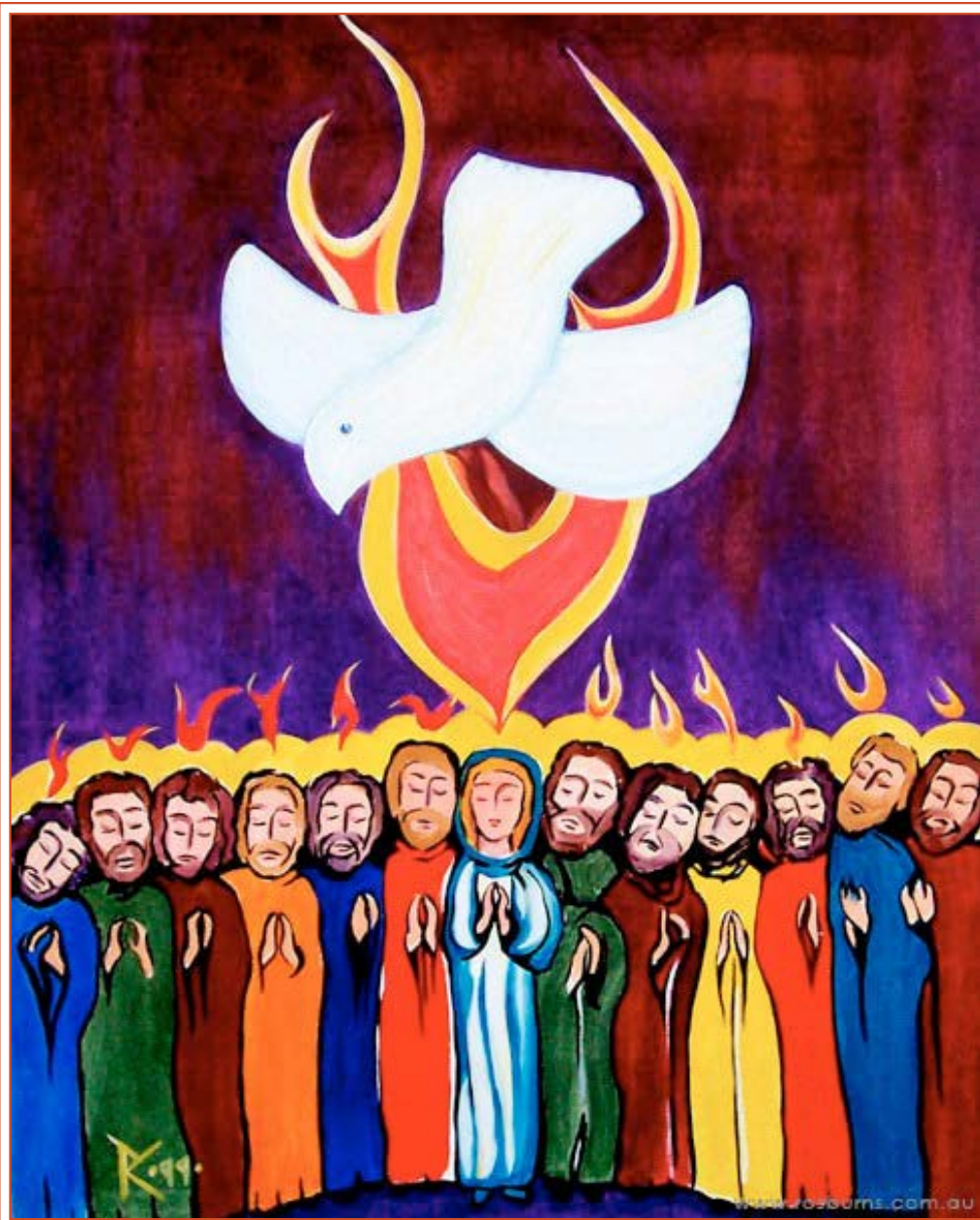


**Mater
Dolorosa**



**Saint
Wendelin**

Roman Catholic Parishes of Northeastern Butler County



**VICARIATE
FOUR
GROUPING
438
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Carbon Center**

St. Joseph Parish

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Chicora, PA 16025

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Temporary Office Hours:

Monday & Tuesday, 9:30am-Noon

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Chicora, PA 16025

724-445-2275

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Monday & Tuesday, 9:30am-Noon

St. Wendelin Parish

Located at 210 St. Wendelin Rd.

Butler, PA 16002

724-287-0820

www.stwendelinbutler.com

Temporary Office Hours:

Monday, 9:00am-Noon

May 31, 2020

Pentecost Sunday

A Message from Fr. Matt ...

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost. Pentecost is a Greek word that means 50. This feast is always celebrated 50 days after Easter. In this feast, we celebrate the sending of the person of the Holy Spirit upon the Church. But what was the Church on the day the Holy Spirit came upon it? It was a group of scared people, hiding in an upper room behind a locked door. The Apostles and the Blessed Mother, unsure what to do. Often this Feast is called the Birthday of the Church because with the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Church became what it was meant to be. The Church was born. The Church was sent!



Sent. Sent out. To others. For others. To bring others to Jesus. To bring hope to people. To bring people love. To bring people to The One who saves. To bring them the Good News that nothing is irretrievably lost. Jesus sends His Church into the world to do this, but not alone. Jesus sends the Holy Spirit to give us the strength, courage, guidance, and hope to be just this for the world. The Holy Spirit can set your heart on fire like it did the early Church.

In an instant, they went from a scared suppressed group, to a group that was full of courage and confidence. From hiding to proclaiming the Good News to anyone who would listen. Man if only we had the Holy Spirit with us like they did. If only we had the same level of Holy Spirit in our tanks, just imagine what we could do! Right?

Well, here's the thing....we have it! We, who have been baptized and confirmed, are filled with the same amount of the Holy Spirit as was St. Peter when he led 3,000 people to follow Jesus that First Birthday of the Church! We have all that Peter had. Peter had no building, no rituals, just the Holy Spirit and faith in the love of Jesus. We have what Peter had and what Peter had was enough.

Each day this week, pray to the Holy Spirit. Ask the Holy Spirit to set your heart on fire. Pray that you may know the power that is inside you. And each day remember that you are sent. You are not here for yourself. Let yourself be sent. Look for opportunities to go and love whomever you see that day. Don't worry about them loving you back. Remember what you have and, like at that first Pentecost, what you have is enough.

Peace and Love,

Fr. Matt

Monday, June 1 through Sunday, June 7 Schedule MASSES CONFESSIONS OPEN CHURCHES

THIS SCHEDULE IS TEMPORARY.

As directives evolve regarding group assembly and safety regulations, so will the schedule. The goal is to return to a pre-pandemic schedule, but it will take time.

Thank you for faith and patience.

Monday, June 1

Noon Mass at MD

Open church 11am till Mass starts

Tuesday, June 2

8am Mass at SW

Open church after Mass till 10am

Wednesday, June 3

6pm indoor Confessions at MD,
no SW Confessions

Open church 6pm till Mass starts

7pm Mass at MD

Thursday, June 4

8am Mass at SW

Open church after Mass till 10am

Friday, June 5

Noon Mass at SJ

Open church 11am till Mass starts

Saturday, June 6

Indoor Confessions at 11am at
both MD at SW and 11:45am at SJ

4pm Mass at SW: This Mass is for
RCIA candidates, with very limited
seating availability for families not
involved in the RCIA celebration.

Sunday, June 7

8am Mass at MD

9:30am Mass at SJ

11am Mass at SW

Live stream Masses continue at 4:00pm
on Saturdays. **Registration is required
for Masses on Saturday and Sunday,
June 6 and 7.** Call 724-287-0820 x1 or
email to registration@stwendelinbutler.com
by Friday at 3pm to save a seat for
one of the WEEKEND Masses. If you le-
ave a message or email, you will receive
a confirmation call. You **MUST** call each
week. June 1-5, the diocese has set a
limit of 25 people per Mass. Saturday,
June 6 and forward, attendance limits
are: St. Joseph, 50; Mater Dolorosa, 80;
St. Wendelin 110. Please remember,
this schedule is TEMPORARY!

SAINT JOSEPH

Mater Dolorosa

Saint Wendelin

2021 Lottery Calendar

We are beginning to layout our 2021 Lottery Calendar, and it's a little different! Many of you are familiar with the SWP Lottery Calendar. With the exciting news of the merger of our three Parishes, we want to extend an opportunity to businesses that serve all Parishioners of our new and vibrant Grouping, soon to be Parish. Our Lottery Calendar will be good for the entire year of 2021. If you have a business in the surrounding area of our Parishes, you have the opportunity to advertise in our Lottery Calendar. Questions? Nicole Karenbauer, 724-287-0820.

Virtual Bar Talk - Sit-n-Sip!

THURSDAY, JUNE 4, ABOUT 7:00PM

Text/call Sue for Zoom log on info at 724-504-3166. Bar Talk is for adults ages 21-40. It's virtual talk but NOT virtual beverages! Fr. Matt will discuss any Catholic topic you want to hear about!

Deer Classic Rescheduled

Originally planned for April 25, St. Wendelin School's Deer Classic is rescheduled for the **Fourth of July!** Gun raffles, adult beverages, food, day-of raffles, and rack scoring. It's still at Happy Hunters, 676 Chicora Fenelton Rd., Noon-6:00pm. All tickets with the original April 25 date will be honored. TICKETS WILL NOT BE REISSUED OR REDATED. Questions? Christine at 724-504-7366.

Highlights from Bishop Zubik's Reopening Plan

In all phases of reopening, the Diocese of Pittsburgh will remain in alignment with local, state, and federal public health and safety guidelines. Parishioners will be required to wear masks, use hand sanitizer, and maintain social distancing of six feet (side-to-side, as well as front and back). Although beginning June 1, churches are permitted to open for daily Mass, it should not be expected that all churches in the Diocese of Pittsburgh will do so. The decision to reopen a church rests with pastors, who need to base their decisions on a number of factors including their ability to comply with CDC cleaning and sanitizing protocols. Returning to churches will be a very different experience, and to support parishioners in understanding what to expect, the diocese has a new Moving Forward Together area on its website geared toward helping parishioners with what to expect as they return to worship together in church. Those resources are available at: <https://diopitt.org/moving-forward-together>.



**JUNE 1
THRU
JUNE 7**

MONDAY:

GN 3:9-15, 20 OR ACTS 1:12-14;
Ps 87:1-3, 5-7; JN 19:25-34

TUESDAY:

2 Pt 3:12-15A, 17-18; Ps 90:2-4, 10, 14, 16;
Mk 12:13-17

WEDNESDAY:

2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12; Ps 123:1B-2;
Mk 12:18-27

THURSDAY:

2 Tm 2:8-15; Ps 25:4-5AB, 8-10, 14;
Mk 12:28-34

FRIDAY:

2 Tm 3:10-17; Ps 119:157, 160, 161, 165,
166, 168; 1-6; Mk 12:35-37

SATURDAY:

2 Tm 4:1-8; Ps 71:8-9, 14-15AB, 16-17, 22;
Mk 12:38-44

SUNDAY:

Ex 34:4B-6, 8-9; DN 3:52-55;
2 COR 13:11-13; JN 3:16-18

Mail in deadline has passed

**MARK YOUR
CALENDARS**

**NEW PA PRIMARY
ELECTION DATE**

**JUNE
02**

Register.votesPA.com

"WE ENCOURAGE ALL CITIZENS, PARTICULARLY CATHOLICS, TO EMBRACE THEIR CITIZENSHIP NOT MERELY AS A DUTY AND PRIVILEGE, BUT AS AN OPPORTUNITY MEANINGFULLY TO PARTICIPATE IN BUILDING THE CULTURE OF LIFE. EVERY ACT OF RESPONSIBLE CITIZENSHIP IS AN

EXERCISE OF SIGNIFICANT INDIVIDUAL POWER. WE MUST EXERCISE THAT POWER IN WAYS THAT DEFEND HUMAN LIFE, ESPECIALLY THOSE OF GOD'S CHILDREN WHO ARE UNBORN, DISABLED OR OTHERWISE VULNERABLE. WE GET THE PUBLIC OFFICIALS WE DESERVE. THEIR VIRTUE, OR LACK THEREOF, IS A JUDGMENT NOT ONLY ON THEM, BUT ON US. BECAUSE OF THIS WE URGE OUR FELLOW CITIZENS TO SEE BEYOND PARTY POLITICS, TO ANALYZE CAMPAIGN RHETORIC CRITICALLY AND TO CHOOSE THEIR POLITICAL LEADERS ACCORDING TO PRINCIPLE, NOT PARTY AFFILIATION OR MERE SELF-INTEREST."

LIVING THE GOSPEL OF LIFE: A CHALLENGE TO AMERICAN CATHOLICS 34, CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS, NOVEMBER 1998



Parish Offertories

May 24

ST. JOSEPH PARISH

Offertory at Mass 5/24	\$454.00
Offertory Online	\$40.00
Total Offertory	\$494.00
Weekly Goal	\$1,000.00
Fiscal Year Goal	\$50,000.00
Total Toward Fiscal Year Goal	\$33,109.50
Parish Share: Monthly Envelope on Appeal	\$712.00
PSP Online	\$00.00
Total PSP	\$712.00
2020 Parish Share Goal	\$6,289.00
Total PSP Received 2020/21	\$8,944.00
Ascension of the Lord	\$32.00
Holy Land	\$25.00

**Thank you for your generosity to
Parish Ministries!**

MATER DOLOROSA

Offertory at Mass 5/24	\$380.00
Offertory Online	\$325.00
Total Offertory	\$705.00
Weekly Goal	\$2,500.00
Fiscal Year Goal	\$150,000.00
Total Toward Fiscal Year Goal	\$103,578.50
House	\$200.00
Parish Share: Monthly Envelope on Appeal	\$100.00
PSP Online	\$00.00
Total Parish Share	\$100.00
2020 Parish Share Goal	\$20,985.00
Total Received 2020/21	\$9,805.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$25.00
Ascension of the Lord Online	\$30.00
Holy Land	\$25.00
Campaign for Human Development	\$25.00

ST. WENDELIN PARISH

Offertory at Mass 5/24	\$3,875.00
Offertory Online	\$666.00
Total Offertory	\$4,541.00
Weekly Goal	\$5,139.00
Fiscal Year Goal	\$272,000.00
Total Toward Fiscal Year Goal	\$190,647.78
Project Fund	\$80.00
Project Fund Online	\$45.00
Adopt A Child	\$12.00
Parish Share	\$655.00
Parish Online	\$20.00
Total Parish Share	\$675.00
2020 Parish Share Goal	\$47,710.00
Total PSP Received 2020/21	\$13,738.00
Endowment Fund Y-T-D	\$500.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$75.00
Ascension of the Lord	\$163.00
Peter's Pence	\$30.00

Grouping Information

This week's St. Wendelin School

Student of the Week is:

SOPHIE MITCH

*Sophie has gone to St. Wendelin School since Kindergarten. Her favorite color is black. She loves Math class, and she is excited to learn to spell more words. At home, she likes to read. Her favorite food is pizza, and she enjoys eating out at McDonald's. Sophie is a sweet girl with a great personality. Sophie plans to become a chef when she grows up! Congratulations to this week's St. Wendelin School Student of the Week, **SOPHIE MITCH***

Catholic Identity Program

This program highlights a variety of virtues and values through short lessons, prayers, Scripture references, and more.

This Week's Virtue is:

Forgiveness

Forgiveness is God's gift that frees us from our mistakes and regrets, and enables us to offer mercy and pardon to others.



On a December morning in 1983 Pope John Paul II sat in a jail cell with the assassin who nearly took his life. He held the hand of Mehmet Ali Agca and forgave him. The encounter was a stunning example of the power of forgiveness to heal the wounds of the heart and soul. The root word, "forgive," means "to let go, to give back, to cease to harbor." When we let go, we discover a way to find rest and respite from our judgments and hurts. As recipients of forgiveness, we cease to harbor regret, and open ourselves more fully to God's gracious love. It must have been no easy task to sit face-to-face with the man who wanted to take his life, but Pope John Paul understood the more dire option of refusing to forgive. As he said, "Forgiveness is first of all a personal choice, a decision of your heart to go against the natural instinct to get revenge, to pay back evil with evil."

Thank you to Youth Group members who spent a morning weeding, planting, and mulching outside the St. Wendelin Parish Office. They - and many others - have the place lookin' good! Thanks also to Parishioner Mark Pflugh who repaired the broken statue of St. Michael the Archangel. Believe it or not, the high winds of Good Friday lifted St. Michael off his stand and he crashed causing several parts to break. Mark performed wing and sword surgery, and cleaned the statue, and once again, St. Michael can defend us in battle!

