



Holy Family

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pentecost Sunday/May 31, 2020

First Reading:

And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim. (Acts 2:4)

Psalm:

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. (Ps 104) or Alleluia

Second Reading:

As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. (1 Cor 12:12)

Gospel:

And when he had said this, he 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)

Readings for the week of May 31, 2020

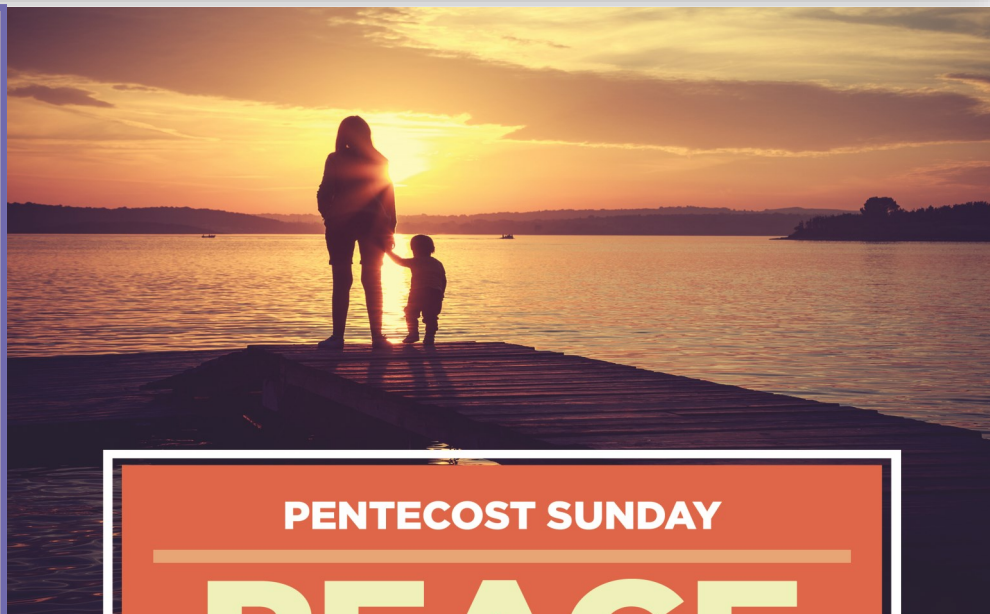
Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39. Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 55, 56 [52b] or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [1]/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39. Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/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 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34
Tuesday: 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18/Ps 90:2, 3-4, 10, 14 and 16 [1]/Mk 12:13-17
Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12/Ps 123:1b-2ab, 2cdef [1b]/Mk 12:18-27
Thursday: 2 Tm 2:8-15/Ps 4:5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [4]/Mk 12:28-34
Friday: 2 Tm 3:10-17/Ps 119:157, 160, 161, 165, 166, 168 [165a]/Mk 12:35-37
Saturday: 2 Tm 4:1-8/Ps 71:8-9, 14-15ab, 16-17, 22 [cf. 15ab]/Mk 12:38-44
Next Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18

Observances for the week of May 31, 2020

Sunday: Pentecost Sunday
Monday: The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
Tuesday: Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs
Wednesday: St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs
Friday: St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr
Saturday: St. Norbert, Bishop

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Weddings—Baptisms: Contact Parish Secretary for appointment.
724-872-6123 or email
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PENTECOST SUNDAY

PEACE

Jesus said to them again,
"Peace be with you. As the
Father has sent me, so
I send you." - Jn 20:21

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Our Church will be open for mass starting the week of June 1

Tuesday, June 2 8am mass
 Wednesday, June 3 8am mass
 Saturday, June 6 4pm mass
 Sunday, June 7 11am mass

You must wear a mask and observe social distancing.

4:00 PM | Saturday, June 6

Lector
 George Thuransky
Eucharistic Ministers
 Mary Houseman
Altar Servers
 Ginger DeBlasio

11:00 AM | Sunday, June 7

Lector
 Noah Lehner
Eucharistic Ministers
 Barry Beneccio
Altar Servers
 Gina Beneccio



Sunday, May 24th 11:30 AM

Sunday, June 7th 11:30 AM



Saturday, May 30

Vigil—Pentecost

Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

Sunday, May 31

Pentecost

Stanley Minkus Birthday Remembrance
 by Leonard & Jeanne Minkus

Tuesday, June 2

Weekday

Mary Egros by Charlotte Rhodes

Wednesday, June 3

Weekday

Edward Ryckman
 by Mary & Bill Ryckman

Saturday, June 6

Vigil—The Most Holy Trinity

Melvin Maleski

by wife Pauline

Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

Sunday, June 7

The Most Holy Trinity

Graduates

by the Confraternity of Christian Mothers

Matters of Sexual Misconduct Information

If you have any suspicion about the sexual abuse (or any other type of abuse) of a minor child by anyone - please contact PA ChildLine immediately at 1-800-932-0313. If the alleged abuser is functioning in a parish, school or diocesan position as clergy, religious, paid staff or volunteer you are also requested to contact the Bishop's Delegate for Matters of Sexual Misconduct after you have called the ChildLine number and made the report. The Bishop's Delegate may be reached at 724-837-0901, ext. 1221.

WEEKLY BELL CHIMES

| DAY | 12:00 PM | 6:00 PM |
|-------|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| SAT | 5/30 Myers Family | Jesse C. Forbes |
| SUN | 5/31 Jack (Frank) Patterson | Daniel Page |
| MON | 6/1 Clara Libbos | |
| TUES | 6/2 Shelly B. Yurkovich | |
| WED | 6/3 | |
| THURS | 6/4 Margaret Vitigoy | |
| FRI | 6/5 | |
| SAT | 6/6 | David Ferguson |
| SUN | 6/7 Margaret T. Hogan | |

Blank spaces are available for
 celebratory/memorial/honorary Bell Chimes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INSPIRATION



Pentecost Sunday

Over the past several weeks, both in the daily morning Masses as well as with the weekend Masses, we have been hearing Jesus' "Final Discourse Prayer" that He is sharing with the Apostles at the Last Supper. We've heard it so much that we may have become bored in the repetition of it. However, I think the repetition is important because it is revealing to us the importance of what Jesus is praying for. He is praying, first of all, for the Apostles and for their protection. He then prays

for their unity just as He and the Father are one. Finally Jesus prays for you and me and for all people until the end of time – for our protection and for our unity. And then Jesus tells them that He will eventually send to them the Holy Spirit – the Paraclete, to be with them for all time, Who will protect them, strengthen them, and keep them united in The Call that Jesus gave to them.

Some time ago, as I was going thru the daily newspaper, after reading the headlines, I turned to the comic page. Anyone who reads the comics knows that there can be found in them a hidden wealth of wisdom. "*Blondie*" – we're all familiar with this comic – caught my eye on that particular morning. Dagwood arrives at work and greets his receptionist with a box of candy and wishes her a Happy Receptionist Day and then adds: "*it's the least I can do for you watching my back all year!*" And off he goes to his desk where he puts his feet on the desk and dozes off, while the receptionist takes a call and says: "*I'm not sure if Mr. Bumstead is available...*"

Sometimes we say that to others – *we'll watch their backs* / or *we got you covered*. In other words we're saying we're watching out for them to protect them.

That's what Jesus is telling His Apostles in His prayer - that He will always be "watching their backs" and "ours" to protect us from the evil one/ the Devil/ Satan. Jesus will always be watching and covering us through the Holy Spirit. Are we open to the protection He provides?

In the Scripture readings for this Pentecost Sunday we are reflecting on the outpouring of God's Spirit upon the Apostles and Mary – as promised by Jesus before His Ascension. So often we refer to that day as "the first Pentecost." But, really, it wasn't the first one. Pentecost was actually a Spring Harvest Festival for the Jewish people. When we think of "penta" our minds should automatically think of FIVE, such as the Pentagon – FIVE sided. Well, the Jewish Pentecost occurred FIFTY days after Passover. Our Pentecost occurs FIFTY days after Easter. All that aside, when the Holy Spirit came upon the Apostles and Mary they were strengthened and given the courage to leave those locked doors, going out into the world to proclaim the message they had received from Jesus, as well as the message of His Resurrection and Ascension. And thru it all their "backs would be covered" so that the message could be delivered.

We, too, are empowered with that same Holy Spirit. We, too, like them, are called to share the good news, to watch out for one another, to protect each other from dangers – whatever they may be: spiritual or physical dangers.

We are all members of the Church – Capital "C" Church. Not just the priests, not just the hierarchy, but all of us. This weekend, as we again commemorate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit into the world upon the Apostles and Mary, may we, like them pray to, not only receive that same Spirit into our lives, but like them be willing to cooperate with the Spirit so that we, too, can "*renew the face of the Earth*" (from Psalm 104: "*Lord send out Your Spirit and renew the face of the Earth*").

Let us pray for the Conversion of the World & for Peace.

If May 31 were not on a Sunday this year, as it is this year, we would be commemorating the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary at the Liturgy.

This Feast commemorates Mary visiting her cousin, Elizabeth, and is recalled when we pray the second Joyful Mystery of the Rosary. Celebrated between the feasts of the Annunciation (March 25) and the Birth of John the Baptist (June 24), the Feast of the Visitation originated in the Church of the Middle Ages. It recalls Mary's visit to her cousin, Elizabeth, after the angel announced to Mary that she was to be the mother of Jesus. Filled with the Holy Spirit, these two great women recognized the power of God at work in their midst. "Blessed are you among women," Elizabeth said, "and blessed is the fruit of your womb."

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