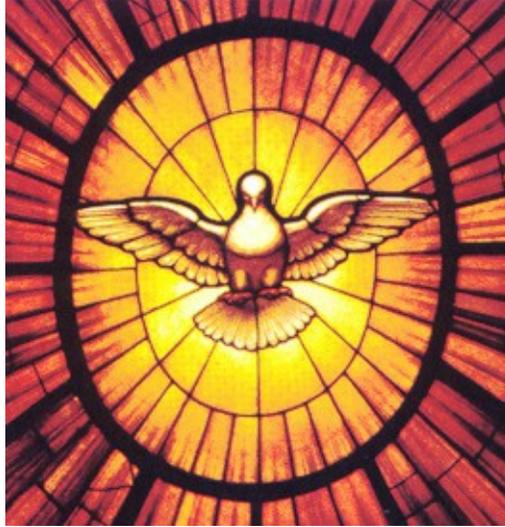


PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 31, 2020



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Dear Friends:

1st Reading – Acts 2:1-11

This part of Acts is the depiction of the event of Pentecost. We see in the reading the wind coming that filled the entire house. Then appeared the tongues “as of fire” which rested on each one of the Apostles. The Holy Spirit enabled them to speak in different tongues.

The Jews who were nearby heard the speaking in different languages. The Jews were in amazement as how this could be happening.

It is perhaps easy to understand that we would be first amazed at the speaking in tongues, of the miraculous speaking in different languages. That certainly would be surprising, if not shocking, to anyone.

But the greatness and miracle of Pentecost is what happened in the days and months and years after. The greatness of Pentecost is the unstoppable energy that the Holy Spirit gave to the Apostles, and ultimately, to those holy men and women who assisted them.

Looking back at Pentecost, we can see the dramatic effect it had on the beginning of the Church (often Pentecost is referred to as the Birthday of the Church). After Pentecost, the Apostles began, with bold courage, to bring the Gospel of Christ to every part of the local communities. It was so powerful. Within a short period of time, the Gospel was preached, people were baptized, churches were established.

It was a miracle. The Holy Spirit coming to the Apostles unleashed the power of Jesus Christ in a way that should inspire anyone who looks at it.

But that miracle can happen again. Even though we are in a very difficult time now, a time of sickness and despair, a time of isolation and loneliness, as Christians we know that God is with us. And we can still bring about a Pentecostal miracle in this world. We know that the world needs Jesus. As we begin to recover from this nightmare, it just might be the time for a new Pentecost.

Fr. Wilson

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION for 2020-2021 - Our Religious Ed Program is essential in helping parents pass on the Catholic Faith to their children. If you have not yet registered your child/children, please consider doing so as soon as possible as books and supplies need to be ordered. If you misplaced your registration form or need to register your child in first grade, please call the office (845-373-8193) as we are here to accommodate you.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH : Gerhard Herron, Evan Ciovacco, Lydia Casey, Mark Hamm, Grover Williams, Stephanie Merenda, Carol Wilson, Dawn Hazel Burrows, Jordana Bell, Lori DeLucca, Amanda Carneski, Linda Sartori, Winifred Capowski, Arthur Nadeau, LuAnn Ballantine, Frank D'Agostino, Sonja Kelly, Mike Butts, Erin D'Elia, Richard Piccoli, Dominic Nannetti, Santino Delfino, Ricky McGhee, John Daubman, Joseph Licurse, Joanne Balek, Michael Engel, Theresa Thompson, Linda Mary Dick, Leela Niranjana, Ralph Locantore, Fred Arni, Brandon Rojas, Leah Rost, Susan Consentino, Pat Boice, Arietta Carroll, Cecilia Cummings, Mary Wilkinson, Evelyn Tompkins, Mary Simmons, Marjorie Arni, Teal Burns, Jane Bly, Jennifer Boice, Nora Miller, Allen McPeck, Diana LaCurto, Genevieve Minischetti, Anita Nichols, Kathleen McGuire, Loretta Heller, Douglas Wilson, Donna Whalen, Stephen Bida, Leah Eurvard, Meghan King, Christine Darby, Peter Hill, Patricia Macura, Jerard Kain, Margaret and Roger Gregoire, Kyleigh Cummings, Caroline McEnroe, Patty Cassidy, Stephen Bida, Kathleen Herron, Michael Gaddis, Catherine DiRe, Baby Gemma Dadone and Joe Gatto

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED IN OUR PARISH: Linda Sartori, Fr. John Bida, Peggy Ackerman, Rose Marie Mina Murdock, Calvin Brendaline and Thomas Jackson.

PENTECOST - Pentecost is the liturgical season after Easter which celebrates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Church, ushering in a new era for the people of God. In Acts:2:1-41, the Holy Spirit descended upon apostles in which they were able to speak their native Galilean dialect but were understood by people of many different languages and nations. Pentecost begins the eighth Sunday, or 50 days, after Easter Sunday. Some people regard it as the birthday of the Church because from that point on the apostles carried the message of Christ to the whole world. It is indeed a new age of the Church through which Christ works in different means for our salvation. In other words, in the absence of Christ's physical presence to us due to His fulfillment of Scripture by His death and resurrection, Jesus has left us the sacraments through which the Holy Spirit conveys the grace of God in a physical and tangible way. Pentecost marks the beginning of this new, sacramental era in which we live today. The liturgical color for Pentecost is red.

On Pentecost Sunday, when the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles, they were granted the following seven gifts of the Holy Spirit: ***Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety and Fear of the Lord.*** These gifts helped the Apostles to fulfill their mission to preach the Gospel to all nations, For us, too, these gifts – granted when we are infused with sanctifying grace, the life of God in our souls – help us to live a Christian life.

ONE MINUTE MEDITATION - Live unafraid. Christ suffered, died, and rose to free us from our fears. *"I live by faith in the Son of God who has loved me and given himself up for me"* (Galatians 2:20b).

"We are not some casual and meaningless product of evolution. Each of us is the result of a thought of God. Each of us is willed, each of us is loved, each of us is necessary." Pope (Emeritus) Benedict.

SUNDAY MASS - Please see your Television Guide for the Easter Sunday Masses being offered on EWTN, Catholic Faith Network, Heart of the Nation (Channel 82) at 8 am and WPIX (Channel 11) from St. Patrick's Cathedral.

SUNDAY COLLECTION - This past week, we received \$3,760.00 in donations for our Church, \$270.00 in our Cemetery Collection and an additional \$205.00 for Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. I am so very thankful to all of you who continue to support our Church during these difficult financial times. I pray that God will continue to bless you and your families with good health.

2020 CARDINAL'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL - As of May 22nd, our parish has received **\$26,075.00** in pledges/gifts from **76** families which is approximately 62% of our parish goal of **\$42,000**. I understand that making a pledge can be difficult during these turbulent times but perhaps you can consider making a one-time donation in an amount you can afford. Not all offerings are equal, but all sacrifices are.

PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES: . Timothy Walsh, Joshua O'Hara, Connor Washburn, Sam Kent, Jordan Paraszti, Gavin Carroll, Richard C. Belliveau, Jimmy Darnell, Mike Mazza, Nathan Tong, Mark Hall and Tyler Jasmin. Please keep our servicemen and their families in your prayers.

