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**Scripture Corner**

**“TONGUES AS OF FIRE”**

At the last Supper Jesus made this promise to his followers: “The Advocate, the Holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name – he will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you.” (John 14: 26) That promise was fulfilled on Pentecost, the feast that we are celebrating today.

The coming of the Holy Spirit is accompanied by strong wind and tongues as of fire. Wind, spirit and fire in the Old Testament recall the presence of Yahweh: “Mount Sinai was completely enveloped in smoke, because the Lord had come down upon it in fire.” (Exodus 19: 18)

John the Baptist speaks of the Holy Spirit and fire. “He [the one who is coming after me] will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.” (Matthew 3: 11)

The apostles were all filled with the Holy Spirit and “began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.” (Acts of the Apostles 2: 4) The gift of speaking and being heard by each one in his or her own language suggests the universal mission of the Church. Saint Luke notes that as the disciples were addressing the Jews and the converts to Judaism, “the Spirit enabled them to proclaim…the mighty acts of God.” (Acts 2: 4, 11)

The audience on that first Pentecost Sunday was devout Jews who came from “every nation under heaven.” (Acts 2: 5) This is another indication of the will of God that his Church reach out to all. At the end of each Gospel Christ puts great emphasis on this universal mission. In the Gospel of Matthew, for example, our Lord Jesus said to the eleven disciples, “All power in heaven and earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.” (28: 18 – 19)

Pentecost marks the beginning of the third and final period of salvation history. There was the era of the Old Testament, the period of Yahweh and the Jewish people. Then there was the all-important era of Jesus, who redeemed us by his death and resurrection. This final era is the period of the Church under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

~Msgr. Ralph J. Kuehner

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**PRAYER & WORSHIP**

| SCRIPTURE CORNER |

**MASS INTENTIONS this WEEK**

**Tuesday, May 22:** St. Rita of Cascia, Religious 12:15 pm Meta Wilt

**Wednesday, May 23:**
8:30 am J. Frank Guy
Mac Connley

**Thursday, May 24:**
12:15 pm Jamie Villanueva

**Friday, May 25:**
8:30 am St. Bede the Venerable, Priest & Doctor of the Church; St. Gregory VII, Pope; St. Mary Magdalene de’ Pazzi, Virgin

**Saturday, May 26:**
7:30 am Catherine Mason
5:00 pm Ignatius J. Jarboe

**Sunday, May 27:**
8:00 am John B. Frazier
11:00 am Catherine S. Thompson
Steven Fenwick

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**THE PATRIOTIC ROSARY** is recited on Wednesdays after the 8:30 am Mass. Come and pray with Mother Mary, Patron Saint of the Americas; our country needs our prayers. Please join us. Questions call Gerda at 301-475-009 or 860-558-6476.

**FRIDAY NIGHT APOLOGETICS:** The next topic: “Why is marriage between a man and a woman?” Classes will be held at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Lexington Park from 6:30 - 8:00 pm, on Friday, May 25th, led by Ken Scheiber, faculty member at St. Mary’s Ryken.

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EVANGELIZATION & PARISH LIFE

The Kalnasy Concert Series presents.....

Chorus Reginae Angelorum
under the direction of Mr. Jonathan Hellerman

Date: Sunday, May 20
Time: 3:00 PM
Place: St. Aloysius Church

Beautiful sacred and secular
music of Josquin De Prez, William
Byrd, Anton Bruckner, David Beaubien,
Jonathan Hellerman...and more!

Chorus Reginae Angelorum is a volunteer choir based
in St. Mary's County that specializes in the performance of
polyphonic music from the Renaissance period.

Concert is free.
For more information, contact keyofgmh@gmail.com.

Are you interested in learning more about the Bible or
about the Catholic faith? Join us for Unlocking the
Mystery of the Bible, and 8-part video to help you make
sense of the Bible and how it relates to your everyday life.
This particular series is specially designed for non-
Catholics who are interested in learning more about the
Catholic faith, but all are welcome. The series will be
offered on the following Monday nights from 7-8:30
PM, June 11, June 25, July 9, July 23, July 30, August
13, August 27, September 10. Register online
at www.saintaloyiuschurch.org/bible.

QUO VADIS? High School Young Men: Where are you
going? Quo Vadis Camp - July 15-18, at Mount St.
Mary’s Seminary. Run by priests and seminarians of the
archdiocese, Quo Vadis Camp includes Mass, great talks,
sports, Eucharistic Adoration, games, food and time to relax
with other young men discerning God’s will in their life.
Register now at dcpriest.org. For more information, contact
Fr. Mark Ivany at vocations@adw.org or 202-636-9020.

HANDBELL CAMP

Have you ever seen a handbell choir at Mass? Are you curious about how to
play an instrument like handbells? Are you looking for a way to participate
more fully at the Mass? If you answered “Yes” to any of
these questions, come learn more about the handbells at our
summer camp! Available to ages 10 and up! Monday, July
30th thru Friday, August 3rd, 1:30-3:30 pm in the St.
Aloysius Church worship space. $20 for the week (for
purchasing snacks and gloves). Registration deadline is
Friday, July 20th. To register or for more information,
please contact Kristen Moore at mooretwink@earthlink.net
or (717) 446-9697.

SHARING OUR TREASURE
Weekly Offertory Contributions
May 12/13, 2018

1st Collection 2nd Collection: Catholic Relief
Offertory Basket: $ 6,819.18 Offertory Basket: $ 1,429.00
Direct Debit: $ 1,418.00 Direct Debit: $ 432.00
Total: $ 8,237.18 Total: $ 1,861.00

2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND: Will be for
the Air Conditioning.

PATRON OF THE WEEK: Guy Brothers Marine, Inc.
If in need please remember to patronize our bulletin
sponsors.

RESPECT LIFE

CARENET PREGANCY CENTER'S
BABY BOTTLE BLITZ
Help us Change Lives and Save Babies! Bottles are
available in the church vestibule. Parishioners take a bottle
home and use it as a bank to raise funds for the Center's
ministry to women and babies. Bottles are to be returned
during the Masses on Father's Day Weekend.

WORD OF LIFE: “Even among terminally ill patients,
a request to die is nearly always a cry for help. The patient
requesting assisted suicide is often asking, ‘Does anyone
want me to be alive, or care enough to talk me out of this
request and support me through this difficult time?’”

VOCATIONS CROSS

and message from the Serra Club

All too often we forget to express appreciation to those in
service-oriented jobs, including priests, sisters and
brothers. We forget because we think, “It’s their job to
help.” Priests and religious aren’t superhuman. They need
genuine support from those they serve. Let them know
how you feel.

Let us invoke the intercession of St. Junipero Serra for
priestly and religious vocations and pray this week with
the Forth Family, who has the Vocations Cross!
Congratulations to all who received the sacraments of initiation this Saturday!

**Baptisms:** Donovan Farrell, Jr., Daniel Shieferdecker

**Confirmation:** Denise Becher, David Dotson, Donovan Farrell, Sr.

**First Communion:** Kaylah Barnes, David Dotson, Donovan Farrell, Jr., Dakota Perry

Family of Faith - 2018-2019 Registration for Family of Faith is now open online on our parish website.

YOU. A Small Group Series for High School Teens - Wednesdays, 7:00 to 8:30 PM, beginning May 16, at the home of the Roell family - Identity. Gender. Love. Chastity. The world is a difficult place for teens, and it has become increasingly hard for teens to discover the truth about their bodies, their sexuality, and their unique call to love. "YOU: Life, Love, and the Theology of the Body" introduces teens to the truth that life is about going out of ourselves to be a sincere gift for others. To sign up, text YOU to 84576 or contact Leonard Wathen.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2018** is scheduled for July 9 to 13. Online registration is open on our parish website. Teen and VIRTUS-trained adult volunteers are needed to help make the week a success. VBS is open for children age 4 to Grade 6. Additional information can be found on the parish website at [www.saintalloysiuschurch.org/vbs](http://www.saintalloysiuschurch.org/vbs).

Solomons Dragon Boat Festival
Our high school Youth Ministry is participating in the Solomons Dragon Boat festival once again this year on Saturday, August 18! We were the "Fastest Religious Team" in 2017 and look forward to another great competition this year. In order to participate, we need to raise $2000, all of which supports Southern Maryland Community Resources, a local special needs advocacy organization. Please donate today at [www.saintalloysiuschurch.org/dragonboat](http://www.saintalloysiuschurch.org/dragonboat).

**Praise & Worship Night – Friday, May 25th - IHM**
Please join us at Immaculate Heart of Mary parish hall, from 7:00 – 9:00 pm, for a Praise & Worship Night for all parishes in Southern Maryland. Don’t miss this opportunity to reconnect with people from your Life in the Spirit small groups, and to meet others who participated in LITS from other parishes! Spend time in "Praise, Worship & Prayer" and learn more about how to grow in the gifts of the Holy Spirit. The night will end with fellowship and light refreshments!
This evening is open to anyone who would like to attend, so it would be helpful (although not mandatory) to get a head count. Please visit: [www.connectstmarys.com](http://www.connectstmarys.com) to submit your registration. Call (301) 475-7139 for more information.

**MEMORIAL YOUTH MASS**
Come join in a Mass remembering the deceased youth of our County, on Saturday, May 26, at the St Mary’s County Youth Memorial in Great Mills (on Route 5 just south of Great Mills Road). Praying the Rosary will begin at 10 am, followed by a Catholic Mass. All are welcome. Refreshments will be available after Mass. In case of bad weather, Holy Face Church will host the Mass.

**ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY MASS**
The 42nd Annual Memorial Day Mass at the St. Mary’s Queen of Peace Cemetery will be held on Monday, May 28th, at 10:00 am. We are pleased to announce that Fr. Beaubien will be our main celebrant. Mass is offered each year at this time for the deceased members of the parishes of St. Mary’s, Charles, Calvert and Prince George’s Counties and especially for those who have passed away during the past year. Commemorative reading of the faithful departed will begin at 9:30 am.
The cemetery is located in Helen, Md. on Doctor Johnson Road adjacent to the Mother Catherine Academy (Route 238). An enclosable tent will be erected for everyone’s comfort so the Mass will be held in the cemetery rain or shine. If you need additional information, you may contact our office at 301-475-5005 or 301-932-1766.

**St. Francis Xavier Parish Mission**
All are invited to St. Francis Xavier in Compton on June 6th, 7th, and 8th at 7:00 pm each evening for a Parish Mission with Fr. Charles Connor on devotion to the Sacred Heart. The final night of the mission will be a Mass for the feast of the Sacred Hear of Jesus. Fr. Connor has authored numerous Catholic books and co-produced several series on EWTN. He currently teaches at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg. For more information, call St. Francis Xavier Parish Office at 301-475-9885 or email: gertiethomas@outlook.com.