



Lifelong Faith Formation

The Season of Easter concluded with last week's celebration, the Feast of Pentecost. On Pentecost we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and Jesus' commissioning them to continue the work that he has begun, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." This event marks the beginning of the Church. We can imagine the fear and confusion the apostles experienced after the death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus. Then imagine the peace they felt when the Holy Spirit descended upon them and empowered them with spiritual gifts that transformed their lives and enabled them to touch the lives of other people. They received the gifts of Wisdom, Understanding, Knowledge, Good Judgment, Courage, Reverence, and Awe. This is not a one-time gift. We can call upon the same Holy Spirit anytime to take us from the unknown, fear, losses, confusion or any of these "deaths" of experiences from our present circumstances to the peace that only God can offer and bring us to "new life." We certainly need it today with all the challenges we face, especially from the effects of the virus and violence. Let us pray for the gifts of the Holy Spirit to inspire and renew us, our families, our parish, our community, our world! As we are renewed, let us go out and live out that faith in the world as Jesus said, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

We are continuously adding videos and resources for spiritual enrichment especially during these challenging times. Stay connected. Our AnnunciationFaithFormation.org website provides communication and is growing with resources to use at home. You can now view the parish Sunday Mass on the site every Sunday as well as Fr. Jim's weekly reflection. The latest on our return to public mass is posted as well the latest on the parish response to Covid-19. Just added, is an excellent digital resource that can be used throughout the month of June and Summer. You can click on the images noted on the resource to link you to faith messages, videos, etc.

We continue to pray for our candidates for Confirmation and First Eucharist as they patiently await in anticipation of the sacrament. Confirmations and First Communions that were postponed due to Covid-19 will be scheduled once Phase Three has commenced. We do not have the date for Phase Three yet. We are currently in Phase One. See the AnnunciationFaithFormation website for details on the Phases from the Archdiocese of Newark.

The Faith Formation office is currently working on registration as we seek guidance from the Archdiocese and collaborate with the local schools to enable a safe and creative community of faith.

May the Holy Spirit renew us, our families, our parish, our community, our world!
Lord send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth



The sanctuary lamps and altar bread were donated in memory of **Edward Adameik, Jr.** by his family.

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...for those in need of healing...

Luigi Vene, Margaret and Quinn McVeigh,
Walter Wyssenski

...for those sewing during the coronavirus...

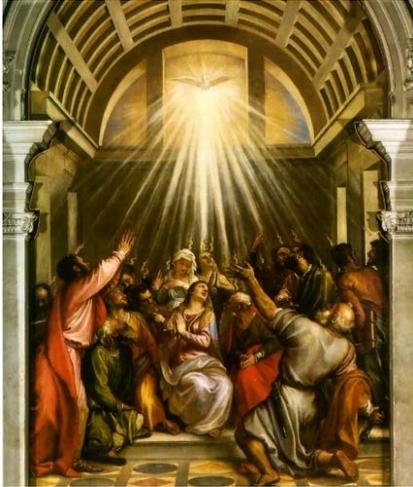
our first responders, medical & healthcare professionals,
mail carriers and delivery services, grocery store workers,
& all other essential workers

JUNE 7, 2020

Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.'s Reflection from Pentecost Sunday, May 31, 2020

We need the gifts of the Holy Spirit more than ever this Pentecost

As we celebrate the great feast of Pentecost this weekend, we acknowledge the urgent need for the many gifts that the Holy Spirit shares with us during this troubled time. Now, more than ever, we need Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, and Fear of the Lord (cf. Is 11:2-3) to guide us as we continue to protect the vulnerable, slow the spread of COVID-19, and begin the gradual process of recovery in our Church and in society.



Wisdom is needed to make the right choices even when there are disagreements, strong emotions, anxious fears and widespread uncertainty among our leaders and the people we are called to serve. Come, Holy Spirit, help us to grow in wisdom and to be prudent in our decisions for the common good.

Understanding is especially necessary given the scarcity of information and the widespread uncertainty about the accuracy of experts' opinions. Come, Holy Spirit, help us to reflect on your Word and search out the most accurate and reliable information available to us.

Counsel provides encouragement and hope, especially when things seem most desperate and beyond our control. Come, Holy Spirit, enlighten our hearts. Teach us to follow your good counsel and that of Mary, Mother of the Church, and all the saints, as we seek the light of Christ in the darkness caused by this pandemic.

Fortitude allows us to stand firm even when we feel frightened and weak in the face of physical, emotional and economic threats. Come, Holy Spirit, fill our hearts with the fire of your love. Makes us bold and uncompromising in our witness to the joy of the Gospel.

Knowledge reveals the wonder of God's creation and the healing power of God's love. Come, Holy Spirit, open our minds to the beauty of our common home. Teach our scientists and research professionals to discover the hidden elements that can lead to the prevention and cure of this deadly virus.

Piety reminds us to stay close to God (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) and to imitate Mary and all the saints in our love of God and Neighbor. Come, Holy Spirit, fill our hearts with divine love and fervor so that we can serve our sisters and brothers unselfishly.

Fear of the Lord fills us with reverent awe at the majesty of God and the depth of God's love for us. Come, Holy Spirit, inspire in us true reverence for all that is holy—including the divine image in "the least of these" our brothers and sisters in Christ.

These and all the gifts we receive from the Holy Spirit help to sustain us and empower us as faithful missionary disciples. Now, more than ever, they are powerful resources in our efforts to overcome the coronavirus and recover—safely and responsibly—from the devastating effects of this disease and all the collateral damage it has caused.

Keeping in mind the challenges we are all facing, and the needs of those who are most vulnerable, let's pray together these beautiful words from the Sequence for Pentecost:

Come, Holy Spirit, Creator blest,
And in our hearts take up Thy rest;
Come with Thy grace and heav'nly aid
To fill the hearts which Thou hast made.

To ev'ry sense Thy light impart
And shed Thy love in ev'ry heart.
To our weak flesh Thy strength supply:
Unfailing courage from on high.

Sincerely yours in Christ the Redeemer,

Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.
Archbishop of Newark

Mass Intentions

During the time of the suspension of services the daily Mass intentions are fulfilled by the priests of the parish at private celebrations in the rectory oratory, ordinarily at 7:30 a.m. Parishioners are encouraged to unite in prayer with the Eucharistic Sacrifice being offered and make a spiritual communion when and where possible.



My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Saturday, June 6

Anthony Binder req. the Binder family

Sunday, June 7: The Most Holy Trinity

Mary & Horace DeHaven req. Rose & Gordon DeHaven

Vincenza LoGiudice req. the LoGiudice family

Doris Spano req. the Social Concerns Committee

Monday, June 8

Anna Scrivanich req. Tony & Janelle Amato

Tuesday, June 9: Saint Ephrem

In honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus req. Linda & Dan Conway

Wednesday, June 10

Ronald Masterson req. June & William Montag

Thursday, June 11: Saint Barnabas

All victims of the Corona Virus & their families req. Aida & Rich Aronson

Friday, June 12

People of the Parish

Saturday, June 13: Saint Anthony of Padua

Antoinette Muscarella

August Siekman, Sr. & Charles Molnar req. the Siekmann family

Sunday, June 14: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Michael Luckow req. his Aunt Cathy

Marilyn & Joseph Nantista req. Estelle & Ray Walter

Virginia Leydon req. the Werner family

Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Kgs 17:1-6; Ps 121:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Mt 5:1-12

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 17:7-16; Ps 4:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8; Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 18:20-39; Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab and 8, 11; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Acts 11:21b-26; 12:1-3; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Mt 5:20-26

Friday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16; Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14; Mt 5:27-32

Saturday: 1 Kgs 19:19-21; Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10; Mt 5:33-37

Sunday: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; 1 Cor 10:16-17; Jn 6:51-58

Phase 1 Private Prayer

Cardinal Tobin approved the opening of churches for private prayer commencing Sunday, May 17, 2020 as a part of the Stage 1 reopening of our churches. Our church building is open on Sundays from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and Mondays through Saturdays from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. for private prayer. The faithful continue to be dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays as well as from "the Easter duty," which extends until Trinity Sunday.

The following directives must be followed without exception:

1. Churches may be opened solely for personal prayer during limited and designated hours. Individuals and families may enter the church for quiet prayer only. No gatherings are permitted.
2. In accord with national, state and local health directives, those who show symptoms of COVID-19 or who have been exposed to an infected person are not permitted to enter the church for 14 days.
3. Holy water fonts must remain empty until further notice.
4. Hand sanitizer will be made available throughout the church.
5. Public celebrations of liturgies, devotions, or other group prayer are not permitted at this time.
6. Masks must be worn by all individuals while in the church.
7. Individuals and families must maintain social distancing (six feet) between each person while in the church.

Anointing of the Sick and the Sacrament of Reconciliation are available as needed. Please contact Father Jim to make arrangements to receive either sacrament.

Additional information regarding the Archdiocesan response to the COVID-19 pandemic may be found on our parish website, annunciationchurch.org.

Annunciation's Parish Center is open Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Parish Center Directory

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BAPTISM

The sacrament of Baptism is celebrated for infants on the second and fourth weekends of each month, except during the Lenten season. The celebration may take place during the 10:30 a.m. or 12:00 p.m. Mass on Sunday, or at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday. Parents are invited to contact Judy Fanelli, even before your baby is born, so that participation in our preparation program can be arranged and the baptism planned.

RECONCILIATION

The sacrament of Reconciliation is offered in the church on Saturdays between 4:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Personal appointments for other times are available and can be made by contacting Father Jim.

During the Lenten Season, a communal Celebration of Reconciliation is offered in conjunction with Our Lady of the Visitation parish.

VOCATIONS

Are you being called to priesthood or religious life? As you discern God's calling, explore www.rcan.org/vocation.

MINISTRY TO THE ILL AND HOMEBOUND

At times, physical injury, old age, or debilitating disease prevents our parishioners from participating regularly in the celebration of the Eucharist. During such times, contact with the community of faith is needed more than ever before. We can arrange for you to receive the Eucharist, the sacrament of Reconciliation, and/or the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick in your home or hospital room. Please call the Parish Center if you wish to be visited.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

If you are new to the parish, please submit a completed parish census form. Blank forms are available in the Gathering Space and on our website. Families already registered with the parish are encouraged to keep current their membership information.

INITIATION INTO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

The *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* (RCIA) is a process of formation and initiation for those (age seven and older) who have never been baptized and wish to become members of the Roman Catholic Church.

Formation and initiation opportunities also exist for adults baptized into the Roman Catholic Church as infants, but who have not received the sacraments of Confirmation and/or Eucharist.

Christians baptized in Eastern Orthodox Churches or in communions other than Roman Catholic who wish to enter into the fullness of Catholic communion may also participate in the RCIA formation process.

For more information, please contact Father Jim.

VISITATION ACADEMY

Parents wishing to provide their children with a quality Catholic education are encouraged to consider Visitation Academy, a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence. Located in Paramus and supported by the Catholic parishes of Paramus and Rochelle Park, Visitation Academy offers classes for Grades pre-K3 through eight. For more information, please visit www.visitationacademyparamus.org or call 201-262-6067.

INTENTION REQUESTS

We can spiritually remember an anniversary of marriage, ordination or death, birthday, or other significant milestone for the living or deceased by dedicating the items we use for worship: the sanctuary lamps which burn constantly before the Blessed Sacrament in the church and Holy Family Chapel, the altar candles which remain lit during each liturgical celebration, the bread and wine consecrated at Mass, the Advent wreath candles, and the Paschal candle. Masses may also be offered for a special intention.

A set donation is requested for each intention, a card is provided, and the intention is printed in the bulletin. To request an intention, please visit the Parish Center.