

St. Aloysius, Gate of Heaven & Sacred Heart Church

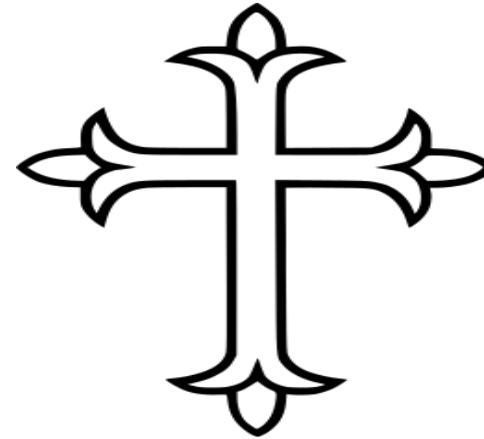
PENTECOST SUNDAY JUNE 9, 2019

Reflection on Pentecost Sunday

Life Message 1) We need to permit the Holy Spirit to direct our lives: **a)** by constantly remembering and appreciating His Holy Presence within us, especially through the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation; **b)** by fortifying ourselves with the help of the Spirit against all types of temptations; **c)** by seeking the assistance of the Spirit in our thoughts, words, and deeds, and in the breaking of our evil habits; **d)** by listening to the voice of the Holy Spirit speaking to us through the Bible and through the good counsel of others; **e)** by fervently praying for the gifts, fruits and charisms of the Holy Spirit; **f)** by renewing our lives through the anointing of the Holy Spirit; and **g)** by living our lives in the Holy Spirit as lives of commitment, of sacrifice, and of joy. We are called to love as Jesus loved, not counting the cost. As Saint Paul exhorts us, *"Walk by the Spirit, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit"* (Galatians 5:16, 25).

2) We need to cultivate the spirit of forgiveness. The feast of the Pentecost offers us the chance to look at the role which forgiveness should play in our dealings with others. Thus, we are challenged to examine our sense of compassion, patience, tolerance and magnanimity. Learning to forgive is a lifelong task, but the Holy Spirit is with us to make us agents of forgiveness. If we are prepared on this day of Pentecost to *receive* the Holy Spirit into our lives, we can have confidence that our lives will be marked by the Spirit of forgiveness.

3) We need to observe Pentecost every day. "It will always be Pentecost in the Church," affirmed Blessed Oscar Romero, Archbishop of El Salvador, on Pentecost Sunday 1978, "provided the Church lets the beauty of the Holy Spirit shine forth from her countenance. When the Church ceases to let her strength rest on the Power from above which Christ promised her and which he gave her on that day, and when the Church leans rather on the weak forces of the power or wealth of this earth, then the Church ceases to be newsworthy. The Church will be fair to see, perennially young, attractive in every age, as long as she is faithful to the Spirit that floods her and she reflects that Spirit through her communities, through her pastors, through her very life" (*The Violence of Love*, The Plough Pub. Co., Farmington, PA: 1998). [Archbishop Oscar Romero was beatified May 23, 2015 by Pope Francis.] Archbishop Romero's declaration reminds us -- as does today's Gospel -- that Pentecost is not just one day, but *every* day. Without breath, there is no life. Without the Spirit, the Church is a field of dry, dead bones. The Venerable Fulton J. Sheen once said about the Church, "Even though we are God's *chosen people*, we often behave more like God's *frozen people*--frozen in our prayer life, frozen in the way we relate with one another, frozen in the way we celebrate our Faith." [Bishop Fulton J. Sheen was declared Venerable by Pope Benedict XVI in June, 2012.] Today is a great day to ask the Holy Spirit to rekindle in us the spirit of new life and enthusiasm, the fire of God's love. Let us repeat Blessed John Henry Cardinal Newman's favorite little prayer, "*Come Holy Spirit!*"



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Mass Schedule

Saturday	4:00 PM	St. Aloysius
Saturday	5.30 PM	Sacred Heart Church (July 4th to Labor day)
Sunday	9:00 AM	St. Aloysius
	11:00 AM	Gate of Heaven

Weekday

M/T/F	8:15 AM	St. Aloysius
Thursday	12:00 PM	St. Aloysius

Adoration

M/T/F	7:30 to 8.15 AM
Friday	9.00 AM to 12.00 PM

Holy Day of Obligation

Holy Eve:	5:30 PM	Gate of Heaven
Holy Day:	9:00 AM	St. Aloysius
	7:00 PM	St. Aloysius

Sacraments

Confession: Before all mass
Baptism: Call the rectory for the arrangement
Marriage: Call the rectory to schedule your Wedding and pre-Cana classes.

Pastoral Visitation

When confined at home, please call the rectory to arrange for a visit and Holy Communion. Please call the rectory if you are facing surgery or hospitalization and would like the Sacrament of the Sick.

Parish Staff

Rev. Edward Bader, Administrator
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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

As a parish, we strive to bring our communities of Catholic Christians together, as we have for over 100 years, by loving and serving God and Each other through Worship, education and service.

MASS INTENTIONS: June 8- June 16 , 2019

Saturday, June 8
4.00 PM- Marian & Matthew Gadziala

Mon, June 10
8:15 AM - Fred Kocher(Birth day)

Thurs June 13
12.00 PM- Frances & Edwin Lake
Saturday, June 15
4.00 PM- Fathers living & deceased

Sunday, June 9
9:00 AM -
11:00 AM - **Aron Ward**
Tues. June 11
8:15 AM - Vivian & Bill Kocher(Marriage Anniversary)

Fri. June 14
8.15AM- Susan Gove(Birth day)
Sunday, June 16
9:00 AM- Fathers living & deceased
11.00.AM- Fathers living & deceased

NOTE: No Gifts can replace offering a mass to departed soul or welfare of living. We have openings for weekdays and weekend masses. The mass stipend per mass is \$15.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK & DECEASED

For the Sick:Joni & Vinny Salvatore, Colleen & Jerrilynn O’Neill; Nora Fernandez,; Laurie & William McMichael, Carol Faughn,Christopher Merklin, Jack Tempel, Robert Ackerly, Sr. Grace, Maureen Connolly, Dave Tucker, Shannon Bruning, Patty Lewis, Lynne Hyzer, Beth Marie Martin, Kristi Romolo, Erma Carlson , , Jim Wilbur, Dom Formato, Darren Steele, Jonell Dalton, Carrie Neer-Molinari. Mary Muhlig. Scott Branning. Easton Gorr. Joe Salvia. Joe & Linda Mchugh, Jerry & Roe Mills, Ken & Arsenia Mchugh.

For the Deceased: Rita Jeanne Schwarz, Charles Irace, Ann M.Klein, Romina Migliorini, Mary Ann Regan, Sean A.Fredenbug,Rita Margaret Reda, Kristine Zeh. Jon Joseph Tusso,Wanda L. McGovern,Gail J. Staudt, Rita Ann Evans.

COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

Is in need of spaghetti sauce, soup, tuna fish and jelly

Collection for last Week
First collection: \$ 1435
Thank you

Readings for Next Sunday
Proverbs 8:22-31.
Romans 5:1-5.
John 16:12-15.

BIBLE STUDY
Good Soil Bible Study Group will meet this week.
Tuesday 4.00 PM at Church basement.

Father’s Day

We celebrate father’s day on June 16. We have a duty to pray for our fathers who introduced us to this world. All the masses on father’s day will be offered to our fathers living and deceased. Please collect father’s day card and return it before June 15.

SAVE THE DATE!

SULLIVAN COUNTY FOOD, FITNESS & FAITH SUMMIT “Growing a Culture of Health & Wellbeing in your Faith Based Community”

FOOD, FITNESS AND FAITH

Join us for an all-day event. Learn about free programs and resources available to help you adopt and promote wellbeing in your congregations!

TUESDAY, JUNE 11 , 2019 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Event Gallery at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts 200 Hurd Road, Bethel, NY

Healthy refreshments will be served. \$15 registration fee (plus additional service charge). Please register at <https://bit.ly/2JwY0Oe> or call (845)295-2680.

Appreciate where you are

It seems almost against our nature to be happy where we are, and probably to a certain extent it is. For were we not somewhat restless, were we not uncomfortable with staying too long in one place, we would not find the drive, the desire, to discover and create new things, and we would not look outside ourselves in search of relationships to enrich and improve our lives and offer us the reward of love. Yet, amid this restlessness, if we are not able to find some appreciation for our lives at this moment, we will miss out on the graces available to us in the here and now, and never find the peace to which God invites us. One of the first challenges of the spiritual life, therefore, is to appreciate where we are, even if it’s not where we want to be. Appreciating where we are doesn’t mean ignoring the past and pretending everything is awesome, as we’re sometimes made to believe. No, the freedom to live our life comes in recognizing where we are, in all its glory and misery and accepting that reality. Accepting that reality doesn’t mean that we’re content just to leave things the way they are. Indeed, it is the catalvst for change. freeing us to see the truth and redirect our lives.

