

May 31, 2020
Pentecost Sunday

MASS INTENTIONS

Pentecost Sunday
Saturday, May 30, 2020

4:30 pm – Anthony Lucarelli *Kotlarsic & Lucarelli Families*

Sunday, May 31, 2020

8:00 am – Andrew “Bill” Cianfaglione *Bozeglav Family*
10:00 am – Frank & Jo Pavelich *The Intihar Family*
12:00 noon – Rosemary & Thomas McCall *Dave & Mindy McCall*

Monday, June 1, 2020

7:30 am – Deceased members of the Brennan Family *Mary Brennan*

Tuesday, June 2, 2020

7:30 am – Michael & Eve Morel *Sharon Morel*

Wednesday, June 3, 2020

7:30 am – Lee Eiermann *Lillian Eiermann*

Thursday, June 4, 2020

7:30 am – Kathy McPhillips *Julie Kolcum*

Friday, June 5, 2020

7:30 am – The intentions of all St. Mary Parishioners

The Most Holy Trinity

Saturday, June 6, 2020

4:30 pm – Nick DeSanto *The Powell Family*

Sunday, June 7, 2020

8:00 am – Ed Ferrall *Dave & Debbie Linn*
10:00 am – Deceased members of the Pokorny, Taczy & Speck Families *Jan Pokorny-Taczy*
12:00 noon – Jane Lynch *The Praetzel Family*

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Michael Anderson
Dottie Bauman
Paul Bauman
Laurie Bertke-Manahan
Carol Betori
John Bowyer
Doug Campbell
Jim Carlson
Nathan Cole
Sr. Mary Cora
Gloria Coury
Grace DiDomenico
Stephanie Divoky
Mike Emerick
Patrica Fedorko
Ron Gady
Rudy Gerlica
Anthony Gutierrez
Joseph Kipp
Jeanne Kubrin
William Lang
Betsy LeBlanc
Gary LeBlanc
Nicholas LeBlanc

Sr. Joesetta Marie Livignano
Marianne LoCastro
Gail Moriarty
Liberty Mosher
Dale Roby
Nora Rodriguez
Mark Shoag
Joey Tromba
Robert Van Curran
Chantel Vargo
Crystal Vecchio
Larry Vollman
Lauren Watts
Jace White
Charlette Whiting

Additions or Deletions
Please contact the
Parish Office at 285-7051.

Welcome New Parishioners

Joe Batina
Vic & Mickie Blatnick
John Figueroa & Ingrid Alicea
Mark & Barb Meister
Jim & Diane Tomsick
Bradley & Julie Yanko

Parish Office Hours

Effective Monday June 1st,
we will be returning to normal office hours:
8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Monday through Friday.

Weekly Collection	
March 2020	
RSC	\$ 65,567.70
Monthly budget (5 weeks @ \$19,000 per week)	\$ 95,000.00
April 2020	
RSC	\$ 53,435.24
Monthly budget (3 weeks @ \$19,000 per week)	\$ 57,000.00
Easter	
Easter collected to date	\$ 45,043.42
Easter budget	\$ 50,000.00
RSC YTD (as of April 30, 2020)	\$ 727,051.45
RSC YTD (as of April 30, 2020) budgeted	\$ 798,000.00
Adopt-A-Student YTD as of May 27, 2020	\$ 36,717.72
includes Fish Fry net income of	\$ 10,961.90

Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

This prayer is said by Catholics all over the world every day of the year. It is because of this day, this solemnity of the Church, this birthday of the Church - that we can ask for the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Most Blessed Trinity. The Holy Spirit is the mutual love of the Father and the Son. The Holy Spirit is referenced numerous times in the Old Testament. The Holy Spirit is revealed to us by Jesus Christ in the New Testament.

This Holy Spirit is portrayed in Christian art in a number of ways: most notably as tongues of fire or a dove. The dove represents peace and gentleness. The fire, by contrast, can destroy, refine and purify. We do well to think about this, because we neither believe in a god who is weak and powerless nor is purely vengeful or vindictive.

No. The one, true God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit has been revealed to us by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. God is all loving and God is all just. God is merciful and yet that mercy should never be taken for granted.

Christ Jesus has established His Church to carry on the saving mission of bringing people to faith in Him. The Church, whose birth we celebrate each year at Pentecost, is to bring the saving message of the Gospel to the world. In doing this, it cannot be timid and weak. At the same time, it is to be compassionate, merciful and always faithful to the truth.

Therein lies one of the great challenges for the Church. The fire that consumes can also purify and refine. Fire that destroys can also create.

At the heart of it all we come back to the Cross. The Cross which tortured was the Cross that made victory over sin, death and Satan possible. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost was possible because of the death, resurrection and ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The frightened apostles would now preach with courage. Doubts were transformed into certainty. Lives would be dedicated and given up because they had been touched by the hand of God.

For 2000 years, men and women have felt the touch of God in the person of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit who comes to us in baptism and whose power and presence is strengthened in us in confirmation – that Holy Spirit destroys selfishness and self-centeredness – the Holy Spirit has inspired prophets and saints and countless others to acts of heroism, sacrifice and love – the Holy Spirit who is God has set hearts aflame with the fire of love – a fire of love that cannot be extinguished and whose source can never be depleted.

The fire that purifies minds and hearts and souls has inspired countless martyrs to make the ultimate sacrifice – because they knew that a crown awaits all those who are faithful to the Lord – because they would rather die than renounce the God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. In our day, in our time, we need hearts that are open to the fire of the Holy Spirit. We are to be gentle as doves but this does not mean weakness. Our strength comes from the Holy Spirit and the Spirit's gifts and fruits – not our own.

In our day, in our time, our world needs the passionate witness of faith-filled families. Families where children see commitment, experience love and safety and where God is the center of every home. In our day, in our time, our world needs to see men and women respond with generosity to God who will never be outdone in generosity.

Let the fire fall, we pray. Let the fire of God's love fill our hearts so that our world can be illuminated with the Spirit of God!

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O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

Principal's Corner



Dear St. Mary School Families and Parishioners,

Wow, what a year! It is hard to believe that the end of the school year arrived so quickly.

This will be the last Principal's Corner before the school year ends. I will resume with the monthly updates in August.

The past few months have been quite different than usual. While these unprecedented times were challenging, this also allowed us to spend more time as a family and we can be thankful for that.

We concluded the school year with some of our traditional activities, such as a virtual Field Day, our "Pass it on Ceremony", and a live streamed mass on the last day of school. It was great to see many of our students and their parents in-person during our supply pick-up drive through this past week and I cannot tell you how much we missed you!

Thanks to all our students, teachers, staff, and parents who did a great job adjusting to remote learning. We could not have done this without your tremendous support!

Thanks to Father Redmond and the business office for all that they continue to do to lead in this historic challenge.

A team of teachers, parish staff members, parents, and myself will be part of a task force over the summer to make sure that we will continue with the best education and faith formation we can offer our students and families here at St. Mary's. Our intention is to be prepared to open our school for in-person learning, five days a week, and to resume as normal of a schedule as possible this fall, while following the governor's guidelines for reopening schools. Please check for more information in the near future.

A special thanks to our parents and parish community for all your support and help during this time. We are blessed by your commitment to make St. Mary's a special place for our students.

May you and your family have a wonderful summer!

Yours in Christ,

Mrs. Friederike Wintersteller - Principal



Confessions Resume

Beginning the weekend of May 30th & 31st we will have confessions at the usual times.

The procedure will be slightly different due to social distancing and sanitizing. You may still go face to face or behind a screen. To eliminate sanitizing after each person, you will be required to stand. There will be no kneelers or chairs.

Thank you for your understanding and perseverance during these critical times.

Saint Mary Parish is offering a convenient, new service for contributions! Online Giving as an electronic tool for contributions so you can give via the Internet. It is very easy to use and requires no special knowledge other than how to access the Internet. Online Giving helps you maintain your giving even if we cannot be together at Mass. This helps the parish streamline our cash flow, especially during bad weather or vacations (or a pandemic!).

This convenient system does not require you to contact your bank to sign up or to make changes. You can use any of your checking or savings accounts (even your credit card!) and the funds will be automatically transferred to our parish bank account. This system is more convenient for the parish than electronic checks from your bank. And it's convenient for you because you can make changes at any time. You can see reports on your contribution history and generate tax statements at each year's end. Visit our website www.stmarychardon.org to sign up and to begin contributing automatically!



Come Holy Spirit!

OPENING OUR HEARTS DURING A PANDEMIC

An Update from the Hands United in Hope & Love Ministry June 2020

The generosity of our parishioners knows no boundaries, even in the midst of the global pandemic.

Our annual Lenten Almsgiving appeal to support our friends in Nicaragua had just begun when our churches closed in mid-March. Thankfully, your hearts did not close at the same time. To our amazement, the people of St. John of the Cross and St. Mary-Chardon contributed more than \$6,600.

The much-needed funds will provide for tuition assistance in León, painting and repairs to the rectory and school in El Viejo and Spanish-language children's Bibles in Chacraseca. Meanwhile, the three parishes we support are addressing various social and spiritual needs resulting from the pandemic.

Many of the issues are similar to those here in the United States, but the full picture is unclear. "Due to the social reality that Nicaraguans are living, it is difficult to know the progress of the pandemic," Padre Tomás told us recently.

A widespread quarantine was not imposed because of the Ortega regime's concerns about the potential economic impact. Yet hospitals are reportedly overcrowded, rumors of mass burials persist and a Central American data-gathering organization reports far higher levels of confirmed cases and deaths than those reported by the Nicaraguan government.

But as Padre Tomás reports, "In reality there are more infections, since many people are treating themselves at home with the help of private doctors or medical relatives. This is the case of some faithful of our parish, who have not wanted to go to the hospital because they fear for their lives since our hospital centers do not have the conditions [to handle] the emergency. And that fear is increased when watching the news on television and social networks."

Sadly, the COVID-19 crisis only compounds the challenges the churches there must confront. As Padre Tomás adds, "Due to the sociopolitical situation, poverty is the epidemic that hits Nicaraguan homes the most. We hear heartbreaking stories of survival in many homes. Our parish brings awareness to the parishioners to open their hearts to those who are going through difficult times."

Thank you again for opening *your* hearts to help our friends in Nicaragua. Please continue to pray for the well-being of people everywhere, and for an end to a crisis that has brought us even closer despite the many miles that separate us.

¡Muchas gracias!

Dale and Marie George

Hands United in Faith & Love Ministry

NEW: Hospice of the Western Reserve Virtual Volunteer Training

Are you looking for a way to help individuals in your community? Are you willing to engage with homebound patients and families by phone or by mail? Consider becoming a Hospice of the Western Reserve Volunteer. At this unprecedented time in our country, Hospice of the Western Reserve has developed new non-patient contact volunteer opportunities that still help support our patients and their families. We are excited to announce virtual volunteer training for new volunteers. For more information, contact us at 216.255.9090 or fill out an online application hospicewr.org/volunteers. Volunteers who complete virtual training will be able to provide in-person visits after Ohio's Stay at Home order is lifted.



Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Wisdom

Understanding

Knowledge

Counsel

Fortitude

Piety

Fear of the Lord