



# *The Catholic Parishes of Athens & Meigs Counties*

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## **RE: May 29 Update**

### **This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of Pentecost.**

This is the birthday of the Church. The Holy Spirit brings life and continues the power of Jesus Christ in the world. It is the presence of the Holy Spirit that blessed the apostles with the various and particular gifts each one needed to carry out the mission Christ had given them. They found the boldness to leave the upper room and to go out and proclaim the message of Jesus: to heal the sick, cast out demons, stand up to the authorities who tried to silence them, and many other mighty deeds.

The same Holy Spirit accompanies us in our pilgrimage through life, guiding us through life's transitions and the many vicissitudes we experience. In those moments when our faith is challenged and tested, we need to turn to the Holy Spirit and pray for His guidance. Turn to the Holy Spirit and ask for the gift of discernment to help us make the right choices; choices that will lead us forward, choices that will bring us closer to God, choices that will bring our human potential to its fulfillment.

May the Holy Spirit be our Comforter, Advocate, Guide, and Counselor as He leads us to all truth.

Come, Holy Spirit.

### **Return of Public Weekend Masses**

We are excited to be able to resume public Masses this weekend! To review the Guidelines for the Return of Public Masses, click [here](#).

In Athens, please note the new schedule of weekend Masses:

**5:00 p.m. Saturday at Christ the King**

**8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., Noon, and 6:00 p.m. on Sunday at Christ the King only**

Please note, if we have more people than available seats in the church, overflow seating will be available in the Holy Family Center. Though Mass will be streamed in the Holy Family Center, Communion will be brought to you at Communion time.

We will continue to stream Mass to our [YouTube channel](#). Direct links to the Saturday 5:00 p.m. Vigil and Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass are included at the end of this update.

The Mass schedule for Glouster, Buchtel, and Pomeroy is:

**4:30 p.m. Saturday at Sacred Heart**

**8:30 a.m. Sunday at St. Mary of the Hills**

**9:30 a.m. Sunday at Sacred Heart**

**10:00 a.m. Sunday at Holy Cross**

The Bishop has granted a [dispensation](#) for those who feel it is best to continue to stay at home at this time.

## Office Hours Next Week

The Parish Office will be open Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and Friday from 9:00 a.m. - Noon. The Office is closed on Wednesday.

## Congratulations!

Since last September, several members of our parishes have been preparing for the reception of sacraments this Easter. They have gathered faithfully nearly every week to study and to pray. We congratulate them and are very grateful for the model of faith they give us! Please welcome:

St. Paul / Christ the King: Ronald Baker, Hailee Fouch, Destini Kidwell, George 'Mike' McCleary, Maya Oshita, and Tara Purdy

Sacred Heart: Alyssa Andrews, Dillon Andrews, Matthew Casci, Jarret Durst, and Laura Nowicki

## Online Giving

During this time of continued social distancing, baskets will be placed at the doors of all parishes for financial offerings. We also encourage you to set up online giving if you are able. Visit our website and click the ["Giving" tab](#) at the top of the page to learn more. You can also continue to mail your envelopes to the office or donate directly to our parishes' D/PSC. Visit the [Diocesan D/PSC](#) page to learn more.

## This Weekend's Mass & Confession Times

Confessions will be heard on Saturday at 10:00 a.m. at Christ the King and Sacred Heart churches.

For those wishing to connect with us from home, Mass for the Solemnity of Pentecost will be streamed from Christ the King on Saturday at 5:00 p.m. and on Sunday at 10:00 a.m. via our YouTube channel.

[5:00 PM Saturday Vigil](#)

[10:00 AM Sunday Mass](#)

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