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**Mass Schedule**
Saturday Vigil: 4:30pm
**Sunday:** 7:30, 9:00, 11:30am & 5:30pm-Life Teen
**Daily:** Monday & Wednesday 6:30am
Tuesday & Thursday 9:00am
Communion Service: Friday 6:30am
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**Pentecost Sunday**
Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” - Jn 20:21

God and language

Tom Acemoglu  
Pastoral Associate for Evangelization and Catechesis

Pentecost is one of the great stories of the Bible. I’d say that of all the stories of the Bible, it has one of the greatest personal connections to us today. Pentecost is much like the Last Supper in that way. We know that the Last Supper was a real historical event that happened on the eve of Jesus’ death on the cross. We also know that the first followers of Jesus regularly celebrated a meal in the same way. They continued to do so over the centuries up through this very Sunday. And even though the years, the styles of clothing, the nations, and the languages have all changed, there is no difference between the Eucharist that rested in Jesus’ hands and the one that may have rested in your hands this weekend. It’s all Him.

It’s an immediate connection, like traveling in time and embracing Jesus for yourself. The space between the millennia disappear and eternity skates between 1st century Palestine, 21st century Latham and the heart of the Holy Trinity. It’s really cool and it happens every Mass.

Today’s feast is exactly like that. What are we celebrating? Well, first of all, we are celebrating a historical moment. After the Resurrection, both Father and Son gave the apostles a gift and it changed the course of human history. That gift is the same Holy Spirit that is shared between the Father and the Son. A group of good-hearted but cowardly fishermen, zealots, and tax collectors abandoned their old ways of life and traveled thousands of miles to tell the whole world about Jesus. They all died on foreign soil proclaiming that Jesus had died for our sins but rose again on the third day. They claimed that He offered a new life to anyone who wants it and that life needn’t end in our bodily death. Heaven is real and we can go there because of what Jesus did for us. That’s the first thing we’re celebrating.

But it doesn’t end there. The same Holy Spirit that moved St. Paul to abandon his old sins and St. Peter to accept martyrdom in Rome is available to you. That same Holy Spirit that allowed the apostles to speak in strange new languages is available to you. The same Holy Spirit that animated the apostles to start thriving churches in hostile territories like a delicate flower in impossibly rocky ground is available to you. The same Spirit that has made sure that where He is present the Word is proclaimed, the sick are ministered to, the hungry are fed, and the outcast welcomed would love to make a home inside of you.

This Holy Spirit is available to you. It’s available today. It’s available right now.

What do you need to do? Ask for it. “Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.” (Mat 7:7)

How can you ask for the Holy Spirit? If you stop reading this long enough to read the following prayer, you will have offered God just the kind of invitation needed to open your heart to Him:

“Come, Holy Spirit”.

In this Sunday’s Gospel reading, Jesus begins giving the Apostles the Holy Spirit with the simple word “Receive”: “Receive the Holy Spirit” (John 20:22). In other words, it’s not that the Holy Spirit is unavailable to you. The Holy Spirit is not far. You need only “receive”. How do you receive? “Ask”, “seek”, and “knock”. Ask, be open, and expect God to show up with His gift to you.

One note of caution: if you ask for the Holy Spirit, God will most certainly show up. And when the Spirit of God shows up, the Spirit of God changes things. That same Spirit can bring peace and upset all of your plans. That Spirit can change the direction of your life and wrestle the illusion of control we believe we have out of our hands. The Spirit is God’s power alive in you, a factory of miracles and God’s potent Presence in the world. Most of all, the Spirit makes it all worth it.
Thank you for your generous response to the 2017 Bishop’s Appeal. The amount raised thus far is $81,927.40 with a total of 290 pledges and gifts. The vital ministries supported by this annual appeal depend on you and your generosity. Your gift helps St. Ambrose Parish pay its diocesan assessment of $152,989. Pledge envelopes are available in the church and donations can also be made online at: www.thebishopsappeal.org Many thanks for your support!

Mary Stewart/Stephen Green
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I want to thank all those who helped with the First Communion and the Confirmation receptions. I truly appreciate you giving of your time to make the receptions so special for our children and teenagers. I am so grateful to have your continued help and support. Thanks again. Donna Sabatino-Martha Ministry

Father’s Day
Sunday, 18th June is Father’s Day. As in past years, we have some special Spiritual Bouquet cards available at the church exits. These include a card (to send) and an envelope on which to write the name (s) you would like to be remembered and to place an offering inside (if you wish to do so). The intentions will be remembered during Masses on Father’s Day. Please remember to return the envelopes to the Parish Office or place them in the offertory basket as soon as possible so that the intentions can be included in the Masses.

Our meeting on May 11th went well. Mr. Joe Corr could not be with us so William Furlong, his assistant was at the meeting. He did a great job with the presentation and the questions that were asked. Next meeting will be June 8th, and Kathy Leonard will talk about the new technology on the Life Alert System.

All are welcome and if you like us we would love to have you join the club.

Carolyn Chabot-President...518-785-6315

Help is needed for the following time slots for Eucharistic Adoration
8:00—9:00 pm and 9:00—10:00 pm on Friday evenings. If you are able to help out, kindly contact Nancy Hooley at 783-3411. Give yourself the gift of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Thank you!

Ushers Needed
We need ushers for the 11:30 Mass. This is a great ministry. Greet people coming into Mass, help sitting the elderly and families with small children, take up the collection and pick up the church after Mass. You are at Mass already—you might as well have a good time and help out. Call John Estep 783-9266 or talk to any usher.
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NURSES NOTES...
Nancy Acemoglu, RN

Whenever I visit the Hospitals or Nursing Homes, I am always reminded of the immense quiet suffering that people endure. Many times they try to conceal this from their children and families, so that they don’t experience their pain, but usually they already know.

Visiting these places humbles me, and makes me so grateful for my profession of nursing.

If you could please take a minute and say a prayer for these people perhaps one little prayer is what they need to give them the courage they need.

A PRAYER FOR HOPE

Help us, Lord Jesus, to hold steadfast to prayer.
Relying on the word of God, in all despair.
That our Hopes in You will ever increase
While our doubts and fears slowly decrease.

Help us, Lord, to be a light of hope
To those who are in need.
To be an example of Your love and mercy.
And to tell others of Your great Grace and glory.
Amen!

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- Develop our spiritual life, Spread the Gospel message,
- Respect the human dignity and rights of all persons
- Support family life: the role of married couples, singles, youth and children
- Share our time, energy, talent and resources

Strengthened by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to make choices and decisions that will reflect and give evidence of what we say we believe and value as a Catholic Christian Faith Community.

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Readings for the Week of June 4, 2017
Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-15/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/
1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23
Monday: Tb 1:3; 2:1b-8/Ps 112:1b-2, 3b-6/Mk 12:1-12
Tuesday: Tb 2:9-14/Ps 112:1-2, 7-9/Mk 12:13-17
Wednesday: Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a/Ps 25:2-5ab, 6, 7bc-9/Mk 12:18-27
Thursday: Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a/Ps 128:1-5/Mk 12:28-34
Friday: Tb 11:5-17/Ps 146:1b-2, 6c-10/Mk 12:35-37
Saturday: Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20/Tb 13:2; 6efgh-8/Mk 12:38-44
Next Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52-56/2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18

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Contact Dave Dobkowski, Ph.D. at 859-4015 to make an appointment.

St. Matthew’s Church in Voorheesville is offering a Broadway Bus Trip to see Bette Midler in Hello Dolly on Sunday, November 12, 2017—2PM Matinee, Balcony 1 seating. $150 Bus and Show or visit the city and ride the bus for only $40. Bus leaves St. Matthew’s Church 9:00 AM and leaves the city 5:30 PM. A quick stop will be made on the way at the Sloatsburg Rest Area. Arrive back to Voorheesville approx. 9:30 PM. For Reservation Form and more information, please contact Peggy McQuade st.mattswelcome@gmail.com or 765-2805 x14. Deadline June 8th. Hope you can join us!!
## Liturgical Roles for Week Ending June 11, 2017

**MONEY COUNTERS, SUNDAY, JUNE 11TH**  
Team #9—Jannie Daggs, Valerie Gyurko, Betty Mahoney, Carolyn Chabot & Clara Aliberti

**MONEY COUNTERS, MONDAY, JUNE 12TH**  
Team #3—Richard Ostiguy & Rene Comtois

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### Newly Baptized

- **May**: Marco Joseph Comisson, Aiden Xavier Craig and Alexis Leanne Swint.

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We joyfully announce the following that were brought to the Baptismal Font during May and are now members of the Church. The newly baptized are:

- Marco Joseph Comisson
- Aiden Xavier Craig
- Alexis Leanne Swint