

PENTECOST SUNDAY

MAY 31, 2020

From the Priests' Desks:

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Sacred Heart:

"I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets." These are words that we recite each Sunday in our Creed; words that we repeat in a special way today as we celebrate the Solemnity of Pentecost, sometimes called the Birthday of the Church. After Easter and Christmas, Pentecost is the most important Christian celebration in the Church year. In the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 2:1-11) we hear the familiar story of the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles in the form of tongues of fire, and, even more importantly, the touch of the Spirit in changing their lives, perfecting their faith, and inspiring them with the courage to fulfill the mission they had been given by Jesus, to preach the Gospel throughout the world. The experience of unity, as people of many different languages and cultures suddenly understand each other, is symbolic of the word "Catholic" which means universal, reminding us that the Good News of Jesus Christ is meant to embrace all people and every culture without exception, and that the ultimate goal of this Good News is to challenge us to form a community, as St. Augustine would say, one in mind and heart on the way to God. Jesus, on Easter Sunday, had already given the apostles his authority of reconciliation and healing and, thus, the power to form a faith community when he breathed on them and said: "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you shall forgive are forgiven them." (Jn. 20:19-23)

Our Scripture readings for today, then, speak to us about the transforming effects of the Spirit where that Spirit is fully accepted into minds and hearts: the Spirit bestows courage—overcoming the fear and anxiety of the apostles, locked in the Upper Room, and moving them to open up the doors and go forth in spite of danger and difficulty and the Cross; the Spirit bestows forgiveness—overcoming sinfulness and bringing about reconciliation: with oneself, others, and with God; the Spirit bestows unity . . . from the diversity of languages, which symbolizes division and lack of communication, the Spirit produces mutual understanding and a common belief—Jesus is Lord (1 Cor. 12:3); and the Spirit bestows a sense of mission, for the apostles now speak "about the marvels God has accomplished in Jesus." Indeed, they do more than speak, they act as Jesus had acted—they heal the sick, raise the dead, they bring hope and comfort and joy into the lives of all those whom they meet.

And of all the gifts which the Spirit bestows certainly the greatest is the gift of charity, enabling all those who believe to see the goodness, to see the beauty in others, recognizing each person not just as another individual but as a companion, as a friend, as a child of God, and therefore, as a brother or sister in the Lord with a common origin, a common vision, a common destiny. Perhaps the greatest damage caused by this modern plague that has so afflicted us is that it has made us see each other as enemies, as potential threats to our own personal health, and sources of infection to be avoided. How do we preserve the bonds of charity that identify us as followers of Jesus? Only through a new Pentecost! It is the Spirit living in each one of us who can help us to continue to see the face of Jesus in others and to fulfill our deepest desires: for happiness, for peace of soul, and for belonging . . . If we can only open the doors of our hearts as the disciples opened the doors of the Upper Room on that first Pentecost. And so, we pray in a special way today and every day: "Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love!"

Fr. Michael Rafferty, OAR

Fr. John Gruben, OAR

PHASE ONE ROCKLAND COUNTY

At present the county is in what is referred to as Phase One of reopening. For Sacred Heart that means that we are open for private prayer from 1pm to 5pm weekdays and Sunday. Confessions are still by appointment only. We ask that you call the rectory office and leave a message or email us at: shsuff@gmail.com .to schedule a meeting with a priest. Last week we had some confusing statements from first Governor Cuomo, who stated Masses could proceed but with 10 persons only. As we are sure you can imagine that is not possible. Then on Friday the President stated that Churches could reopen and are considered essential. Although that statement gives us all solace and reinforces our constitutional right to our religious freedom, it does not make reopening at this moment practical. For the health and well-being of all our parish family we will begin reopening under the direction of the Archdiocese of New York and the decisions of our good shepherd Cardinal Dolan. When we do reopen it will most likely be at 25% capacity and therefore, we will be formulating how best to accommodate as many of our parishioners at Mass safely and implore the mandated social distancing necessary. We will keep you all up to date with further details as they occur. Blessings to All!



COME, HOLY SPIRIT

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle 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 has instructed the hearts of your faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may have a right judgment in all things and evermore rejoice in his consolations. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, MAY 31

Mass at 12:00 noon and Church open 1pm to 5pm

Monday, JUNE 1

Mass at 12:00 noon and Church open 1pm to 5pm

Tuesday, JUNE 2

Mass at 12:00 noon and Church open 1pm to 5pm

Wednesday, JUNE 3

Mass at 12:00 noon and Church open 1pm to 5pm

Thursday, JUNE 4

Mass at 12:00 noon and Church open 1pm to 5pm

Friday, JUNE 5

Mass at 12:00 noon and Church open 1pm to 5pm

Saturday, JUNE 6

Sunday, JUNE 7

Mass at 12:00 noon and Church open 1pm to 5pm

HOLY MOTHER PRAY FOR US

Pray for us, loving Mother,
and gain for our nation and world,
and for all our families and loved ones,
the protection of your holy angels,
that we may be spared the worst of this illness.

For those already afflicted, we ask you to obtain the
grace of healing and deliverance.

Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful,
wipe away their tears and help them to trust.

In this time of trial and testing, teach all of us in the
Church to love one another and to be patient and kind.
Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to
our hearts.

We come to you with confidence,
knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother,
health of the sick and cause of our joy.

Shelter us under the mantle of your protection,
keep us in the embrace of your arms,
help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus.
Amen.

CARDINAL'S APPEAL 2020

Now more than ever the Archdiocese of New York needs your support. The virus which we realize has impacted us all makes your support if possible, even greater. Parishes are only as strong as its parishioners. As you are aware a church's resources come only through the generosity of its parish family. When things start to return to normal parishes needing support through the Archdiocese can only get it through the funds the Appeal makes yearly. Please consider donating today. Bless you all and pray for an end to this virus. To date we have raised \$57,556. towards our goal of \$122,500.

Don Bosco Prep to Hold Virtual Open House

Ramsey, NJ - Don Bosco Prep in Ramsey, NJ, will hold a Virtual Open House for all prospective students and families on **Monday, June 1st, 2020 at 7:00 PM.**

Visit our website at www.donboscoprep.org for more information and register at:

www.donboscoprep.org/virtualopenhouse

ST. JOSEPH'S REGIONAL SJR CARBARET 2020 KNIGHT

An Interactive Virtual Event Featuring Music of the 21st Century. Streamed LIVE through the SJR Facebook Page. **Thursday, May 28th at 7:00pm. For more Info:** www.sjrtheater@gmail.com

ST. JOSEPH REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL Attention 8th Grade Boys!

St. Joseph Regional High School is currently accepting qualified applicants for admission to the: Class of 2024 Knights Bridge Academy (A unique academic program that helps graduating 8th grade boys who could benefit from another year of preparation before beginning 9th grade.) We encourage you to visit www.sjrny.org or email admissions@sjrnj.org to inquire about becoming a Green Knight!

ALBERTUS MAGNUS HS

Join Us for Falcon Fridays

June 12th and 26th -11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Visit with us for a virtual look into how Albertus Magnus makes a difference in the lives of our students:

www.albertusmagnus.net/VirtualAdmissions

<https://www.albertusmagnus.net>

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Please pray for those who are ill and have asked us to pray for them:

Keith Alanis, Jenna Applebaum, Theresa Anselmi, Michael Brady, Elias and Marina del Castilla, Angie Clifford, Robert Conly, Comerford Family, Teresa & Tom Consolo, Mirella Cosentino, Joe Davey, Anthony DeFrancesco III, Matthew DeMayo, Cledha Desir, Mary Discini, John Duffy, David Eckert, Cynthia Finneran, Sr., Ginny Figula, Stefanie Gaudelli, Arlene Gentile, Mark Goldman, Debra Gravina, Senan Halpin, Roy Harris, Clement Hayes, Mr. Harris, Domenic & Anthony Iannaccone, Rob Incognoli, Bob Janson, Fran Janson, Anna Kasperska, Eileen Kennedy, Fred Lemoine, Elizabeth Lempka, Vasily Lockhart, Roberta Lynch, Laura Mack, Rosemarie Manthey, Matthew Luludis, Marie Marasuilo, Thomas Mathai, Jeanne Matera, Richard McCarthy, Rosemary McCormick, Debra McGovern, Catherine McMenamin, John McLoughlin, Jacob Mendelsohn, Ken Meyer, Florence Mohan, Joseph Mikulka, Barbara Neilson, Robert Nunes, Thomas O'Connor, Jennifer O'Hara, Pat O'Neill, Nancy Overend, Shace Paljusevic, Peter Princi, Etta Rooney, Claudia Spallanzani, Joseph Pasculli, (Baby Ty) Reilly, Michael Shumway, Jean Simons, Roberto Sorgo, Maureen Starke, Shaun Stein, Janet Tamburro, Richard Vanadio, Barbara Veraldo Strano, Phyllis Varacalli, Kali Villela, Robert Vogt, Fr. Wing, and Vladimir Zaslavsky.



FOR OUR ARMED FORCES & FIRST RESPONDERS OF ALL KINDS, AND OUR DOCTORS & NURSES

We pray for all the men and women serving our country AND especially the sons and daughters, grandchildren and loved ones of our parishioners.

**ALTAR MEMORIALS
MAY 31, 2020**

ALL MEMORIALS IN HONOR OF THOSE WE HAVE LOST TO THE COVID - 19 VIRUS

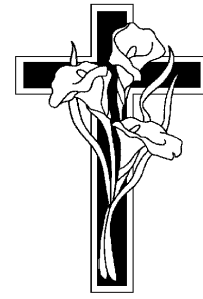


Let us pray for our deceased parishioners, and family members and loved ones:

Especially: **Josephine Mancuso**

BOOSTER CLUB

WEEK 15-OWEN COSGROVE



ALL MASSES WILL BE SAID PRIVATELY BY OUR PARISH PRIESTS DUE TO COVID-19

ALL MASSES AND SERVICES WILL BE LIVE STREAMED ON OUR WEBSITE:

WWW.SACREDHEARTPARISH.ORG

MONDAY THRU FRIDAY MASSES WILL BE LIVE STREAMED AT 12:00PM AND SUNDAYS AT 12:00PM

SATURDAY, VIGIL MASS

5:30pm –Frances Camillieri

SUNDAY, MAY 31

7:00am – All Parishioners

8:30am – All Souls in Purgatory

10:00am – Daniel Greeley & Andrew Statham

11:30am – Sr. Rose O'Rourke

1:00pm – Carmel Curley

5:30pm – Parish Memorial Society

MONDAY, JUNE 1

7:00am –

9:00am – Leonard Zimmermann

7:15pm – NO Novena

TUESDAY, JUNE 2

7:00am – Special Intention Jean Celestin

9:00am – Anthony Amalfitano

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

7:00am – Bridget Peris

9:00am – Robert Keahon

THURSDAY, JUNE 4

7:00am –

9:00am – Nancy Collins

FRIDAY, JUNE 5 First Friday

7:00am – Joseph Padavupurackal

9:00am –

1:00pm – Exposition

5:00pm – Holy Hour

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

9:00am Bernard, Bonnie & Joseph Wysocki

SATURDAY, VIGIL MASS

5:30pm –Mary & Frank Battaglia

SUNDAY, JUNE 7

7:00am – All Parishioners

8:30am – Daniel Greeley & Andrew Statham

10:00am – Willard F. Foster

11:30am – Marie Scarpelli

1:00pm – Robert G. Holodak, Sr.

5:30pm – Parish Memorial Society