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## MASS SCHEDULE

### **Monday**

8:30 AM—St. Teresa

### **Tuesday & Friday**

8:30 AM-Nativity

### **SATURDAY CONFESSION**

3:00 PM-St. Teresa

### **SATURDAY VIGIL**

4:00 PM-St. Teresa

### **SUNDAY**

8:00 AM- Nativity

10:00 AM-St. Teresa

12:00 PM-St. Teresa

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## PRINCE OF PEACE PARISH



**Saturday, May 27<sup>TH</sup> PENTECOST SUNDAY**

**4:00PM At St. Teresa Church**

**Sunday, May 28<sup>TH</sup> PENTECOST SUNDAY**

**8:00AM** Connie & Marcy Vingo  
by Patty, Eddie & Chris Leavenworth  
**At Church of the Nativity**

**10:00AM At St. Teresa Church**

**12:00PM At St. Teresa Church**

**Monday, May 29<sup>TH</sup> THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,  
MOTHER OF THE CHURCH**

**8:30AM At St. Teresa Church**

**Tuesday, May 30<sup>TH</sup> WEEKDAY**

**8:30AM At Church of the Nativity**

**Friday, June 2<sup>ND</sup> WEEKDAY**

**8:30AM At Church of the Nativity**

**Saturday, June 3<sup>RD</sup> THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**

**4:00PM At St. Teresa Church**

**Sunday, June 4<sup>TH</sup> THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**

**8:00AM** Antonio & Maria Souza  
by Ed Fischer  
**At Church of the Nativity**

**10:00AM** The Living & Deceased Members of  
Dunham Family

by Wendy Dunham  
**At St. Teresa Church**

**12:00PM At St. Teresa Church**

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER  
UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

May 28, 2023  
Pentecost Sunday

I hope you'll acknowledge with me a simple fact: it's not normal to have tongues of fire "part and come to rest" on people. It is actually pretty strange. Yet that is precisely what we celebrate in this feast of Pentecost. How can this mean something to us in our daily lives?

Jews had a tradition that heaven is a temple made of bricks of fire. So, through the apostles, the heavenly temple is coming to earth. But this fire looks like tongues, not bricks. That means that heavenly speech will be crucial to building a dwelling place for God on earth among men and women. So, it's no surprise when the apostles begin to speak in a miraculous way that is understood by all language groups. They are speaking of what God has done in and through Jesus: bringing heaven to earth and uniting all peoples to God and to each other.

How often our speech divides: gossip, slander, insults, and so on. How strange and rare it is when people speak in ways that truly unite instead of divide. Imagine how powerful it would be if you and I began to speak at home, at work, and in our community in a way that made people hear heavenly speech. Imagine if you spoke of the mighty deeds of God in a way that everyone could understand. That's precisely what the Holy Spirit descends upon us to do. Ask Him to come as a tongue of fire to you once again, and He will. Then speak!

— Father John Muir

### Readings for the week of May 28, 2023

**Sunday:** Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30)/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/

Jn 20:19-23

**Monday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34

**Tuesday:** Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23/Mk 10:28-31

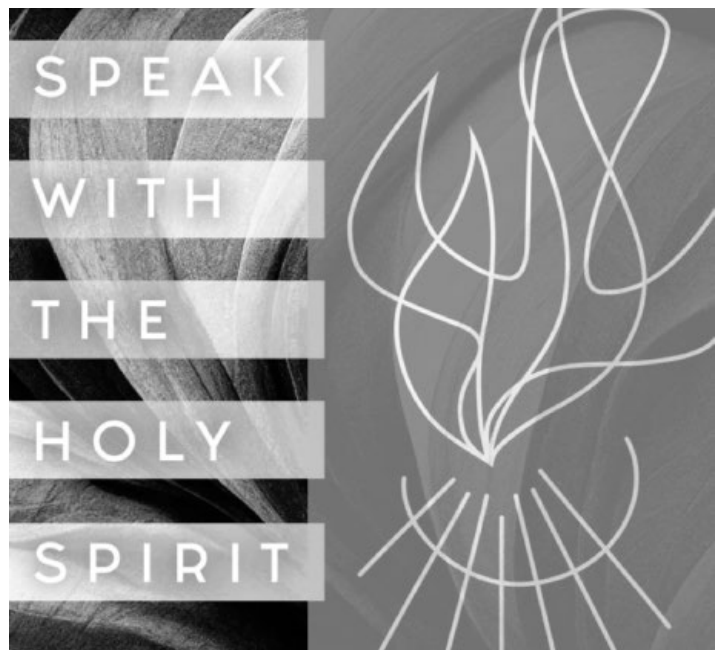
**Wednesday:** Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 1:39-56

**Thursday:** Sir 42:15-25/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 10:46-52

**Friday:** Sir 44:1, 9-13/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Mk 11:11-26

**Saturday:** Sir 51:12cd-20/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mk 11:27-33

**Next Sunday:** Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 (52b)/2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18



## PENTECOST SUNDAY

### Archbishop's Annual Appeal 2023

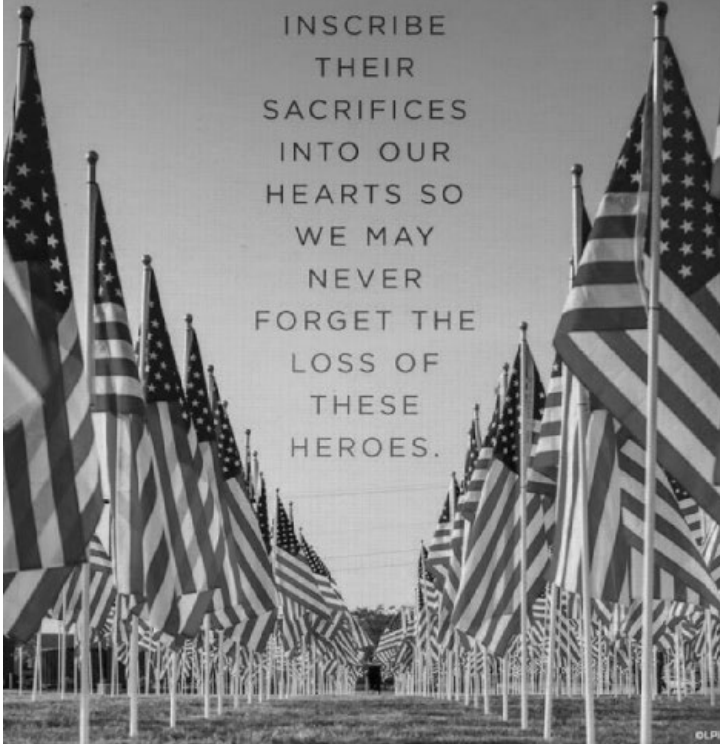
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The Parish Office will be Closed Monday, May 29th in Observance of Memorial Day.

## MEMORIAL DAY

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FORGET THE  
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CPR certification training will take place on Thursday June 1st at 10am in St. Teresa's church hall. If interested please contact Pat Barre at; 203-263-4586.

### New Day Bereavement Program St. Thomas the Apostle Church Parish Center 733 Oxford Road Oxford, CT 06478

Those who are grieving the death of a loved one need to proactively work through their grief. One way that may be helpful is to participate in the bereavement support group called the New Day Program.

This program consists of ten two-hour weekly meetings. During each meeting, participants work through one component of the grieving process, guided by the New Day Journal.

There will be two sessions offered this summer. Session A will begin on Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30pm and Session B will begin on Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup> from 10am-12pm. Registration is required for both sessions. If you would like to register for either Session A or Session B of the New Day Program, please contact Maryjane at 203-888-2382 ext 104 or [pastoralcare@stthomasoxford.org](mailto:pastoralcare@stthomasoxford.org) by Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup>.



### Pentecost

#### Question:

Why do we celebrate Pentecost when we do?

#### Answer:

The book of Acts unpacks the events immediately following Jesus' ascension into heaven. The Apostles and other disciples were told to pray in Jerusalem and await another outpouring of the Holy Spirit. As the weeks ticked on, the Jewish Festival of Weeks approached. This festival took place 50 days after Passover and celebrated the giving of the law on Mount Sinai. The Festival of Weeks (or "Pentecost" in Greek) was a great pilgrimage feast, with Jews from all over the ancient world convening on Jerusalem for the celebration.

It was on Pentecost that God chose to send the Holy Spirit. Here, the new law of love was etched into the hearts of the disciples. As he burst out onto the balcony above the multinational crowd, Peter proclaimed the message of the resurrection, and the Holy Spirit enabled every listener to hear in their native language. 3,000 people were baptized that day! The disciples — and every baptized person — receives the gifts and zeal necessary to bring a new message of salvation to the people of God.

# PENTECOST SUNDAY



May 28, 2023 | Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2: 1-11 | 1 Cor 12: 3b-7, 12-13 | Jn 20: 19-23

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

## GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

As a college student, I found myself sitting near the information desk during a layover at a German airport. This was in the days before mobile phones and Google Translate. I remember being so impressed that the two young women behind the desk were able to answer questions in so many languages without missing a beat. Whether it was Spanish, French, German or English, each traveler heard an answer in their own language. I often think that must have been what it was like for the travelers to Jerusalem during Pentecost. They were in an unfamiliar place and yet God spoke to them in a way they could understand. And the beautiful thing about the Pentecost story is that it is not just relating one single moment in time. Instead, it is the start of the Holy Spirit's ministry here on earth, and in our baptism, we, too, receive the same gift of the Holy Spirit. Confirmation completes the grace we receive at baptism, since we receive a "special strength of the Holy Spirit." (CCC 1285) We, too, are given the tools to go forth and speak to others even when we are afraid they may not understand. Let us remember St. Paul's words from the second reading: "To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit." And then let us go out and use those gifts for the greater glory of God.

**STUDY** St. Paul reminds us today that we are all "baptized into one body" and "we were all given to drink of one Spirit." In today's divisive world, it can be difficult to remember that. Let us pray for one another knowing that all Christians - even those who may annoy us - are joined together in the same body of Christ. Specifically, have as your at-the-ready prayer this week for all circumstances, the following: *Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.*

## GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS,  
ACCOMPANIMENT

The idea of evangelizing is uncomfortable for many people. Sure, it was fine for the disciples to go out and start talking to strangers, but us? No way. However, evangelization doesn't have to mean starting conversations on the street (although it can!). Instead, it might be making the sign of the cross before a meal in a restaurant, mentioning Mass when a co-worker asks what you did over the weekend, or displaying a crucifix in your home where visitors will see it. In these small ways, we can encourage others to open the door for God to "shine within these hearts of yours," as today's Gospel Sequence says.



## MEN'S CLUB

### 2023 SCHOLARSHIP

#### Attention High School Seniors

Any High School Senior who is a member of Prince of Peace Parish and attends Mass on a regular basis is eligible for a Men's Club Scholarship. Scholarship applications are now available at the parish office. The deadline for submission of the applications is June 9th.



The Good Shepherds would like to thank all who donated items and/or time, baked, attended, got the word out and helped in anyway for our Spring Tag Sale and Bake Sale. All of you were a large part of the successful outcome of our event and we thank you so very much.



The Catholic Cemeteries Association will be hosting a presentation focused on educating our congregation about the challenges facing practically every family: Maintaining the dignity of life during end-of-life discussions. *The Catholic Cemeteries Association* will conduct the program with the assistance of an Elder Care Attorney, we will answer questions on how to manage these elements of the golden years. It is for age 50+ parishioners or the children of older parishioners who are worried about them and should take about an hour. Topics to include:

- \*Choosing and Managing the cost of Cemetery Space and Funerals
- \*Managing the cost of Elder Care
- \*Managing the details of Wills and other Final Costs
- \*Relieving the Burden on your Heirs

#### \* The Catholic Funeral Plan ☪

*The Catholic Funeral Plan is a faith-based, pre-need plan that allows Catholic families to plan their funeral arrangements in advance. The plan ensures that, when you die, the funeral arrangements you've selected will be delivered at no additional cost to your family, and in accordance with the liturgical traditions of the Church.*

A Seminar will be offered at St. Teresa of Avila Church Hall in Woodbury located at: 146 Main St S. on Wednesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 PM and Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM. Those interested are asked to register by either calling Barbara at (203) 780-8418 or visiting our website at [www.ccacem.org](http://www.ccacem.org), clicking on the **Dignity of Life Seminar** Tab, scrolling down and selecting the date and time that works best. We hope to see you there!

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## Prince of Peace Parish Prayer Line

All are welcome to leave a prayer request on the Prince Of Peace Prayer line by dialing 203-263-2008, ext. 25 or by emailing [prayer@princeofpeaceparish-aohct.org](mailto:prayer@princeofpeaceparish-aohct.org).

Please leave your intention, which will be kept on our Prayer Line for one month. You may call or email later to update your intention or request extension for a longer period.

If you would like to, please share with us how God has responded.

We are grateful for our Parish Prayer Line ministry members, and we welcome new members to join our ministry. If you are interested, please email us at [prayer@princeofpeaceparish-aohct.org](mailto:prayer@princeofpeaceparish-aohct.org) or leave a voicemail message on the Parish Prayer Line.

Thank you for your generosity toward last week's collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support helps the CCC engage and build community for millions, here in the United States and around the world. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give!

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