

May 23, 2021 Feast of Pentecost



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PENTECOST SUNDAY

"But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth. He will not speak on his own, but he will speak what he hears, and will declare to you the things that are coming." - Jn 16:13

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MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 22

- 4:00 p.m. All deceased relatives and friends
5:00 p.m. Marilyn McKenna Palumbo

Sunday, May 23

- 8:00 a.m. All deceased parishioners
9:00 a.m. All deceased relatives and friends
10:00 a.m. Theresa Kern
11:00 a.m. All deceased parishioners

Tuesday, May 25

- 9:00 a.m. Ariane Herrera

Wednesday, May 26

- 9:00 a.m. Santo Tucciarone

Thursday, May 27

- 9:00 a.m. Assunta D'Ambra

Saturday, May 29

- 4:00 p.m. All deceased parishioners
5:00 p.m. Elsie Clapperton

Sunday, May 30

- 8:00 a.m. Betty Genest
9:00 a.m. All deceased parishioners
10:00 a.m. All deceased relatives and friends
11:00 a.m. Josephine Ricci, Ann Patunas

Religious Formation News

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

First Communion

Saturday, May 22: 11 a.m.:
The Sacrament of Reconciliation

VBS – August 9—13

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Calling all Camp Counselors – grade 8 and above, and adults interested in helping with the camp should email Ms. Eva at emmanueluso60@gmail.com. Not available that week but want to help? We have room on our setup crew! All welcomed.

FRIENDLY VISITOR MESSAGE

Does today seem like every other day? Is it hard to keep track of the time? That can happen when your days are all the same. What you need is a little something new to look forward to; a visit from a Friendly Visitor! With so many of us now vaccinated, we can start making in person visits, if you are comfortable with that. A new face, a new outlook. What are you waiting for? Call Bonnie Feeney at 391-9460 and get started.

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The phrase “being filled with the Holy Spirit” may summon forth images that are a bit too intense for some folks. They may conclude that when one is filled with the Holy Spirit that they immediately begin speaking in tongues, loudly praise God, sing alleluia from roof tops, and do other demonstrative things. In reality, being filled with the Holy Spirit means being filled with the fullness of God’s life and in touch with the power and wonder of God’s presence. It is the Holy Spirit that draws us together as a community of faith, inspires us with wisdom and right judgment, and turns us from the darkness of sin to the virtues that bring life. We live in a world where it is hard to discover truth. The Holy Spirit, through the ministry of the church, guides us to truth and shows us the way to be the graced human beings God made us to be. Come, Holy Spirit, and fill our hearts!

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Quotes of the Week

"Dear brothers and sisters, I am following with great concern what is happening in the Holy Land. In these days, violent armed clashes between the Gaza Strip and Israel have gained the upper hand, and risk degenerating into a spiral of death and destruction. Many people have been injured and many innocent people have died. Among them are even children, and this is terrible and unacceptable. Their death is a sign that they do not want to build the future, but they want to destroy it.

"Moreover, the growing hatred and violence that is involving various cities in Israel is a serious wound to fraternity and to peaceful coexistence among the citizens, which will be difficult to heal if we do not open immediately to dialogue. I wonder: where will hatred and vengeance lead? Do we really think we can build peace by destroying the other? In the name of God who has created all human beings equal in rights, duties and dignity, and who has called them to live together as brothers and sisters, I make an appeal to calm and, to whom is responsible for it, to put a stop to the din of weapons and to follow the paths of peace, even with the help of the international community.

"Let us pray constantly that the Israelis and Palestinians may find the path of dialogue and forgiveness, to be patient builders of peace and justice, opening up, step after step, to a common hope, to a coexistence among brothers and sisters.

"Let us pray for the victims, in particular for the children; let us pray for peace to the Queen of Peace. Hail Mary..."

- Pope Francis, speaking to the crowds at Saint Peter's Square last Sunday.

"[Cardinal Joseph Tobin of Newark] acknowledged that technology has its perks in allowing people to connect when it otherwise wouldn't be possible (for example, during a global pandemic), but said it's still no replacement for in-person contact between people that he deems a 'necessity.' The cardinal also noted the fear that exists in his and other dioceses that 'people will just get used to being liturgical couch potatoes and watch the Mass every Sunday on video.'"

- "Cardinal Tobin highlights technology as challenge to social justice." Angelus. May 17, 2021.

"Some 160 Catholic priests [in India] have died from Covid-19 in the past 5 weeks, or an average of 4 each day."

"Indian Church loses some 160 priests to Covid-19." Vatican News. May 17, 2021.

"It makes all the sense in the world that the Vatican should be fighting against hunger and for food security. If any religious tradition on earth grasps the transcendent value of food, it's Catholicism."

"In Catholic culture, kitchen and altar both sacramental venues." Crux. May 16, 2021.

"We are called to keep unity, to take seriously this heartfelt plea of Jesus to the Father: to be completely one, to be a family, to find the courage live in friendship, love and fraternity. What great need we have, especially today, for fraternity! I know that some political and social situations are bigger than we are. Yet commitment to peace and fraternity always comes from below: each person, in little things, can play his or her part. Each of you can make an effort to be, in little things, a builder of fraternity, a sower of fraternity, someone who works to rebuild what is broken rather than fomenting violence. We are also called to do this as a Church; let us promote dialogue, respect for others, care for our brothers and sisters, communion! We cannot allow a partisan way of thinking to enter into the Church, a way of thinking that divides, that puts each individual in first place while casting others aside. This is very destructive: it destroys the family, the Church, the society and everyone of us..."

"Please, do not lose hope: even today, Jesus is interceding before the Father, he stands before the Father in his prayer. He shows the Father, in his prayer, the wounds with which he paid for our salvation. In this prayer Jesus intercedes for all of us, praying that the Father will keep us from the evil one and set us free from evil's power."

- Pope Francis, in his homily during Mass at St. Peter's Basilica with the Myanmar community in Rome last Sunday. Vatican.va.

"Anti-Semitic violence is on the rise and religious freedom 'continues to be out of reach' for millions, said U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken. He pointed to specific examples: Iran continues to harass and intimidate its religious minorities; Russian authorities detain and seize the property of Jehovah's witnesses; Saudi Arabia remains the only nation in the world without a Christian church, despite the presence of a million Christians."

- "Religious Persecution Worldwide... The State of International Religious Freedom." National Catholic Register. May 17, 2021. *The article is based on the U.S. State Department's annual report on religious freedom violations, which is published with the help of embassy representatives from across the globe.*

LITURGY CORNER

This weekend, the Feast of Pentecost, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the ways in which the Spirit inspires, guides, and strengthens us to live as Christian disciples. Especially in the later weeks of Easter Time, we have anticipated the advent of the Holy Spirit in the lives of the disciples and in the Church. Now we hear the account of the first Pentecost, when, through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, the Good News of Christ was shared with people from throughout the world. Those who heard the disciples speaking were amazed and astonished at the power of God. (From *Sourcebook, LTP*)

One of the most popular symbols of the Holy Spirit is a flame: our hearts are burning with desire for the Light of Christ in our hearts and our lives. One of our traditions at Christ the King Parish is to **wear the color red** to church, which symbolizes our unity with the Holy Spirit and reminds us of the energy and life God infuses within us, and which we are called to share with others.

We also invite adult Catholics who have received the sacraments of Baptism and Holy Eucharist to prepare for and receive the sacrament of Confirmation. This weekend, we welcome **Craig Colin** to receive the sacrament of Confirmation.

REFLECTION

Begin by taking a moment to calm yourself, focus on your breathing and become aware of the life force that flows through your veins. Center yourself in the words and affections of St. Augustine's Prayer to the Holy Spirit, "Breath in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy. Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy. Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy. Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy. Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, that I may always be holy." Sanctifying, bringing things to wholeness, blessing, restoring and creating are just some of the fruits of the presence of the Holy Spirit. Being filled with the Holy Spirit is not always about proclaiming loud cries of praise or singing alleluia from a roof top. It is about unfolding and encountering the ordinary in an extraordinary way. Being filled with the Holy Spirit means being filled with the fullness of God's life and in touch with the power and wonder of God's presence. It's about becoming holy.

It is not just for saints or people who have a religious vocation. Holiness is for the ordinary, simple run-of-the-mill person who desires to love God, others, and all of creation.

When an ordinary, humble person becomes connected with life and the wondrous power of God's love, they begin to live life more deeply, a bit more reverently, desire a simple fare and find themselves relishing in ordinary beauty.

Their senses become attuned to the Author of life and they realize that they are not alone. The Holy Spirit connects all of the dots of human experience and existence, bringing everyone to center on the Divine Presence. The Holy Spirit does not just breathe "on me" but "in me" and is the force behind every breath I take. Take a moment to soak that thought in. There is the Divine Presence of the Holy Spirit in me, right now. When a person becomes in touch with truth, they know that when inspired by the Holy Spirit, his or her actions are not solely their own. They realize that they are moved by Divine Grace and drawn to things not found in secular affairs.

We live in a world where it is hard to discover truth. Real truth is veiled by so many imposters that it is hard to find, especially for those who are young. It is easy to get fooled and duped and often, without full conscious awareness of doing so, we choose to walk down a path of self-absorption and destruction. It is only the Holy Spirit, through the ministry of the church most especially, who guides us to truth and shows us the way to be the graced and holy human beings God made us to be. The wonders and inspirations of today's Feast of Pentecost are necessary to share with both those we love and those who only casually cross our paths. The first disciples, touched by the Holy Spirit, brought the Gospel to the ends of the earth one step at a time. Is it unrealistic to ask that we assist in that same mission by helping people understand who they are and who God is one at a time? Ask the Holy Spirit to alleviate the fear in your heart that prevents you from doing so.

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MSGR. CLARKE SCHOOL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Saturday, June 12: Richmond Country Club
For Registration and Sponsorship Information visit our website <https://bit.ly/2PulTdp>



Update on COVID19 Directives for Christ the King Church

In light of the updated health guidelines by the CDC, the governor, and the Rhode Island Department of Health, our church seating capacity returns to 100% this weekend. Fully vaccinated parishioners are no longer required to wear a facemask. Those who are not fully vaccinated are asked to continue to wear a facemask. With most adults in the parish vaccinated, we can expect to see most people in church without masks going forward. Whether you are vaccinated or not, you are welcome to continue wearing mask.

Also beginning this weekend, parish meetings and social gatherings may resume, as the church hall also returns to 100% capacity.

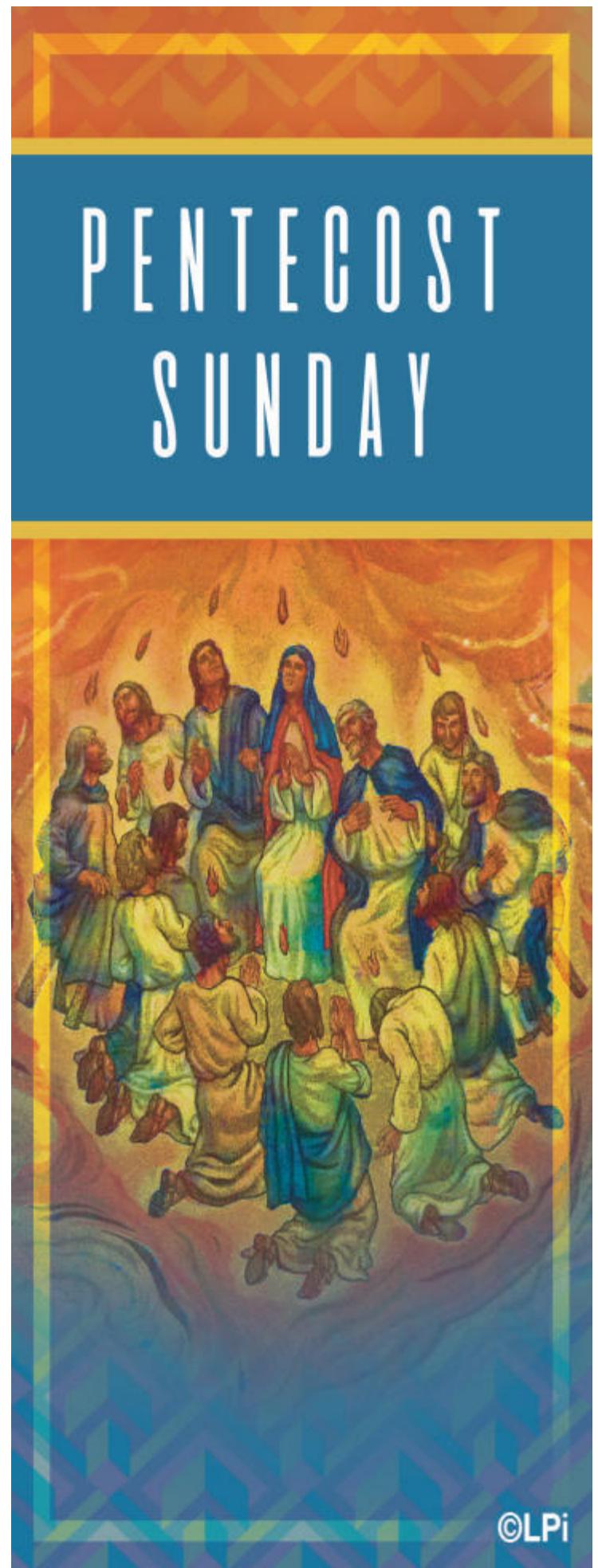
All parishioners are encouraged to use the hand sanitizer at the entrances to the church. We will continue with the sign of peace as we have been practicing it: you are free to offer a sign that is not a handshake. Please don't be offended if someone offers you a wave or a nod or simply says, "Peace be with you."

Beginning on June 5 & 6, the weekend Mass obligation returns for Catholics in Rhode Island.

The Mass Schedule for this weekend (May 22 & 23) and next weekend (May 29 & 30) will be: Saturday at 4:00pm and 5:00pm; Sunday at 8:00am, 9:00am, 10:00am, and 11:00am, and both the 5:00pm and 11:00am will be streamed live on our YouTube page.

Beginning on the weekend of June 5 & 6, the Mass Schedule will be: Saturday at 5:00pm; Sunday at 8:00am, 9:15am, and 11:00am, and the 11:00am Mass will be the only Mass available on the live stream.

Thank you to everyone for your understanding and flexibility throughout the last year. May the spirit of Pentecost re-establish the life of our parish in the weeks and months ahead!





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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4, & 5 p.m. Sunday: 8, 9, 10, & 11 a.m.

BAPTISM

Parents should speak to Jennifer Marran to make arrangements.

ADULT INITIATION

Adults wishing to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and/or Confirmation should speak to Jennifer Marran.

CONFIRMATION

Eighth graders receive Confirmation in the spring. Please speak to Eva Mancuso for more information.

MARRIAGE

Engaged couples should speak to Fr. Jared at least nine months prior to the wedding.

RECONCILIATION

At this time, Reconciliation is available any time by appointment.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the parish office to make arrangements.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

If you or someone you know is unable to attend Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion regularly, please speak to Jennifer Marran to make arrangements. On the third Tuesday of each month, Mass is celebrated at South Kingstown Nursing & Rehabilitation Center at 10:30 a.m., and at Brookdale South Bay Assisted Living at 1:30 p.m.

BIBLE STUDY w/Fr. Jared

New course and schedule to be announced.

BIBLE STUDY (Shared/Group) 7:00 p.m.

To be announced.

GODPARENTS & SPONSORS

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