LORD'S DAY MASSES
Sat. 4:00 PM
Sun. 8:00 AM and
10:30 AM

ROSARY
Weekdays at 6:30 AM

WEEKDAY MASSES
Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday & Friday
7:00 AM

HOLY DAY MASSES
Vigil Mass 5:30 PM
On the Day 5:30 PM
(some exceptions apply)

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PARISH MEMBERSHIP:
Our parish family invites all of its members to participate fully in our spiritual and social life. To become a member visit the parish office located behind the church. Office hours are Monday through Friday 8:30am - 1:30pm. You may prefer to contact us by phone, e-mail or through our webpage. These have been listed below for your convenience.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:
Baptisms are scheduled on alternate months beginning in January after the 10:30am Sunday Mass. We look forward to welcoming your child into our parish family.
Please call the parish office for program details.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:
We are happy to assist you as you plan your church wedding. Please call the parish office to make an appointment to meet with the priest, to obtain information on needed documents, and to check on date availability.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND CONFINED:
If you are in the hospital, nursing home or confined at home, please contact the parish office and we will be happy to bring the Eucharist to you.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday 3:00-3:30pm

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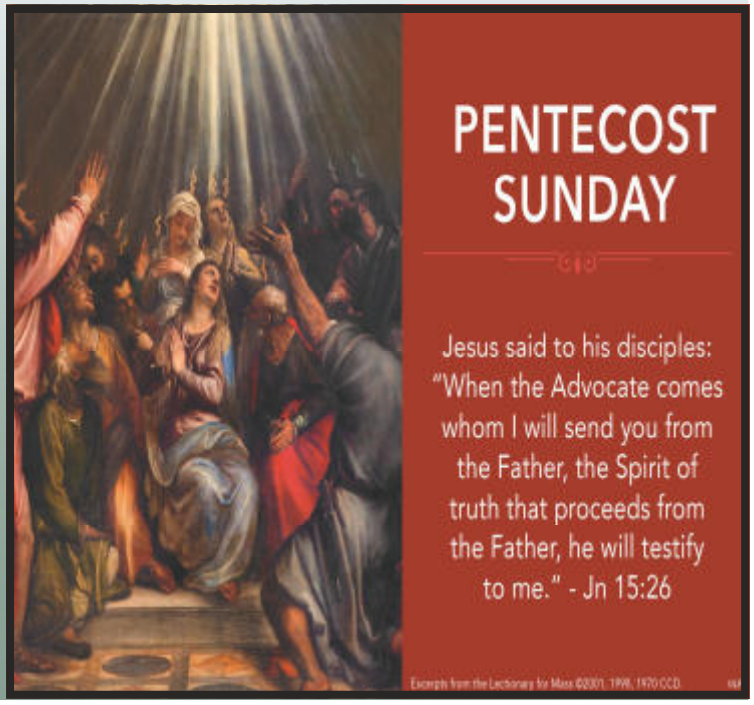

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, MAY 22
St. Rita of Cascia, Religious
8:00 a.m. ***Cenacle of the Imm. Heart, MMP***
4:00 p.m. Celebrant's intention

SUNDAY, MAY 23
PENTECOST SUNDAY
8:00 a.m. Agnes Trela, by John & Wanda Gallagher
10:30 a.m. Dario Augusto Ribadneyra, by The E-Team

Weekday Masses: Rosary at 6:30 a.m.

MONDAY, MAY 24
Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
7:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. Patrick

TUESDAY, MAY 25
St. Bede the Venerable, Priest & Doctor of the Church; St. Gregory VII, Pope, St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi, Virgin
7:00 a.m. Rollande Lemieune, by Pauline & Adrien

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26
St. Philip Neri, Priest
7:00 a.m. Pat Bailey, by Mary Lou Hendrickson & family

THURSDAY, MAY 27
St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop
NO MASS OR ADORATION

FRIDAY, MAY 28
7:00 a.m. Donald & Helen Devine, by their daughter

SATURDAY, MAY 29
St. Paul VI, Pope; BVM
8:00 a.m. ***Cenacle of the Imm. Heart, MMP***
4:00 p.m. Ann & Pat Manferdini, by their family

SUNDAY, MAY 30
THE MOST HOLY TRINITY
8:00 a.m. Melanie Sitnik, 1st A., by her family
10:30 a.m. Janine Vadnais, 1st. A., by her family

May 9th: $5,923.00

Thank you for your continued generosity & support!

Annual Mission Appeal

Our Annual Mission Cooperative Appeal will be on **June 5th and 6th** . Msgr. Liston will make an appeal on behalf of the Vincentian Congregation in India, in the form of a second collection, which will be taken at all Masses that weekend.

The Vincentian Congregation (V.C.), a Religious Congregation, was founded in Kerala, India in 1904, modeled after the Congregation of the Mission founded by St. Vincent de Paul. Members of this flourishing Religious Congregation are engaged in Mission Work in all parts of India and in East Africa and in Peru**.**

The Vincentian Missionaries need our help to carry out their many missionary, educational, and charitable activities. This year more than ever, they need our special financial support to respond the deadly Covid-19 outbreak in India. The pandemic has taken a serious toll on their missions, impacting their overall health and well-being, financial stability, and entire way of life. This special second collection will help the Missionary work of the Vincentian Fathers. **Please visit their website, www.vincentians.in, to learn more about them.** We thank you in advance for your generosity.

ATTENTION
St. Patrick's 2021 High School & College Graduates:

Please email (Kerry Dowd) @ the parish office (**stpatspringfield@gmail.com**) if you wish to be acknowledged as a graduating member of the class of 2021.

We look forward to hearing from you!

The following St. Patrick's CCD students are candidates for Confirmation at the Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation
this Sunday, May 23, 2021
St. Michael's Cathedral

Isabella Berrios
Santino Mazza
Vincenzo Mazza
Jake Reid

GOSPEL MEDITATION

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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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP
RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

You Don't Have What It Takes — but You Will

Those of us in ministry love this saying: God doesn't call the equipped. He equips the called.

We all know that sort of queasy feeling we get in the pit of our stomachs when it becomes clear what we're supposed to do, in any situation. It's that feeling of: *Oh, no. Not me. Not now. I can't.*

We've all got our list of reasons why not, don't we? We do it for everything, from big life problems to small everyday choices. I'm not going to invite my neighbor to church because I don't want to come across as pushy. I'm not going to make amends with my cousin because she'll just walk all over me again. I'm not going to say a Rosary tonight because I'm tired and it'll just stress me out.

However, even if we all put our lists of "reasons why we can't" together, I don't think any of us have reasons quite as valid as the apostles. Their job was to convert the nations — and here they are, a bunch of fishermen who haven't been out of Judea, who speak only their own languages. Were they supposed to preach the Gospel via a particularly compelling game of charades?

But even that big, giant, stop-you-dead-in-your tracks Reason Why We Can't was nothing, because God had a plan. He didn't call a bunch of equipped men. He called them, and He equipped them. Cue the tongues of fire!

God doesn't call us to do His will because we have what it takes. He calls us because He's ready to give us what it takes. Being a good steward is to answer the call of Christ knowing he will provide.

-Tracy Earl Welliver-MTS
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St. Patrick's ACA Update
(as of 5/14/21)

Total raised thus far	**$39,766.54**
Total number of donations	**212**
Total raised in 2020	**$41,332.04**

If you have not yet donated, consider giving whatever you can. You may contribute on line at **www.diospringfield.org/aca or call: 413-452-0670.** Every contribution makes a difference.

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