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SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 2022

PENTECOST SUNDAY



[Jesus said to his disciples:] "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him." - Jn 14:23

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Even though Pentecost is rightly celebrated in late spring, the robust experience of a New England fall can provide a profound metaphor for reflection. A full expression of fall colors is beautiful to behold. But, with all of its majesty and beauty, the observer knows the experience of death is soon to come. Creation will be dark and barren for a while. Pentecost cannot be separated from the cross. Before God's transformative, life-giving power can bear fruit, we must first die. Pentecost is all about leaving the lifeless dead wood behind and allowing God, through the power of the Holy Spirit, to create something new. These Pentecost creations happen repeatedly over and over again. The birthing process of the Church is ongoing. God is always bringing life out of death and creating something where there was once nothing. That is why the fall is such an apropos metaphorical season for Pentecost. In order to really receive the gift of the Holy Spirit we have to die to what we once knew and what no longer works. When fire and wind find their fullest expression, they are in no way gentle nor kind. They have the potential to level anything in their paths. We are experiencing great turmoil in our world, nation, and our Church. Whether the result of circumstance or the work of the Holy Spirit, much of what we knew to be normal and constant is changing. Common systems and institutional structures that may have worked for a time no longer do. When the old and familiar need to be left behind, God creates something new. Change and disorder do not need to be our enemies. They always bring opportunities for something exciting and new. What we need is untiring faith, firm hope, and perfect love. What we need is for the Holy Spirit to enlighten us to see what is important and what we must do. *"O Holy Spirit, descend plentifully into my heart. Enlighten the dark corners of this neglected dwelling and scatter there Thy cheerful beams."* (St. Augustine) If we experience joy, even in the midst of turbulence, then we will know we are exactly where God needs us to be. If not, then perhaps there is a lesson in the decaying leaves that graciously descend to the ground on a crisp fall day.



CONFESSIONS

Saturday and Sunday from 2:30pm – 4:00pm

Tuesday and Thursday from 6:00pm – 7:00pm

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Immediately following the 8:30am Mass

(Until no more penitents)

Readings for the Week of June 5, 2022

- Sunday: *Vigil:* Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39
Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 *Day:* Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26
- Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 6, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34
- Tuesday: 1 Kgs 17:7-16/Ps 4:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8/Mt 5:13-16
- Wednesday: 1 Kgs 18:20-39/Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab and 8, 11/Mt 5:17-19
- Thursday: 1 Kgs 18:41-46/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13/Mt 5:20-26
- Friday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14/Mt 5:27-32
- Saturday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Mt 5:33-37
- Next Sunday: Prv 8:22-31/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2a]/Rom 5:1-5/Jn 16:12-15



Sunday, June 5

- 8:00am +Tonieh Boi Suba Kenneh
- 9:30am Virginia Jimmo
- 11:30am +Patricia Esmonde
- 8:00pm Pro Populo

Monday, June 6 *BVM, Mother of the Church*

- 8:30am +Buccino/Talarico/Mollinedo Family

Tuesday, June 7

- 8:30am +Carroll Family

Wednesday, June 8

- 8:30am Peter Gasiewski

Thursday, June 9 *St. Ephrem*

- 8:30am +Maryann Himes

Friday, June 10

- 8:30am Rose Williams

Saturday, June 11 *St. Barnabas*

- 8:30am +All Souls in Purgatory
- 4:00pm +Edward and Marie Loney

Sunday, June 12

- 8:00am Pro Populo
- 9:30am +Carol Pasquarello
- 11:30am +Fr. Michael R. Rock, O. de M.
- 8:00pm Annabelle Burgos



Why do we celebrate Pentecost when we do?

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.

*Holy Spirit, fan into flame the gifts
I received in my Baptism and Confirmation.
I want to receive the fire of Your love
as Your disciples did at Pentecost.
Come with wonder and awe,
with wisdom, understanding, and counsel,
with courage and faith in You.
Holy Spirit, may my actions witness
to Your presence in my life.
Help me to see the ways my strengths
can serve others in their weakness.
In all my interactions, I want to radiate
love, joy, peace, patience, kindness,
generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
Breathe new life into the world through me. Amen.*



WORLD MISSIONS

Help support Missionaries who **“God...and make disciples of all nations...”**
Matthew 28:19.

Next weekend, June 11/12, 2022, we welcome Sr. Ifeoma Onwudinjo, MSHR, of the **Missionary Sister of the Holy Rosary**, who will visit our parish to talk about her community which was founded in Ireland in 1924 to work with the women of Nigeria, West Africa. They serve in nine countries in Africa and Brazil in all forms of education, medical work, pastoral work, community development and agriculture, and assisting trafficked women, internally displaced families and the homeless. The Sisters ask for your prayers of support as well as for any contribution you can make to assist them. You will be remembered in their daily prayer.. The Second Collection next weekend will be for the Sisters. **Envelopes will be provided in the pews.** The visit of the Sisters is sponsored by the Society of the Propagation of the Faith of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

SACRED HEART NOVENA

The Visitation Nuns cordially invite all to their annual Sacred Heart Novena of Masses at 7:00pm from Thursday, June 16 through Friday, June 24, 2022, the Solemnity of Sacred Heart. Visitation Nuns, 5820 City Ave., Phila., PA 19131.

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM

Please remember the souls of the faithfully departed.

REMEMBER OUR SICK

Dorothy Hardy, Kurt Mohammed, Patricia Nicholson, Colin Ramberan, Avery Lofton, Eugene Colombaro, Monica Ramberan, Yosan Gabriel, Jenell Sifontis, Cathy Norman, Sabrina Freeman, Leslie Wade, Esmond Family, Scott Stierbeim, Sr. Mary Charles, A.S.S.P., Mecca Taylor, Melissa Becker, Christian Lafty, Lisa Becker, Debbie Everett, Nigel Simon, Donald Graham, Jean Hargraves, Marci Wade, Mary Frances Doran, Maureen Doran Hendrix, Melissa Potts, Cayla Wade, Theresa Gilliam, Suzanne Dupre, Indramattie Somwaru, John Bricker, Alina Simon, Carmelina Desiderio, Graham Family, Samantha Johnson, Charles Epps, Ramona Wade, David and Gay Cooper, Jack Weber, Miguel Pulido, Matthew Pulido, Alex Julius Wade, Bernadette Sanchez, Kaela Marie Davis, Catherine Joseph, Adele Bream, Kent Bream, Emma Bream, Thomas Bream

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Collection for May 26th—Ascension Thursday: \$ 1,303.00

Thank You for your continued support and generosity.

Born to nobility, St. Norbert of Xanten, was ordained as a subdeacon and served in the court of Henry V, Emperor of Germany, however, at court it was easy to be distracted by wealth, power and luxury and he lived a worldly and corrupt life there. By the grace of God while traveling in a storm he was nearly struck by lightning and almost killed. This experience changed St. Norbert and he became penitent, left his court post, and after a period of discernment in a monastery, felt called to be a priest. Norbert became an itinerant preacher, preaching against worldly attitudes but at the Pope’s request finally settled in northern France and founded the Norbertine order established according to the rule of St. Augustine. The order grew rapidly and soon founded women’s branch. Norbert traveled and preached across Germany where he also founded a lay branch of the Norbertines. In Belgium he preached against heresies which denied the Blessed Sacrament. Eventually he was made Archbishop of Magdeburg, Germany, and later he traveled to Rome in support of Pope Innocent II, against the antipope. Afterward he returned to Germany to court of Emperor Lothar as advisor, at end of life, in failing health, St. Norbert was carried back to Magdeburg where he died.





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