

# Saint Thomas More Parish

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## ONGOING ACTIVITIES

**Bible Study Group** – 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month in the Parish Center. (Sept.-June)

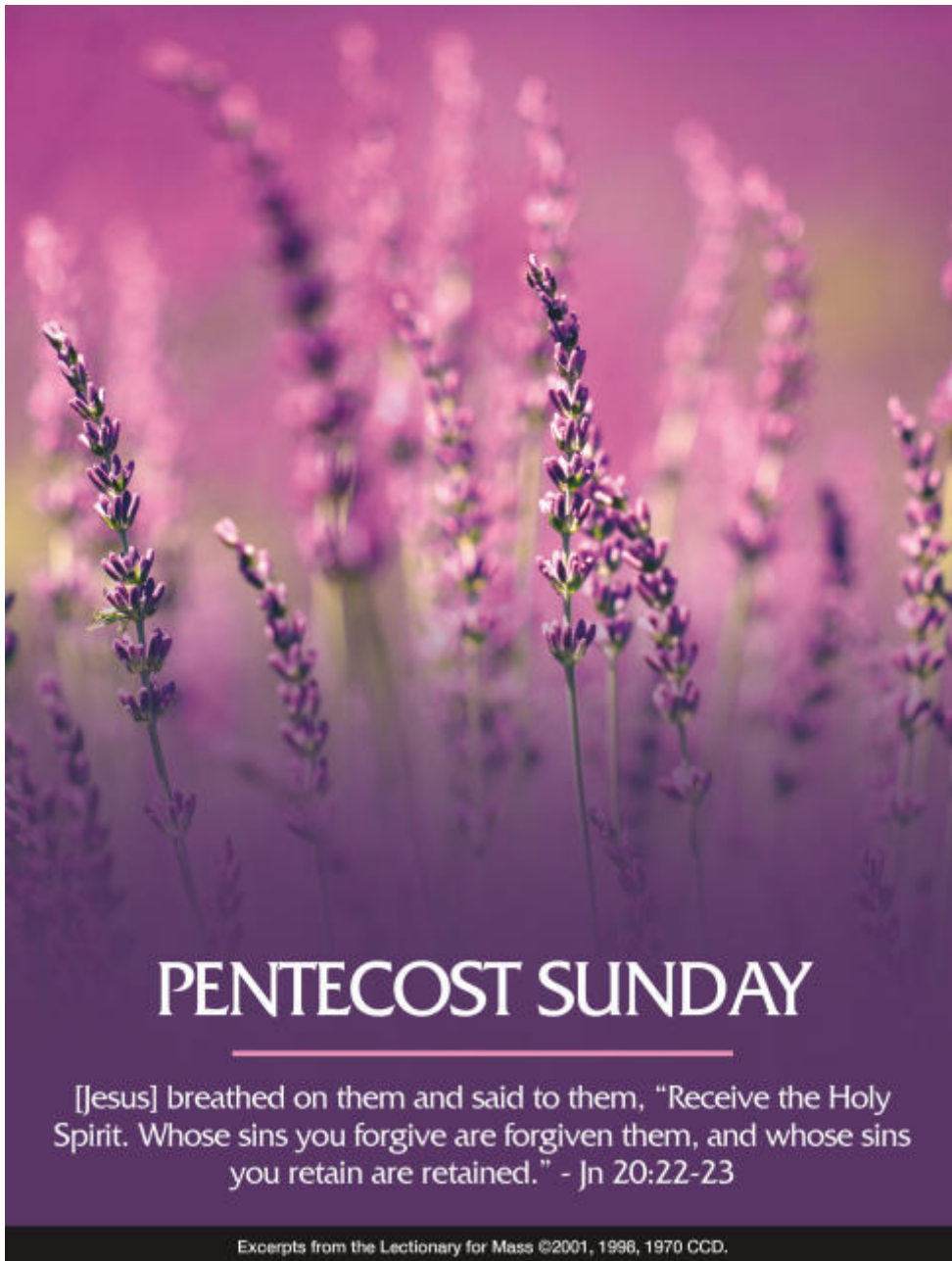
**Men's Fellowship Group**—2nd Saturday of each month at 9 a.m. in the TMR.

**Parish Council** — 2nd Tuesday of January, March, May, September, and November, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. All Parishioners are welcome!

**Religious Education — Grades K-12 & Why Catholic (for Adults)** classes are held on Sundays from Sept-May 9:30 to 10:45 a.m.

**Rosary Group**—after the 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass.

**PLEASE JOIN US!**



## PENTECOST SUNDAY

[Jesus] breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." - Jn 20:22-23

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## Mass Schedule



**Saturday 4:30 p.m.**

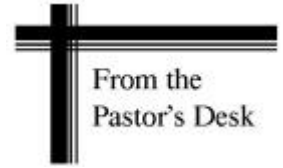
**Sunday 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.**

Please see the weekday Schedule inside this bulletin.

**Confessions** - Saturday from 3:45 - 4:15 p.m. or by appointment.

Dear Parishioners,

The Peace of the Lord be with you!



Today we celebrate the great feast of Pentecost. Pentecost was primarily a feast of thanksgiving for the harvest. It is the birthday of the Church.

Pentecost means 50th. It is a feast celebrated on the 50th day after the Passover feast by Jewish people, and it is a feast celebrated on the 50th day after the Feast of the Resurrection of Jesus, Easter, by Christian people.

On Pentecost the Holy Spirit, breathed life into the Church. Tongues of fire descended upon the apostles and Mary, the Blessed Virgin Mother. They were transformed from men of fear into men of faith and courage.

Fire changes things. It illuminates, cleanses, destroys, purifies and brightens. As the Holy Spirit changed the apostles at Pentecost, the Holy Spirit also can change each of us.

In scripture fire is often used to symbolize God's presence and God's action. God appeared to Moses in a burning bush (Exodus 3:2). God led the Israelites through the desert at night with a pillar of fire (Exodus 13:21-22). God descended on Mt. Sinai in smoke and fire (Exodus 19:18).

We also can be transformed from people of fear into people of faith. The Holy Spirit generates harmony and unity in the Church. The Holy Spirit, the fruit of divine love, came from the Father and the Son to bring to perfection the work of our sanctification.

Let us be open to the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

In Christ,



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**Readings for June 16, 2019**

- Prv 8:22-31
- Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2a]
- Rom 5:1-5
- Jn 16:12-15

**Please pray for our Parishioners and Friends, especially:** Maureen Maguire, Rita Connor, Betty Burns (Joyce McCoy's sister), Baby Kaiden, Sr. Isabel Marie Haughey, OSF (Sr. Kathleen's sister), David Brown, Terry Doyle, Jim Gay, Claire Pistorio, Ellie Wright, Clare Doyle, Angie Gauss, Charlie Bailey, Queenette Akwari and Baby Tobenna Akwari (Lauretta Ibe's sister and Great-nephew), Joe Nowak (Denny's son), Jerome Kersch, Ellen Adajian, Dennis Ceisla, Hugo Quiej (Ana's brother-in-law), Rita Petrucci, Lauretta & Aloysius Ibe & Family, Lois Seegal and Lydia Bobes.

We Pray in Faith that all who have died may be welcomed into the peace of God's Kingdom.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday 06/10**  
8:30 a.m. Mass **Ruth Walsh**

**Tuesday 06/11**  
8:30 a.m. Mass **Jack Ray**

**Wednesday 06/12**  
8:30 a.m. Mass **Helen Gilka**

**Thursday 06/13**  
8:30 a.m. Mass **Lionel Shiyghan-Ntani**

**Friday 06/14**  
8:30 a.m. Mass **Tom Pearl**

**Saturday 06/15**  
4:30 p.m. Mass **Antoinette Bruno**

**Sunday 06/16**  
8:30 a.m. Mass **Orlando Liberatore**  
11:00 a.m. Mass **For the Parishioners**

**WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED**

**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.



**LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

When faced with a decision or a dilemma, where do we turn? Whenever we have to discern the proper course of action, the Holy Spirit is available as our advocate and guide. As Christians, we look not to our world for direction but to God. The gifts of the Holy Spirit are given to help us find our path to proper thought and conduct. Wisdom, right judgment, knowledge, understanding, fortitude, piety, and fear of the Lord are all perfect tools for discernment. These gifts allow us to keep our relationships and perspective in proper order. It is the Holy Spirit who opens our eyes to see that which we would otherwise overlook and opens our hearts to receive those people who would otherwise be ignored. Ask the Holy Spirit to enlighten you today.



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**July 9, 2019**

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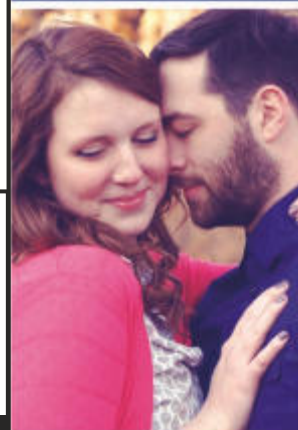
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