

Saint Catherine of Siena Parish
May 23, 2021



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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Pentecost Sunday

Celebrating the Birth of Christ's Church



word for Pentecost means 50 days. This is the last day of the Easter season, the 50th day since Easter Sunday. On this day we focus on when Christ gave the Holy Spirit, the Advocate that He promised, to the Apostles and to the

people of God.

For the "ancient Church," Pentecost was a beginning of the Church born in the Spirit of God from Christ. It was a beginning of zeal, of fortitude, and tremendous trust in the Spirit of God in its ministry. For many, including some church clergy, today, Pentecost has been reduced to just an ending. It is considered by some, as just the end of the Easter season, Easter is over let's now move on. But it is more than just an ending of a season. Today, we celebrate the birth of Christ's Church. The Church that we have been baptized in was begun on this day so many centuries ago when Christ breathed on the disciples gathered in that upper room conferring the Holy Spirit upon them. They then became Apostles. In Greek it means followers. Today, we are present day Apostles. For our Baptism and Confirmation, when these sacraments of initiation were conferred upon us, made us followers of Christ. Pentecost and Holy Confirmation have become almost synonymous in our Church. Pentecost has become the time of Celebration of Confirmation. Many of our young people were confirmed recently. The Sacrament of Confirmation remains for us and will be for them, a very unrealized source of tremendous life-giving grace for the Church and for the whole of society. When we, as followers of Christ, are buoyed by the zeal of the Holy Spirit, we bring that zeal into the Church and into all of society.

The Holy Spirit and Pentecost are mysteries. However, the Holy Spirit must never be understood as some mysterious nebulous "force,". Next weekend we will celebrate the Feast of the Holy Trinity. Which I believe is the truest and most significant mystery of The Church. We will

learn more next weekend. As for The Holy Spirit, He is a person, a Divine Person, who loves us and wants a relationship with us. He is neither tongues of fire, howling wind, nor "Big Bird". He is someone we can and must talk to, share with, listen to, and learn from. The Holy Spirit is a true gift of grace from God. These graces are given to every member of Christ's Church. They are called charisms or gifts that we bring into the Church and society. Every Christian is called to holiness and all have gifts of the Holy Spirit for their use in glorifying God and His Kingdom and not for the benefit of our own egos or benefit. St. Paul's Letter to the Corinthians speaks of the charisms and gifts of the Holy Spirit given for the whole of the mystical body of Christ, His Church, and not for us as individuals.

That Divine Person is the Holy Spirit, for whom Jesus called the Advocate. He will always help us pray and bring us closer to Christ and the Father, but He cannot do this unless we allow Him "in" to our hearts. The Holy Spirit is sent from the Father and proceeds through Jesus, His Son and our Savior, and He will always be there to answer guide us to the Truth.

Go share your gifts and charisms with others for the glory of God. Peace be with you! Deacon Jim



Let Us Pray

God of yesterday, today and tomorrow,
we call to mind Your presence within us
and around us.

Inspire us with the Gospel Message,
that we may celebrate all that is life-giving;
restore hope where it has been lost;
and work to bring about change where it is needed.

We make our prayer in Jesus name. Amen.

HONDURAS

There are currently three bills in Congress (two in the House and one in the Senate) which address the human rights abuses in Honduras that are forcing so many to undertake the arduous journey to the U.S.

They are:

- Berta Caceres Human Rights in Honduras Act (HR 1574)
- Honduras Rights and Anti-Corruption Act of 2021 (HR 2716)
- Honduras Human Rights and Anti-corruption Act (S 388)

These bills call for the suspension of all U.S. security assistance to Honduras until the Honduran government adequately addresses the systemic corruption, impunity and human rights violations that plague the country and brings perpetrators of these crimes to justice.

Please call your Congressional Reps to co-sponsor these Bills. The Capitol switchboard number is 202-224-3121; simple ask to be directed to your senators and representatives office in turn.

Quote of the Week



"If you cannot do great things,
do small things in a great way"

~ Napoleon Hill

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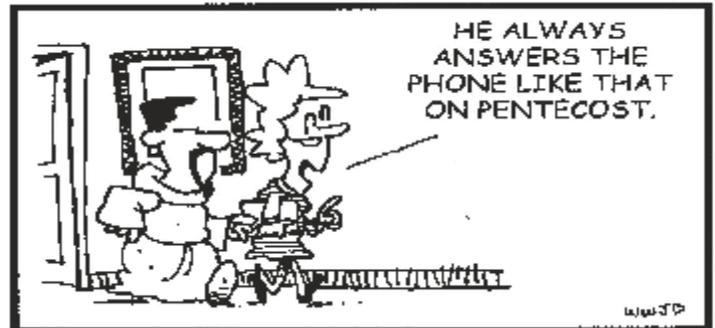
Pope Francis signed this encyclical "On Care for our Common Home" on May 24, 2015. The theme for this 6th Anniversary Celebration is taken from the thirteenth paragraph of the encyclical—"for we know that things can change (LS 13). We are being asked to consider the steps that the whole Church has made on this journey over the past five years and also to take some time to reflect on what the COVID-19 pandemic has taught us and how we might prepare for the future with hope.

How are we connected to the Earth, our common home?
How are we connected to one another?

Barbara Fraser of EarthBeat offers five suggestions to connect us with nature. Perhaps as we go forward into the year ahead, we might spend a few weeks on each of her suggestions for our reflection.

1. To see the World with new eyes. Everywhere we look there is something growing or waiting to grow. Can you name the trees, the flowers, the plants that you see?
2. Make a conscious effort to maintain a sense of connectedness. Go outside and be in the natural world with intention. Have one place, in your yard, on your deck, in a park where you just spend some time in a sense doing **nothing** except being present on a regular basis, perhaps daily or at least weekly to a particular tree, or plant or flower. Become more attuned to the subtle changes that are happening .
3. Write from the heart. Record what you see and hear in that place, using different forms. Perhaps a three—line Haiku or an "ABC" poem (as you look around). Build a poem of the things you see, hear or smell in alphabetical order.
4. Listen as well as see. Landscapes are also soundscapes, so just listen. An interesting exercise is to sit with a piece of paper, putting yourself in the center and draw images or write words that represent the sounds that you hear.
5. Remember that we are nature. We live in a culture that thinks, feels and understands the human being as being outside of nature, of creation, as if we were some sort of special sort of special kingdom within another kingdom, as if we were not also of earth and the natural world. In paragraph No. 2 of Laudato Si, Pope Francis says "we have forgotten that we are earth." This is a lesson to be pondered.

PENTECOST





SPIRITUAL EXERCISE OF ST. IGNATIUS

The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius in all of its forms creates an awareness of God in all things – all people, all creation, every human experience and especially in the person of Jesus. Mercy Spirituality Center offers a model of the Spiritual Exercises designed by St. Ignatius for use in daily life which takes place over 30 weeks rather than 30 days. This program is currently being offered virtually. For more information or to register contact Sr. Jody via e-mail jkearney@mercyspiritualitycenter.org

CREATIVE MEDITATION IN COLOR

This is our third series of Creative Meditation in Color. As with the two previous series, you will be provided with a different way to be creative in your prayer and meditation life. Bring that inner childlike spirit to explore. Leave behind your inner critic. You can join from the comfort of your home since this series is VIA ZOOM from 10:30am-Noon. This series is \$45.00 and led by Joyce Marletti & Deborah White. To Register call Mercy Spirituality Center at 585.473.6893

Topic	Date
My Life as a Book.....	Wednesday, June 16
Blackout and Color Writing.....	Tuesday, July 20

**Our 2020/2021 CMA Responsibility is:
\$117,953**

Our progress as of May 17th is:
239 Donors; \$92,020 Pledged;
78.01% of our goal;

\$25,933 remaining responsibility

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- Ms. Ellen Weber*

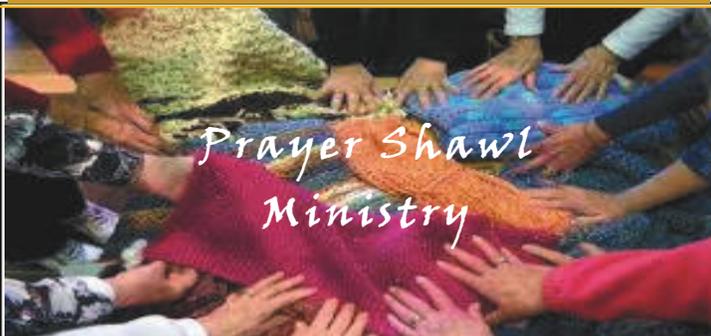
We ask all who have not yet given to prayerfully consider doing so.

Please be mindful you have until May 31 to make your pledge. Your pledge is important so we can avoid paying any shortage from parish savings.

Ways to Donate:

- www.dor.org/cma—please note: church #277, St. Catherine of Siena, Mendon
- <https://saintcath.org/catholic-ministries-appeal-2020>
- Using donation envelopes located at the Information Table or Parish Office

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to give us a call at 585-624-4990.



Please know that Prayer Shawls are available for those who are ill or grieving. To obtain a Prayer Shawl for someone in need, you can see Ruth after Mass or call (624 – 4990) or stop by the Parish Office.



Family VBS
“Attitude of Gratitude”

August 16th-19th
6pm-8pm



A PRAYER For Shared Life of Mission & Ministry

Father in Heaven, who brings together new relationships, new opportunities and new challenges as a way to deepen our bond with you, bless the people of the Church of the Transfiguration and Saint Catherine of Siena, to enter joyfully into such experiences as our communities seek a new chapter in our shared life of mission and ministry. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. AMEN.

Clustering Question... Why isn't Transfiguration just getting its own Pastor to replace Fr. Mike when he retires?

Clustering Answer... Put most succinctly, we do not have enough priests to continue life as we have known it. Our diocese has 64 parishes or clusters needing a Pastor; some of these parishes and clusters include so many churches—or are so large—that an assisting priest is needed.

- Only 38 of our Pastors are younger than 70. Our diocesan clergy are aging, and the number of those being ordained does not equal the number of priests moving into senior priest status, getting seriously sick, or dying.
- The diocese currently has 55 priests under the age of 70.
- There are 32 priests between the ages of 70 and 75, although some of these are not able to minister.
- 54 are over age 75, some of them still in active ministry.
- 59 diocesan priests currently have senior status, a group Fr. Mike Bausch will be joining in June. "Senior status" is similar to what the rest of us call "retirement." Priests in senior status choose where, how, and when they want to minister. The Bishop does not appoint them to particular ministries or parishes. Their generosity supports those priests in active ministry and allows parish communities to have Masses when assigned priests are sick or away for vacations or retreats.

Star Lights
Stars of St. Catherine's lighting our world"
 May 2021

Bob Gruber

I want to nominate Bob Gruber for sharing his God given talent of woodworking with our parish and helping to raise money for the Catholic Ministries Appeal by raffling off the beautiful sideboard he created. I also want to offer special thanks for the expert guidance he provided to a fellow parishioner. Bob has so generously shared his time and talents with our parish. Thank you!

Gratefully,
 Kelly Curran



The Social Justice Ministry will be doing another on-site can and bottle collection each weekend mass in the month of June to



help support the **Good Samaritan Fund**. The on-site collection will begin the weekend of June 5th/6th and run through June 26th/27th; we will earn 6 cents per item returned. After June 27th you may continue to donate your cans/bottles to Saint Catherine's **Good Samaritan Fund** by taking them to the Nickel and Dime Redemption

Center located at **1350 Pittsford Mendon Road, Bldg. 12, Mendon (in the back of the plaza) or 2 Main Street, Bloomfield (corner of Main and Maple Streets)**. Simply let them know you would like your returns to go towards **Saint Catherine of Siena Good Samaritan Fund**. Thank you for your continued support.

NEW ADDRESS?

Have you recently moved into the area or will be moving out of the Parish this summer? Please give a call or send an email to the Parish Office to let us know your new address, email or phone number. This will help us to keep our parish records up to date and assure that you receive all of the parish mailings.

The Parish Office phone number is 624-4990—and the email address is mstcathe@dor.org.

thank you



Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 22nd & Sunday, May 23rd

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a,16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

Eugene Palazzo by Carol Krebs

Paula Treggett by Marcia & Bill Opperman

Monday, May 24th

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Jn 19:25-34

9:00^{am} *Canada's Victoria Day*

Tuesday, May 25th

ST. BEDE THE VENERABLE, PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH; ST. GREGORY VII, POPE; ST. MARY MAGDALENE DE'PAZZI, VIRGIN

Sir 35:1-12/Mk 10:28-31

9:00^{am} *The People of St. Catherine's & Transfiguration*

Wednesday, May 26th

ST. PHILIP NERI, PRIEST

Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17/Mk 10:32-45

9:00^{am} *Al Hurley by Sharon Hurley*

Thursday, May 27th

ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, BISHOP

Sir 42:15-25/Mk 10:46-52

9:00^{am} *Katherine Vincent by Vicki DeWald*

Friday, May 28th

Sir 44:1, 9-13/Mk 11:11-26

**** *No Service*

Saturday, May 29th & Sunday, May 30th

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20

Reverend George Hayman by Mary Ann Faust

Joseph McGivney by Rose & Tom Daly

WELCOME HOME

Stewardship of Treasure

	Actual	Budget	Var
Week Ending 5/16/21	6,394	7,208	(814)
7/1/20—5/16/21	541,070	560,150	(19,080)

Thank you for your continued Stewardship!

take note

- ◆ Daily Mass Schedule beginning Monday June 21
Monday & Wednesday; 6:45am at Transfiguration
Tuesday & Thursday; 9:00 am at St. Catherine
- ◆ Weekend Mass Schedule beginning June 26 & 27
Saturday 4:00 pm at Transfiguration
Saturday 5:30 pm at St. Catherine
Sunday 8:45am at Transfiguration
Sunday 10:45 am at St. Catherine



Spring/summer clothes for all ages, as well as bed linens and towels are needed at the Closet. Special needs are children's clothing, size 8 and up and adult plus sizes. Please bag and securely tie your donations and put them in the Collection Shed in the upper Church parking lot. THANK YOU!

Also if you are interested in volunteering for this much needed ministry & want to learn more contact Sallie & Jim Dakins: sjdakins@rochester.rr.com.

Earth Angels Prayer Ministry



Although our Earth Angels Ministry has not been meeting each week after 10:30am Mass during this pandemic time, your prayer requests are still welcome.

You can submit them on our Website: <https://saintcath.org/earth-angels> OR you can still drop your request in the Collection Baskets when you come to Church. Every request is confidential. You do not need to sign your name if you do not wish. Each request is prayed for individually.

Earth Angel Prayer Request

Contact Us!

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Masses: Saturday 5:00pm
Sunday 8:15am
Sunday 10:30am
Monday-Thursday 9am



Reconciliation: Saturday 4pm-4:30pm or by appointment

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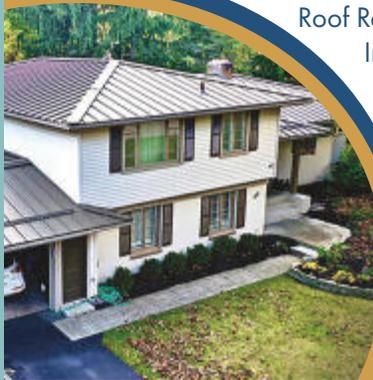
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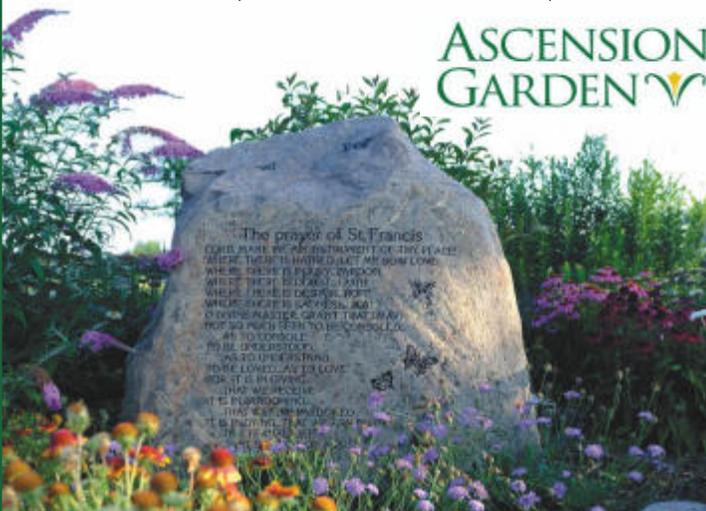
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