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May 23, 2021—Pentecost Sunday



CATHEDRAL MASSES

Saturday (Vigil Mass) 4:30 p.m. Sunday (Choir) 10:30 a.m.

Monday — Friday...12:10 p.m. (in the Cathedral)

Holy Days and Holidays as announced

The Sunday 10:30 am Mass is available every week via
<http://www.youtube.com/SaintJosephCathedral>

The dispensation from the obligation to attend
 Sunday Mass remains in place.

All who are especially vulnerable or simply uncomfortable
 attending a public liturgy are encouraged to remain at home
 and view Mass via livestream or television.

Unfortunately, the above schedule may change due to the
 current COVID-19 pandemic.

Please check our Facebook page, website,
 or call the rectory office to stay up to date.

Thank you for your understanding and patience!

CONFESSIONS

Wednesday & Friday at 11:45 a.m.

Saturday at 4:00 p.m.

(or call for appointment)

OFFICE HOURS

9:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. **Amen.**

**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 ©LPI

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 4:30 p.m.	May 22: (Vigil Mass for Sunday) Elias & Hassebe Mansour (Amal Mansour)	✝
Sunday 10:30 a.m.	May 23: Pentecost Living and Deceased Parishioners and Friends of the Diocese of Buffalo	
3:00 p.m.	Living and Deceased Parishioners and Friends of the Diocese of Buffalo	
Monday 12:10 p.m.	May 24: The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church Repose of the Souls of Diane, Paul, Patricia & Joseph Gentile	✝
Tuesday 12:10 p.m.	May 25: St. Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church; St. Gregory VII, Pope; St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi, Virgin Rosemary & Peter Cass (Michele Speach & Tim Franczyk)	✝
Wednesday 12:10 p.m.	May 26: St. Philip Neri, Priest Jacqueline, Joseph & Michael Wopperer (George Wopperer)	✝
Thursday 12:10 p.m.	May 27: St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop Lula Blakely-Ingram (Michael Truscott)	✝
Friday 12:10 p.m.	May 28: Weekday Repose of the Souls of Diance Occek Gentile & Alois J. Occek (Family)	✝

CATHEDRAL STAFF

Bishop Most Rev. Michael W. Fisher
Cathedral Rector Rev. Seán Paul Fleming
Music Director Timothy Socha
Secretary Elaine Kishbaugh

THE SANCTUARY LAMP will burn this week in memory of Jacqueline, Joseph & Michael Wopperer, at the request of George Wopperer. 

Marriage Moment - On Pentecost, scripture asks, "How does each of us hear them in our own native language?" (Acts 2:8) In marriage we sometimes have to stretch to really understand what our beloved means by their words. Is your "native" language emotional words, acts of kindness, physical touch...? *Listen, watch, and feel carefully as you communicate today.*

“Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.”

As we anticipate renewal in the power and presence of the Holy Spirit, especially as we celebrate Pentecost, it is a relief to see healing in our world and progress as we continue to face the COVID-19 pandemic. Guided by the Spirit, we must remain vigilant and stand in solidarity with those who have lost loved ones and those who still struggle, especially in parts of the world where the virus continues to be a daily cross. As the Body of Christ, we must remain united and continue to show concern for all members of the Body.

As you no doubt are aware, late last week, the CDC issued new guidance regarding masks for those who are vaccinated. The Diocesan COVID Task Force has come to the conclusion that parishes, while happy to continue to comply with competent scientific and medical advice, cannot impress upon our volunteers or employees the difficult responsibility of questioning parishioners at the door as to what their vaccination status may be.

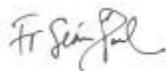
This is something best left to the individual that may be decided based on conscience or medical advice. (See <https://www.usccb.org/committees/communications/covid-19>). Furthermore, in an effort to allow those who have yet to return to in-person experiences or Masses feel at peace, it is important to allow flexibility in policies regarding distancing and masks.

Here is what we will be following at the Cathedral, beginning this weekend:

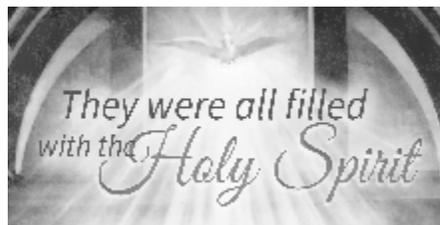
- * Since every act of worship is public, in line with guidance for other public settings where vaccine status is not checked, capacity will remain about the same with six feet of separation introduced between households.
- * At all Masses and parish events, masks should continue to be worn upon entry and exit, and at any time where there is movement or a closeness to others, for instance, when the Communion procession forms. (Ministers of the Eucharist should be masked when distributing Communion as should those receiving.)
- * However, when seated, masks may be removed/relaxed at the discretion of the individual.
- * If you visit us at the office, we will continue to wear masks, and ask that you do the same.
- * We will also continue comprehensive sanitization of the Cathedral after each liturgy to keep you safe!

Thank you for your cooperation and attention to your safety and that of your brothers and sisters in Christ! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me!

Peace & Prayers,



Fr. Seán Paul.



Vocations: The Holy Spirit sends His sevenfold gift to us: *wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, fear of the Lord.* What better way to use these gifts than as a priest, deacon, or religious brother/sister? If God is inviting you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.

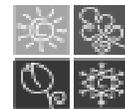
Family Perspective. Today, on Pentecost, we remember Christ has given us the Holy Spirit to assist us in raising our family and he expects us to use this personal gift. Let's set aside the distractions in our lives and let the Holy Spirit "guide us to the truth."

“Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.”

Jesus calls us to help and love our neighbors, especially those who are most vulnerable and struggling. Catholic Charities of Buffalo offers several basic and emergency services, such as food, rehousing, medications and clothing. Your donation to the **2021 Appeal** today can help ensure that the hungry have food, the naked have clothing and the homeless have shelter. If you have already given this year, thank you!

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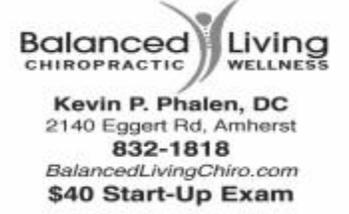
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