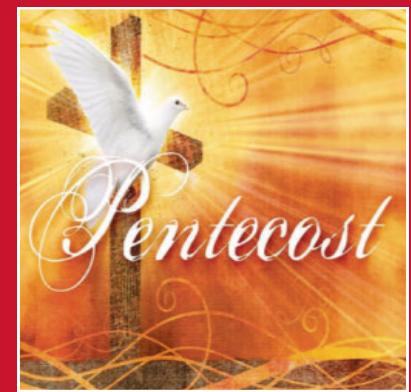


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May 19, 2024



PENTECOST SUNDAY



Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Advocate comes whom I will send you from the Father, the Spirit of truth that proceeds from the Father, he will testify to me." - Jn 15:26

**Masses: Sat. 4:00pm (Vigil), Sun. 8:30am & 10:30am
Weekday: 8:30am (M-F) Reconciliation: Sat. 3:00pm**



From the Desk of Fr. John

Welcome to St. John XXIII. Today, we celebrate Pentecost throughout the Universal Church. In fact, this Solemnity began the “universality” of the Church, and since that initial day onward, it has been the force that guides & inspires the Church forever. The Apostles were filled with the Holy Spirit and they began to preach courageously. Nothing would stop them. The Holy Spirit transformed these frightened men into courageous preachers who feared neither prison, torture, nor martyrdom. What about you? The strength of the Spirit continues to this day. It's important to keep in mind that as you celebrate Pentecost, the Holy Spirit needs to be the soul of your soul, the life of your life, the being of your being — the Spirit is your sanctifier. To reach maturity in the life of faith, let your relationship with the Holy Spirit be more and more deliberate and personal. In celebration of Pentecost, may you open wide the interior doors of your heart. *Use this big day as a “new beginning” in your faith life.* It will impact and change not only you, but also your family and those you love.

I hope you take advantage and pick up one of our **Summer Baskets this Weekend**, and **pre-register for our Chicken BBQ on May 31st**. With all the rising prices, ours is the same as last year, \$15, to help save you money.

God's blessings, Fr. John.
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Welcome Visitors!

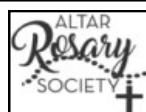
Consider joining us. Call the Rectory or visit us at www.stjohn23.com for a Registration Form. All are welcome.



MAY PRO-LIFE MOMENT

May is a Month Dedicated to Pro-Life Activities. Consider the words of Mother Teresa: “*Abortion kills twice. It kills the body of the baby and it kills the conscience of the Mother. Abortion is profoundly anti-woman. Three-quarters of its*

victims are women: Half the babies and all the Mothers.” By virtue of our Baptism, we are all Pro-Life. Every person matters, at all stages of life.



REMINDER: Our Altar & Rosary Society Installation Dinner will be held this Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.



PARISH PICNIC MEETING

All are welcome to join us in planning **this year's Family Picnic scheduled for August 4th, at Fontana's Grove.** Our First Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 22nd, at 6:30 p.m. Hope to see you there.

Stewardship in Faith:

For the week May 12, 2024

Regular: \$ 5,863.50



Help Us! As you know, our collection revenue is down overall, and without regular contributions, we will experience problems with bills. Please prayerfully consider increasing your contribution if you are able. Help us help you. God's generosity can't be outdone.



“**Dustbusters, Inc.**” ... Team #6 will clean the Church the week of May 19th. Thanks!



JOIN THE BINGO FUN ... WE'RE READY!!!

SATURDAYS 7:00 PM

Sat. Purple Progressive No. 56 – Guarantee \$ 1,000.

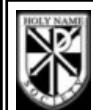
Sat. Black Progressive No. 50 – Starting \$ -0-



SEE RED...LIVE PENTECOST!

Seeing red all around you at Church today? What we put on our bodies serves only as a reminder of what is really important during these liturgical celebrations.

At Pentecost, it was the Spirit of God that filled those in the first Christian community. We wear red to call to mind that very Spirit, often depicted as a fire or flame. *However, if we just use red as a reminder of the power of the Spirit without letting it change us, then our actions become merely sentimental.* You are filled with the Holy Spirit through the Church's Sacraments. God touches you and enters into you in a profound way, just like in that upper room at Pentecost. That first powerful movement of the Spirit led to a Church that grew and flourished and remains alive today. *What is the movement of the Spirit within calling you to do today? Do you allow God to move you and do great things through you?* Red is a bold color to wear at any time. *But let your actions be even bolder.*



Congratulations to Kathy Long, the winner of the Holy Name Society May 50/50 drawing. Thank you for your continued support.

We pray through the power of Christ for the healing of ... Stephen Boryszewski, Leo Schiffhaer, Alice Morrisley, Jeanette Watkins, Judy Kelly, Michael Weishaupt, Lynn McKenna, Fred Postolese, Rosalie Diaspara, Patricia Walczak, JoAnne Hahn, Max Wojciechowski, Tony Peters, Christopher Travis, Rick Stoddard, Kaylin Kline, Rick McEvoy, Gladys Roche, Mary Laubenthal, Heidi Sheehan, Beverly Smith, Harry Gray, Sharon Quinn, Hugh & Judy Bondanza, Phyllis Elbers, Alice Kowalewski, Patti Catanzaro, David Smith, Roslyn Hawthorn, Kevin Denecke, Jack Fadeley, Robert Loniewski, Rhonda Strumpf, Heather Gelster, Jim Peters, Joan Hoar, Jennifer Weber, Bill Stutz, Patricia Bieger, Fran Krajewski, Lee Herrmann, Alice Seger, Elizabeth Ruggiero, Angela Stout, Monica & Kevin Zieliński, Troy Blackchief, Janet Shamrock, Mary Lou Carr and Linda Sisti.

We pray for the faithful departed ...

Thomas Frank, Joanne F. Karpik and Kazimierz Grabowski

“May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in Peace. Amen.”

**From the Desk of Jennifer Lang, Director of Faith Formation**

Happy Birthday! This weekend we celebrate the beginnings of the Catholic, or universal, Church. There are many readings that can be chosen to be proclaimed: the story of the tower of Babel, Moses climbing Mount Sinai, Ezekiel and the dead bones, the remnant of the Lord at Mount Zion, the disciples receiving the Holy Spirit in the upper room, receiving the gifts of the Spirit, and the Church as one body. We might even hear the beautiful and ancient hymn, "Come, O Holy Spirit, Come." In the beginning was the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit continues to dwell in our lives. May we pray to be enlivened more and more with the presence of God in our lives. Thank you for another great year of Faith Formation. Please help spread the word about our Program and invite our youth to be part of it.

Jennifer Lang, Director of Faith Formation
Email: faithformation@stjohn23.com

**Catechetical Corner**
*A Weekly Faith Growing Bulletin Corner***PENTECOST**

Today we celebrate Pentecost. Pentecost is celebrated fifty days after Easter. (Pentecost literally means "fifty"). It commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles following the Crucifixion, Resurrection, and Ascension of Jesus Christ, causing them to speak in tongues. This important event in the Christian faith is described in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 2:1-31), the fifth book of the New Testament of the Bible. Pentecost marks the beginning of the Christian Church's mission to the world. *Think about what YOUR mission is at home, at work, and in our greater world.*



"Come, Holy Spirit...Replace the tension within us with a holy relaxation. Replace the turbulence within us with a sacred calm. Replace the anxiety within us with a quiet confidence. Replace the fear within us with a strong faith. Replace the bitterness within us with the sweetness of grace. Replace the darkness within us with a gentle light. Replace the coldness within us with a loving warmth. Replace the night within us with your light. Replace the Winter within us with your Spring. Straighten our crookedness. Fill our emptiness. Dull the edge of our pride. Sharpen the edge of our humility. Light the fires of our love. Quench the flames of our lust. Let us see ourselves as you see us that we may see You." Amen.



BUILD UNITY IN THIS WORLD. What makes that continuation of our Church possible over thousands of years? This week's feast gives the answer: the Holy Spirit. The gift of God — His very life — the third person of the Trinity, is the Spirit who animates the entire Church and each member of it. He makes us one-in-love in a way that utterly exceeds human capacity. For example, He makes the Apostles speak with tongues of fire, and everyone hears them in his own native tongue. The Holy Spirit is the means by which Jesus establishes a new family, one that crosses all possible boundaries of time, space, and culture. The Holy Spirit never tires in enthusing us for mission. Aren't you longing to experience the Holy Spirit in a fresh way? You can. Today we celebrate this untiring flame, once ignited on earth and burning still. Let its flame ignite your faith life.

**PASCHAL CANDLE MEMORIALS**

In loving memory of...Families...(Anne Marie Agostinelli); Harezga, Kaniecki, Barria, & Battaglia Families...(Nancy Battaglia); Tom, Greg & Chris Bauer...(Bauer Family); Angelo & Adela Cecchini, and John & Gertrude Betker...(Don & Arleen Betker); Deceased Boylin Families...(Lori Boylin), Eugene Bracikowski & Brian Bracikowski, Bracikowski & Parucki Families...(Alice Bracikowski); Jack & Shirley Burgess, Lynn Burgess, & Brian Larner...(Gary & Cheryl Burgess); Fred & Mary Hahn, Clark & Edna Klinshaw, Ed & Mary Hahn, Gary Hahn...(Gary & Cheryl Burgess); Etta & Hector Capelli, Julia & Michael Gomlak, Mary & Al George...(Aimee & Peter Capelli); Damasiewicz & Mineo Families...(Diane Damasiewicz); Ignatius, Antoinette, Thomas & Melissa Piskor...(Toni Drzewiecki); Moran & Falkner Families...(Judy Falkner); Alfred Folaron, Sr., Alfred Folaron, Jr., Pat Deutsch...(Dorothy Folaron); John, Rozalia & Robert Golbert...(Ann Golbert); Rose T. Greco, Russell Greco, Sr., Sammy Greco, Russell Greco, Jr., Russell Gaglia, Jimmy Greco, & Joey Grisanti...(Micki Greco); Mike, Bob, & L. Mike...(Linda Hartnett); Tom Jarka...(Terry Jarka); Norm & Roberta Dailey...(Lyn Jarosz), Kathy Ellmann...(Lyn Jarosz), Joseph Kowalewski, Victor & Frances Jankowiak...(Alice Kowalewski); Mary Theresa Long, Rev. Msgr. James Connelly & Loretta Kranick...(Jack & Sue Kruczynski); Melissa Pearson, Crutchfield & Lewandowski Families...(Joyce Lewandowski), Deceased MacDonald & Lexner Families...(Pat MacDonald & Family); Sam & Mary Marrone...(Rae, Dennis, & Madeline Marrone); Adeline & Albert Mattucci...(Jeannette Mattucci); Daniel Olejniczak...(Barbara Olejniczak); Bernard Ruda...(Mariann & Family); Helen Schneller...(Don Schneller); Tom & Peggy Shea...(Maureen Shea-Keicher); Gargiulo & Sisti Families...(John & Linda Sisti); Maryanne Snyder...(Margaret Smith); Sandra Nowicki...(Lorraine & Henry Stahl); Harry L. Swierski, Harry J. Gray, Arlene Swierski, Dolores Gray...(Jerry & Leslie Swierski); Rosemary Spencer...(Susan Weber); Ted Wieleba, Ed & Alice Sobon...(Eleanor Wieleba); John & Margaret Currier...(Ruth & Robert Wright).

EVERY PENTECOST MOMENT BEGINS WITH YOUR FIRST STEP TOWARD GOD.

Pentecost Catechesis. Pray the Church's teaching for Pentecost at www.stjohn23.com.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, May 18, 2024, Pentecost Sunday

4:00pm. John E. Stanton - *by Family*
AND: Helen Mellerski - *by Alice Bracikowski & Family*
5:00pm. **Anointing of the Sick**

Sunday, May 19, 2024, Pentecost Sunday

8:30am. Anna Devaney - *by Gavin Family*
AND: Charlotte & Stanley Nikiel
- *by Mariann Ruda & Family*
10:30am. Christine Romanowski - *by Husband, Michael*
AND: Helen Mellerski - *by Val Piotrowski*

Monday, May 20, 2024, Mary, Mother of the Church

8:30am. Teresa M. Kellner - *by Family*
AND: Sophie Savage - *by Savage Family*

Tuesday, May 21, 2024, Weekday

8:30am. Edward & Patricia Labeledz - *by Gary*
AND: Olive Helmer - *by Beverly Fusco*

Wednesday, May 22, 2024, St. Rita of Cascia

8:30am. Deceased Woyshner Family - *by Family*
AND: Linda Hartnett (*Healing*) - *by Shirley Rieman & Family*

Thursday, May 23, 2024, Weekday

8:30am. Aldo Agostinelli - *by Wife, Anne Marie*
AND: All Souls' Intentions

Friday, May 24, 2024, Weekday

8:30am. Kathy & Jack Maroney - *by MacDonald Family*
AND: John Dodges - *by Estate of Andrew Dodges*

Saturday, May 25, 2024, The Most Holy Trinity

4:00pm. John J. Rovnak - *by Tamie Rovnak*
AND: Mark Yebernetsky - *by Debbie Glowny*

Sunday, May 26, 2024, The Most Holy Trinity

8:30am. Helen Mellerski - *by Paul & Lin Rovnak*
AND: John Rovnak - *by Paul & Lin Rovnak*
10:30am. Catherine & Patrick Russo - *by Sr. Pat Russo, OSF*
AND: Piotrowski & Gorski Families - *by Val Piotrowski*



Scriptures for Next Sunday

First Reading: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40

Psalm: 33:4-6, 9, 18-20, 22

Second Reading: Rom 8:14-17

Gospel: Mt 28:16-20

The Sanctuary Light will shine this week for Christine Romanowski by Husband, Michael.



ST. CHRISTOPHER MAGALLANES AND COMPANIONS (MAY 21st)

St. Christopher Magallanes (1869-1927), was born in Mexico. He worked with the poor and the indigenous people, founding schools and forming agrarian co-operatives. In the 1920's, when the anti-Catholic Mexican government closed all Seminaries, he attempted to start them but each time was forced to stop. On May 21, 1927, he was arrested on the false charge of promoting armed rebellion. Four days later he was executed along with twenty-one diocesan priests and three laymen.

Prayer: "St. Christopher Magallanes and Companions, you chose to die rather than give in to atheistic and anti-Catholic oppression. You valued the Catholic faith over your own lives. Please pray for me, that I will have the courage you each had so that I can give witness to my love of God, even to the shedding of my blood. St. Christopher Magallanes and Companions, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You." Amen.

This Week at St. John's

Sunday Mass. We're Open: Saturday 4:00 p.m. Vigil,
Sunday 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Also view Mass live
on Facebook, YouTube, and at www.stjohn23.com.

Healthy Living: Fun low-impact exercises while
sitting with Kathy Zawadzki. Monday at 9:30 a.m.

Altar & Rosary Society. Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

Rosary. Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.

Summer Picnic Meeting. Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

Liturgy of the Hours: Morning Prayer. Thurs. at 9:00 a.m.

BPO *Signature Stars & Stripes*. Kleinhans Music Hall.
Friday at 9:15 a.m. (Bus Departure).

NO Bingo (Memorial Day Weekend). Next Bingo on
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