

Pentecost Sunday  
May 23, 2021



"Bread from Heaven"  
Stained Glass Window  
St. Patrick Church  
photo by  
Tom Golab

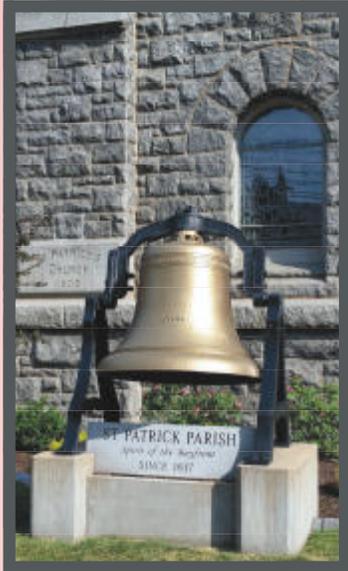
## Saint Patrick Parish

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Monday-Thursday: 8:00 AM-4:00 PM

**MASS SCHEDULE:**

Daily Mass: Monday-Thursday: 8:00 AM (CHAPEL)

Saturday Mass: 5:00 PM

Sunday Mass: 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Holy Day Mass: 12:00 PM

### ***From the Pastor's Desk...***



Today is Pentecost and we read again from Acts of the Apostles, the only book to tell us of this feast. Luke tells us it took place on the Jewish Pentecost, *Sukkot*, also known as the Feast of Tabernacles. Because of this, Jerusalem would have been filled with pilgrims. The apostles, along with Mary, the mother of Jesus and some of Jesus' relatives were gathered in the room when suddenly, a noise like a driving wind comes from the sky and fills the entire building. The Greek word that is used, *pnoe* means "wind, a gust or breath." The adjective here is translated as "violent," or strong enough to knock everyone off their feet. Perhaps Luke had the story of God's appearance to Moses in the form of fire when he described the appearance of tongues of fire coming down and resting on everyone.

Our second reading is from Corinthians. One of the concerns that Paul raises with the community is their fascination with the gift of speaking in tongues. The technical term is "glossolalia." This is what Peter and the rest of the disciples experienced on that first Pentecost. Paul criticizes these so-called spirit-people and calls them spiritual babies, because of their quarreling and the divisions that existed in the community. Paul tries to correct this by talking about the Holy Spirit. A person cannot speak even the most basic statement of belief in Jesus except by the Holy Spirit. He likens the community of believers to a human body. Just as a body has many parts and these parts cannot exist except as one body, the community is the body of Christ.

Our gospel tells the story of the risen Jesus' appearance to the disciples on the night of the resurrection. They had locked themselves in a room but locked doors could not deter the risen Christ. He shows them his wounded body, demonstrating that he is alive, and offers them a greeting of peace. He told them in his farewell discourse that he would return. On the night he was arrested, he wished them peace in the same way he does here. Now he breathes on them and sends the Holy Spirit. Biblical scholars have long debated the meaning of the saying about forgiving and

*From the Pastor's Desk continued...*

retaining sins. Most likely it is because the Spirit will expose the world concerning sin, righteousness and judgment.

Catholic schools across the country are struggling to keep their doors open after a pandemic year that left many parents unable to pay tuition and with parishes lacking the resources to make up the difference. At least 209 of the nation's nearly 6,000 Catholic schools have closed over the past year and a significant number are expected to close this year. Nationally, enrollment fell by 6.4% at the start of the school year, the biggest decline since records were first kept in the 1970s. In Los Angeles, enrollment dropped 12% and in New York it dropped 11%.

From early May until late September, we have a number of groups who come for a tour of the church. Busloads of senior citizens comprise these tours. On occasion they come with a priest who then celebrates Mass for them. On other occasions, they are here to tour our beautiful church. Mark Alloway, our organist and music director, is also here to give them a sampling of the pipe organ. We are in need of docents who would help guide these people. If you are interested in volunteering to be one of these, please contact the parish office. We will train you, give you sheets with all of the pertinent information about the church, it's history and it's unique architecture.

We have a crack in the southwest tower of the church which has been there for years but which appears to be getting worse with each passing year. We have professionals coming to take a look at it and recommend what we can do. The tops of the towers are held together by a series of steel bands which stretch from east to west and north to south. Without those, I'm told the towers would buckle. Remember the building is 106 years old and needs constant attention. We would be doing a disservice to future generations were we not to expend the energy and money to maintain this building.

Did I read that sign right? Notice in health shop window: "Closed due to illness." ... During a conference: "For anyone who has children and doesn't know it, there is a day care on the first floor." ... On a Repair Shop door: "We can repair anything. (Please knock hard on the door. The bell doesn't work.)" .... Headline on a newspaper:



## Saint Patrick News



**The Sanctuary Lamp**  
burns in loving memory of  
**Marcella Majczyk**  
from granddaughter, Ann Kolodziejczak

### LITURGY INTENTIONS

- May 22 Saturday, Vigil: Pentecost Sunday**  
5:00 PM ROBERT MCCARTHY, ANNIV. OF BIRTH 5/27  
(FAMILY)
- May 23 Pentecost Sunday**  
8:00 AM STEVE & MARY KONTUR (ANGIE KONTUR)  
10:30 AM SEAN SULLIVAN JOHNSON &  
THERESA CARNEY JOHNSON (FAMILY)
- May 24 The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church**  
8:00 AM DOMINIC SICARI AND FAMILY  
(MARY PAT SCHLAUDECKER)
- May 25 Tuesday, Weekday**  
8:00 AM MASS
- May 26 Wednesday, Saint Philip Neri, Preist**  
8:00 AM JOHN KRAUCHEN, SR., ANNIV.  
(BARBARA KRAUCHEN THOMPSON)
- May 27 Thursday, Weekday**  
8:00 AM MASS
- May 28 Friday, Weekday**  
NO COMMUNION SERVICE OR MASS
- May 29 Saturday, Vigil: The Most Holy Trinity**  
5:00 PM MARTHA MASEK (MARK & CINDY BORIS)  
R/S FROM 5/30/20
- May 30 The Most Holy Trinity**  
8:00 AM DAN LYNCH (FAMILY)  
10:30 AM MAUREEN & MICHAEL BYRNE  
(PATRICK, EITHNE & MICHAEL MURPHY)

### Ministry Schedule

**Saturday, May 29, 2021 at 5:00 pm**

Lector: Angie Kontur

Eucharistic Minister: Ray Fiorelli, Shirley Winschel

**Sunday, May 30, 2021 at 8:00 am**

Lector: Dan Bergell

Eucharistic Minister: Bill Gloekler, Barb Fischer

**Sunday, May 30, 2021 at 10:30 am**

Lector: Luke Gilmore

Eucharistic Minister: Ed Smith, Luke Gilmore

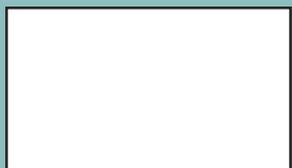
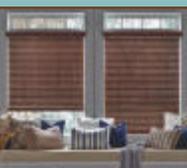
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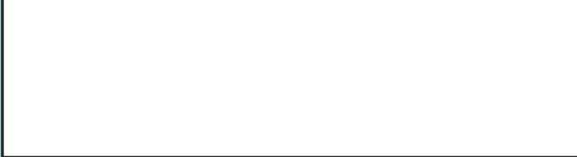
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