



— ST. MARY —  
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH  
STAR CITY

3346 University Ave. Morgantown, WV 26505 • 304-599-3747

May 23, 2021 • Pentecost

**Mass Times: Saturday, 6:00pm, Sunday, 8:30am, 11:00am, en español a la 1:00pm**

**Daily Mass\*: Mon. 6:30pm, Tue.-Thur. 9:00am** \*please see schedule inside for any changes or cancellations.

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## Are you registered in the Parish?

Registering in a parish is a declaration of your desire to be part of a Catholic community and to make a commitment to the life of the parish family.

Clearly stating your Catholic commitment in all its dimensions brings many advantages, recognition, and responsibility.

At St. Mary Roman Catholic Church, our policy, is that you must be registered and participating in Sunday Mass regularly before a baptism can take place, or for the initial meeting with the pastor in the case

of marriage.

Regular attendance is also required for adults who are asked to be a godparent or sponsor at another parish, in order that a letter can be sent stating that they are a practicing Catholic and a registered member of a parish faith community.

Even though you may have attended Mass here for months, or even years, we would like for you to be registered.

Please pick up a registration form at the church or parish office, or register online at [stmarystarcity.com](http://stmarystarcity.com)  
For more information, call the parish office at 304-599-3747.

## Sacraments

**Baptism:** (Birth – Age 7) Parents are required to participate in a preparation program before the celebration of Baptism. Parents must be registered and attending Sunday Mass regularly. Please call Kathy 304-225-1163 for information.

**Reconciliation:** 30 minutes prior to each daily Mass

**Order of Christian Initiation:** Children 7-14 years of age, and Children 15 years of age and older & Adults— *The Order of Christian Initiation*, RCIA please contact Please contact Kathy Kerzak (304) 225-1163 /kkerzak@comcast.net for information

**Marriage:** Engaged couples planning to marry at St. Mary Church should be practicing Catholics, participating in Sunday Eucharist regularly. Also, they must participate in a Marriage Preparation Program. Call the Parish Office for information. At least **six months notice** is required. *No date for a wedding will be set over the phone.*

**Holy Communion to the Sick and Homebound:** When a parishioner is confined to home or hospital because of illness or advanced age, call the Parish Office. We will be happy to make arrangements to bring Holy Communion.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Upon request and communally as scheduled

### Bulletin Deadline:

**Tuesday@Noon**, email or written copy please,  
no bulletin announcements will be taken over the phone

**Email:** stmaryschurch@comcast.net

**Subject line:** attn: Bulletin, and include topic of announcement

## Spirituality of the Readings – Burning Question



This is the last Sunday of the Easter season! Its Mass is vivid and exciting.

Suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were.

Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them.

And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues,

as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim. (First Reading)

Wouldn't you have loved to be there? How thrilling!

Even more delightful, look at the wording. The noise was not an actual wind but something "like" a wind. And these were not tongues of fire, but tongues "as of fire" (i.e., "as if they were made of fire"). These were marvels that could not be described "as is." So the writer uses metaphors.

Imagine it this way:

there was this sound that came from the sky, something that sounded like, uh, oh, let's see, uh, wind! That's it. It wasn't wind but that is the closest I can get. And then stuff that looked sort of like chunks of fire, or maybe like tongues made out of fire. Only it wasn't really fire. Or tongues either. Oh, I can't describe it.

It was a presence that is very real but too deep for words. So "as if" becomes a way to help us sense it. We call this procedure "metaphor," or just "comparison."

But why don't we get to prophesy and talk in tongues as the apostles did?\* St. Paul handles this question beautifully in the Second Reading, but the answer is also found by recalling who the Holy Spirit is, as we have been doing in previous weeks. The most essential thing we can say is that the Holy Spirit is completely and truly God. The third person of the Holy Trinity comes to dwell within us. No wonder it is hard to describe!

As time went by, the bestowal of the Spirit became less dramatic but just as real. Look, for instance, at Acts 19:1-8, in which St. Paul came upon a dozen or so disciples who had never even heard of the Holy Spirit! He baptized them, and, as he "laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied." It was the sacrament of Baptism! Today, when we receive baptism and other sacraments, we are receiving the Holy Spirit! But quietly and in ritual form. Christ and his Father come to dwell within us.

Alright, then why do we not act as someone who has God within us? Well, like anything planted so deep, the Spirit's presence must have time to make its way into our actions, our words, our deeds. Whenever we find patches of charity or joy in ourselves, or patience and kindness, or the ability to endure hardship and injuries; when we are tempted toward mildness and modesty, then we can believe that the Holy Spirit is at work within us.

It is not as if heavy winds and tongues of fire were raging, as in former days. But it is the same Spirit of Jesus and of the Father—the one we celebrate today.

John Foley, SJ

\* I understand that for people in charismatic movements there is the "slaying in the Spirit," and also what St. Paul called "glossolalia" or speaking in tongues. Yet it is safe to say that for a majority of Church members the experience is other than this.

## Giving Summary

### Sunday Offering

\$8,107.00

### Online Giving

\$2,706.35

**Attendance:** 313

For ease of accounting, **separate checks are preferred** for all donations to different collections and purposes, including special collections, Mass intentions, memorials, and donations to different funds e.g. Trust Fund for the Poor, Debt Reduction, etc. Thank you for your help!

## Recent/Upcoming Special Collections

**5/23**— Peter's Pence



 **DONATE TODAY**

## **GIVE ONLINE!**

by clicking on the image on our website  
[www.stmarystarcity.com](http://www.stmarystarcity.com).

## THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

### May 23, Solemnity of Pentecost

Saturday, 6:00pm Ann Mary Chico  
 Sunday, 8:30am Nila Frohnapfel  
 Sunday, 11:00am For the People  
 Domingo, 1pm Por la comunidad de la Parroquia

Mon. 5/24 The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church  
 6:30pm Ronald Netchi

Tuesday 5/25 St. Bede the Venerable  
 9:00am George Vargo

Wednesday 5/26 St. Philip Neri  
 9:00am Marjorie Barill

Thursday 5/27 St. Augustine of Canterbury  
 9:00am Nila Frohnapfel

In the event of Closing of school due to inclement weather, there will be no Daily Mass or Prayer Service.

**\*In the event of a funeral, morning Mass will be cancelled\***

### May 30, Solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity

Saturday, 6:00pm Carlos A. Gomez  
 Sunday, 8:30am Intention of Celebrant  
 Sunday, 11:00am For the People  
 Domingo, 1pm Por la comunidad de la Parroquia

**If you, or any parishioner you know, are sick or homebound and would like a visit from Fr. John, please contact the Parish Office 304-599-3747**



### Mass intentions are being accepted for 2021.

The suggested donation is \$20 for a weekend, \$10 for a week-day. Please call the Parish Office if interested, 304-599-3747. Please note that any Masses cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances such as a global pandemic, inclement weather, or a funeral, will be moved to the next available 'like' date and time e.g., Daily Mass on Tuesday moved to another Tuesday, 8:30 Sunday Mass moved to another 8:30, as available.



**Memorial Donations for Bread and the Tabernacle candle are being accepted for the year 2021.** The requested donation is \$40. Please call the Parish Office if you are interested, 304-599-3747.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

30 minutes prior to each Daily Mass  
 Saturdays from 5-5:40pm as scheduled  
 (Mon: 6:00pm, Tue.-Thur: 8:30am)  
 \*times may change based on any changes to the weekly Mass schedule

## THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY

### Sunday, May 23

1:00pm NA Meeting

### Monday, May 24

7:00-9:00pm Boy Scouts—Pavilion

### Tuesday, May 25

6:30pm NA Meeting—Peace Hall

### Saturday, May 29

5:00-5:40pm Reconciliation

### Sunday, May 30

1:00pm NA Meeting



## Memorial Mass

Monday, May 31, 10:00am  
 @ St. Mary Peace Gardens  
 Mausoleum

**The Parish Office will be closed, Monday, May 31 for Memorial Day.**



**Eternal rest for Santino 'Sandy' Thomas Serpento,** and condolences to his family and friends.

Peter's Pence Collection

Be a Witness of  
**Charity**

## Peter's Pence

Today is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the activities of the Holy

See through which Pope Francis governs the Church and exercises his charitable works. When used for charitable outreach, funds from this collection help those most in need. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a sign of mercy. Please be generous today. For more information, visit <http://www.peterspence.va/en.html>. See pg. 7.



St. Ursula Food Pantry and Outreach is looking for donations of a couple specific items for food pantry operations:

**\*An iPhone 8 or greater (new or used)**

**\*2- six foot metal step ladders**

If you would like to donate one of these things, or contribute to the cost, please contact Sr. Rachel at St. Ursula, 304-599-3822



### Gifts From the Holy Land At St. Mary Church May 29-30, 2021

We have a display of beautiful hand-made olive wood carvings from the Holy Land. The Christians of the Holy Land have been suffering and continue to live in difficult economic situations. Olive wood carvings are part of a tradition handed down from one generation to another. Christian families have worked over 2000 years to protect the Holy sites in Bethlehem, Jerusalem, and Nazareth, and to spread the word of Jesus. For about the past 1000 years they used carvings to keep the Bible alive in dimensions. Our mission is to support our fellow Christians in the holy land by selling some of their olive wood carvings which are one major source of their income. Proceeds from the sale will benefit Christian families in Bethlehem/Holy Land. Last Century, the Christians were about 37% but today they are only 5%

By your support though the purchasing of these carvings, 200 families will be helped to remain in the Holy land. Supporting these families is important also for the peace in the Middle East. Please stop by our tables and get your gifts directly from the little town of Bethlehem Thank you and God bless you.  
[bethlehemowood@hotmail.com](mailto:bethlehemowood@hotmail.com)

### WVU LAW Immigration Law Clinic

Sabe que hacer si Ud. es cuestionado por la policia?

La WVU Clínica de Inmigración ha preparado este vídeo para informarle de sus derechos. El vídeo también explica como Ud. puede registrarse para recibir ayuda de la Clínica en el caso que Ud. sea cuestionado por la policia. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mCibfcbPLe8>

**(304) 293-7249**



### FAITH FORMATION DIRECTOR

### Position Opening

St. Mary Church is seeking a vibrant individual to coordinate formation programs, enable the gifts of the faithful, and to engage our youth to live a life of faith. We are located in Morgantown, WV, home of West Virginia University. Our parishioners are ethnically diverse. Our people have a deep love for celebrating Mass, gathering for fellowship, opportunities for adult formation and growth and for mission to the least of these. If interested please submit a letter of interest and resumé by June 30, 2021. For the full job description and responsibilities, please see p. 6

"How much do you love me?"

JOIN THE STATE-WIDE  
**TEENS ENCOUNTER CHRIST  
FAMILY FOR  
RE-TEC**

A Re-Boot and Renewal of TEC in the  
Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston.

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 28, 2021**  
10:00am - 5:00pm  
Saint John XXIII Pastoral Center, Charleston, WV

The "Fourth Day" of TEC Never Ends!

### Saving Grace Support Group for Grandparents/Kinship/Foster/ Adopted Families

meets at **Avery United Methodist Church**  
(1152 Cheat Rd. Morgantown, WV)  
**the Second and Fourth Tuesday of each  
month from 6-8pm.**

#### This support group offers:

- support from others in the same situation
- guest speakers from different agencies around the area
- training on many different topics from self-care to childhood trauma
- a safe place to express yourself and your concerns
- advice from other people dealing with the same things as you

#### Feel free to contact us at:

[SavingGraceWV@gmail.com](mailto:SavingGraceWV@gmail.com),  
**or join the facebook group:**  
"Saving Grace:Grandparents/relative  
With Custody Support Group "



### St. Ursula Food Pantry needs:

#### \*\* Cereal and Condiments

(ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise etc.\*\*)

### Baby & Toddler Program needs:

#### \*Baby Wash & Shampoo

### St. Ursula Food Pantry Position

**Opening:** St. Ursula Food Pantry & Outreach **seeks an Administrative Assistant** (32 hrs/wk) to assist clients, document service, and perform book keeping. Duties include working with volunteers to organize food and clothing donations. Must be able to lift and carry 30#. College degree with some work experience in social services preferred. Knowledge of Word and Excel necessary; Quickbooks (and Publisher), a plus. Contact: Sr. Rachel Blais at 304-599-3822 or email your resume to rachel.blais@gmail.com

### **NEW!** Sharing Garden

**We are starting a sharing garden at St. Ursula food bank this year.** We will have a free seed library, some seedlings in May when it is time to plant outside, a small herb bed, and containers with tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, etc. It won't be big enough to have a large harvest, just a chance to get resources into people's hands that are already gardening or interested in learning how. We are also talking to WVU Extension about doing a container gardening workshop and with some other farms and gardens to get local produce donations over the summer to help supplement a "harvest box" during distribution.

#### **What we need:**

**Seeds:** do you have any from your garden from the last few years you didn't use? We can package them in smaller packs for the library for individual families.

**Seedlings:** Do you start your own for your garden? Will you have any extras? Do you know any nurseries that would be interested in donating?

**Soil:** we need topsoil and amendments to fill containers and herb beds. Do you know anyone that can donate or has a place we can come and pick up in bulk? We need compost, topsoil, and amendments like sand and vermiculite.

**5-Gallon Buckets:** clean and untainted by oil products, paint, etc.

**Volunteers:** If you'd like to come help, you can reach out to Jo at 773-550-2777. If there is a lot of interest in the congregation, we can organize a socially distanced work day.

### Faith Formation Director

#### Job Summary:

Progressive parish of 600 families is seeking a vibrant individual to coordinate formation programs, enable the gifts of the faithful, and to engage our youth to live a life of faith. We are located in Morgantown, WV, home of West Virginia University. Our parishioners are ethnically diverse. Our people have a deep love for celebrating Mass, gathering for fellowship, opportunities for adult formation and growth and for mission to the least of these. The position is full-time and reports to the Pastor.

#### Responsibilities & Duties:

Coordinates and manages all Faith Formation ministries and volunteers including, but not limited to: Religious Education (PK-5th), Youth Ministry (Middle and High School), Children's Liturgy of the Word and Vacation Bible School; sacramental preparation program for Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Communion, Confirmation, Christian Initiation for adults and children (RCIA); and helps facilitate adult faith formation. The Faith Formation Director is also the Safe Environment Coordinator for the parish.

#### Qualifications and Skills:

BA in Theology/Religious Education or related educational field  
Excellent organizational, supervisory and leadership skills  
Excellent verbal and written communication and interpersonal skills  
Works well in collaborative efforts with other parish ministers  
Seeks ongoing educational opportunities to keep current on trends in catechetical ministry  
Excellent computer skills including the use of Microsoft Office and communication via social media  
Fluency in Spanish is beneficial but not required

#### Salary & Benefits

Health, vision, dental, participation in 403B plan, paid vacation and personal days, and education stipend.

If interested please submit a letter of interest and resume by June 30, 2021. Position will begin on August 1, 2021.

Send letter and resume to Fr. John by email: papajohnwv@msn.com, or via mail to:

Attn: Father John McDonough  
St. Mary Parish  
3346 University Avenue  
Morgantown, WV 26505

# Be a sign of mercy.

[JESUS] JOURNEYED FROM ONE TOWN AND VILLAGE TO ANOTHER, PREACHING AND PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD. ACCOMPANYING HIM WERE THE TWELVE...AND MANY OTHERS WHO PROVIDED FOR THEM OUT OF THEIR RESOURCES. —Lk 8:1, 3

## How You Can Help

### PRAY

Pray for the Holy Father, those he reaches out in compassion to serve, and the ongoing activities of the Holy See, all of which will benefit from this collection.

### SHARE

Share this bulletin insert with anyone who might be interested. More information is at [www.vatican.va/roman\\_curial\\_secretariat\\_state/obolo\\_spietro/documents/actual\\_en.html](http://www.vatican.va/roman_curial_secretariat_state/obolo_spietro/documents/actual_en.html) and [www.peterspence.vafen.html](http://www.peterspence.vafen.html).

### GIVE

Give generously to this collection as a sign of mercy to those who suffer around the globe and in support of the ongoing work of the Holy See. By doing so, you help build up the Church so that it will continue to minister to all for generations to come.

The Peter's Pence Collection occurs yearly on the Sunday closest to June 29, the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, as a sign that Catholics around the world are joined together in support of the Holy Father.

### A Concrete Sign of Mercy

The concrete participation in the needs of the universal ecclesial community has taken different forms throughout history. Collections and donations by the individual faithful or entire local churches raise awareness that all the baptized are called to materially sustain the work of evangelization and, at the same time, to help the poor in whatever way possible. By doing so, they build up the Church so that it will continue to minister to all for generations to come.

During his apostolic visit to Bangui in the Central African Republic in 2015, Pope Francis visited the city's pediatric hospital with a donation of medicines and a promise that he would not forget the country's children. With contributions raised to support Peter's Pence, the Holy Father kept that promise to the children of Bangui

by founding a new facility in 2017. The existing hospital was renovated, and a new facility specifically for malnourished children was constructed. In a March 2019 message, Pope Francis described the hospital as "a concrete sign of mercy" originating with his 2015 visit.

### A Tradition of Support for the Holy Father

Support for such papal efforts has its roots in the scriptural message to take care of the poor and is an expression of unity with the Holy Father. Peter's Pence expresses this unity in two ways: through the ongoing activities of the Holy See and through the charitable works of the Holy Father on behalf of those most in need.



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**Sunday, May 23, 2021**

SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST

**Sing a new church into being**

Pentecost celebrates crowded places, multiple languages, and diverse people uniting in one Spirit. It's a hard feast to celebrate during a pandemic in an era clouded by social conflict. All the more reason to challenge ourselves by celebrating not only what makes us the same, but also what makes us different. God showers on the world "gifts that differ," as Benedictine hymnist Delores Dufner declares. So "Bring the hopes of every nation;/ bring the art of every race. /Weave a song of peace and justice;/ let it sound through time and space." And let the church say: Amen!

TODAY'S READINGS: Day: Acts 2:1-11; Galatians 5:16-25 or 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13; Sequence Veni Sancte Spiritus; John 20:19-23 (63). "There are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone."

**Monday, May 24, 2021**

MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

**The mother of all feasts**

In 2018, Pope Francis created the new Marian memorial that the universal church celebrates today, the Monday after Pentecost. The title "Mother of the Church" was bestowed on Mary in 1964 by Pope Saint Paul VI at the closing of the Second Vatican Council. Her role as mother of the church goes back to when Jesus, on the cross, gave her and the beloved disciple to one another and to when she became the mother of Christ, whose body we are all members of. Not everyone has a mother figure to rely on—know that you can always rely on the mother of us all.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14; John 19:25-34 (572A). "When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother, 'Woman, behold, your son.'"

**Tuesday, May 25, 2021**

MEMORIAL OF MARY MAGDALENE DE' PAZZI, VIRGIN

**A Spirit for the dry season**

When Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi became a Carmelite nun in 1583, she couldn't foresee the great physical suffering from an unknown disease that would besiege her. Nor could she foresee having the same type of ecstatic religious visions—followed by years of "spiritual dryness"—as did another Carmelite saint, Teresa of Ávila. Magdalene's bout of spiritual dryness, so severe that she considered suicide, ended on Pentecost in 1590. With Pentecost 2021 so recently behind us, pray as she did: "Come, Holy Spirit . . . Come, as you descended on Mary, that the Word might become flesh and work in us through grace."

TODAY'S READINGS: Sirach 35:1-12; Mark 10:28-31 (348). "Give to the Most High as he has given to you, generously."

**Wednesday, May 26, 2021**

MEMORIAL OF PHILIP NERI, PRIEST

**Now is the time to do good**

In the middle of Rome in the 16th century lived a man whose joyful nature made him something of a people magnet for both the powerful and the poor. Saint Philip Neri was a deeply spiritual man who exuded natural warmth, listened well, and in loving generosity, led others to know God. This spiritual director, priest, and confessor was known to ask, "Well, when shall we begin to do good?" It is no surprise that Neri, known as the "Apostle of Rome,"

inspired followers to join him in caring for the sick and the poor. Where can you do some good today?

TODAY'S READINGS: Sirach 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17; Mark 10:32-45 (349). "For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve."

**Thursday, May 27, 2021**

MEMORIAL OF AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, BISHOP

**Can't win them all**

Augustine of Canterbury, memorialized today, is remembered as a major figure in evangelizing England. The renowned Canterbury Cathedral was built on the site of a church and monastery he built around the end of the sixth century. In spite of his stature now as "Apostle of the English," he met with bitter disappointment, too. His efforts to bring the English bishops in line with Rome were roundly rebuffed, a disappointment he took to his death. Can you let go of your failures, knowing that, like Augustine, they do not define your life?

TODAY'S READINGS: Sirach 42:15-25, Mark 10:46-52 (350). "He began to cry out and say, 'Jesus, son of David, have pity on me.'"

**Friday, May 28, 2021****Give a fig!**

Figs are a popular fruit in the Bible, from Genesis with Eve and Adam wearing fig leaves clear through the Book of Revelation's apocalyptic falling of winter figs. Why so many figs? The fig itself is sweet and has lots of dietary fiber, calcium, and various minerals and vitamins. It is a great source of energy and flavor. Perhaps because it is so plentiful, delicious, and nutritious, the fig is also rich in symbolism for health and abundance. In the gospels, Jesus expects us to be like figs—to be "nutritious" to others and abundant in our presence and giving. Let us go forth to nurture the world!

TODAY'S READINGS: Sirach 44:1, 9-13; Mark 11:11-26 (351). "As they were leaving Bethany Jesus was hungry. Seeing from a distance a fig tree in leaf, he went over to see if he could find anything on it."

**Saturday, May 29, 2021**

MEMORIAL OF PAUL VI, POPE

**A Pentecostal pope**

The ecumenical movement received a much-needed boost during the papacy of Saint Pope Paul VI (1963-78). After the Second Vatican Council in the mid-1960s, Pope Paul went out of his way to promote ecumenical dialogue and partnership. When asked by a cardinal for permission to initiate a joint Catholic-Protestant translation of the Bible, Paul is said to have responded, "I am totally in favor!" He issued formal approval later that year on Pentecost Sunday, our recently celebrated feast commemorating the moment when the Holy Spirit allowed believers of all backgrounds and languages to truly understand each other. Come, Holy Spirit!

TODAY'S READINGS: Sirach 51:12cd-20; Mark 11:27-33 (352). "By what authority are you doing these things?"

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time



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*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted his only Son;  
in you Mary placed her trust;  
with you Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
show yourself a father  
and guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,  
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

*Salve, Guardián del Redentor  
Esposo de la Bendita Virgen María.  
A ti Dios te confió su único Hijo;  
en ti Maria depositó su confianza;  
contigo Cristo se hizo hombre.*

*Bendito José, para nosotros también  
muéstrate padre  
y guíanos en el camino de la vida.  
Obten para nosotros gracia, misericordia y coraje  
y defiéndenos de todo mal. Amén.*

### **Safe Environment Reporting**

To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513. In addition to civil authorities, to report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact the Diocese at 888-434-6237 or 304-233-0880. Please visit [www.dwc.org](http://www.dwc.org) under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.

### **Will or Estate Planning**

Are you thinking of remembering St. Mary Church in your will or estate plans? A bequest through a Last Will and Testament is the simplest way of creating a lasting legacy of support for St. Mary Church. Bequests should be made out to:

"The Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, or his successors in office," with a specification of the purpose for which the bequest is to be used, e.g. "for the use of St. Mary Parish"

### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK** **May 23, 2021**

Sunday: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15  
Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34  
Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23 [23b]/Mk 10:28-31  
Wednesday: Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [Sir 36:1b]/Mk 10:32-45  
Thursday: Sir 42:15-25/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [6a]/Mk 10:46-52  
Friday: Sir 44:1, 9-13/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Mk 11:11-26  
Saturday: Sir 51:12cd-20/Ps 19:8, 9, 19, 11 [9ab]/Mk 11:27-33  
Next Sunday: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22 [12b]/Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20 ©LPi

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## Pentecost Readings & Gospel

### FIRST READING

#### A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled,  
they were all in one place together.  
And suddenly there came from the sky  
a noise like a strong driving wind,  
and it filled the entire house in which they  
were.  
Then there appeared to them tongues as of  
fire,  
which parted and came to rest on each one of  
them.  
And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit  
and began to speak in different tongues,  
as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.  
Now there were devout Jews from every na-  
tion under heaven staying in Jerusalem.  
At this sound, they gathered in a large crowd,  
but they were confused  
because each one heard them speaking in his  
own language.  
They were astounded, and in amazement they  
asked,  
“Are not all these people who are speaking  
Galileans?  
Then how does each of us hear them in his na-  
tive language?  
We are Parthians, Medes, and Elamites,  
inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cap-  
padocia,  
Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia,  
Egypt and the districts of Libya near Cyrene,  
as well as travelers from Rome,  
both Jews and converts to Judaism, Cretans  
and Arabs,  
yet we hear them speaking in our own  
tongues  
of the mighty acts of God.”

**The Word of the Lord.**

### SECOND READING

#### A READING FROM THE LETTER OF SAINT PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS

Brothers and sisters:

No one can say, “Jesus is Lord,” except by the  
Holy Spirit.

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but  
the same Spirit;  
there are different forms of service but the  
same Lord;  
there are different workings but the same God  
who produces all of them in everyone.  
To each individual the manifestation of the  
Spirit  
is given for some benefit.

As a body is one though it has many parts,  
and all the parts of the body, though many,  
are one body,  
so also Christ.

For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one  
body,  
whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free per-  
sons,  
and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.

**The Word of the Lord.**

#### A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN

On the evening of that first day of the week,  
when the doors were locked, where the disci-  
ples were,  
for fear of the Jews,  
Jesus came and stood in their midst  
and said to them, “Peace be with you.”  
When he had said this,  
he showed them his hands and his side.  
The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.  
Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you.  
As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”  
And when he had said this,  
he 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.”

**THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD.**

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