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PENTECOST SUNDAY

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." - Jn 20:21

PENTECOST SUNDAY — MAY 31, 2020



MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY – June 1, (The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church)

7:45 AM + Pro Populo

TUESDAY – June 2, (Weekday)

5:30 PM + Anniversary Remembrance of Carl & Dolores Vivacqua req. by Carla Vivacqua

WEDNESDAY – June 3, (St. Charles Lwanga & Companions)

7:45 AM + Nelson Pompa req. by Family
+ Birthday Remembrance of Carl Vivacqua req. by Carla Vivacqua

THURSDAY – June 4, (Weekday)

7:45 AM + Pro Populo

FRIDAY – June 5, (St. Boniface)

9:30 AM + Spec. Int. of Grade 2

SATURDAY – June 6, (The Most Holy Trinity)

4:00 PM + James W. Reagan
+ Marvin Weiss req. by Brother, Sam McElroy
+ Dolores & Ronald Rhodes req. by Christine Rhodes

SUNDAY – June 7, (The Most Holy Trinity)

8:30 AM + Pro Populo
+ Dawn Colangelo req. by Husband, Jack
10:30 AM + Betty Hanson req. by Joyce & John Yates
+ Walter Jaskot req. by Mohr Family
12:00 PM + Dorothy McClements req. by Lorie Blow



Readings Week

Readings for the week of May 31st

Sunday: We each receive gifts from the Holy Spirit to share with others, for the greater good. Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39.

Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 55, 56 [52b] or Ps 19/Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39. *Day:* Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

Monday: O blessed mother of the Church, you warm our hearts with the Spirit of your Son Jesus Christ. Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87/Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: Let us seek to grow in grace as we await the coming of the Lord. 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18/Ps 90/Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday: The love of Christ changes everything, transforming each one of us in grace. 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12/Ps 123/Mk 12:18-27

Thursday: With God's help, we can bear all things. 2 Tm 2:8-15/Ps 25/Mk 12:28-34

Friday: God gives us what we need to persevere and to spread his Word. 2 Tm 3:10-17/Ps 119/Mk 12:35-37

Saturday: Jesus is the Truth – let us respond with all that we have. 2 Tm 4:1-8/Ps 71/Mk 12:38-44

Next Sunday: God is one and yet three – a Trinity of pure love. Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3/2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18

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Pope Francis composed a prayer to the Virgin Mary for protection of the world during the outbreak of the Coronavirus pandemic.

*O Mary, you always shine on our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you,
Health of the Sick,
who at the cross took part
in Jesus' pain,
keeping your faith firm.
You, Salvation of the
Roman People,
know what we need,
and we are sure you will provide
so that, as in Cana of Galilee,
we may return to joy
and to feasting
after this time of trial.
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the
will of the Father
and to do as we are
told by Jesus,
who has taken upon himself
our sufferings
and carried our sorrows
to lead us, through the cross,
to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.*

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

We thank you for your sacrificial offering of:



	May 24
Envelopes & Loose	\$ 4,636
On-line Giving	2,290
Total	\$ 6,926

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May 30, 2020

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Our experience over the past two months has shown us in profound ways the absolutely critical nature of communications when it comes to connecting us to each other and to our parish communities. Despite social distancing requirements, we have been able to share the Good News and reach out to those in need through livestream Masses, prayer services and inspirational messages; through social media on multiple platforms; through our diocesan website and our newspaper, *The Evangelist*, and through so many other avenues available to us now. That is why I am asking you to consider a gift to the Catholic Communication Campaign, which will be taken up the weekend of June 6-7 in our Diocese.

Typically, this collection would be taken up in parishes, but since we are not yet back to full Mass schedules, this year's collection will be more challenging than ever - and yet more important than ever. A full 50 percent of the funds collected through this campaign stay right here in our Diocese to support our communication efforts directly. The other 50 percent supports Church communication projects around the world.

Your support for the Catholic Communication Campaign allows our diocesan Communications Office to work with various departments, parishes, schools and organizations to promote their ministries. You have a direct hand in our efforts to spread the word about vocations, respect life, Catholic schools, youth ministry, special liturgies, and more. With your help we are able to inform and inspire, educate and evangelize.

We encourage you to visit www.rcda.org/media and www.evangelist.org to learn more about what we're doing to share the Good News in the Diocese of Albany. You can keep up with national and worldwide Church news by following www.usccb.org and www.vaticannews.va/en.html.

Please prayerfully consider supporting the collection this year. It is only with your help that we can effectively proclaim the Good News across the Diocese and around the world each and every day.

Thank you for your generous support.

Your servant in Christ,

Edward B. Scharfenberger, Bishop of Albany

Pentecost Sunday



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Pentecost marks the occasion of God sending the Holy Spirit upon Jesus' disciples after his Resurrection. The book of Acts describes how the disciples were gathered together in one place on the day of Pentecost. The Jewish feast of Pentecost (Shavuot or the Feast of Weeks) was a day that commemorated the giving of the law to Moses, a day soon to be marked as well by the giving of the Holy Spirit. On Pentecost, the Holy Spirit gave the disciples the strength to fulfill their commission to spread the Good News of Jesus. The Solemnity of Pentecost, which crowns and fulfills the Easter season, is a good time to pray for a deeper indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.
And kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.
And you shall renew the face of the earth.

The Marian title of "Mother of the Church," was given to the Blessed Mother by Bl. Pope Paul VI at the Second Vatican Council and today's memorial was decreed by Pope Francis in 2018.

Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church (June 1)

In 2018, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments inscribed the Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church in the General Roman Calendar to be observed on the Monday after Pentecost, taking precedence over an obligatory Memorial that coincides with it.

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While we terribly miss being together, so many great things are happening and our school family remains strong! Here is just a sampling:

Several classes are learning about the life cycle of bees, what it means to be a beekeeper and how honey is made.

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