

We are a welcoming Roman Catholic Parish that cherishes the Polish heritage of our founders and celebrates the diversity of all who enter, thus striving to give glory to God through worship and service to the community.

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Pentecost Sunday – May 31, 2020

COUNTING "50"

Strange as it may sound, the word "Pentecost" comes from the Greek word for "Fiftieth"! Fifty days after Passover. But the name of the feast day of the Coming of the Spirit on the Apostles is taken from the Jewish feast of that very day. In Hebrew the feast day is called Shavuot but in the more common language of the Mediterranean peoples it was called "Pentecost." As Jews, the Apostles were about to celebrate the bestowal of the Law on Mount Sinai to Moses. But it was God's plan that they would experience another gift of God -the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Note how some of the descriptions of the giving of the Spirit reflect the Old Testament giving of the Law on Mt. Sinai and other moments of God's presence. For example --- "a sound from heaven" --reflecting the loud sound at the mountain when Moses received the law and the blowing wind associated with the taking up of Elijah into heaven. And since in the Bible there is always the presence of fire when God is present (remember the burning bush that caught Moses' attention? --) there is a depiction of "the individual tongues as of fire".

Of course as dramatic as this giving of the Spirit is it is but the beginning of continuous outpourings of the Spirit into the life of the Christian Church. The channels of the Holy Spirit are two in the life of the church. One is the **'charismatic'** channel which refers to those particular graces that both people and clergy can experience for the good of the Church. An example of the charismatic, although it may seem so ordinary, is the grace of the Sacrament of Marriage that makes a man and woman an outstanding example of love and sacrifice for each other and for their family. Charismatic can also mean dramatic events such as speaking in tongues or the taking up of the cause for social justice as someone like Dorothy Day. The gifts of the Spirit are found in many of the churches outside the Catholic Church. The generosity and love of God overlooks our human divisions and sinfulness to draw us together in his Trinitarian Oneness.

The other channel is the **'hierarchic''** which the Catholic experiences in the order of bishop (the pope is included under this category) and priest and deacon that preach and teach and celebrate the sacraments. The sacraments are powerful expressions of the Holy Spirit. Do you notice that during every Mass the priest extends his hands over the bread and wine and prays the Holy Spirit to come down and change them into the Body and Blood of Christ?

This Spirit has truly been poured out on us during this very difficult time when so many had been deprived of God's work in the Sacraments of the Church. And yet their hearts had the flame of God's presence and consolation. For this in particular we give thanks to God on this Pentecost of 2020.

-- Fr. Hilinski



PENTECOST

Lord send out your spirit and renew the face of the earth

Niech zstąpi Duch Twój i odnowi ziemię

COMING UP THIS WEEK

June 5th is First Friday. There will be morning Mass in English at 7:30 a.m. Mass in Polish will be at 5:00 p.m. with Fr. Michael Krupka presiding. Before the Polish Mass there will be an opportunity for confessions in Polish.

LITURGY SCHEDULE / ROZKLAD MSZY SW.

Saturday, Sobota, May 30

4:30 p.m. † Bill & † Helen Malinowski int. John & Angela Malinowski

Sunday, Niedziela, May 31

- 9:00 a.m. † Charles Miller int. Trudy Miller
 11:00 a.m † Maria, Nestor, Alexandra & Jozef Komarnicki int. Komarnicki Family
- Monday, Poniedziałek, June 1
- 7:30 a.m. For the Parishioners

Tuesday, Wtorek, June 2 7:30 a.m. † Michael Poborsky Family int. Tim Lucek

Wednesday, Środa, June 3 7:30 a.m. † Chester Kusmierczyk int. Family

Thursday, Czwartek, June 4 7:30 a.m. † Richard Hilinski int. Fr. Hilinski

Friday, Piątek, June 5, First Friday

7:30 a.m.Presider's intention5:00 p.m.† Wladyslaw Rusiecki
int. Jan & Teresa Leszczak

Saturday, Sobota, June 6

4:30 p.m. † Anne & † Frank De Tardo int. John & Angela Malinowski

Sunday, Niedziela, June 7

9:00 a.m. † Mary Giangiacomo *int. Family* 11:00 a.m. † Ks. Stanislaw Pietrzycki & † Ks. Jozef Pietrzycki *int. Family*

ALL MASSES are in English except the 11:00 Sunday Mass which is in Polish. CONFESSIONS are heard in English every Saturday before the Vigil Mass, from 3:45 to 4:15 p.m. and in Polish every Sunday before the 11:00 a.m. Polish Mass.

Prayer List

Please pray for our parishioners who are ill and all who are in need of our prayers:

Jim Adams, Phillip Adams, Renette Armstrong, Ed Barker, Stan Bellar, William Boutell, MaryAnn Boyer, Alan Bradny, Iola Natal, Loretta Budzinski, Sarah Burket, Shannon Burke, Phyllis Cielec, Donna Cuevas, Jean Fabian, Mary Jean Farren, Dorothy Friedl, Marcy Hill, Judith Gruntkowski, Joan Kalemba, Paul Karbowski, Richard Konarski, Chris Krovich, Maria Kusmierczyk, Christopher Lenik, Rosemary Maier, Ed Montgomery, Dorothy Noga, Kathleen Patton, Marek Pietrzycki, Martha Plonski, Martha Vana, Mike Prock, Marc Rudolph, Ann Sagar, Robert Orahoske, Lindsey Sieniawski, Brandon Hrelja, Włodzimierz Wrobel, Sandy Kalemba Worden, Ray Yoder, Tom Zakarowsky

NEWS FROM THE PARISH GUILD



Due to the situation with COVID-19, Fr. Joe and the Guild's Board have decided to suspend all Guild activities and fund raisers for the remainder of 2020. We will keep you all updated of any changes in the near future. We thank you for your understanding and patience.

Stay safe and may God be with us all!

Respectfully, Dane Reich Guild President

VOTIVE CANDLES

For the time being we are asking that if you would like a votive candle lit please use the green "Welcome to Worship" envelope located in the pews for your offering. A candle will be lit for you -- \$2.00 for the large 5 day candle, 25 cents for the smaller one day candle. On the envelope you can indicate the size and location of the candle, include your donation and drop the envelope in the collection basket. The candle(s) will be lit for you.

PBS WVIZ CHANNEL 25 SERIES ON POLAND



FLAVOR OF POLAND, is a series on Polish culture and cuisine that has been airing on PBS station WVIZ, Channel 25. Unfortunately the broadcasting

schedule keeps changing! Coming up on Saturday May 30 at 11:00 p.m. will be a trip to Bialystok with a tour Lomza; an open-air museum in Nowogrod; the Tykocin Synagogue; and a visit to the countryside to bake the region's traditional cakes -- sekacz. The city of Olsztyn will be featured on Monday June 1 at 12:00 noon and at 4:00 p.m. Gdansk, Sopot & Gdynia will be featured on Monday, June 8 at 12:00 noon and 4:00 p.m.