

June 5, 2022



Pentecost Sunday



A PENNSYLVANIA CHARITABLE TRUST
A PARISH OF THE DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, June 4 — Vigil

4:00 PM † John J. Stofka by Steve & Janice (Stofka) Frank

Sunday, June 5 — Pentecost

8:30 AM † Burt Lee Ruth by Mary Ann & Joe Gallo

10:30 AM † Paul Stanisz by Frank & Barbara Liptik

Monday, June 6

8:00 AM † Leo Janol by Sophia

Tuesday, June 7

No Mass

Wednesday, June 8

No Mass

Thursday, June 9

8:00 AM † Pearl Hunter by Ron & Micki Campana

Friday, June 10

No Mass

Saturday, June 11 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Romeo Bucci by Steve & Valerie Beck

Sunday, June 12 — The Most Holy Trinity

8:30 AM † Tesznar Family by Mike & Beth Tesznar

10:30 AM † Tony Volpe by By Rosina Volpe

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday –Thursday: 8:30 a.m. –12; 1 p.m.– 3 p.m.

Friday: 8:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Ministry Schedule — June 11 & 12

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	S. Surdyn	A. Punturiero	S. Punturiero B. Smith
8:30 a.m.	D. Harkins	N. Mazzie	D. DeFelices V. Watkins
10:30 a.m.	W. Vlasic	Volunteer	M. Guiligord

Money Counters

Monday, June 6—Team #4—J. Petritis

God's Gift of the Spirit!!!

Today is a day of great jubilation for the life of the Church. Pentecost culminates our fifty-day celebration of the Easter mystery. The first Sunday's of Easter concentrated on the risen Jesus whereas the last Sundays transfer the focus from Jesus to us as his disciples. All that Jesus was and did, the Spirit empowers us to become and do.



The Old Testament speaks of a festival of the first fruits of grain called harvest or festival of weeks. It took place seven weeks, or 50 days after Passover. Pentecost is actually a Greek word for the "Festival of Weeks," and means "50." This festival commemorated and celebrated the end of the grain harvest when the Jews offered the "first fruits" to God. For a long time this feast became a pilgrimage festival as devout Jews walked to the temple in Jerusalem 50 days after Passover. In Jewish tradition this feast remembered the covenant to Moses on Mount Sinai when Israel accepted the call to be God's people. Now, Pentecost becomes the time in which a new people are formed in a new covenant made at the Last Supper. This new people is born out of a new exodus, from spiritual slavery which is sin to the promised land of grace. This newly formed people were to have a mission to the whole world, symbolized by all of the languages and peoples who were assembled at that first Christian Pentecost.

In this Pentecost gospel Jesus speaks to his disciples about the relationship of love and commandment. In fact, we are able to love and keep commandment because we have been given the Spirit. The Spirit's dwelling within us is the Father's and Jesus' love and precondition for why we continue Jesus' mission. The Spirit is the power planted within us to remember and ultimately to fulfill the mission Jesus entrusted to us. The risen life of Jesus is shared with us in a most profound way through the coming of the Spirit. We ourselves now go forth to carry on Jesus' mission, equipped with divine indwelling. We are never alone in our demanding discipleship; the Spirit is always with us.

The Spirit is received in baptism and the Spirit's presence is strengthened in confirmation so that we might carry on Jesus' saving mission. Pentecost becomes a harvest of people rather than of grains and fruits, and brings together the many gifts of varied cultures and languages and forges them into one people of God. Sometimes in our lives we might witness to a powerful presence of the Spirit. Perhaps we must confront another who has done wrong and refuses to change, stand up to injustice, or challenge another to more ethical and generous living. Sometimes in our lives we might witness to a gentler, relational Spirit. Perhaps we spend extra time with the children, or visit an elderly relative or help someone in need. In all of these great and simple acts the Spirit works through us and makes Jesus' saving mission present.

We will be making pierogis on Monday, June 6 beginning at 7:00 a.m. come when you are able.

Vacation Bible School

Children in grades K—5 are invited to "Travel with Jesus" from June 21st—25th from 9:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m. This year VBS will be held at Epiphany of Our Lord. **Forms can be found in back of the church or on the website. Teenage and Adult**



volunteers are also needed. To volunteer in that capacity, please mark the appropriate box on the form, or call the office. Registration deadline is **Tuesday, June 14.**

With Deepest Sympathy — Condolences are extended to the families of DOLLY CIEPLY AND EDWARD GLADYS. May God grant them eternal rest, and comfort to their families. We commend their souls to rest in the peace of Christ.

Parish Picnic

Picnic in the Park

Next week we celebrate our Parish Picnic at Cedar Creek Park. The picnic will **begin with Mass at 1:00 p.m.** and the picnic in **pavilion #1** will follow. As I look back over the past 10 years, we have certainly lost a lot of good parishioners who would come to the picnic, it would be nice to see a good turnout. There will be plenty of things to do so come on out and spend the afternoon sharing good food, good people and a good time!

If you have a van, SUV or truck, and are **willing to help transport items** to the park, please meet in front of the church hall at 9 a.m. on June, 12. We are also asking for donations of soda and water which can be dropped off at the office at any time.

We will provide the hot dogs, hamburgers and chicken, and asking that you **bring one of your favorite deserts or side dishes.** Those whose last names begin with **A-L, please bring a side dish or salad.** For those whose name begins with **M-Z, please bring a dessert.** It is much easier on everyone if you bring your dish in a disposable container.

One of the popular games at the picnic has been Backwards Bingo. The games go quickly. We need a lot of **little prizes:** tea towels, soap, notepads, etc. Any little item that would be a fun or useful prize. Those items can be dropped off at the office, ideally by **Tuesday, June 7.** Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Groups

Holy Name Sunday is next Sunday, June 12. Corporate Communion will be at the 8:30 a.m. Mass. There will be no meeting in June.

Monthly Rosary

The Knights of Columbus will hold their monthly rosary on Wednesday, **June 15** at 7 p.m. They will meet in the Knights' Council Hall on Grand Blvd., Monessen. All parishioners are invited. Light refreshments will follow.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on Monday, June 13 at 1:30 p.m. in the church hall. We will continue to meet on every second Monday of the month at 1:30. Come and join us to participate, or to learn how to crochet. For more information, please contact Barb Mandarino at 724-684-5547, Evie Yatchyshyn at 724-684-9294 or Betty Geis at 724-684-5037.

Around the Diocese

Attention all Golfers.....

The past year has been challenging to say the least – especially for those who face poverty and hunger. There are many people in our area who will be confronted with escalated basic needs while moving through the long term impact of COVID. Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg offers help, hope and healing to those in need. Catholic Charities is planning the 20th Annual Paul R. Smiy Memorial Golf Outing scheduled for **Friday, August 12** at the Ligonier Country Club, Ligonier. This event provides funds so that Catholic Charities can reach out to people in need. As they are putting the event together they are looking for sponsors to help make the outing a success. If you have a foursome, won't you consider being a part of this event? If you would like more information you can call the parish office or go online at: www.ccharitiesgreensburg.org.

Faith

We are called to go into the world...

This week we celebrate the great feast of Pentecost. And we recently celebrated the feast of the Ascension of Our Lord. As we look at the message of both these feasts, we are reminded that **like the Apostles we are to go into the world** and touch people with the life and love of Christ. Over the past two and a half years we have all been dealing with the effects of COVID, and I truly believe that everyone is doing their best. Who ever thought that we would ever see a time when the Church would shut down, but we all did! Once things opened back up, **I was hoping that things would return to what they once were, but that is not the case. There are many people who have not returned back to church.** I believe that Our Lord is testing us as to just what our faith means to us. We all have friends who may not have returned to Church, and I think that it is our responsibility to encourage them to come back. This is the same task that the early church faced and we are going through it thousands of years later.

If you do know someone who may have misgivings about returning to Church, spend some time talking with them and encourage them to at least give it a try.

Fr. Mike



St Anthony Bread



The Feast of St. Anthony is next **Monday, June 13.** It has long been a tradition in the church to bake bread, bring it to the church to be blessed and distribute it. Bring your bread to 8:00 Mass on Monday and place it in the front of the

church, and I will bless it.

One of the legends as to why this is done dates to 1888, when a woman named Louise Bouffier managed a small bakery store in the seaside village of Toulon, France. One morning, she couldn't open the shop's door with her key. Neither could a locksmith, who advised her that he'd have to break the door open. While he went to get his tools, Louise prayed to St. Anthony that she would give some of her bakery's bread to the poor if the door could be opened without force. When the locksmith returned, he tried the lock again and was easily able to let Louise in. True to her word, the baker made sure that the poor of Toulon received their due.

It wasn't long before Louise's friends began to follow her example of promising a gift of bread or alms to the poor in return for prayers answered by St. Anthony.

Presentation of Gifts

It has been some time since we have had presentation of the gifts during Mass. This will be resumed, along with the offertory, **as we have ushers available.** Adult men and women are invited to participate in this ministry. The presentation of the gifts signals the shift in the Mass from the Liturgy of the Word to the Liturgy of the Eucharist. More than presenting the bread and wine, it is a symbolic offering of ourselves. "The presentation of the offerings at the altar takes up the gesture of Melchizedek and commits the Creator's gifts into the hands of Christ who, in His sacrifice, brings to perfection all human attempts to offer sacrifices." (CCC, 1350)

Due to the bulletin deadline, the collection will be listed in next week's bulletin. The Monthly Overview will also be listed at that time.