

May 28, 2023

# PENTECOST SUNDAY

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

- Jn 20:21



Today's  
readings



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## LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

### Saturday, May 27 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Pietro Vaccaro by Loving Family

### Sunday, May 28 — Pentecost

8:30 AM † Charles Urbanowicz by Joanne Pidich & Family and Brian & Kelly DiPiazza & Family

10:30 AM † James Nahas by David & Lillian Crudo

### Monday, May 29

8:00 AM † Metro Petrosky, Jr. by Flo Petrosky

### Tuesday, May 30

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

### Wednesday, May 31

No Mass

### Thursday, June 1

8:00 AM † Evelyn Winn by Family

### Friday, June 2

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

### Saturday, June 3 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Angelo Pro by Frank & Cheryl Austin & Family

### Sunday, June 4 — Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

8:30 AM † Robert Kotch by Fred & Bernadette Naccarato

10:30 AM † Anthony Volpe 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 3 & 4

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	S. Surdyn	L. Henry	M. Guiliford
8:30 a.m.	F. Petrosky	K. Imbrescia	T. Todd S. Yatchyshyn
10:30 a.m.	M. Sacco	E. Yatchyshyn	G. Yatchyshyn

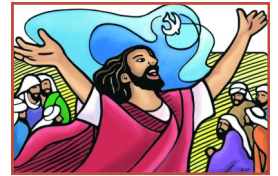
#### Money Counters

Tuesday, May 30—Team #1 — B. Geis

The office will be closed Monday,  
May 29 in observance  
of Memorial Day

## The Great Celebration of Pentecost

The Jewish feast of Pentecost is one of three yearly pilgrim festivals that come from the books of Exodus and Leviticus. This great feast which we celebrate today was originally an agricultural celebration that focused around the harvest of first fruits. As



time rolled by the feast became more intimately associated with the gift of the Torah that was presented on Mount Sinai. This feast of Pentecost continued its popularity right through New Testament times attracting large crowds of people to Jerusalem. It is in this atmosphere that the ancient feast took on a new meaning for the followers of Jesus. In our first reading for today, Luke refers to “devout Jews from every nation under heaven staying in Jerusalem.” He continues describing an impressive list of details in which he makes reference to “both Jews and converts to Judaism.”

It was during this great celebration that the disciples experienced the gift of the Holy Spirit. As we read the encounter of that tiny church, we must use caution not to make the “Spiritual” gifts of the Holy Spirit something that is far removed from every day talents. Although the reports about the Holy Spirit were extraordinary; as baptized / confirmed Christians those events can be clearly seen in our world today. Even the “tongues” that the eleven spoke were clear and fearful proclamations of life giving truths that all present despite their differences were able to understand. The gifts of the Spirit are always to benefit all. As our second reading reminds us, the Gifts of the Holy Spirit are meant for the well being of the community and not for the sole advantage of those who receive them. However the Holy Spirit touched the hearts of those early disciples, they were certainly blessed with whatever gifts they needed to begin the church. It was that same Spirit that has guided the Church throughout the ages. It was that Spirit who gave to us the gift of Pope John XXIII and the Second Vatican Council. It is apparent that the Holy Spirit is just as active and alive today as it was in first century Jerusalem.

One thing that we can certainly say about the Holy Spirit is that it is unpredictable – just as the wind of the Spirit blows where it wills – it is past master in the art of creating big surprises. More than 50 years has passed since Vatican II, we are all aware that the spirit of Vatican II has faded considerably and that we are more in the defensive mode of survival than in a creative and enthusiastic renewal drive. We look at decreasing numbers in membership and we lament the lack of visibility of the church. But have we ever thought that the Apostles were just a small minority and did not have at their disposal a whole battery of experts and theologians to set the world on fire with the gospel? Yet, what seemed most improbable was made possible thanks to the Holy Spirit. And so the Apostles went out and started, with a handful of other disciples, to speak with boldness, conviction and joy and to spread the good news of the Resurrection. On this day of Pentecost, let us pray together and free our minds so that the Spirit may blow where it wills and create the church, the world, and all of creation anew!

#### Weekly Collection May 21

Votive Candles:	216
Utility & Energy:	40
Accent:	0
Ascension:	526
Children & Adult Collection:	\$4,963
Online Collection:	\$833
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$6,578</b>
Communications:	158
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$6,736</b>

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## Stewardship

### Brown Bag Sunday



We are going to have another “Brown Bag” collection the weekend of **June 10—11**. We are asking you to bring in skeins of yarn. We have a group of parishioners who are busy knitting and crocheting blankets, shawls and other items for our shut-in’s, baptisms and nursing homes. Afghans and lap

throws are also distributed them to the hospitals for people going through chemotherapy. This is a wonderful way that we can touch the people of our community with love.

We are asking that you bring in skeins of yarn (please be sure it is washable) over the weekend of June 10 11, and we will take it from there. **If you have any questions about this, please give me a call. I am grateful for your generosity!**

### DLA

With one-third (33.5%) of the parish participating, we have surpassed our Diocesan goal of \$43,854 by \$2,661 for a total of \$46, 515! We are still \$7,339 away from our parish goal. Since we have reached our goal for the diocese, **every penny that is given from this point on will stay 100% in the parish**. Even though we are hoping to backlight on of the windows from the church on Knox, there are many other projects that need our attention. **I am asking that the remaining 66% of our parishioners make some effort to participate with this project.**

Please know that I am grateful to all of our parishioners for the many ways that you do support your church.

## Photo Directories

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If you had your photo taken for the directory, and haven’t yet picked up your copy of the directory, you may pick it up in the office. If you did not have a photo taken and are interested in a directory, please call the office and place your name on the availability list.

## T-Shirt Time



We’ve become known for our unified t-shirts at the festival! This year we’re **heading back to the '50s!** We’re now taking orders for t-shirts. The deadline is Tuesday, May 30. The shirts are **\$20.00** each. The largest size in this t-shirt is 3XL. Order size based on previous t-shirts. Orders can be placed in the collection basket or mailed to the office.

### T-Shirt Order Form

To order a t-shirt, include your name, best contact number, size and \$20.00 per shirt ordered.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Best Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Size & Quantity: \_\_\_S \_\_\_M \_\_\_L \_\_\_XL  
                                  \_\_\_2XL \_\_\_3XL

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

## Faith

### Questions for Reflection

The disciples at Pentecost were given the grace to speak in the tongues of many nations. When we engage with those who do not believe, who disagree with us, are we speaking the right language? We have to use the words they are able to understand — not just the words we want to say.



#### First Reading:

Filled with the Holy Spirit, the apostles were able to speak “of the mighty acts of God” in many different languages. This speaks of God’s desire for all believers to be united. **How could you promote unity among those who believe?**

#### Second Reading:

Paul speaks of the many different individual gifts of the Spirit that are intended to benefit the larger community. **What is the gift you bring to your family or community of friends?**

#### Gospel:

With the power of the Holy Spirit, the resurrected Jesus instructs the disciples with this calling: “As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” **How strong is your sense of vocation?**

## Breakfast



**It’s Back!** The Holy Name Society will sponsor a **combined Mothers’ and Fathers’ Day breakfast on Sunday, June 11 after the 8:30 a.m. Mass** in the church hall. Following the breakfast, the Man of the Year and the Senior Boy of the Year awards will be presented.



The breakfast will be free to those who attend.

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on **Tuesday, June 6 from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.** in the church hall. Come and join us to participate. If you would like to participate but need to learn how to crochet, we can help you with that! For more info please contact Barb Mandarino at 724-684-5547



Since May 30, 1868, Memorial Day, initially called Decoration Day, has been as an annual day of remembrance to honor all those who have died in service to the United States during peace and war.

### Prayer for Memorial Day

God of power and mercy, you destroy war and put down earthly pride. Banish violence from our midst and wipe away our tears, that we may all deserve to be called your sons and daughters.

Keep in your mercy those men and women who have died in the cause of freedom and bring them safely into your kingdom of justice and peace.

We ask this though Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

## Summer Time

The last day of school for most children will be this coming week. Please be mindful, especially when driving, that there will be more children about, as well as skateboards, bicycles, and balls. Wishing everyone a safe Memorial Day, and summer.