

May 23, 2021



PENTECOST SUNDAY

“But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth. He will not speak on his own, but he will speak what he hears, and will declare to you the things that are coming.” - Jn 16:13



LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, May 22— Vigil

4:00 PM † Evelyn Kowell by Daughter, Paula

Sunday, May 23 — Pentecost

8:30 AM † Tom Maisano by Barto & Rose Ferrara

10:30 AM † Mary Long by Marge Talarico

Monday, May 24

8:00 AM † Doris Kukler by Husband, Alex & Children

Wednesday, May 26

No Mass

Thursday, May 27

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

Saturday, May 29

4:00 PM † John B. Harhai by Family

Sunday, May 30

8:30 AM † Dolores Matush by Brother

10:30 AM † John Jannotta by Red & Kathy Warfield

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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 — May 29 & 30

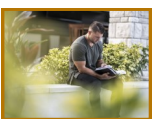
Time	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
4:00 p.m.	R. Kozar	A. Punturiero
8:30 a.m.	K. Miller	J. Todd
10:30 a.m.	W. Vlasic	K. Imbrescia

Money Counters

Monday, May 24—Team #4— J. Petritis

Daily Readings

Readings for the week of May 23



Sunday: Pentecost: 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/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

Power of Prayer and Love

The Greek word Pentecost means “50,” and refers to the seven weeks or 50 days since the offerings of the grain harvest were made at Passover when large crowds came into Jerusalem for the feast. Its original celebration was known as the “Feast of Weeks.” Our feast comes 50 days after Easter, and marks the beginning of the church.



“Strong driving wind” and “tongues as of fire” – these are powerful images which express a powerful experience. The Scriptures lead us to believe that prior to Pentecost the disciples of Jesus huddled together behind locked doors – hardly behavior befitting those who had “seen the Lord.” Yet, after Pentecost the disciples’ behavior changed dramatically: they burst the confines of locks and preached boldly and witnessed heroically. The presence of the risen Christ and the gift of the Holy Spirit changed everything: those who were in fear are given peace, those locked in a room are sent out. When Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit on the disciples he is recreating them and the world.

“Wind” and “fire” are important elements in Hebrew religious thought and imagery. In their Scriptures wind is seen as God’s presence or power, and the wind is always under the control of God. “Breath” is also a potent symbol. In Genesis, God breathed over the water and breathed into Adam to give him “the breath of life.” Now, Jesus who is the second Adam brings the breath of spiritual life to all people. One can deduce that this “driving wind” which filled the entire house is a reference to the powerful breath of God giving new life to this community.

Before Pentecost there was division and discord with the people of Israel. Now there is unity and community. The God who gave the Law to the Israelites now gives the Spirit, not only to a chosen few, but to the whole world. The Holy Spirit is the spirit of peace and harmony in our lives and in the Church.

Pentecost is our birth into new life as a new creation. It is our celebration of being God’s redeemed people who now share in the mission of the divine Son through the Spirit and this is the great mystery we celebrate on this festival. It is the Spirit of God’s presence that enables us to believe. It is the same Spirit that allows us to go into the world as did the disciples and share the message of God’s peace and justice. There is a liberation theologian named Leonardo Boff who wrote: “the Spirit is the spirit of new creation, of creativity, animation, and innovation, though never in an individualistic manner, but always for the building up of the community – yielding diversity and communion, action and transformation.” Much like the “love” we have been hearing about over the past few weeks, we are to use this Spirit to relate to one another. We are to share our gifts and our talents to build a stronger family of God celebrating the presence of Jesus, the Risen Lord!

Weekly Collection May 16

Votive Candles:	165
Utility & Energy:	20
Accent:	0
Ascension:	393
Children & Adult Collection:	4,106
Online Collection:	925
Total Collection:	\$5,609
Communications:	158
Total Collection:	\$5,767

If you’re a fan of devotionals, check out **First 5**, an app available for Android and Apple. First 5 encourages putting God first by giving Him the first 5 minutes of each day.

Stewardship

CRS Spotlight

Bananas not only taste great, but they provide Jackeline Kwamboka with an income in Kenya. And thanks to new agriculture techniques she learned through the USAID-funded MWENDO project, her crops are producing more, which means more income for her! Visit www.crs.org for more information and to see how you can help!



"Now I make more money from my bananas and vegetable sales. I never used to space my bananas as required and would never take enough precautionary measures to protect my crops from pests and diseases." ~ Jackeline Kwamboka, Kenya.

Good Stuff!

We're making good stuff in the kitchen! Come and help — it's a good time for you and helps us get ready for the festival at the beginning of August.

Every Monday morning there is an opportunity for you to help make **Pierogi's** and share camaraderie. We will be doing this each Monday (Except Memorial Day) until we get enough for the festival.

On **Tuesday, May 25** we will start making **Halupki**. We will need a lot of help with this, so if you are available come any time after 8 a.m.



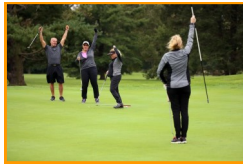
As more opportunities for you to help come around, we will let you know, and please know how grateful we are to all of you for so generously sharing your time and your talents!

Golf Outing

St. Edward Parish in Herminie is sponsoring a Golf Outing on **Friday, June 11** at the Madison Club with a shotgun start at 9:00am.

This is a **4-person scramble**. Fee is \$100 per person/\$400 per foursome. The fee includes: Green Fees, Cart rental, Hot Dog/beverage at the turn, and Buffet Dinner at the Madison Club with all

Covid-19 precautions in place as required on the day of the outing. All golfers will also receive a "guest for a day" certificate (restrictions apply) which includes one 18-hole green fee. PLUS, a chance to win skill prizes, door prizes and team awards. **To register, call the parish office at 724-446-5197.**



Fun Run

LUAU RUN AND WALK 5K St. Bartholomew

A Luau Run and Walk, which will be held on **Saturday, June 26**. Registration is open online at "runsignup.com". Registration is \$25.00 a person from now until June 19. Starting June 20 and leading up towards race day, registration will be \$30 a person. Race day registration and packets pick-up will begin at 5:30 PM at the Pavilion in St. Bartholomew's Church parking lot (2538 State Route 119, Crabtree, PA 15624) and the race will start at 7:00 PM. **Wear your Hawaiian shirts, grass skirts and leis and join in the fun!** Kona Ice and a BBQ food truck will be on site during and after the race, Hawaiian music will be played throughout the event and awards will be given to top 3 finishers in both the 5K and 2 mile walk. If you have any questions please contact Julie Watkins at julesann97@gmail.com

Faith

New Guidelines

Because of recent announcements from the CDC, we have received new COVID-19 guidelines from the Diocese which are **effective immediately**.

- ◆ Individuals are no longer required to wear masks when in church. Those who are not fully vaccinated are strongly urged to wear masks, both for their protection and the protection of others.
- ◆ Dispensation from the Obligation to attend Sunday and Holy Day Masses remain in place.
- ◆ Offertory processions are not permitted at this time.
- ◆ Hymnals and other similar items are still not to be used.
- ◆ Hand Sanitizer is to be available at the church entrance for parishioners.
- ◆ Collection baskets are still not to be used in the pews. Baskets are in back of the church and at the front.
- ◆ Masks are required of all ministers distributing Holy Communion.

If you have any questions regarding these changes, please feel free to ask me. We are coming through the "other side" of this pandemic, but we all need to be vigilant for a little while longer.

Renovating the Church



I would like to have a meeting for anyone who might be interested in coming up with ideas for renovating our church. This has been something that I have hoped to do for

quite a while. If you would like to come to a meeting and share your ideas, you will be most welcome! We will meet on **Thursday May 27 at 6:30 p.m. in the Church.**

If you have any ideas you would like to share and cannot come to the meeting, just let me know what they are and I will present them.

Graduates' Mass

A Mass recognizing our high school graduates will be held on **Sunday, June 6 at 10:30 a.m. Mass**. If you have not received a letter, and will be graduating high school this year, please call the office.

Altar Servers

Letters have gone out to those who have previously served in this ministry. We would love to have you back. If you have not received a letter and are interested in returning, please call the office. Also, we welcome all new servers. If you are a young man or woman and have made your First Communion, please consider becoming an Altar Server.

Pastoral / Finance Council

There will be a meeting of the Pastoral and Finance Councils on **Monday, June 7** at 6:30 p.m. in the Church Hall.

App Reminder

Our app is a great way to stay connected and keep current. Under "More" please be sure to set your message settings to General to receive church alerts. The app works on smart phones and tablets. Search for Parish App in the Apple Store or Google Play. Text ParishApp 1 to 555888 (Apple) / ParishApp 2 to 555888 (Android)

