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Pentecost Sunday

May 19, 2024

FIRST READING: They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak in different tongues (Acts 2:1-11).

PSALM: Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth (Psalm 104).

SECOND READING: There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13) or Galatians 5:16-25.

GOSPEL: As the Father has sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit (John 20:19-23)

LITURGICAL REFLECTION. . . . Pentecost literally means 50th. It is a feast celebrated on the 50th day after the Passover feast by the Jews, and it is a feast celebrated on the 50th day after the feast of the Resurrection of Jesus by the Christians. The Jewish Pentecost was originally a post-harvest thanksgiving feast. Later, the Jews included in it the remembrance of God's Covenants with Noah after the Deluge and with Moses at Mt. Sinai. Pentecost (Whitsunday), with Christmas and Easter, ranks among the great feasts of Christianity. On Christmas we celebrate the birthday of Christ in His Physical Body. Today is the birthday of the Church, of all those who have been reborn into His Mystical Body. When we believe and trust in Jesus, we have that Faith through the Holy Spirit's work in us and the Holy Spirit filling us. The Holy Spirit leads us to turn away from our sinfulness and reassures us that we are still loved in spite of our sin and that Jesus died on a cross just for those moments when we rebel against God's way. He confronts us and urges us to take a good look at ourselves and where we are heading, to make a U-turn, to leave the old behind and try something new. He's not afraid to challenge us and stretch us to go and do things for Christ – things we have never done before or ever imagined ourselves doing. He's the One Who says to us, "Stop being so self-focused. Stop looking into yourself all the time and being depressed by what you see or fool yourself into thinking that what you see in yourself is enough to get you through! Look up, look away, look to Jesus and let him turn your around; let him take control!"

WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

SUN	5/19	
MON	5/20	
TUES	5/21	
WED	5/22	
THURS	5/23	
FRI	5/24	
SAT	5/25	3:00PMConfession
Next Sun	5/26	

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (May 20th– May 26th)

MON	5/20	7:50AM	+ Kay Gorczycki – (Helen Delic)
TUES	5/21	7:50AM	+ Bill Delich – (Marilyn, Jeanne, Mike & Families)
WED	5/22	7:50AM	+ Intention Dantis
THUR	5/23	7:50AM	+ (B) Bill Labuda – (Daughter, Marie & Paul Nikonow)
FRI	5/24	7:50AM	+ James Marshall – (Gritzer Family)
SAT	5/25	4:00PM	+ Dawn Mamula – (M/M Joseph Stroz)
SUN	5/26	7:30AM	+ (B) John & Mary Kondash – (Son, Vince)
		10:30AM	+ (A) Charles Karalfa- -(Wife & Children)



Sunday, May 19, 2024

Stewardship Reflections: Our Easter season culminates with the glorious feast of Pentecost. Meaning "fifty", Pentecost is the day the Holy Spirit descended on Mary and the apostles in the form of tongues of fire fifty days after Easter. We also celebrate this day as the birthday of the Church, for shortly after this event, St Peter preached his first homily. We can imagine how incredible that moment was for the apostles and all who witnessed it. The Holy Spirit was alive and working.

On this Pentecost Sunday, let us give thanks to God for sending us His Holy Spirit. Let us strive to be in tune with the Holy Spirit by looking for the ways God has been working in our lives and let us ask for the grace to know our gifts and talents so that we can put them to good use.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS
(May 11th & May 5th, 2024)

Weekly \$ 2,956.00
Building Fund \$ 44.00

Thank you and May God Bless you for your continued support of St. Therese Church.



Sincere Condolences - The St. Therese Community would like to offer our sincere condolences to the family of **Michael Delich** who was called to his eternal reward this week. May God grant His eternal rest to **Mike** and peace and consolation to his family. Mike was the brother of Marilyn Alberter.

Catholic Ministries Drive

Encountering Christ. Thank you to the **38** families who have pledged to date a total of **\$8,585.00** towards our target amount of **\$24,902.00**. Please prayerfully consider making a pledge according to your means so we will be able to reach that target. You have until Dec 31st 2024 to pay your pledge in full. **All funds over our target will be returned to St. Therese and will be used for the Church Roof. However, if we do not make our goal, the Church will make up the difference.**



Today, May 19th is the final class for CCD. We would like to Thank all the teachers who volunteer all year, our classes would not be possible without you. Have a Great Summer.



Congratulations to **MaryAnn Brillhart** who was the winner of the early bird drawing on Sunday, May 12th of the Cash raffle tickets. Our next early bird drawing is Father's Day June 16th, it's not too late to get your tickets in. Congratulations Mary Ann!

St Therese Christian Mothers are looking for their winner of the Mother's Day Ticket, **Sunday, May 12th** evening 3 digit number. The winning number was **923**. Please check your tickets and call the rectory office Mon-Fri 9-3



Congratulations to the winners of the St Anne's Christian Mothers ticket!!
#923 Helen Dzendzel (winner)
#922 Monica Hess (#below)
#924 David Bishop (#above)

Thank you to all who supported us by purchasing a ticket!



Families and friends, The St Therese, "K of C" #10409 Council is planning a Bus trip to the National Basilica Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC. It is the largest Roman Catholic church in North America! Home to more than 80 chapels and oratories that honors the Mother of God. It is affectionately referred to as "America's Catholic Church". The trip is being planned for some time on a Saturday, Sept. 21st or 28th, 2024. Bus will leave St Therese parking lot appx. 8:00 am and return around 8:00 pm. Approximate Cost of the trip is \$49 per. person. (Final price to be determined by amt. of participants) Payments will be required upon finalization of the trip, to be determined at a later date. Reply if you want to go and how many, no later than June 2nd. would be greatly appreciated! Please contact: Dennis Pingatore.- - kspingatore@gmail.com Kevin T Houghton - kth.57@verizon.net St. Therese: Office (Mon-Fri) ... 9a - 2p 814-539-7633 ... with no internet (Please leave your name and phone# for replies)

All 2024 Graduates - (Pre-School, Kindergarten, Elementary School, 8th Grade, High School, Home School, Cyber School, College or Trade School).

Please complete this form and drop it in the collection basket by June 3rd

We would like to acknowledge our young people for reaching these milestones in the June 9th bulletin.

NAME: _____

SCHOOL: _____

LEVEL COMPLETED: _____

PARENTS NAME: _____

SUMMER BASH & BASKETS

July 20th & 21st

We are asking for and would appreciate the following donations:

Theme Basket (at least \$25.00 in value) for the basket raffle. If Basket making isn't your specialty you can make a monetary donation, we will make it for you! If you have a large family and would like to go together and donate a large prize, or if your company would be interested in donating a large prize, they would be much appreciated

Cases of soda: (coke, or Pepsi products etc.) **and water.**

Next Meeting is scheduled on Sunday, June 9th at 6PM

We are going to need volunteers: For the Kitchen, Chuck o Luck, Funnel Cake, and especially Friday night July 21st, to help set up the tents and tables and chairs. Time TBA

Community News & Events

Mass for Widows and Widowers

Remember your loved ones on **Sunday, May 26, 2024** with a televised Mass Celebrated by Bishop Mark Bartchak at 11:00 am on WATM ABC 23 and will rebroadcast that night at 9:00 p.m. on the Breezeline channel 9. All spouses will be acknowledged and remembered at Mass. All persons who have lost a spouse through death throughout the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese are invited to register by contacting the Family Life Office 814-317-2643 or email familylife@dioceseaj.org. When registering, please give your name, address, phone number and the name of your spouse who has passed away. The last day to register is **Wednesday, May 22, 2024**. The event is sponsored by the Diocesan Family Life Office and the Catholic Ministries Drive.

Babies are bits of stardust, blown down from the hand of God"



ABORTION: -

We are by no means blind to the sufferings of mothers and the problems confronting some families, but Abortion and Infanticide are not the solution. We shall always support every effort to alleviate human suffering and to solve personal and family problems, but we **insist that a solution MUST respect the life of the innocent, defenseless, unborn child.**"

THE ANGELUS

(The Angelus is recited beginning Pentecost Sunday)

- V: The ANGEL of the Lord declared unto Mary.
R: And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.
Hail Mary.....
V: Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
R: Be it done to me according to your word.
Hail Mary.....
V: And the Word was made flesh.
R: And dwelt among us.
Hail Mary.....
V: Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.
R: That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ

HOLY NAME PARISH, EBENSBURG, is sponsoring its 63rd Annual Festival on May 31, June 1 & 2 featuring a Fish Dinner (Fried or Baked) on Friday May 31st from 4:00 to 7:00 PM, (Adults \$15.00, children under 12 \$7.00) and a Turkey Dinner on Sunday June 2nd from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM (Adults \$15.00, children under 12 \$7.00). Refreshments, musical entertainment, family fun & games, baked goods, kiddie corner, giant flea market, basket raffle with over 100 baskets and more

MAY DAYS 2024

at the **Basilica of St. Michael** -
May 25th and 26th at Our Lady of Loretto Community Hall - live entertainment, cinch tournament (call Mag 421-2867 to join) basket raffle, flea market, silent auction, and refreshments. Saturday, 4pm-8pm and Sunday, 11am-4pm. Chicken dinner Sunday at 11AM. \$10 per person. All are welcome

Solemn Vespers

Resurrection Parish, 324 Chestnut Street, will be holding Solemn Vespers (Sung Evening Prayer) on Pentecost, **May 19th, 2024 at 4:00 PM**. All are invited to join us in prayer as we come to the end of the Easter Season!

Families and the Gospel - (John 15:26-27: 16:12-15)

Today, on Pentecost, we remember Christ has given us the Holy Spirit to assist us in raising our family and he expects us to use this personal gift. Let us turn-off the noise, apps and distractions in our lives and let the Holy Spirit "guide us to the truth."

The Gift of Time

By Judith Dunlap

I learned the phrase *tempus fugit* in high school Latin class but never really understood its meaning until I reached middle age. Now I know how quickly "time Flies." Toddlers became teenagers and before you know it, you are celebrating a grandson's First Communion. Over the years I've learned that time is a precious commodity, not anything to be squandered on "to do" lists. At its best it is a gift meant to be generously shared with those we love. So now to my best advice for parents: Find time to play together as a family. I remember the busyness of family life. It takes so much time to cook and clean, shop and do laundry, take care of the yard, get homework done, attend Little League, Scouts, parent meetings, etc. There are only 24 hours in a day, and eight to 10 of them are spent at work or school. And then there's sleep. It is so easy to let the days slip by with no time to play. But scientists tell us that play is an essential part of healthy life, even for adults. Playing together as a family teaches us how to interact and develop relationships of trust and mutuality. We can learn to communicate in comfortable, informal settings. Play can even help us let go of aggressive tendencies. And it is a great way to relieve stress. This summer try reclaiming Sunday as family day. After church, spend a few hours playing together. Fly a kite, toss a Frisbee or just sit home and play some board games. At first, it may seem to be the only day to get the laundry or shopping done, but this summer rethink your weekly schedule. Besides honoring the Lord there is another good reason for keeping holy the Sabbath: Your Family's well-being may depend on it



A PRAYER TO THE SPIRIT

Spirit of Jesus,
poured out in flames of fire upon your disciples
on the day of Pentecost,
we pray to you:
Set afire the hearts of your faithful
so that they will announce
in all the languages of the world
the wonders of the salvation of God.

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