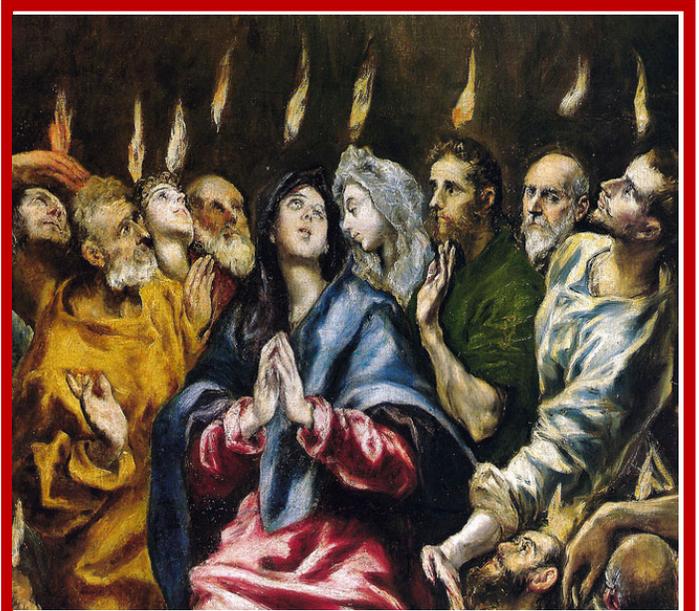


SAINT PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

MAY 24, 2015

**My Church is composed of people like me.
I help make it what it is.
It will be friendly, if I am.
Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them.
It will do great work, if I work.
It will make generous gifts to many causes,
if I am a generous giver.
It will bring other people into its worship and
fellowship,
if I invite and bring them.
It will be a Church of loyalty and love, of fear-
lessness and faith and a Church with a noble
spirit, if I, who make it what it is, am filled with
these same things.
Therefore, with the help of God, I shall dedi-
cate myself to the task of being all the things
that I want my church to be.
Amen**



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Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:30 am,
11:30 am
Monday & Friday 5:30 pm
Tuesday - Thursday 6:30 am

Phones:

Rectory & Parish Center: 419-524-2572
Convent: 419-524-2572
High School, Jr. High: 419-524-0979
Grade School: 419-524-3351
Montessori: 419-524-3351

Child Care Center:
419-524-2572 Ext. 3108
Fax: 419-522-2553
Gifts to Msgr. Dunn Foundation:
419-524-2572 Ext. 2125

Parish Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 7:30 am - 8:30 pm
Friday: 7:30 am - 7:30 pm
Saturday: 8:30 am - 5:00 pm
Sunday: 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

Parish Business Manager:

Mr. Jerry Straub

Sacrament of Baptism:

Please contact the Parish Center to begin plans for the baptism of your baby or child.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday: 3:00 - 4:30 pm
Other times by appointment

Sacrament of Marriage:

Arrangements should be made at the Parish Center at least six months in advance of the ceremony.

Sunday Nursery: Every Sunday during 9:30 and 11:30 am Mass, located in the Day Care Center in the basement of the High School.

Bulletin Deadline: Monday, 12:00 noon. All requests must be submitted in writing or email.

Website:

www.mansfieldstpeters.org

Staff emails are found on the website

Pastoral Staff:

Fr. Gregory R. Hite, *Pastor*
Fr. Jeremy Miller, *Parochial Vicar*
Mr. Bill Johnson,
Director of Music & Liturgy
Ms. Lynne Lukach, *Pastoral Associate*
Mrs. Elizabeth Wurm, *Director of Religious Ed. & Youth Minister*

Deacons: Mr. Terry Philpott
Mr. John Reef
Mr. Dennis Striker
Rev. Mr. George Mahas

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MASS INTENTIONS**Monday, May 25** *Weekday / Memorial Day*

9:00 pm Sister Anton Horvath (anniversary)

Tuesday, May 26 *+Philip Neri, Priest*

6:30 am Helen Masters (anniversary)

4:00 pm Mass at Wedgewood Estates

Wednesday, May 27 *+Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop*

6:30 am Frank Russo

7:00 pm Baccalaureate Mass / Charles Joseph Boyd

Thursday, May 28 *Weekday*

6:30 am Thelma Penrose

Friday, May 29 *Weekday*

5:00 pm Rosary

5:30 pm Daniel Gaughn

Saturday, May 30 *Vigil of The Most Holy Trinity*

11:00 am Friebel / Mazzaloni *Wedding in Chapel

2:00 pm Liebfriz / Webb *Wedding in Church

5:00 pm Frank & Margaret Jerger

Sunday, May 31 *The Most Holy Trinity*

7:30 am Parish

9:30 am Tess Phillips

11:30 am Bruce Yochheim

LECTOR / COMMUNION MINISTER**Saturday, May 30**5:00 pm L J Heringhaus, B Schartl D P Dignan, S Herlihy,
J Jimenez, M Joyce, M Monroe, B Nihei, K Yockey
C Sgambellone, Victoria Zack**Sunday, May 31**7:30 am L B Danuloff, M Hawkins D L Danuloff,
J Gehrisch, B Marshall, J Porch, K Randall,
S Santoro, K Stone9:30 am L P Kastelic, R Sliney D T Baker, I Cervinski,
B Connolly, T Etwiler, D Forster, T Frasz,
C & R Freeman, J Kastelic, C Raff, R Renie,
M Riggelman, F Schuster, A Seiss, S Weber
11:30 am L F Leitenberger, S Rizzo D C Becker,
M Jones, J Liston, K Marshall, C Mears, K Paugh,
B Riley, S Rizzo, K Schreck, M Selby, K Speck**MASS SERVERS****Saturday, May 30**

5:00 pm M Congdon, D Congdon, F Craig

Sunday, May 31

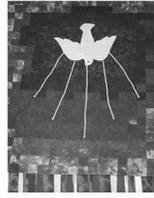
7:30 am M Butler, M Givens, J Ramey

9:30 am A Blunk, M Maxwell, T Staab

11:30 am T Schreck, C & L Stewart

Counters - May 31

P Weitzel, J Genter, B Genter, P Lapczenski

PENTECOST...VENI SANCTE SPIRITUS

Which words from the Scripture readings or hymns are resonating with you as you leave Mass this weekend? *Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest.... Creator Spirit, Lord of Grace, Come make in us your dwelling place.... Come, Lord Jesus, send us your Spirit, renew the face of the earth.... Then there appeared to them tongues of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.... Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you...."*

Pentecost – the “fiftieth day” – the birthday of the Church! Our birthday party? The celebration of the Mass! Our birthday meal? Receiving the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ! Our birthday present? The GIFTS of the Holy Spirit!

In the earliest days of Christianity, every Sunday celebration of the Eucharist was a sort of Easter, a commemoration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It was not until the second century that some Church communities began to celebrate an annual Easter as well. Quickly, the Easter observance grew into a fifty-day season, called “Pentecost.” Only from the early fourth century was there a special festival called Pentecost assigned to the fiftieth day and the church calendar began resembling what we recognize today. Pentecost has held such importance over the centuries that until 1969 the Sundays between Pentecost and Advent were identified as Sundays after Pentecost. (Since 1969 they are called Sundays in Ordinary Time.)

Take some time this week to read or reread Acts 1:4,5 and Acts 2:1-47 to enter into the meaning of this feast, this solemnity, this commemoration of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit which inaugurated the mission of the Church.

But our celebration doesn't end with Mass today or even with reflecting on those passages from Acts of the Apostles, does it? WE ARE THE CHURCH. The same SPIRIT that infused those early followers of Christ is in us and with us today as we carry on the mission of Christ: to heal the wounded, to seek the lost, to bring the light of Christ into every corner of our world. Celebrating all the gifts and fruits of the Spirit may mean embracing all that is surprising – new beginnings, unexpected powers to forgive and love, seemingly unfathomed courage, wisdom, and mercy.

May our Pentecost celebration continue. May we open our hearts and ask God to fill us with the Spirit. May we – as individuals, as families, as a parish community – live what we believe: Jesus is in our midst. He is saying to us, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit.”

Your sister in Christ,

Lynne Lukach

PLEASE NOTE:**NEW SUMMER MORNING MASS SCHEDULE:**

Beginning June 9, 2015, the morning Mass schedule changes from 6:30 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. The morning Mass will be celebrated at 7 a.m. until August 18th, when the school year begins. If you have any questions, call 419-524-2572.

Please Pray for the Sick of our Parish



Krista Marshall, Michael Davis II, Madeline Taddeo, Peg Nusbaum, Don Blank, Aaron Blank, Richard Rots, John Johnson, Will Kennedy, Christy Selby, Mark Coleman, Helen Green, Beth Weiland, Bernadine Kallerson, Dan Rhea, Sharon Berger, Ruth Woodrow, Isaac Neumann, Pat Wright, Rena Brown, Teresa Lloyd, Rose Mary Lang-Martin, Nick Schemine, Hilda Schemine, Mildred Corbin, Theresa Williams, Greg Betscher, Julianne Krous, Dinean Tacik, Brenda Davis, Susan Patterson, MaryAnn Gibson, Tom Etwiler, Eileen Deehan, H. Elmer Berger, Nancy Burris, Clarence Beat

Names will only be listed for 4 weeks. If you wish to have your name appear an additional 4 week period, contact the Parish Center at 419-524-2572.

In God's Arms: Orijann Madej

WEDDING BANNERS

III Curtis Friebel & Laura Mazzolini
 III Matt Webb & Lindsay Liebfriz

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL NEWS:

Join us for Vacation Bible School this year taking place from July 13th-16th from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. daily. This year's theme, "God's Team", will help our little ones come to know different ways that they can live their daily lives to be on "God's Team". There is no cost to attend VBS but a suggested donation of \$5.00 per participant is appreciated to help cover the overall cost.

If you are in need of a registration form, please pick one up in the parish office or contact Elizabeth Wurm at wurm.elizabeth@myspartans.org. Registration forms are due June 15th! We hope to see your little ones this year at VBS to see how they can be a part of "God's Team!"

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:

YES, or Youth Elect Service, will be taking place June 26-28th. We are looking for incoming freshman to outgoing seniors to participate in this dynamic weekend! The weekend consists of a retreat and service to those in our community. If you are interested in getting involved with other teens from our area to make a difference in people's lives, contact Elizabeth Wurm at wurm.elizabeth@myspartans.org or call 419-524-2572. Work hard / Pray harder! Have a lot of fun!!

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL UPDATE:

Thank you to all who have responded to date to this year's Diocesan Annual Catholic Appeal. As of 5/12/2014, we are at 75.8% of our parish goal in the amount of \$41,160.00 which represents a sacrificial gift from 337 households or 19.9% of the parish. May God bless you for your generosity and prayers for helping to make this possible.

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION

The month of May is the month for mothers - the Blessed Virgin Mary and our mothers. Bless all those women who choose life for their unborn child especially our Blessed Mother Mary. She said "yes" to the news of being with child, thus giving us her Son, Jesus, the Savior of mankind. Be ever so thankful for Mary saying "yes." In your adopted baby everything is now present that is found in a fully developed adult. Check out the fliers on the church bulletin boards for more information and keep praying the spiritual adoption prayer by Archbishop Fulton Sheen to save another baby from abortion.

~ A message from St. Peter's Right to Life Committee

PRAYERS & BLESSINGS FOR INACTIVE CATHOLICS:

Lord Jesus, for a variety of reasons, many people who once worshiped as faithful Catholics no longer attend Mass, receive the sacraments or embrace the faith. May your Holy Spirit continue to reach out to them, and may they always find in the Church a community ready to receive them once more, hear their concerns and grow together in faith. Amen

Hearts & Minds with Hope

The regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, May 25, 2015 has been cancelled due to the Memorial Day holiday. A re-organizational meeting will be scheduled in June. Please watch the bulletin for more information as it becomes available.

SUNDAY OFFERING



May 17, 2015

Regular Sunday	\$	10,230.00
School	\$	4,358.00
Ascension	\$	477.00
Children	\$	16.10
Mailed In Sunday	\$	2,342.00
Mailed In School	\$	342.00
Direct Deposit	\$	2,717.00
Totals	\$	20,482.10

Weekly Average Needed = \$ 25,000.00
Building Improvement Fund = \$ 87.00



RECYCLING ~ Our next Recycling date is:

June 12, 2015 in the Franciscan Activity Center Parking lot.

HOURS: 10 to 11 am and 2 to 4 pm.

IMPORTANT: Please honor these drop off times. Do not leave your recyclables on the sidewalks or curbs.

BLUE BARRELS

June 13 & 14



Knights of Columbus Council 687

COOKOUT: Burgers, Italian Sausage & Hot Dogs.

Friday, May 29th 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

All you can eat for only \$7.00 (adults) / \$5.00 (kids)

Please RSVP by Wednesday for any meals you plan to attend. Sign up at the club or call 419-529-5532 and leave your name, phone number and number of people in your party on our answering machine. All are welcome to attend!



COMPLETELY SUNG MASS COMING UP!

To celebrate the Feast of *Corpus Christi* and in honor of Fr. Jeremy Miller's second priesthood anniversary, St. Peter's is offering an entirely sung Mass on June 7th at the 11:30 a.m. Mass. If you have never experienced a chanted/sung Mass from beginning to end, it is worth checking it out! While the Mass may take slightly longer than a normal Sunday Mass, it will be a musical and aesthetic experience you will not forget. Please join us to honor the body and blood of our Lord (*Corpus Christi*) is a beautiful way!



YES! The BLUE, YELLOW and WHITE Garbage Bags are back!

We re-ordered and they are here! They are available in the St. Peter's Gift Shop and in the High School office through the month of June. They are \$10 per roll. The blue roll (55 gallon / super size jumbo) has 16 bags per roll. The yellow roll (39 gallon / lawn & leaf) has 25 bags per roll. The white roll (tall kitchen) has 65 bags per roll. Checks can be made to St. Peter's.



Safety & Security Committee

Over the past few years we have implemented many measures to increase safety and security for all of our students, parishioners, employees, and properties. To further enhance this important objective we are establishing a Safety & Security Committee. If anyone is interested in participating as an active committee member please call Jerry Straub, Business Manager, at 524-2572.

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SCHOOL NEWS

ST. PETER'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Enrollment registration for all grade levels for St. Peter's School continues through the summer months. Parents who are interested in a Catholic school education for their child are invited to visit any school day with a scheduled appointment. Through the Annual Tuition Drive Scholarship Program, one in three families receives tuition assistance. Please call the school administrators to arrange a visit that is convenient for you and your child(ren). Mrs. Tammy Kemerling-Montessori Director 419-524-3351; Mrs. Madalyn Bauer-Elementary Principal 419 -524 3351; Mr. Mike Wasiniak-High School & Junior High Principal 419-524-0979.

The **Montessori Preschool/Kindergarten** program is unique and unlike any in this area.

"When we were visiting various preschools to decide where to send our daughter, we were amazed by the learning environment Montessori provided that was unlike any other. This environment has enabled her to flourish and grow beyond the average expectations of a preschooler." Courtney and Michael

St. Peter's **Kindergarten** is a full-day program. Children in full-day programs have higher achievement test scores on all core academics and they exhibit more independent learning, classroom involvement, and productivity in work with peers. Full-day kindergarteners are more than twice as likely as half-day kindergarteners to reach grade levels without repeating a grade.

St. Peter's **Elementary, Junior High and High School** have long been known for the tradition of academic excellence. The continuing intent is to have a school that serves the needs of the community and teaches students the importance of goodness, discipline, and learning. St. Peter's sends graduates out into young adulthood with a commitment to the service of Christ, Church, family, community, and the world.

"St. Peter's helped me build a solid foundation in my belief in God and confidence in my abilities as a young person. This, along with the educational experience of an advanced, college preparatory curriculum, helped prepare me for the challenges of adulthood. Thanks to St. Peter's School." Chris Wilson '85

"In addition to providing the opportunity to learn in the academic arena, St. Peter's challenges the emerging young adult to think on what they want their lives to be in the moral, spiritual, and ethical sense. This opportunity is unique to parochial education." Daniel P. Moloney '91

REMINDERS FOR YOUR SAFETY AND OUR EMERGENCIES:

- Please **do not park in back of the rectory garages during weekend Masses**. There are times when a priest is called for an emergency at the hospital. If we can't get out, faithful may be deprived of the "Last Rites".
- Remember to **LOCK YOUR CARS** during weekend Masses. It's for your protection! Do not leave valuables within view of passers-by.
- Emergency vehicles may need to get to a parishioner, in church, during Mass. **Please park within the designated areas.**

YES, or Youth Elect Service, is looking for homes in the area for youth, freshman through seniors but also includes young adults and adults, to come and help with some basic home projects. The projects can include, but are not limited to, cleaning, yard work, simple painting, simple home repair projects, etc. YES will take place June 27th and the cost is free to homeowners. If you are interested in some help with your home or know of someone who is, please contact Elizabeth Wurm at wurm.elizabeth@myspartans.org or the parish office.

Limitless. That is what our life will be with Christ's love and that is what we are going to discover this year at the Steubenville Youth Conference taking place June 12-14th at Franciscan University. This conference is open to all incoming freshman to outgoing seniors and includes Mass, small and large group sessions, opportunities for fellowship, Adoration, Reconciliation and much more! The cost is only \$100. Registrations must be turned in to Elizabeth Wurm immediately!

 **St. Peter's Respect Life Chapter wishes to thank all those that took a baby bottle home to benefit Richland Pregnancy Services.** These bottles can be returned to St. Peter's anytime between now and Father's Day. Place the bottle in the collection basket or return to a member of our chapter, or if there is someone at the kiosk, they can collect them as well. May God bless you for your generosity.

St. Peter's is currently conducting a feasibility study for a potential capital campaign. All parishioners, parents and alumni have the opportunity to review our case statement and review some of the projects on the horizon for our parish and school buildings. You will be able to provide your thoughts and opinions in a short survey. Your participation will help the parish determine if we can raise the money needed and prioritize to complete these projects. Your survey answers will be collected and tabulated by the consulting company we've hired to conduct this survey. **Your answers are 100% private and confidential.** Please go to www.mansfieldstpeters.org/survey to review the case study and a link to the survey. The online survey will close on May 29th at 11:59 p.m.

 **Children's Liturgy of the Word** has ended for this school year after this Sunday. Thanks to our leaders, Patti Kastelic, Anita Hamlin, Marie McGinty, Kathy Beres, Tricia Putt, Sarah Rizzo and Angie Dillon!

Children's Liturgy of the Word will resume in September. If you would like to be trained as a leader for this important and fun ministry, please call Angie Dillon at 419-524-2572 ext. 2112 or email her at Dillon.angie@myspartans.org.

We need several more leaders to be able to continue this at both the 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Masses during the school year.

"... God doesn't call those who are equipped for the task. God equips those he calls. To what is God calling you?"



Parish Pictorial Directory

Picture-taking is coming to an end.... One date remains for photo shoots:

TUESDAY, JUNE 2, FROM 2 P.M. TO 4 P.M.

Go to www.mansfieldstpeters.org for easy scheduling or call Kristen at [419-631-9928](tel:419-631-9928) or Dave at [419-884-7127](tel:419-884-7127).

The location for picture-taking is the lower level of the Franciscan Activity Center. Enter through the southeast door toward the back of the building. Do not go to the front doors.

Those who have already had their picture taken but did not order additional photos: Please pick up your free 8x10 in the parish center office.



Scholarship

At the Msgr. Dunn Foundation Annual Meeting on May 14, three students were awarded scholarships from the Regina Polinski Fund within the Foundation.

Their names were pulled in a random drawing of all qualified applicants. Receiving \$500 St. Peter's tuition credit are Ethan Rizzo and Chloe Young. Receiving \$1000 college scholarship is Alyssa Mills.

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit.

1 Corinthians 12:4

PENTECOST TODAY - On Pentecost we celebrate the



"Birthday of the Church." Red is symbolically the color of the Spirit. The multitude of languages is our reminder that in the Spirit we are united and the mission of the Church is worldwide. Thanks to those who shared their native or learned languages today in the various readings of Acts of the Apostles:

5:00 Dr. Uchenna Ezike (Ibo)
Claire Thrasher (Spanish)
John Thrasher (Japanese)

7:30 Noah Dillinger (Russian)
Lilian Kavishe (Swahili)
Lynne Lukach (Haitian Kreyol)

9:30 Jenny Haar (Korean)
Krista Marshall (Latin)
Maggie Varga (Hungarian)

11:30 Olena Bays (Ukrainian)
Tony Kleinguetl (German)
Bob Sliney (French)

Fr. Gregory Hite will read the Gospel in Italian at the Masses he celebrates. Fr. Jeremy Miller will read the gospel in Latin at the Masses he celebrates. American Sign Language will be done by Lynne Lukach and Stephanie Mulherin at the Masses they attend.

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION: A message from Diane Horn, St. Joseph Catholic Church of Tiffin, Ohio: Everyone is cordially invited to join us on Thursday, June 4th following the 7:00 p.m. Mass in the St. Joseph Activity Center, 36 Melmore Street, Tiffin (Mass is not in church due to the electrical work going on in the church) for an outdoor procession with the blessed Sacrament in honor of *The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi.)* We will end the procession at the Activity Center where there will be closing Benediction and refreshments. We invite all First Communicants from St. Joseph and St. Mary and the surrounding parishes to join the procession in their First Communion attire. Questions? Feel free to call Diane at 419-447-5848.

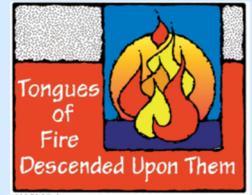
CENTURY FARMS AWARDS: Catholic Charities is now accepting applications for Century Farm Awards. Century Farm Awards honors Catholic families who have maintained a farm or homestead within their family for at least 100 years with an emphasis on well-preserved working farms. Applicants will be asked to submit a registration form, copies of old deeds, and pictures to support claims. The information must show family residence or ownership of a farm for at least 100 years. For more information or the registration form, please contact Michelle Slivka at (419) 244-6711 ext. 214 or mshivka@toledodiocese.org.

10 DAY HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE: There will be an informational meeting on Sunday, May 17th at 3:00 p.m. at the First English Evangelical Lutheran Church located at 53 Park Avenue West in Mansfield regarding this incredible excursion. The Holy Land Pilgrimage will be February 29-March 9, 2016. Per person rates and double rates available. Early booking discount if booked by August 25, 2015. Stops on this tour include Caesarea, Cana, The Sea of Galilee, Mount of Beatitudes, Jordan River, Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Mt. Zion, The Wailing Wall, The Garden of Gethsemane, Jericho and much more! Hosted by Pastor Paul & Kristi Larson. Call 419-522-0662 or 419-756-3858 for more information.

Camp Ministry Associate—Corpus Christi University Parish in Toledo, Ohio is searching for a full-time staff member to serve as the Campus Ministry Associate. Candidates should have a working knowledge of the USCCB document *Empowered by the Spirit*. A Bachelor's Degree in Theology or related field is preferred, or a Bachelor's Degree with experience working in campus and/or youth ministry. Master Catechist Certification is a plus. As one of the parish staff members, the candidate must be a practicing Roman Catholic in good standing with the Church who upholds the teaching and traditions of the Catholic Church and who possesses a sound working knowledge of the Catholic faith. Interested applicants may send their resume and cover letter, with salary requirements, to Monsignor Michael Billian at mwillian@ccup.org with the subject line of: Campus Ministry Associate before May 29, 2015.

A SIGNIFICANT DAY

“And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were” (Acts 2:2). The Holy Spirit’s arrival on that first Pentecost was signaled by a rush of wind. We all know what it’s like when our windows are open just as a summer storm rises up. Curtains fly, papers become airborne, house plants shudder, dust is scattered. A rush of wind disrupts the orderliness of our home. The coming of the Holy Spirit, as celebrated each year at Pentecost, can also disrupt ways that have become comfortable and orderly. The Church always needs Pentecost. We need the breath of God’s Spirit to blow away any complacency or malaise that has settled into our faith. Jesus breathes on his disciples and they receive the Holy Spirit. With that reception comes the power to share the Good News of salvation. Today, this is no less true for us.



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Marriage is ideally a parish event today, but in the first three centuries of the church’s history, it was a household celebration guided by civil law and pagan customs. Changes happened quickly after the Peace of Constantine in 312, and the fresh air after long persecution brought some creativity. The speech that the father of the groom’s family gave before dinner or the veiling or crowning of the bride (or even the spouse’s arrival at the honeymoon suite) attracted a prayer of blessing.

With amazing rapidity, worship was propelled out of the intimate setting of house churches to large public gathering spaces, and some parts of the marriage ceremony began to migrate with the growing community to the new spaces. In Rome, the veiling of the bride with the customary daily headgear of a married woman became the central liturgical act, accompanied by a biblical prayer for her integrity and fruitfulness. There were no vows as such (just as there are no vows to this day in the Orthodox marriage rite). In the liturgy, after hearing John’s Gospel account of the wedding at Cana, the bride was veiled and blessed, and the priest gave the kiss of peace to the husband, who then gave it to his bride. The liturgy of Rome traveled far, and everywhere it went, marriage became a church celebration.

TODAY’S READINGS

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) *or John 15:26-27; 16:12-15*.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 10:17-27
 Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23; Mk 10:28-31
 Wednesday: Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13;
 Mk 10:32-45
 Thursday: Sir 42:15-25; Ps 33:2-9; Mk 10:46-52
 Friday: Sir 44:1, 9-13; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b;
 Mk 11:11-26
 Saturday: Sir 51:12cd-20; Ps 19:8-11; Mk 11:27-33
 Sunday: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40; Ps 33:4-6, 9, 18-20, 22;
 Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20

Thanks again to everyone at St. Peter’s and all the men at RICi for the kindness and hospitality during this past year. It has been my great fortune to work with Fr. Hite and Fr. Jeremy and the entire St. Peter staff and parish community. I am so thankful that you have welcomed me during this final year of study and training for the priesthood. **May 30th** (11am—Rosary Cathedral) is the big day for me, and Deacons Paul Schreiner and Scott Woods. Hope you can make the Ordination—if not, just please keep us in prayer. I will have the honor of celebrating a Mass of Thanksgiving here at St. Peter’s on **June 6th** (Saturday) at the 5pm Mass the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. Hope to see you there! Thanks again St. Peter’s! Both your prayers, support and ACA contributions make all of this possible for all the seminarians. May God bless you and your families! ~ Deacon George Mahas

All parishioners are welcome to attend the following events celebrating the success of our 2015 St. Peter’s High School Graduates:

- ◆ Wednesday, May 27, 2015 - Baccalaureate Mass in the church beginning at 7:00 p.m. Reception to follow in the F.A.C.
- ◆ Thursday, May 28, 2015 - Senior Awards & Farewell in the Robert Frye Auditorium at 11:45 a.m.
- ◆ Saturday, May 30, 2015 - Graduation of the St. Peter’s High School Class of 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Robert Frye Auditorium.



A Family Perspective: 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’s turn-off the noise, apps and distractions in our lives and let the Holy Spirit “guide us to the truth.” ~ by Bud Ozar