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TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS: Sundays 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM High, 11:30 AM, 5:45 PM

Most Rev. Charles J. McGuire, *Pastor* • Rev. Stephen McKenna
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May 19, 2024
PENTECOST SUNDAY

Our Newest Soldiers of Christ


David *Michael* Capetillo
Adam *James* DelPriore
Mark *Patrick* Drevenak
Edward *Sebastian* Fernandez
Victor *Andrew* Horton
John *Pius* Lawlor
Thomas *Gregory* Stanislawski
Gabriel *Charles* Wertz
Clara *Lucia* Ball
Sarah *Catherine* Boarman
Maria *Catherine* Elflein
Agatha *Domitilla* Gunsher
Ursula *Dorothy* Gunsher
Gemma *Mary Magdalene* Horton
Abigail *Magdalene* Scholer
Jane *Helena* Stanislawski
Lauren *Mary* Wertz



¶ PENTECOST

Today is Pentecost Sunday, after Easter the greatest feast of the year, for it marks the completion of the liturgical cycle with the Descent of the Holy Ghost. (The Blessing of Expectant Mothers will be moved to next Sunday.) There are no Catechism Classes. Vespers, May Devotions and Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: TRINITY SUNDAY

Last day on which to fulfill your Easter Duty. The Blessing of Expectant Mothers will be available at the Communion Rail. Final Catechism Classes of the season will be at 10:40 AM. Vespers and Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.  **Set Your Missal:** Trinity Sunday, with commemoration and Proper Last Gospel of Pentecost I. Trinity Preface.

¶ **PENTECOST MONDAY & TUESDAY**
Monday and **Tuesday** are feasts of devotion, formerly holy days. Try especially to assist at Mass on those days.

¶ **EMBER DAYS**
Wednesday, Friday and **Saturday** of this week are the summer **Ember Days**. All Catholics age seven and older must observe partial abstinence on Wednesday and Saturday. All those between the ages of 21 and 59 inclusive are obliged to follow the church laws of fast—one full meal a day. The Ember Days were instituted to beg God’s blessings upon those to be ordained and for the new season of the year.

¶ **ST. MONICA’S CLUB MEETING**
 The St. Monica’s Club will meet after the 5:10 PM Mass on Wednesday, May 22.

¶ **EASTER DUTY**
 Trinity Sunday, one week from today, is the last day on which to fulfill your **Easter Duty** of a worthy Holy Communion. *Those who neglect this duty are no longer Catholics in good standing and sin mortally.* Pray and offer sacrifices this next week for all to make a good Confession and Communion.

¶ **YOUR PRAYERS**
 Please pray for all of the intentions that have been recommended to us.

¶ **UPCOMING EVENTS**
Corpus Christi: Thursday, May 30
First Communions: Sunday, June 2
Fatima Rosary Procession: June 13
Opening of Summer Novena: June 18
St. John’s Bonfire: Monday, June 24
Girls Camp: June 18-20
YAG 2024: July 12-14
Boys Camp: July 23-25



Collection Report

Sunday, May 12th.....\$6,095.00
 Thank you for your generosity. Remember St. Gertrude the Great in your will.

The wife who drives from the back seat is no worse than the husband who cooks from the dining-room table.

— Ave Maria, 1951

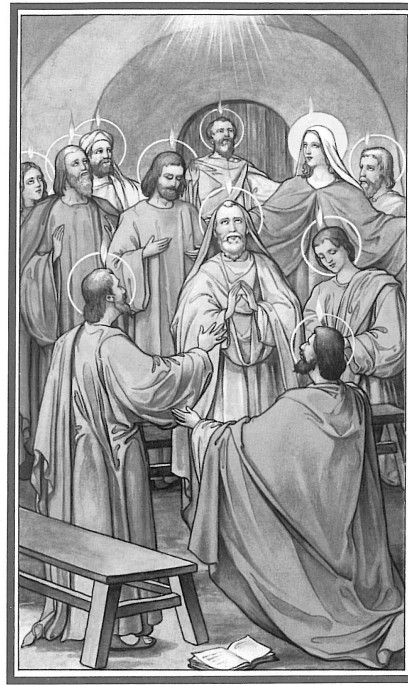
THE BLESSED VIRGIN ON PENTECOST MORNING

Maid and Mother, pure and kind,
 ’Tis the Whitsun morning;
 May hath wearied sun and wind
 For the world’s adorning,—
 Earth is blossomed like a bride
 For the blessed Whitsuntide.

Thrice the mighty Spirit wrought
 For thy soul’s completing:
 First, thy stainless self He brought
 To the world’s entreating;
 Next, to work thy “Fiat” came;
 Last, He crowns thy brow with flame.

’Tis Elijah’s olden rite,
 Slow in sign preparing:
 First, God built thee, altar bright,—
 Christ, the Victim, bearing;
 Last, from Heaven, at thy desire
 Flashed the Lord’s consuming fire.

— Edward F. Garesche, S.J.



SIGHING FOR THE HOLY GHOST

O mildest Comforter, Holy Ghost, come to me. My soul sighs for Thee! My heart thirsts for Thee! Thou alone canst satisfy my longing; Thou alone canst make me happy. Despise not, O Divine Bridegroom, the dwelling of my poor heart.

My heart, alas, is unclean, but Thou canst purify it.

My heart is dark, but Thou canst illuminate it.

My heart is wicked, but Thou canst penetrate it with love.

My heart is sad, but Thou canst comfort it.

My heart is weak, but Thou canst strengthen it.

My heart is cold, but Thou canst inflame it.

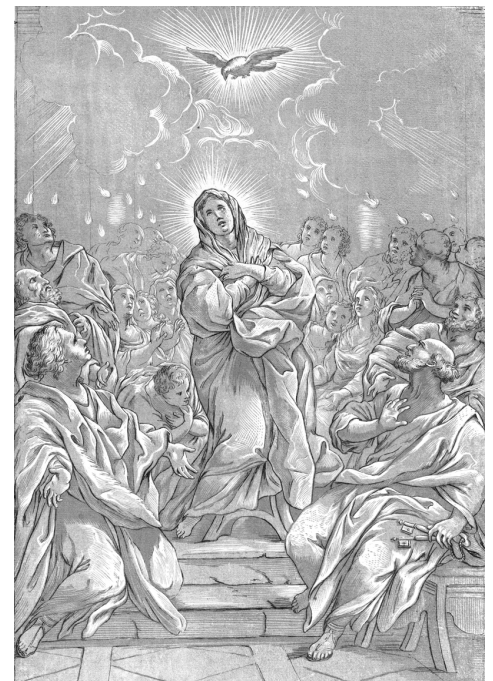
My heart clings to earth, but Thou canst fill it with heavenly desires.

My heart is full of sin, but Thou canst adorn it with all virtues.

My heart is inconstant and wayward, but Thou canst make it docile.

Come then, O Holy Ghost, Thou Father of the poor, come and fill me with Thy love. Amen.

Father, Father, send us the promised Paraclete, through Jesus Christ Our Lord.



Lumen Christi

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn before the Blessed Sacrament during the next fortnight for the following intention:

The theological virtues
 (Thomas Gardner)

I am not sure if this week has sped by or taken longer. You must have had weeks like this, when things are so busy that the time seems so long, and still seems so short when you think back over the events that occurred! It was such a happy week which gave us many an opportunity to gain graces, to be sure! The Mother's Day May Crowning was such a cheering event for us. God granted the most perfect weather with the loveliest blue skies and mild temperatures, but the thing that is the most charming was the singing of all those popular hymns to Our Blessed Mother during the outdoor procession and after each Mass. Some of the little children very enthusiastically joined in, much to our edification! Our heavenly Mother was honored at church, but our earthly mothers were not forgotten either! Many a prayer was offered to God's Mother and ours for the sake of our moms. May Our Lady always preserve them and keep them close to her heart!

Monday saw the first of the Fatima Rosary Processions for Peace, and the number of those who attended was quite impressive. Although I never got an official count it seemed to me that it was much higher than usual. Most people nowadays are not too impressed by religious processions, so it was very encouraging to see one man get out of his car and stand as Our Lady's image passed by and Hail Marys were being said. Never count a soul as lost. God has His ways of reaching a soul. Perhaps that man's courtesy towards Our Lady will in turn win for him the grace of conversion. After all, we do believe that Mary rewards those souls who do anything to honor her.

I forgot to mention in last week's bulletin that May 11th was the second priestly anniversary for our own **Fr. Simpson** and **Fr. Brueggemann**, as well as **Fr. Okerulu** and **Fr. Ojeka**. It is such a pleasure to work with these priests. I don't think God could have sent us better priests to work with than the priests He has given us (and I am most certainly including **Fathers McKenna** and **Lehtoranta**). Each one is so hardworking and each one zealously employs his own God-given talents in his work for souls. I am grateful to God for sending such men to labor for souls. I hope you are, too! Speaking of anniversaries, May 13th was **Fr. McMahan's** fortieth anniversary. Do say a prayer for all these fine priests of God.

Bishop Nkamuke sent me a nice message as he was on the most dangerous road in his missionary travels. The road is a long one, and there are few to no other people on it, thus making it easy for robbers to stop any cars that pass through. Bishop Nkamuke said

it all when he said, "Here, it is between God and me." His Excellency asks prayers for his apostolate, and in particular, for a dying woman named Agnes, whom he was going to visit on this trip.



It is Pentecost today! A heartfelt congratulations to each and every one of those souls who received the Sacrament of Confirmation yesterday. Just as the Holy Ghost continues His work in the Church, so He continues His work in individual souls by giving them sanctifying grace and the Seven Gifts, and everything else that is needed to get them to heaven. Truly, He is our greatest Friend! Treat Him as one.

May the Holy Ghost guide and direct you in all your ways. Have a most blessed Pentecost week!

– Bishop McGuire



PRAYER TO MARY, SPOUSE OF THE HOLY GHOST

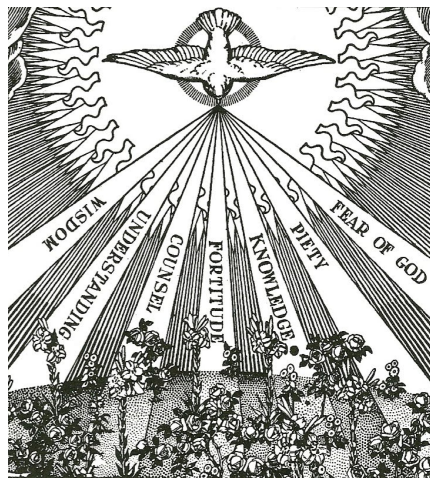
The Holy Ghost dispenses His choicest graces to those who have a tender love and devotion to Mary, His Immaculate Spouse. Mary on her part obtains the richest blessings for souls who honor and invoke her as the Spouse of the Holy Ghost.

O Mary, thou spotless Bride of the Holy Ghost, thou art the glory of Jerusalem, the joy of Israel, the honor of our nation! Thou, as the Valiant Woman, didst crush the head of the serpent when thou didst offer thy Divine Son to the Heavenly Father, in the love of the Holy Ghost, for the salvation of the world. Through the merits of this precious Sacrifice and through the sufferings of thy Son, obtain for us the Gifts of the Holy Ghost. I thank the Holy Ghost that He has chosen thee as His Bride and constituted thee the dispenser of His graces. Look upon me with thy compassionate eyes; look upon my distress and needs. Help me, that I may never lose the grace of God nor defile the temple of the Holy Ghost, but that my heart may ever remain His holy dwelling, and that with thee I may eternally praise and bless the Holy Ghost in Heaven. Amen.

Our Lady of Light, Spouse of the Holy Ghost, pray for us.

✠ CALENDAR

- MON 5/20/24 PENTECOST MONDAY**
8:00 AM Low Mass Special Intention AV (K/V)
11:25 AM High Mass In honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help for Norman West (Theresa Simpson)
3:10 PM May Devotions
5:00 PM Low Mass Reparation to the Immaculate Heart (Collin Smith)
- TUE 5/21/24 PENTECOST TUESDAY**
8:00 AM Low Mass Ryan & Kittim Cerise (Victoria Cerise)
11:25 AM High Mass Fr. Anthony Cekada
3:10 PM May Devotions
5:00 PM Low Mass Arron Joseph O'Donnell (Fr. Brueggemann)
- WED 5/22/24 EMBER WEDNESDAY FAST & PARTIAL ABSTINENCE**
ST. RITA OF CASCIA, W
8:00 AM Low Mass Holy Souls – Rest in Peace (Kolenich Family)
11:25 AM High Mass Debbie Voix (Sister Eulalia)
3:10 PM May Devotions
5:10 PM Low Mass Intentions of the St. Monica Club (St. Monica Club)
St. Monica Club Meeting
- THU 5/23/24 PENTECOST THURSDAY**
ST. JOHN BAPTIST DE ROSSI, C
7:00 AM Low Mass Siblings & their families (K/V)
8:00 AM Low Mass †Robert Simpson – 2nd Anniversary 3/29 (Tom & Karen Simpson)
11:25 AM High Mass †Pat Kolb (Tom & Karen Simpson)
3:10 PM May Devotions
- FRI 5/24/24 EMBER FRIDAY FAST**
OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS
8:00 AM Low Mass †Bishop Dolan – Rest in peace & Thank you (Rebecca Stump)
11:00 AM Confessions
11:25 AM Low Mass Scott & MaryAnn Field 44th Wedding Anniversary (MaryAnn Field)
3:10 PM May Devotions
5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary
5:45 PM High Mass Grandpa's intentions (Theresa Simpson)
6:40 PM Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction
- SAT 5/25/24 EMBER SATURDAY FAST & PARTIAL ABSTINENCE**
ST. GREGORY VII, PC • ST. URBAN I, PM
7:10 AM Confessions
7:30 AM Low Mass Souls entrusted to my care (Collin Smith)
8:10 AM Regina Coeli, May Devotions, Sermon
8:30 AM High Mass Mr. & Mrs. Arlinghaus & family (Fr. Brueggemann)
- SUN 5/26/24 TRINITY SUNDAY • PENTECOST I**
ST. PHILIP NERI, C • ST. ELEUTHERIUS, PM
7:05 AM Rosary
7:30 AM Low Mass †Angela Appelhanz (Keith & Mary Christensen)
9:00 AM High Mass †Bishop Dolan – Happy Birthday Your Excellency 5/28 (Gloria Antonia)



By the gift of counsel, the Holy Ghost responds to this prayer of the soul: "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do!" He keeps us from all precipitation, from all levity, but, above all, from all presumption, so dangerous in spiritual ways. A soul that only wishes to

be guided by herself, who worships her own personality, acts without consulting God in prayer. She practically acts as if God was not for her the heavenly Father from Whom every light comes.... Consider our Divine Savior. He says, the Son, that is to say Himself, does nothing "but what He seeth the Father doing." ...The soul of Jesus contemplated the Father, beholding in Him the model of His works; it was the Spirit of Counsel that showed Him the desires of the Father; that is why all that our Lord did was pleasing to His Father.... It is a disposition whereby the child of God is enabled to judge of things according to principles above those of human wisdom. Sometimes, natural prudence, always limited, points out how to act in such or such a way; then, by the gift of counsel, the Holy Ghost shows higher principles of conduct which ought to direct the actions of the child of God.

— Christ the Life of the Soul



SERVERS

- FRI 5/24 5:45 PM HIGH: MC:** T. Lawrence **ACS:** I. Smith, P. Caggese
SAT 5/25 7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemanns
8:30 AM HIGH: M. Simpson, Kolenichs
SUN 5/26 7:30 AM LOW: M. McConnell, Brueggemann
9:00 AM HIGH: MCS: M. & D. Simpson **TH:** N. Kolenich **ACS:** M. Kolenich, S. Richesson **MITRE:** I. Smith **CROZIER:** F. Caggese **CROSS:** D. Hudson **TBS:** N. & J. Hudson, Ma. & P. Caggese, B. & A. Constantino
11:30 AM LOW: N. & A. McClorey
4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: D. Simpson, I. Smith
5:45 PM LOW: P. McClorey

- 10:40 AM Final Catechism Classes**
11:05 AM Rosary
11:30 AM Low Mass Julia's Intentions (Mom & Dad)
4:45 PM Vespers, May Devotions, Benediction
5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great