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**PENTECOST SUNDAY**

**MAY 24TH, 2026**

St John Church (SJ) - 415 37th St, Bellaire, OH 43906

St. Mary Church (SM) - 240 E 40th St, Shadyside, OH 43947

## WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 4:00 PM - SM Saturday 5:30 PM - SJ

Sunday 11:00 AM - SM Sunday 9:30 AM - SJ

## WEEKDAY MASS

5:15 p.m. (Mon.) SJ 8:00 a.m. (Wed. & Fri.) – SJ 8:00 a.m. (Tues. & Thurs.) - SM 8:00 a.m.



## **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Saturday: 3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. - SM

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. - SJ

Monday: 4:30 p.m. - 5:00p.m. - SJ

Tuesday & Thursday: 7:30 -7:45a.m. - SM

Wednesday & Friday: 7:30 a.m. - 7:45a.m. - SJ

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## PENTECOST SUNDAY

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." - Jn 20:21

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## PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

O God, who by the mystery of today's feast sanctify your whole Church in every people and nation, pour out, we pray, the gifts of the Holy Spirit across the face of the earth and, with the divine grace that was at work when the Gospel was first proclaimed, fill now once more the hearts of believers. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

## *Collect of Pentecost Sunday*



## QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK - REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** We see how the Holy Spirit filled the Apostles, and they were able to proclaim a message that unified the large crowds in Jerusalem.

*Have you ever felt united in purpose with a large group of people?*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** Paul teaches that each of us receives the manifestation of the Holy Spirit for some benefit. *What gift of the Holy Spirit would friends or family say you possess?*

**Gospel Reading** The resurrected Jesus sends the disciples forth equipped with the power of the Holy Spirit to forgive or retain sins. *Does forgiving others come easily to you?* ©LPI

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR MAY 30/31

**St. John's**

**May 30th EM:** Volunteer

**Lector:** I. Louda

**May 31st EM:** J. Coup

**Lector:** M.A. Young

**St. Mary's**

**May 30th EM:** L. Gates

**Lector:** D. Knight

**May 31st EM:** J. Ferrelli

**Lector:** S. Ferrelli

**Fr. Dan's Intentions for the Week**

**Saturday, May 23rd, Pentecost Sunday**  
 4:00p.m. (SM) + Helen Okulanis (Daughter ~ Paula & Grandsons)  
 5:30p.m. (SJ) + For the People of St. John's & St. Mary's

**Sunday, May 24th, Pentecost Sunday**  
 9:30a.m. (SJ) + John, Rose & Cathy Magistro (Bruce & MaryAnn)  
 11:00 a.m. (SM) + Mother's Day Intentions

**Monday, May 25th, Memorial Day / The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church**  
 9:00am (SJ) + Mother's Day Intentions \* *Note—Holiday*

**Tuesday, May 26th, St. Philip Neri**  
 8:00a.m. (SM) + Mother's Day Intentions

**Wednesday, May 27th, St. Augustine of Canterbury**  
 8:00a.m. (SJ) + Ed Snyder (Family)

**Thursday, May 28th**  
 8:00a.m. (SM) + Louis & Elizabeth Magyar (Terry Magyar)

**Friday, May 29th, St. Paul VI**  
 8:00a.m. (SJ) + Kelly Family (Michael & Kathryn Kelly)

**Saturday, May 30th, The Most Holy Trinity**  
 4:00p.m. (SM) + Jo Ellen Kolvek (Doug & Helen Zacherl)  
 5:30p.m. (SJ) + Claudia Miller (M/M John Mountain)

**Sunday, May 31th, The Most Holy Trinity**  
 9:30a.m. (SJ) + Charles Melko (Larry & Agnus Leonard & Family)  
 11:00a.m.(SM) + For the People of St. Mary's & St. John's



**Lord, bless and protect those serving our country,** especially: Lt. Col. Brian Zeno, Airmen

1st Class Curtis McElfresh, Sgt. Christopher Wetzel, Lance Corporal Zachary Knowlton, SSG Kayne Melko, HTF Kory Melko, Sgt. Joshua Hall, SSG Aaron Loeffler, Tech Sgt. Craig DeBeni, Lt. Col. Trey Vasey, Capt. Tom Dyer, SSG Josh Pempek, Mitchell Rataiczak, MSG Chris Dipold, Sgt. Ryan James, Sgt. Dylan Frizzi, Sgt. Jake Foster, Pvt William Clegg , Petty Officer Alex Rader, SFC Shawn Selmon, SSG Colton Selmon, Seaman Brooke Selmon, 1st Lt. DJ Olexa, SSG Kelsey (Ryncarz) Turner, Senior Airman Cameron Opic, PFC D'eondre Burney, Petty Officer Jared Keiser, Petty Officer Brody P. Halenar, Major Alex Beveridge, Lance Cpl. Keenan Cook, Petty Officer 1st Class Meleah (Tiber) Hernik, Seaman Joshya D. Nelson, E -4 Specialist Luke G. Bell, SSG John Workman, Corporal Dane Miscovich

**SHADYSIDE FELLOWSHIP OF CHURCHES VBS**



All kids from St. John's and St. Mary's parishes entering K-6th grade next school year are invited to the Shadyside Community Vacation Bible School. It will run June 1—4, from 9-11:00 a.m. at the Leona Middle School, 3795 Leona St, Shadyside. If you

have any questions, please call Jeri Andes, a St. Mary's parishioner, at (740) 676-7908. **We are gathering donations of cookies and juice boxes for the VBS—please bring to church and drop off near the entrances—thank you!**

**We will never forget! Memorial Day Service,** 11:00am Union Park, Bellaire. In case of rain the service will be held at 1st Methodist Church, Bellaire.

**Offertory Collection**

**For the Weekend of May 9/10**

**St. John's:** Adult (105env) \$3,313, Loose \$431, Ascension (3env) \$25, St. Vincent de Paul (2env) \$30, Grade School (3env) \$30, Cemetery (1env) \$20, Building Fund (2env) \$35, Mother's Day (8env) \$118  
**St. Mary's:** Adult (39env) \$1,320, Loose \$265, Ascension (1env) \$5, St. Vincent de Paul (4env) \$65, Grade School (2env) \$50, CWC (1env) \$5, Candles \$57

**For the Weekend of May 16/17**

**St. John's:** Adult ( 105env) \$4,509, Loose \$403, Ascension (17env) \$211, St. Vincent de Paul (3env) \$71, Cemetery (1env) \$20, Building Fund (4env) \$75, Mother's Day (11env) \$190, Father's Day (2env) \$6  
**St. Mary's:** Adults (40env) \$1285, Loose \$244, Asce4nsion (15env) \$300, Building Fund (5env) \$135, Mother's Day (1env) \$60



**Please Note:** *This prayer list is an important part of our love for our brothers and sisters in need. Names will be included on this list for four weeks at a time. After four weeks a person's name will be removed but can be added again*

*the next week simply by calling the office. Please pray for the following:* Lindy & Don Freed, Jax McCort, Dominic Alexander, Lou Ann Kinder, Mgrs. Gene Mullett, Fr. Tom Petronek, , Quentin Scott Coyne, Baby Everett Sommers, Joe Boston Jr., Bob, & Tom, Mary Kay Hanasky, John Hanasky, Beverly Kolenich , Sandy Bass , Anthony De Genova Magan Nichole Sechrest, Monroe DeLuca, Albert DeBlasis, Mary Jo Garner, Camden Thomas, Ainsley Oliniski, Beth Baker Phillips, Tom Kucera, Brian B., Joanne Dantrassy, Rita Kovalo, Susan Gray, Danielle Watt, Paula St. John, Mary Stegman, John, Mary & Heidi Patt, Raisa Rodsky, Jacquie Jochumsen, Mike Kavage, Tom Waligura, Shari Taylor, Fr. Mark Moore, Gerald Paolucci, Mark Barker, Ernest Kiss, Rose Reeher, Lou "Weegee" Bennington, Jean Morgan , Bill & Evelyn Shepherd, Peggy Byles, Adam Ruskowski, Janet (Rose) Green, Carol Zemba, Donna Richards, Jack Selmon, Jamie Ellis, Tom & Margie Merryman, Beau Boston, Emily LeMasters, Toni Sivert, Dalisay Donato, Adrienne Forbes, Stacey Gilli, Maria Biers, Max Townsend, Jim Garczyk, Debbie Respole, Julie, Brian, Patricia, Marie, Josie P. Warren Wright, Vince Lewis, Danny Nardo, Steve Loveless, Betsy Ashcraft, Bob Wallace, Verna Martin, Aleyna Zwack & Atlas Zwack-Howes, Fran Sobray, Pam (Schau) Mitchell, Taylor Foster , Diana Mc Culley, Janet Green, Darla Schau, Ella Karst, Richard Gates, Liz Gates, Peggy Gress, John Sidon, Kyle Beaver, Eileen Penyak, JoAnn Rankin , Sandina Leonard, Dick Johnson , Connor Hanasky, Brode Brown, Xander Wilson, James (Cracker) Graham, Gary DeVendra, Liz M., David Arnold , Nick Oshie, Tom Lengyel



**"AMERICA IS A TUNE. IT MUST BE SUNG TOGETHER."**

— *Gerald Stanley Lee*

We remember those who gave their lives for our freedom and peace on Memorial Day!

**SACRED HEART FAMILY ENTHRONEMENT**



Sign up to purchase a framed image of the Sacred Heart, a home enthronement booklet and a certificate for \$20. On June 11 the US Bishops will be consecrating our nation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and this is a wonderful time to consecrate your family to the Sacred Heart as well!

**YOU ARE INVITED!**

The **Priesthood Ordination Mass** of Peter Stetson and Ryan Budd will take place on **Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. at St. Mary's Basilica in Marietta.** We can carpool down together. If you would like to go please text (740) 298-4158. We will depart St. John's parking lot at 8:45am!

**DCCW Seminarian Basket Raffle**



Once again its that time of the year when the Diocesan Council of Catholic Woman of the Steubenville Diocese will meet for a convention on June 3rd at Holy Family Church. At our convention each Deanery takes a turn being in charge of the Seminarian Basket Raffle. This year

Nativity of Mary in the south and Presentation Deanery in the north are working together to make this a success. Each basket/items are worth \$100 or more. Tickets can be purchased by pre-sale or at the convention. Theme Basket Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5. Completed pre-sale forms can be placed in collection basket or turned into your parish office. They can also be mailed to Pam Ambrose at 6 Mulberry Street/Apt #D, Dillonvale, Ohio 43917 by May 24! Forms can be found in the bulletin this weekend! All proceeds benefit our seminarians with expenses they have outside of their seminary formation.

**ST JOHN PARISH FESTIVAL UPDATE**



Our Parish Festival will be held on Saturday, June 6th opening with mass at 4:00p.m. and continuing on Tallman Avenue until 10:00p.m. An entertaining evening is being planned with fun for all ages. Food features will be homemade

cabbage roll dinners, Son's of Italy Sausage sandwiches, Gulla's Hotdogs, French fries, pop, water, beer, wine slushies and more. There will be children's games, a dunk tank, bouncy houses, bake sale, ice cream, various vendors, Tip Board raffles, a Chinese Auction, a 50/50 raffle and other surprises. Entertainment includes DJ Doug, students from the Sivert Studio of Music, TIO Dance Academy, and the Bob Lesnefsky and Karla Miranda Worship Band. Please remember to turn your 50/50 raffle tickets in the collection basket or the rectory. We are in need of prize items for the Chinese Auction (New), cases of pop and water, and used books (for all ages) for a "Used Book Sale." These items can be turned in to the rectory on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:00a.m. to 4:00p.m. Our next meeting is Wednesday, May 27th @ 6:00pm in St. John's church hall. Everyone from St. John and St. Mary is welcome to attend!



**GOSPEL MEDITATION**

*"He breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.'" (John 20:22-23)*

For those of us who go to confession regularly, there is often a familiar frustration: "Why do I keep confessing the same sins?" It can feel like a loop, cleansed but unchanged.

Pentecost reveals a hopeful perspective. When the Risen Jesus breathes on his ashamed and fearful disciples and gives them the Holy Spirit, he echoes Genesis, when God breathes life into Adam. This is not just primarily the removal of guilt, but new creation.

In confession, we receive more than forgiveness. We receive a fresh outpouring, the breath of the Spirit, and a renewed mission. Jesus does not say to us, "You're forgiven, now go back to your old life." He says, so to speak, **"As the Father has sent me, so I send you."** (John 20:21)

That is why penance is not just saying a few prayers. It is reorientation. It is the Spirit summoning us to live differently: with mercy and healing.

Just as Adam was sent into the world, and the Apostles were sent out after Pentecost, so too we are sent from the confessional — not just clean, but consecrated.

**Pentecost Challenge:** After your next confession, ask the Holy Spirit for one way you can participate in Christ's healing will for you. Then take one small, concrete step, and do not look back. — *Father John Muir* ©LPi

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**  
**MASS SCHEDULE**

There will only be **one Mass** at **4:00pm on Saturday, June 6** and it will be at **St. John's** due to the St. John's Festival beginning at 5:00pm. There will be no 4:00pm mass at St. Mary's or 5:30pm Mass at St. John's on June 6. Let's come together as one family and celebrate!



**LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

Today, Jesus calls the Holy Spirit "the Advocate." The Latin for lawyer is "advocatus." Like a lawyer, the Holy Spirit defends us. The Holy Spirit guides us. So, when you're in trouble, don't forget: ask for your lawyer, and do what he tells you. ©LPi

**CORPUS CHRISTI EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION**

On Sunday, June 7 we will have Eucharistic procession in Bellaire in honor of the Feast of Corpus Christi, the Body and Blood of Christ, beginning at St. John's Church at 3:00pm, walking to Union Park in Bellaire and returning to St. John's!



**This Week on Formed**  
Week of May 24, 2026



**Saint Philip Neri: I Prefer Heaven**

This captivating film highlights St. Philip Neri's great love for youth, his warm sense of humor, contagious joy, deep mystical spirituality, and his amazing gift for miracles. Watch this film to learn more about the famous Apostle of Rome.



**The Wild Goose**

The Wild Goose. "Wild Goose" was a term that the ancient Celts had for the Holy Spirit. It is a 14 part series featuring Fr. Dave Pivonka and various interviews. Shot in various locations from Niagara Falls to the California desert, The Wild Goose invites viewers to an encounter, or a renewed encounter, with the Holy Spirit.



**The Victory of Joan of Arc**

Meet Joan of Arc. In this powerful movie-of-the-mind audio drama, you'll hear the true story of how she rose from an obscure peasant village to serve God and her country in the most surprising and miraculous ways.

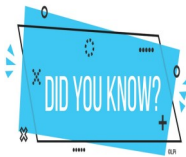
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**CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN**

**Question:** When is Trinity Sunday celebrated?

**Answer:** Trinity Sunday is celebrated on the Sunday after Pentecost. ©LPi



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**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS AND THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**The Most Holy Trinity / May 31, 2026**

**First Reading:** Having come down in a cloud, the LORD stood with Moses there and proclaimed his name, "LORD." (Ex 34:5)

**Psalm:** Glory and praise for ever! (Dn 3)

**Second Reading:** The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you. (2 Cor 13:13)

**Gospel:** God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. (Jn 3:16)

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CCC 202, 232-260, 684, 732: the mystery of the Trinity  
CCC 249, 813, 950, 1077-1109, 2845: the Trinity in the Church and her liturgy  
CCC 2655, 2664-2672: the Trinity and prayer  
CCC 2205: the family as an image of the Trinity



**Virtues, Explained!**

**Piety, Explained!**

Piety is one of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit and is related to the virtue of justice.

St. Thomas Aquinas writes, "Piety denotes the reverence which we give to our faith and to our country. And since God is

the Father of all, the worship of God is also called piety... therefore the gift whereby a man, through reverence for God, works good to all, is fittingly called piety." (*Sum.*, II:II, 68, Art. 4)

The virtue of piety, which can be understood most easily as giving due reverence to God, should not be confused with "popular piety," which refers to external expressions of devotion that are unique to specific places and environments. The virtue of piety describes a person's fulfillment of their duty to God and the precepts of the Church; popular piety describes other practices that enliven their desire to fulfill that duty.

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**(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC**

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

**Signs of Life**

If you're asthmatic, you know the phrase "as natural as breathing" doesn't always make a lot of sense.

Maybe that's because breathing isn't always natural. Sometimes, it's supernatural.

I come from a family of asthmatics. In my earliest childhood memories, my sister's nose and mouth are covered with a bulbous plastic mask connected by clear tubes to her transportable nebulizer. The machine whirs loudly as it vaporizes the medication that will open her lungs. In these memories, I watch my sister — her little eyes wide, her chest contracting and constricting with great difficulty — and wonder what it feels like.

Because I don't have asthma, and I don't think about breathing, unless I'm climbing a flight of stairs or chasing down one of my kids. It's such a utilitarian thing, breathing. It's unimpressive, unremarkable. Literally anyone can do it.

Until they can't.

Dead men don't breathe. That's what I think as I read the words of John's Gospel: "He breathed on them." (John 20:22) So much of what Jesus does in his resurrected Body is extraordinary and superhuman, making it unmistakable that here is a Body no longer playing by the rules of the physical world. He's passing through locked doors. He's in two places at once.

But today, he's just breathing.

So we have to ask ourselves: why? His Blood no longer requires oxygen. If he were asthmatic, neither bonfire nor damp night air could cause his lungs to constrict. His Flesh has been perfected.

But here we see a reality that is as spiritual as it is physical: where there is breath, there is life.

In Genesis, God breathes into dust and creates man. In today's Gospel, He breathes His Spirit onto man, and creates a Church. ©LPi



**PRAYER – FOR EVERYDAY AND EVERYBODY**

**Pentecost Prayer**

Come Holy Spirit,  
 Descend upon us and fill us with the fire  
 of Your love!  
 Remind us of Your dreams for us,  
 ignite us with new zeal,  
 place new visions on our hearts,  
 and the grace to work alongside You.  
 Amen. ©LPi

**WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED Faith**

**Question:** *Someone close to me has left the Church. How should I reach out to them?*

**Answer:** For many of us, this can be a challenging question. When people we love leave the Church, we may not always know how to relate to them in certain ways. Are some conversation topics off limits? Are there certain behaviors or decisions we can't support in good conscience? When someone or something is lost, Jesus shows two different attitudes in his parables.

One is *actively seeking*. Don't give up on this person and their life of faith. Ask them about their spiritual journey. Invite them to spend time with you in faith settings, as appropriate, and outside of them. Continue in relationship with those you love.

The other attitude Jesus shows is *consistent witness in the waiting*. In the parable of the Prodigal Son, the father doesn't go after the son. He waits for his return. However, the son knows his father is trustworthy. He remembers his father's fair treatment of the hired hands and knows it is safe to return, despite all he has done.

Your ability to change someone is quite small. However, you can change yourself. Make sure you consistently treat others with kindness, compassion, and respect. If your loved one wants a deeper conversation, they'll know you are a person to trust, a place to which they can return.

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**Devotions, Explained!**

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Explained**

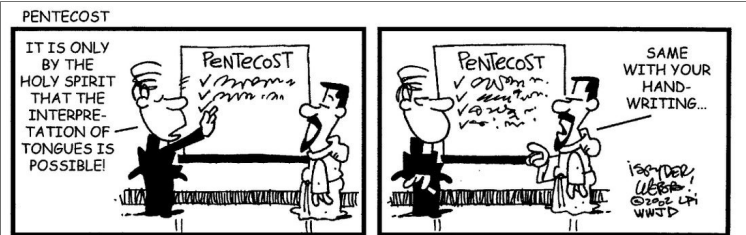
Our Lady of Perpetual Help refers both to a title conferred upon the Blessed Mother as well as to a corresponding icon that dates to the late Middle Ages.

Painted on wood, the original icon has a Byzantine style and depicts the Blessed Mother holding the Christ Child. She is flanked by St. Michael and St. Gabriel, who hold the instruments of Christ's passion, including a spear, nails and the Crown of Thorns. In the image, Christ seemingly leans into his mother's embrace for comfort and strength as he contemplates these objects.

The icon is thought to have originated in Crete, but for 300 years was venerated in the Church of San Matteo in Merulana in Rome. Blessed Pope Pius IX entrusted the image to the Order of Redemptorists, who moved it to the Church of St. Alphonsus. He later established the Feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Help on June 27. ©LPi



In 2000, Congress passed the “National Moment of Remembrance Act” which designates 3:00 p.m. local time on Memorial Day each year as the National Moment of Remembrance, in “honor of the men and women of the United States who died in the pursuit of freedom and peace.” Public Law 106-579 encourages all Americans to pause wherever they are at that time for a minute of silence to remember and honor those who have died in service to the nation.



**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

**Spread the Word of God**

There are some things I miss now that my children are older. Fewer snuggles, fewer moments of awe and wonder, and fewer crazy questions that make me laugh. However, if I'm honest, there are some things I do not miss, especially the birthday party. I loved the aspect of celebrating my child's birth, but most years the party cost too much, involved too much stress, and resulted in a lot of presents that ended up in my garage. Today, nice dinners with family and friends sharing time together have taken the place of the "birthday party" and that is fine with me.

Centuries ago, God moved in such a profound way and sent his Holy Spirit upon us, imparting to the Church gifts that remain with us today. That first Pentecost was a first birthday party of sorts, with people gathered to celebrate their common faith in Jesus Christ. Of course, that party had none of the trappings of a child's event at Chuck E. Cheese's, but instead presented us all with generous gifts that could be used for the glory of God instead of the stuff children discard after a few weeks.

Every year I think it is important to really celebrate what God has given to us, the Church, on the feast of Pentecost. The generosity of God knows no limits and the Holy Spirit is alive. It's just that the gifts from this celebration need to be used or the celebration will be hollow. The gifts are free to us even though they are priceless. It would be poor stewardship to toss them in the garage with all those toys that time forgot.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS  
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**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

**We Are Never Alone**

My children want my help sometimes, and other times, not so much. I remember being a teenager and young adult myself. At times, I thought I knew everything. I didn't need help because I was just so darn smart. Truth is, I needed to find my own way. I needed to stretch my wings and prove to myself and my family I could fly. I assume that is what is happening with my own children as well. It just seems so different now that I'm the parent.

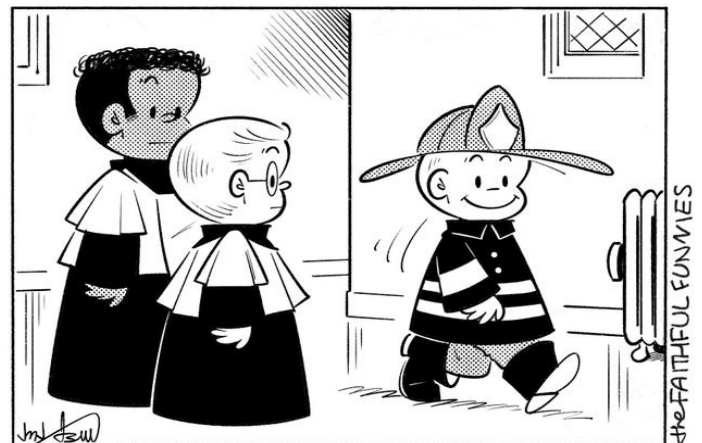
Human beings need help. We need community, and we need to rely on one another. At Pentecost, we reflect on Jesus sending to the Church a helper, the Holy Spirit. God interacting with us in this manner means we are never truly alone. We focus most of the time on the Spirit of God as the assistance we need, and we do need Him for sure. However, since it is that very same Spirit that turned us into “Church” from a band of people looking to carry on after Jesus’ ascension, at Pentecost we gained more than divine help: we gained each other.

Today, the Church needs help in a profound way. We need to lean on the Holy Spirit to blow through the Church with a profound renewal. But we cannot forget that we have been given each other to lean on as well. We are a gift to each other, and together with the Spirit's help, we are the Body of Christ here on earth. We must be strong and stand for one another. If we do that, this Pentecost will bear fruit that will be with us for many Pentecosts to come.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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**“What did the altar server want to wear on Pentecost?”**



**“Something fire-resistant.”**



Come, Holy Spirit! Just like the Apostles received an anointing on Pentecost, may the Holy Spirit ignite us anew!

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**The Mysteries of the Rosary**

Have you ever wanted to explore the life of Jesus and Mary in a deeper way? Each decade highlights a sacred episode:

**Joyful Mysteries:** Through the Annunciation (1) and Visitation (2), we get a glimpse at Mary's joyful yes to God. She gives birth to Jesus in the Nativity (3). Mary and Joseph present their son at the temple (4) and bring him there again when he is a teenager (5).

**Luminous Mysteries:** Jesus is baptized in the Jordan River (1) before Mary gives him a nudge to his first miracle at Cana (2). Jesus proclaims the Gospel (3), is transfigured on Mount Tabor (4), and institutes the Eucharist (5). The light is shining!

**Sorrowful Mysteries:** Jesus prays in agony in Gethsemane (1), knowing his hour of suffering has come. After his betrayal and arrest, Jesus is scourged (2) and crowned with thorns (3). He carries his cross (4), and Mary stands at the foot of the cross as he is crucified (5).

**Glorious Mysteries:** Christ is risen in glory (1)! After appearing to those he loves, he ascends into heaven (2). Jesus' followers receive the Holy Spirit at Pentecost (3). Mary, unaffected by original sin, is assumed body and soul into heaven (4), where she is crowned queen, humble mother of Christ the King (5). ©LPi



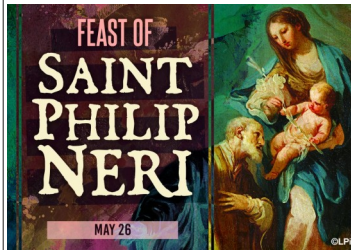
**PENTECOST SUNDAY**



**BUILDING A CULTURE OF LIFE**

**Pentecost Voice**

The Holy Spirit, who came on Pentecost, gave voice to the apostles to proclaim the truth of the Gospel. The Spirit, the Soul of the Church, continues to enable the Church to speak, and enables us to speak in our individual capacity. According to the late Cardinal Elio Sgreccia, who served as President of the Vatican's Pontifical Academy for Life, *"The Church must speak out in today's context on fundamental rights, the right to justice, the right to peace, but above all and in the first place, the right to life. If the Church did not speak, did not proclaim the truth, it would be abandoning its duty; it would be unfaithful to society, to the good of society. Therefore, its precise duty is the very liberty to intervene with word, and also with example -- the example of promoting human life, of intervening for the salvation of mankind."*



**St. Philip Neri**

St. Philip Neri (1515 – 1595) was born in Italy and went to school as a child at the Dominican monastery in Florence. His family had hopes that he would work with his uncle, a wealthy merchant, and ultimately inherit his business and fortune but, shortly after beginning his work with him, Neri had a personal conversion. He decided to move to Rome to live a life of service.

For 13 years in Rome, Neri lived as a layperson, daily engaged in prayer and the apostolate. Even as a layperson he brought the Gospel of Jesus to everyone he met. He was eventually ordained to the priesthood and became known as a compassionate confessor, quick to disarm those around him with a joke or a kind word.

He is remembered as extremely approachable and jovial. He was kind, entertaining, and spontaneous in his approach which inspired many. He led prayer groups and excursions to visit other churches which often included music and picnics, and his council was sought by rich and poor alike. He was a strict vegetarian and was known to relocate animals and birds found inside the church back into the wild.

St. Philip Neri founded The Congregation of the Oratory. This secular order included priests and brothers and did not bind them under religious vows, but instead by a *bond of charity*. These men lived together in community and served those in need with happy hearts.

St. Philip Neri's ability to increase his fellow religious leader's faith coupled with his closeness with the common people in Rome cemented his reputation as the Apostle of Rome, called by God to evangelize the Holy City. His Congregation of the Oratory is still active today accomplishing the same mission. St. Philip Neri, pray for us!

**Readings for the week of May 24, 2026**

**Sunday:** Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1 and 24, 29-30, 31 and 34/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23  
**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:** 1 Pt 1:10-16/ Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/ Mk 10:28-31  
**Wednesday:** 1 Pt 1:18-25/ Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/ Mk 10:32-45  
**Thursday:** 1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12/ Ps 100:2, 3, 4, 5/ Mk 10:46-52  
**Friday:** 1 Pt 4:7-13/ Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Mk 11:11-26  
**Saturday:** Jude 17, 20b-25/ Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6/ Mk 11:27-33  
**Next Sunday:** Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18

**THIS WEEK**

**Sunday: Pentecost Sunday**  
**Monday:** Memorial Day/Parish office Closed  
 9:00am Mass (SJ)  
 11:00am memorial Day Service—Union Park, Bellaire—in case of rain the service will be at 1st Methodist Church, Bellaire (across from the park).  
**Tuesday:** 9:00am -5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration (SM)  
**Wednesday:** 6:00pm St. John Festival Meeting (SJH)  
**Thursday:** 6:00pm OCIA Celebration Dinner (SJH)  
**Saturday:** 11:00am Diocese of Steubenville Priesthood Ordination (St. Mary's Basilica, Marietta)  
*No 3:00p.m. Confession at St. Mary's*  
**Next Sunday: The Most Holy Trinity**



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*By Anita & Jeannine*

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*By Bruce & Mary Ann*

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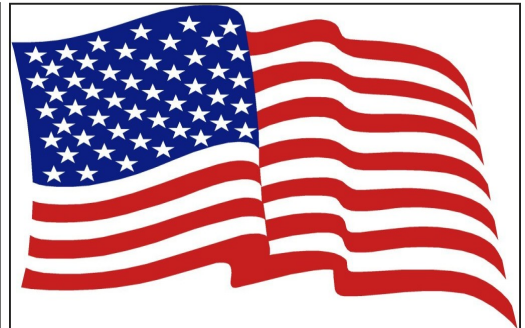
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