

Pentecost Sunday

"He breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit.'" What did the disciples think at this moment? They had witnessed a lot of astonishing things in their time with Christ: healing the sick, multiplying the loaves and fishes, turning water into wine, walking on water, and now the Lord's resurrection from the dead, among other things. But Jesus had never breathed on them before. And in this case, nothing dramatic seemed to take place. Perhaps the disciples wondered if anything had actually happened. Jesus spoke about the Holy Spirit, but other than the breeze from his breath, they didn't experience anything unusual.

Until Pentecost. Then, the wind changed. "Suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind," the first reading tells us. Now the drama unfolded as the Holy Spirit was revealed in "tongues as of fire," and the once fearful disciples began to proclaim the Gospel with courage and conviction. Clearly, something had happened when Jesus gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples. But they didn't really put the gift to use until later, "When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled."

What gifts have we received that we haven't put to use? What graces lay dormant in our souls? At baptism, we receive the Holy Spirit and at confirmation, the gifts and fruits of the Spirit are given to us in their fullness. These sacraments are like receiving the breath of Christ. But have we experienced our own personal Pentecost? Have we allowed these supernatural gifts to rise to the surface of our lives? On this anniversary of the Holy Spirit's arrival, may we follow St. Paul's advice and "stir into flame the gift of God that you have" (2 Tm 1:6).

Sunday Collection

The Sunday Collection for May 27/28, 2017 was \$3,448.00.

Annual Divine Mercy Parish Barbeque

Let us join together and celebrate
the beginning of the summer.

Saturday, June 24th, in St. Francis of Paola Auditorium.
Following the conclusion of the 5pm Mass.

Invite a friend.
Ice Cream Truck/Door Prizes

Domingo de Pentecostés

En la fiesta de Pentecostés el pueblo de Israel celebraba la fiesta de la Semanas. En esta fiesta se daba gracias por la cosecha de los cereales después de siete semanas de la ofrenda de la primera gavilla. "Luego celebrarás la fiesta de la ciega de las primicias de tu trabajo, de todo aquello que hayas sembrado en el campo" (Ex 23, 16). Hoy culmina la Pascua que hemos venido celebrando desde hace cincuenta días en los que celebramos la resurrección de Jesucristo. El Espíritu Santo --regalo del Resucitado a su Iglesia-- es el protagonista de este día.

La liturgia nos ofrece en sus lecturas y plegarias elementos especiales donde destaca el Espíritu. Veamos algunos de ellos. Cambia la actitud de los apóstoles, quienes pasan del desconcierto y el miedo a la valentía y la predicación de la resurrección del Señor. ¿Cambia también mi actitud? Se nos dan diversos dones o carismas. ¿Cuáles pido yo? Jesús envía a sus discípulos tal y como él fue enviado por el Padre: a evangelizar. ¿Soy testigo fiel del Señor al proclamar su Palabra? Jesús resucitado sopla sobre sus discípulos dándoles su aliento que da vida. ¿Soy yo persona viva por el gozo del Evangelio? El Espíritu de Dios también está presente en los sacramentos. ¿Participo con frecuencia en el sacramento de la reconciliación y la Eucaristía? Podría seguir mencionando más puntos de la fiesta de Pentecostés, pero existe uno que todos admiramos: es el de la fidelidad. Jesús en esta fiesta nos da claro ejemplo de ella. "No los dejaré huérfanos, sino que volveré a ustedes... Aquel día comprenderán que yo estoy en mi Padre y ustedes están en mí y yo en ustedes" (Jn 14, 18-20).

Readings for the Week of June 4, 2017

Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-30/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39
 Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-15/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Dn 3:52-56 or Ps 19:8-11/Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-9/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-30/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39
 Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23
 Monday: Tb 1:3; 2:1b-8/Ps 112:1b-2, 3b-6/Mk 12:1-12
 Tuesday: Tb 2:9-14/Ps 112:1-2, 7-9/Mk 12:13-17
 Wednesday: Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a/Ps 25:2-5ab, 6, 7bc-9/Mk 12:18-27
 Thursday: Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a/Ps 28:1-5/Mk 12:28-34
 Friday: Tb 11:5-17/Ps 146:1b-2, 6c-10/Mk 12:35-37
 Saturday: Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20/Tb 13:2, 6efgh-8/Mk 12:38-44
 Next Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52-56/2 Cor 3:11-13/Jn 3:16-18

PENTECOST

A Message from Fr. Tom

Today we celebrate Pentecost Sunday. This is the moment when the promised gift of the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples of Jesus. This event recalls that transformative event when on Mount Sinai, the twelve tribes of Israel—through the prophet Moses—received the Ten Commandments. During that experience, Mt. Sinai shook and was shrouded in clouds and fire. Now—the new Israel—the church—the apostles, Mary the mother of Jesus, and disciples both men and women—gather in the upper room and receive from a driving wind and tongues of fire the Holy Spirit.

It is a day when the Church comes into its own. Today we celebrate what we, the church, should be. We *ourselves* have to live what we are celebrating. The first disciples are filled with the power that Jesus had promised to give. This power is meant to help them to share Jesus' presence and message of salvation to the entire world. May the grace of this celebration help us to do the same.

Fr. Tom

Corpus Christi Celebration/Sunday June 18th—Sidewalk Procession

On Sunday June 18th the church celebrates the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ—the Feast of Corpus Christi. As in years past, we will have a procession on our sidewalks linking the three churches of the Divine Mercy Parish on that day. Following is the program:

St. Cecilia—Following the 9:30am Mass there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the church followed by a sidewalk procession to St. Francis of Paola for the start of 11:30am Mass.

St. Francis of Paola—Following the 11:30am Mass there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament followed by a sidewalk procession to coincide with the end of the 12:45pm Mass at St. Nicholas.

St. Nicholas Church—Benediction will be given at the end of the 12:45pm Mass.

St. Anthony Triduum At St Francis of Paola Church

Monday, June 12, 2017 – 7:15pm

Tuesday, June 13, 2017 – 7:15pm

Wednesday, June 14, 2017 – 7:15pm

Retreats for Married Couples

You may remember our parish offered a retreat for married couples this past March. It was truly a wonderful experience for all who participated. However, the participation from our parish was not good. I believe these retreat opportunities are invaluable for married couples, but take a great deal of time and money to put together. To better use our resources I am encouraging married couples to participate in the Worldwide Marriage Encounter Program. They are offering five retreat weekends at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington in the coming year. I strongly encourage your participation:

September 15, 16, 17, 2017

November 3, 4, 5, 2017

February 9, 10, 11, 2018

April 27, 28, 29, 2018

November 2, 3, 4, 2018

To register go on line:

www.bq-wwme.org or www.liwwme.org

for Spanish weekend dates email:

nycemm@live.com

For more information, please call the rectory office and leave a message for **Fr. Tom**

Generations of Faith & Annual Catholic Appeal/2017

As you know, we have two major appeals going on at the same time. The last few months I have let you know the differences in these two appeals and hopefully you attended one of the Masses where we presented the ACA for 2017. I thank you for your generosity and participation. I want to update you on the progress of these campaigns at the present time (05/25/17):

Generations of Faith

Parish Goal \$375,000.00

Pledged to Date: \$398,971.00

Pledges Received: \$187,597.48

Annual Catholic Appeal

Parish Goal for 2017 \$37,500.00

Pledges Received \$20,865.00

Save the Dates

Sun., June 18, 2017

Corpus Christi Procession

Sat., June 24, 2017

Parish BBQ

PENTECOST

GIFTS OF LOVE EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY AT DIVINE MERCY PARISH ALL ARE WELCOME

For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome..." (Matt. 25:35-36)

“Lord, send out your spirit, and renew the face of the earth” PS 104:1-34

Today, we celebrate the feast of Pentecost and commemorate the birth of our Church. As a faith-filled community, let us join together and pray that the Holy Spirit, Lord and Giver of life, may strengthen and guide us as we seek to make our parish and our community a place of love where the poor are fed and strangers are welcomed.

Specific items needed this week: **Condiments**
Food Pantry Coordinator and Volunteers

St. Francis of Paola Church Memorial Gifts – June 4, 2017

ST. JOSEPH CANDLES

Anna Maria Lacrenza Thank you
Tom Savatino by Marianne

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLES

Anna Maria Lacerenza Thank you

Pray For the Sick

Rosa Ramos, Maureen Conlon, Patrick Del Vicario, Ralph Varano, Ed Scala, Al Pettenato, Jim McGurran, Danny Boyle, Dora Logosso, John Purcelli, Nancy Gonzales, Vincent Gonzales, Rae Pacifico, Bill Kluisza, Frank Cremato, John Pelletier, Mary Walsh, Regina Monka, Deacon John Orlandello, Wanda Zadwarny, Carmela Caiafa, Al Campisi

Pray for the Recently Deceased

Anastasio Vavladelis, Gerald Primer, Serafino Corvino, Gerald M. Laudato, Rose Casale, Arnolfo Santa Maria, Florence Molinaro

Parish Polo Shirts

Divine Mercy Parish Polo Shirts are available for purchase by stopping by the Parish Office, at a cost of \$20.00.

Mass Intentions for the Week St. Francis of Paola Church

Saturday, June 3, 2017

5:00pm St. Cono by Raffaella Morena

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8:00am Mattia Paolino

by Kevin Rozza & Family

11:30am Katie Dagrosa by De Marino Family

Monday, June 5, 2017

7:45am Saverio De Stefano by Wife & Children

Tuesday, June 6, 2017

7:45am Rose Salvato by Salvato Family

Wednesday, June 7, 2017

7:45am Special Intention by Olga Navarro

Thursday, June 8, 2017

7:45am Anna & Vincent Vazzo by Family

Friday, June 9, 2017

7:45am Special Intentions by Olga Navarro

Saturday, June 10, 2017

7:45am St. Cono & St. Anthony by Francesco & Filomena Babino & Family

5:00pm For the People of Divine Mercy Parish

Sunday, June 11, 2017

8:00am St. Anthony Society

11:30am Adua Falco by Linda Falco

Rosary Society News

The next meeting of the Rosary Society of DMP will be on Wednesday, June 7, 2017 at 7:30pm in St. Cecilia's auditorium located at 24 North Henry Street. New members welcome.

St. Theresa Guild

The next meeting of the St. Theresa Guild will take place on Thursday, June 8, 2017 at 7pm in the St. Francis of Paola rectory basement. It's our June party! Please note the earlier start time. We will have a 50/50 raffle only. New Members are always welcome.

Banns of Marriage

St. Francis of Paola Church – June 17, 2017
Christina Scotti & John Moreale

JUNE 4, 2017

Mass Intentions for the Week
St. Nicholas Church

Sunday, June 4, 2017 - PENTECOST

10:30am Sarah Munoz by Beatrice Garcia
12:45pm Michelina Napolitano
by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Baldassare

Sunday, June 11, 2017

10:30am Sociedad La Divina Misericordia
12:45pm In Honor of St. Anthony & Sacred Heart
by Barbara Giudice

Firefighter Daniel F. Pujdak
Memorial Mass – June 24, 2017
10:00 A.M. St. Cecilia Church
All Are Welcome

Second Collection

Catholic Communication Campaign

Today, June 4, 2017 we are taking up the collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support helps the CCC connect people to Christ, here and around the world, through the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to support local efforts. Be a part of this campaign to spread the gospel message and support the collection today! To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/cc.

JOIN US FOR
PARISH FAMILY OUTINGS
Summer Family Outing

On Saturday June 24th, the families of our parish are invited to enjoy the day at Rye Playland in Rye, New York. Fun and games await in the sun! We will depart in front of St. Francis at 11:00 am and will return at 6:00pm. The price is \$20.00 per person (which includes transportation and unlimited access to park rides).

We're hoping to fill two busses! Please call the rectory or sign up by emailing youth@dmbk.org.

Resurrection Garden

If interested in obtaining your palm cross from the Resurrection Garden 2017 please contact the Rectory at 718-387-0256 by June 6th.

Mass Intentions for the Week
St. Cecilia Church

Sunday, June 4, 2017 - PENTECOST

9:30am Raffloer Family
Jo & Ed Collins
Eamon & Ray McGinn
Rosary Society
Msgr. Patrick "Fursey" O'Toole
7:00pm For the People of Divine Mercy Parish

Monday, June 5, 2017

8:30am Michael Madigan (Birthday)

Tuesday, June 6, 2017

8:30am Open Intention

Wednesday, June 7, 2017

8:30am Jane Sabatino

Thursday, June 8, 2017

8:30am Open Intention

Friday, June 9, 2017

8:30am Open Intention

Saturday, June 10, 2017

8:30am Maria Bondi

Sunday, June 11, 2017

9:30am Norah Mc Cormick, 10th Anniversary
Rose Lapoli, 1st Anniversary
Lily & Nicky Lettieri
San Pietro Family
La Veglia Family
Sarubbi Family
Nicholas La Veglia
7:00pm Thomas Petrowski

Apartment Needed

Looking for an apartment, so that they can remain members of our community are Sister Paul Marie Filippelli and Sister Rose Miriam Pelletier. Both are Sisters of St. Joseph. Sister Paul & Sister Rose taught at St. Cecilia's School for a number of years, and are active in the community.

Please call the rectory if you have an apartment available. 718-387-0256.

Pray for Vocations

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Memorial Gifts At Divine Mercy Parish

Bread & Wine Sanctuary Lamp Tabernacle Candles Altar Candles Blessed Mother Candles St. Joseph Candles Memorial Gifts are a wonderful way to honor and remember your loved ones. Please come to the Rectory (or call) for information on available dates. Also available are Tree of Life Leaves and Blessed Mother Yearly Candles (this candle is lit for a year). All memorials can be In Honor Of or Remembrance Of a family member or friend.

Registration for Camp Veritas

Camp Veritas Mount Saint Mary's College / Newburg, New York, July 16 – 22, 2017

Camp Veritas Camp Lakota, Wurtsboro, New York

August 13 – 19, 2017

Camp Veritas is a one week sleep away pilgrimage experience for teens going into the 7th grade through 12th grade. The schedule is play-and-pray with a full immersion in the Catholic Faith through sacraments and activities. Come get to know other kids your age and experience a week of sports, activities, prayer, and fun! This week of faith and fun is probably the most beneficial gift you could give your teen. Register at CampVeritas.com via the "Camp-in-touch" portal. Any question contact Lauren at youth@dmbk.org or the Rectory at 718-387-0256.

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