

May 19, 2024



PENTECOST SUNDAY

# THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH PROCEEDS FROM THE FATHER.

— JOHN 15:26 —



Today's  
readings

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## LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

### Saturday, May 18 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Arthur & Lena Marino by Joe and Suzanne Surdyn

### Sunday, May 19 — Pentecost

8:30 AM † Deceased Members of the Tesznan Family by Michael & Beth Tesznan

10:30 AM † Dustin Harvey by Family of Dustin Harvey

### Monday, May 20

8:00 AM † Doris Kukler by Husband, Alex & Family

### Tuesday, May 21

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

### Wednesday, May 22

No Mass

### Thursday, May 23

8:00 AM † Vincent Burger by Ethel Burger & Sons

### Friday, May 24

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

### Saturday, May 25 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Angelo Pro by Emma Kotch

### Sunday, May 26 — Most Holy Trinity

8:30 AM † Metro Petrosky, Jr. by Flo Petrosky

10:30 AM † Carmen Beneccio by Shirley & Family

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### OFFICE HOURS

**Monday –Thursday:** 8:30 a.m. –12; 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

**Friday:** 8:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

### Ministry Schedule — May 25 & 26

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	D. Harkins	R. Lucas M. Dzurik A. Puntuero	M. Guiliford
8:30 a.m.	F. Petrosky	J. Brown S. Stein S. Campus	L. Assenat
10:30 a.m.	M. Sacco	K. Byron E. Yatchyshyn K. Imbrescia	C. Blatnik

### Money Counters

**Monday, May 20** — Team #2 – W. Anders

## The Great Feast of Pentecost

The Greek word Pentecost means “50,” and refers to the seven weeks or 50 days since the offerings of the grain harvest were made at Passover when large crowds came into Jerusalem for the feast. Its original celebration was known as the “Feast of Weeks.” Our feast comes 50 days after Easter, and marks the beginning of the church.



“Strong driving wind” and “tongues as of fire” – these are powerful images which express a powerful experience. The Scriptures lead us to believe that prior to Pentecost the disciples of Jesus huddled together behind locked doors – hardly behavior befitting those who had “seen the Lord.” Yet, after Pentecost the disciples’ behavior changed dramatically: they burst the confines of locks and preached boldly and witnessed heroically. The presence of the risen Christ and the gift of the Holy Spirit changed everything: those who were in fear are given peace, those locked in a room are sent out. When Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit on the disciples he is recreating them and the world.

“Wind” and “fire” are important elements in Hebrew religious thought and imagery. In their Scriptures wind is seen as God’s presence or power, and the wind is always under the control of God. “Breath” is also a potent symbol. In Genesis, God breathed over the water and breathed into Adam to give him “the breath of life.” Now, Jesus who is the second Adam brings the breath of spiritual life to all people. One can deduce that this “driving wind” which filled the entire house is a reference to the powerful breath of God giving new life to this community.

Before Pentecost there was division and discord with the people of Israel. Now there is unity and community. The God who gave the Law to the Israelites now gives the Spirit, not only to a chosen few, but to the whole world. The Holy Spirit is the spirit of peace and harmony in our lives and in the Church.

Pentecost is our birth into new life as a new creation. It is our celebration of being God’s redeemed people who now share in the mission of the divine Son through the Spirit and this is the great mystery we celebrate on this festival. It is the Spirit of God’s presence that enables us to believe. It is the same Spirit that allows us to go into the world as did the disciples and share the message of God’s peace and justice. There is a liberation theologian named Leonardo Boff who wrote: “the Spirit is the spirit of new creation, of creativity, animation, and innovation, though never in an individualistic manner, but always for the building up of the community – yielding diversity and communion, action and transformation.” Much like the “love” we have been hearing about over the past few weeks, we are to use this Spirit to relate to one another. We are to share our gifts and our talents to build a stronger family of God celebrating the presence of Jesus, the Risen Lord!

### Weekly Collection May 12

Votive Candles:	236
Utility & Energy:	79
Accent:	0
Ascension:	561
Children & Adult Collection:	\$6,033
Online Collection:	\$793
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$7,702</b>
Communications:	67
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$7,769</b>

**Inspiration for the Week:** Like a stool that cannot stand on two legs alone, we need the Holy Spirit. The third Person of the Trinity is the puzzle piece whose testimony completes the beautiful picture of salvation. Let us never fail to say: come, Holy Spirit!

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## Online Giving

With summer on the horizon and everyone on the move, make sure your contribution is counted; consider giving online. You can do it one time, or however long you wish. Online giving can be found on the website as well as on the app.

## Stewardship

### Diocesan Lenten Appeal

As of last week, we have still only heard from 35% of our parishioners for this year's campaign. From the people we have heard from, we have a **total of \$49,447** in pledges and gifts. This is above our diocesan goal of \$41,237, but a far cry from our parish goal. Remember that everything we receive from this point on is 100% money that will stay in the parish. We will use the money we raise from DLA to help pay for the needed repairs to the roof.

### Catholic Communication Campaign

This weekend is the U.S. bishops' **Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC)**. Half of the donations stay in the diocese to support local projects, including **The Catholic Accent and the diocesan website**. The other half supports multimedia projects from the Catholic Communication Campaign that promotes Gospel values through both new and traditional media. For more information about national projects, visit: [www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections)

## Breakfast

This week, **Sunday, May 19**, the Holy Name society will sponsor a combined Mothers' and Fathers' Day breakfast in the church hall **after the 8:30 a.m. Mass**. Following the breakfast, the Man of the Year and Senior Boy of the Year awards will be presented. The breakfast will be free. There is no charge to those who attend.

## Groups

**CDA Monessen Court #776** will meet on **Tuesday, May 21** in the church hall. The Rosary will be prayed before the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Members are welcome to bring a guest as we participate in the Crowning of Mary and honor all women. Call Regent Debbie Genemore for additional information at 724-708-8335.

## Councils Meeting

There will be a meeting of the Pastoral and Finance Councils on **Thursday, May 30 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Church Hall.

## T-Shirt Time



We're now taking orders for t-shirts. The deadline to order is Thursday, May 30. The shirts, up to size 2 XL, are **\$22** each; 3XL - 5 XL are **\$23** each. Orders can be placed in the collection basket or mailed to the office.

### T-Shirt Order Form

To order a t-shirt, include your name, best contact number, size and \$22 (\$23) per shirt ordered.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Best Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Size & Quantity:  S  M  L  XL

2XL  3XL  4XL  5XL

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

## Faith

### Faith Formation

There are so many things that we take for granted in life, and sad to say, our Faith is one of those things. We do not always appreciate how vital and important our belief in God can be. Almost every aspect of life can be linked back to our Church and belief in God. As with everything else in life we need to constantly feed that belief so that it remains that constant source of strength. Our belief in God and our faith in the Church does not happen on its own, **it needs constant nurturing and growth.**

Before Easter this year I cancelled our formation classes for children because of the lack of attendance and support. Now, **we need to come together and put together a process where we can successfully pass on our faith as well as nurture the faith we already have.** We are planning a meeting about the formation in our parishes on **June 3 at 6:30 p.m.** at Epiphany Church hall. At this meeting we will discuss the importance of formation not only for our children **but for adults as well.** We need to develop a team for welcoming new members into the Church as well as helping couples prepare for marriage and for baptisms.

These are important issues which touch all of our lives. I am asking that you mark this date down and make an effort to attend.

### Graduate breakfast

High School graduation is a milestone. This year, we will celebrate your achievement at the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, May 26, followed by lunch. A letter was sent to all registered 2024 graduates. If you have not received a letter, please call the office. Let us know if you plan to attend by **Thursday, May 23.**



### Bishop Kulick to lead Eucharistic procession

Bishop Larry J. Kulick will lead a Eucharistic procession from Blessed Sacrament Cathedral to Courthouse Square in Greensburg on **Sunday, June 2, the Feast of Corpus Christi.** The procession will follow the 11 a.m. Mass at the cathedral, which will be celebrated by Bishop Kulick. The feast, also known as the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, is an annual celebration honoring the institution of the Holy Eucharist, the source and summit of the Catholic faith. Following Mass, the faithful are invited to join Bishop Kulick for the procession. At Courthouse Square, there will be an area for adoration and Benediction. For those unable to walk the distance between the cathedral and Courthouse Square, a shuttle bus will be provided.

### Vacation Bible School

Registration for VBS is now open! It will run from **June 26—28** for grades K—5 from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. You can pick up a registration form in back of the church or register online at <https://vbs2024registration.weebly.com/> Adults with clearances are always appreciated in helping with this event. Our next meeting will be on **June 4 at 6:30 p.m.** in the church hall.



## Parish Picnic

Remember that we have scheduled our Parish Picnic for June 30<sup>th</sup>. In order to make this another "smashing" success we need to have a meeting to plan out the day. **We will meet to discuss the picnic next Monday, May 20 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Church Hall. The more people we have involved the better the day will turn out!