



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – MAY 19, 2024

The Solemnity of Pentecost

Zesłanie Ducha Świętego

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Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 77.

First reading: Acts 2:1-11

Psalm: 104:1,24,29-31,34

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13

Sequence: Come, Holy Spirit

Gospel: John 20:19-23

Intention: For our Church.

Celebrant: Rev. Jim Konicki.

Lector: 10am, Lauren DeBlois.

- Easter Lauds, Holy Mass at 10am (Contemporary Rite, pg. 63).
- Coffee Hour Reception
- Holy Mass at Noon (Traditional Rite, Pew Missal pg. 15).

THIS WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. For the Spirit of the Lord fills the world, is all-embracing, and knows what man says. Alleluia.

R. Therefore no one who utters wicked things can go unnoticed, nor will chastising condemnation pass him by. Alleluia.

V. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

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Today's Music

- Easter Asperges: E14, I Saw Water.
- Entrance: B1, Hymn Of Faith (v.1&4).
- Gloria: E1: Glory Be (v.1&4).
- Sacrament of the Word: E9, Come Holy Ghost.
- Offertory: Everyone Moved By The Spirit (handout).
- Communion: Be Still (instrumental).
- Communion Reflection: Take Our Bread (handout).
- Recessional: Peace Is Flowing Like A River (handout)

+++ Reminders & Notes +++

- **Keep inviting people to meet the Lord and join in worship and fellowship.**
- **Pizza and Game Night: Our next pizza and game night will be Saturday, June 1st starting at 5pm.**
- **Altamont Fair Advanced Notice:** We have undertaken sponsorship of the chapel at the Altamont Fair (August 13-18). This is a wonderful privilege. We will be placing information about our parish in the chapel and will have a sign outdoors. Friday, August 16th will also be designated as our day to be present at the chapel. Fr. Jim will hold Holy Mass at 11am that day. We request volunteers to be greeters/welcomers at the chapel that day after Holy Mass between noon and 8pm. A sign-up sheet will be posted.
- **EVENTS:** of various kinds are upon us as we approach the summer. There are deadlines for registration. We unfortunately had no one step forward for the Mission and Evangelism Conference this year. Let us make a point of participating next year. Please see Fr. Jim in relation to these events.
 - **The Men's Retreat** is fast approaching (June 12 - 15). Please join in this fantastic spiritual opportunity.
 - **Kurs** (July 4 - 13) for youth ages 8 to 17 and
 - **Convo** (July 22 - 26) for youth ages 13 to 27.
- **A Ministry for You?** We need people to minister in Jesus' model as Altar Servers, Lectors, and SOCL Teachers. Please see Fr. Jim.

We invite all who believe in the true presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist to partake. It is our practice to distribute the Holy Eucharist, the Body and Blood of Christ, by placing the elements on the tongue, never in the hand.

--- *And He said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation."* ---

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit.

A blessed Pentecost to all of you!

Fifty days ago, we celebrated Jesus' Resurrection from the dead. Ten days ago, we celebrated the Lord's Ascension. Today we are gathered into that singular moment where alongside the Apostles, disciples, and the Blessed Mother we enter prayer and receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

But Father, what do you mean? Isn't the Spirit something we 'got' when we were baptized and later confirmed? Well... yes and no.

If we think about the Holy Spirit's

presence and affect in our lives as merely a transactional thing, something that happens once and we are done with it, we would be mistaken. We must remember that the Spirit's key gift is an ongoing and energizing life together.

Let's dissect this a bit.

Where are we? Indeed, yes, in church. But think about this, the way our parish church is configured we are upstairs, in the upper room. Like the Apostles, disciples, and the Blessed Mother we are engaged in prayer. Like them we have received Jesus' promise of the Advocate: "*And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever.*" And... here He is among us and in us.

Let's take a moment and breathe that in. Let us close our eyes, breathe in deeply, just like when the doctor is checking your heart and lungs, and breathe out doing a self-check on our hearts and lungs.

Our hearts and minds should be perceiving the Holy Spirit flowing through us, planting His unique gifts in us. Our breath should be filled with praise for His wonderful presence and the power He gives us.

Back to the idea of transactional things, was that check-in with the Holy Spirit just a transaction. We paid a few seconds of our time and now we're done? Not at all!

Life with a transactional god is life with a mere idol, it is idolatry. Life in the Spirit gets us forever strength and power. Doing that close your eyes, breathe in and out exercise focused on the Holy Spirit's being with us should leave us trembling with energy and enthusiasm for doing as those others gathered in the upper room did this day: "*speaking of the mighty acts of God.*"

Memory Verse

And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children."

Acts 2:38-39

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: 1 Peter 4:10
 MONDAY: 2 Timothy 2:15
 TUESDAY: Ephesians 4:5
 WEDNESDAY: 2 Timothy 1:9
 THURSDAY: Psalm 119:128
 FRIDAY: Philippians 2:12-13
 SATURDAY: Isaiah 61:1

Pray the week:

Holy Spirit, Make me tremble with Your gifts. May my heart burn with passion for the work You call me to do. May my breath proclaim Jesus' gospel. Amen.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Jasmine Russo, Laura Covari, Stan Podkulski, Mariea Chase, Kelly Noble, Elizabeth Węglinski, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, Virginia Lamb, Curtis Sczepkowski, Joshua Moraski, Jessie Feathers-Ostrowski, Joanne Bauer, Madison Sheridan, Tom Abbot, Derek Westcott, Karen Kisch, Gregory Henderson, Theresa Ordon, Michelle Zawistowski, Susan Jones, Garry Packer, Gary & Sandra Tatlock, Shirley Maliszewski, Fred Hendricks, Theresa, Carla, Francine, Eileen, Joyce Colson, Karen Weyant, Helen Spencer, Steve and Claudia Miller, Michael Clough, Frances Gary, Dan Crawley, Bob Chelkowski, Lyle, Ralph Zell, Phil Wielewinski, Brian Rohan, Mary Walters, Tom Walters, Nedra Liebert, Dawn Main, Tony and Fran Muscatello, Zosia Wiczorek and all in need of God's healing grace.

- All those who serve in the Armed Forces of the United States esp. Michael Angehr, Mark Collins, Patric Jones, Timothy Olsen, Charlie Prothero, Fr. Joseph Kolek, Fr. Andrew Bilinski, Fr. Stan Jasiurkowski, Fr. Andrew Tenus.
- All those in Public Service: Civil Servants, Police Officers, and Fire Fighters.
- All Active and Retired Clergy of the Holy Polish National Catholic Church.
- All Students and Teachers at Mont Pleasant Middle School
- The residents and staff of City Mission of Schenectady
- All who have asked for our prayers for any need or intention.

This week we remember and pray for the people and clergy of St Michael the Archangel parish, Niagara Falls, NY.

Bless them, O Lord! Pobłogosław im, O Boże!

Upcoming

- **May 19: Solemnity of Pentecost. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Lauren DeBlois.**
- **May 20: No Holy Mass. Parish Committee Meets at 6pm. Mont Pleasant Memorial Day Service at the corner of Chrisler and Van Velsen at 6:30pm.**
- **May 21-22: No Holy Mass. Fr. Jim in Scranton.**
- **May 23: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **May 24: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **May 26: Trinity Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Larry Panfil.**
- **May 27: Memorial Day. Holy Mass at Holy Name of Jesus Cemetery at 10am (in church in case of inclement weather).**
- **May 28: Holy Mass at Noon. Chaplet to the Infant of Prague.**