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MAY 19, 2023 – SOLEMNITY - PENTECOST

9:00 am – Holy Mass to be celebrated in the
Traditional Rite of the PNCC.

10:00 am - Monthly meeting of the Parish
Committee

ENTRANCE HYMN

(Wisdom 1:7-8)

- 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.
- C. 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.

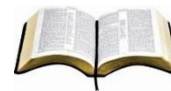
THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the Highest,
And peace to His people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
Almighty God, and Father
We worship You; we give You thanks
We praise you for Your glory
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father
Lord God, Lamb of God
You take away the sins of the world
Have mercy on us
You are seated at the right hand of the Father

Receive our prayer
For you alone are the Holy One
You alone are the Lord
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ
With the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

- C. The Lord be with you.
- R. And also with you
- C. Let us pray. Holy Spirit, Giver of Life, Who proceeds from the Father, have mercy on us. As You descended upon the disciples in the upper room, so now once again descend on Your Church. Infame our hearts, enlighten our minds and purify our souls. For together with the Father and the Son, You live and reign, one God, forever and ever.
- R. Amen.



LITURGY OF THE WORD

**A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE
APOSTLES (Acts 2: 1-11)**

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 and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven staying in Jerusalem. At this sound, they gathered in a large crowd, but they were confused because each one heard them speaking in his own language. They were astounded, and in amazement they asked, "Are not all these people who are speaking Galileans? Then how does each of us hear them in his native language? We are Parthians, Medes, and Elamites, inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya near

Cyrene, as well as travelers from Rome, both Jews and converts to Judaism, Cretans and Arabs, yet we hear them speaking in our own tongues of the mighty acts of God."

C. The Word of the Lord
R. Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL
(Zephaniah 3:8-9)

V. Therefore, wait for Me, says the Lord. For then
I will change and purify the lips of the peoples.
Alleluia.

R. That they all may call upon the Name of the Lord,
to serve Him with one accord. Alleluia.

SEQUENCE

Come Holy Spirit, come!
And from Your celestial home
Shed a ray of light divine!

Come, Father of the poor!
Come, Source of all our store!
Come, within our bosoms shine!

You, of comforters the best;
You, the soul's most welcome guest;
Sweet refreshment here below;

In our labor, rest most sweet;
Grateful coolness in the heat;
Solace in the midst of woe.

O most blessed Light divine,
Shine within the hearts of Yours,
And our inmost being fill!

Where You are not, man has naught,
Nothing good in deed or thought,
Nothing free from taint of ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew;
On our dryness pour Your dew;
Wash the stains of guilt away:

Bend the stubborn heart and will;
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;
Guide the steps that go astray.

On the faithful, who adore
And confess You, evermore
In Your sev'nfold gift descend.

Give them virtue's sure reward;
Give them Your salvation, Lord;
Give them joys that never end.
Amen. Alleluia.



A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF
SAINT PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS
(1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13)

Brothers and sisters: No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit. As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. For in one Spirit, we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves, or free persons, and we were all given to drink of the one Spirit.

C. This is the Word of the Lord.
R. Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE
(Joel 3:1)

C. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. I will pour out My Spirit upon all mankind. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.



THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN
(John 20:19-23)

C. The Lord be with you.
 R. And also with you.
 C. A reading from the Holy Gospel according to
 Saint John.
 R. Glory be to You, O Lord.

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, so I send you." And when He had said this, 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."

C. The Gospel of the Lord.
 R. Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.



PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in One God, the Father, the Almighty,
 Maker of heaven and earth,
 Of all that is seen and unseen.
 I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
 The only Son of God,
 eternally begotten of the Father.
 God from God, Light from Light, True God from
 true God, begotten not made
 Of one being with the Father.
 Through Him all things were made
 For us and for our salvation.
 He came down from heaven:
 By the power of the Holy Spirit
 He was born of the Virgin Mary
 AND BECAME MAN.
 For our sake, He was crucified
 under Pontius Pilate
 He suffered death and was buried.
 On the third day He rose again
 In fulfillment of the Scriptures.
 He ascended into heaven and
 Is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory

To judge the living and the dead
 And His kingdom will have no end.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 The Lord and Giver of Life
 Who proceeds from the Father,
 With the Father and the Son
 He is worshipped and glorified.
 He has spoken through the prophets.
 I believe in One, Holy, Catholic
 and Apostolic Church
 I acknowledge one baptism
 for the forgiveness of sins.
 I look for the resurrection of the dead
 And the + life of the world to come. Amen.



OFFERTORY VERSE
 (John 15:26, 16:13b-14a)

V. When the Advocate comes Whom I will send
 you from the father, the Spirit of Truth that
 proceeds from the Father, He will not speak on
 His own, He will take from what is Mine and
 give it to you. Alleluia.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Holy Spirit, Comforter and Advocate, sanctify our
 gifts. Guide us in truth, defend us from evil and
 enrich us with grace. For together with the Father
 and the Son, You live and reign, one God, forever
 and ever.



ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Let us Pray: Most loving Jesus, I adore You in the
 Most Blessed Sacrament, in which You are truly
 present. I love You above all things and I long for
 You in my soul. Since I cannot receive You
 sacramentally, I ask You to come spiritually into
 my heart and heal my soul. I embrace You and
 unite myself with You; may I never be separated
 from You. In flame my heart with the fire of Your
 love, my Lord and Savior. Amen.

COMMUNION VERSE

(Psalm 104:30)

V. When You send forth Your Spirit, they are created and You renew the face of the earth.
Alleluia

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

C. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

C. Let us pray. Holy Spirit, our Comforter, through this Holy Eucharist grant us a new vision and the counsel, new wisdom, and fresh understanding, the revival of our piety and the renewal of our fortitude so we may go forth from this place, faithful in service and fruitful in deeds. Establish us in the knowledge of God and in the fear of the Lord that we may see the Kingdom of Heaven upon the earth. For together with the Father and the Son, You live and reign, on God, forever and ever.

R. Amen.



THOUGHTS ON THE SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST

“But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you.”
- John 14:26

And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba, Father!”
- Galatians 4:6

As we gather today, on this Pentecost Sunday, in this consecrated church, we find the names of families who provided funds toward the purchase of our church windows, statues, crosses, as well as our sacrificial altar that bless our sanctuary.

I also share with you that many of the vestments, that I don, were given in memory of individuals and families who helped to organize the Holy Name of Jesus PNCC back in 1929. An interesting fact is that this church was built in nine months and dedicated to the Most Holy Name of Jesus in May of 1930.

One of the most remarkable facts of the history of our church, was that this church was constructed through the efforts and financial support of poor Polish immigrants, who sought religious freedom. Most remarkable was that this all took place during the first year of the Great Depression which began in November of 1929.

Since coming to the Holy Name of Jesus Parish, I have visited our Parish cemetery on many occasions; for funerals and other religious observances, such as All Souls Day. Another fact of the history of our church, is that so many who have been interned in our cemetery, bear the names of families who were not of Polish ancestry, but yet, sought our Church to worship in.

On this Pentecost Sunday, Christians around the world celebrate the birth of the Christian Church which took place in Jerusalem c. 30 AD. On that day, the Holy Spirit descended upon 120 men and women, all who were gathered in prayer and awaiting the Holy Spirit, which Jesus promised to them prior to His Ascension. It was also on this day, that one of the most holy days in Judaism was observed, the celebration of Shavuot, or “Feast of the Harvest,” which took place in Jerusalem.

It may be said, that as we celebrate the time when the Holy Spirit descended upon those of the early church, we also celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon our first families, Who gave them wisdom, a vision, and direction to build this church, which they dedicated to God, amid all the hardships and obstacles they endured as immigrants. I have been asked by many of our visitors, who have come to our church, what is the translation inscribed at the apex of our sanctuary. They would ask: “Father, What is “Chwała Bogu na Wysokości?”

I would then say to them: “In English it means “Glory to God in the Highest.” Those who were instrumental in the construction of this church, though coming from different ethnic backgrounds, dedicated this church with the message of “Glory to God in the Highest.” It should also be noted that the “Gloria” which is proclaimed at Holy Mass, begins with the words; “Glory to God in the Highest.”

You know, Pentecost began in a “upper room.” There are Biblical scholars who believe that the

“Pentecost “experience” took place in the same room that Jesus shared the Passover meal, the “Last Supper” with His first chosen. Some also believe that it was the same room, that Jesus came to them that first Easter evening. We again read in today’s Gospel:

“On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” After He said this, He showed them His hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again, Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent Me, I am sending you.” And with that, He breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit.”

We read in the Gospel of John that the Lord promised the sending of the Holy Spirit; first to His Apostles and then to those who would later be sanctified and strengthened by this same Spirit,

We read in Holy Scripture, that John the Baptist, witnessed the descent of the Holy Spirit upon Jesus, when Jesus came to him to be baptized in the River Jordan, at age 30.

In the sacramental life of our church, there is a part of the ritual, where the celebrant of the Sacrament of Baptism, says the following words as he breaths three times on the individual receiving this sacrament: “Receive the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, promised by Jesus Christ.”

Our beginnings took place in our “upper room,” where many of us, our children and grandchildren, were presented and baptized unto the Lord. We have continued for the past 95 years to administer the Sacraments of not only Baptism, but also the Sacraments of Confirmation, a completion of Baptism, as well as the Sacraments of Matrimony, Penance and Holy Eucharist.

In this, our “upper room” those early organizers as well as our present families, gathered and gather at the “table of the Lord” and shared His Divine presence through the receiving of the Holy Eucharist,

Today, on this Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate the continual workings of the indwelling of the Holy

Spirit, that is found within the members of our congregation and through fellowship in our church.

It was not easy for the early Christians, even after receiving the Holy Spirit, to spread the “Good News” of the message of their Lord. Among the three (3000) thousand who were baptized on that first Pentecost, they continued to labor and toiled, throughout their years, among persecutions, as they dedicated to the glory of God and their mission as emissaries of Christ and witnesses.

I look at our society today and I am saddened that so many have ignored the grace offered to them from God by ignoring the workings of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

In Matthew 12:31-31 we read that all sins will be forgiven, but not the sins against the Holy Spirit.

“Therefore, I [Jesus] say to you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven people, but blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven. And whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven; but whoever speaks against the holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come.

We are all offered the gift of the Holy Spirit as did His early disciples, but we are also given the “free will” to either accept or deny this grace.



THE HOLY SPIRIT

In his Confession of Faith, written in 1913, the Organizer and the first Bishop of the Polish National Catholic Church, the Most Rev. Franczek Hodur, wrote the following:

“I BELIEVE that the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of God, rules the world in the natural as well as in the moral order; that all the laws of the universe, as well as those by which the soul of individual man and humanity, as a whole, are guided and are an emanation of the will, goodness, and righteousness of the Divine Being.”

How powerful a statement of his faith, concerning the workings of the Holy Spirit. Not only does Bp. Hodur state that the Spirit is found in the “natural and moral order of life, but in the very laws of the universe.” He goes on to say that, “most especially, the Holy Spirit is found in the “very souls of individual man and humanity as a whole.”

Is this not the gift of the promised Spirit, by our Lord, at which He taught about at His “Last Supper?” Did not Jesus intend that the Holy Spirit was to “sanctify” the individual but also to “edify” the Church? Bishop Francis writes that this Spirit is an ‘emanation’ of the will, goodness, and righteousness of the Divine Being, who is God Himself.”

What spiritual insight from a Polish immigrant who came to America in the late 19th century. Bishop Francis would further write in his “Confession of Faith:”

I BELIEVE that from the Holy Spirit flows grace, that is an invisible power which brings it to pass that, when a man cooperates and works in harmony with it, he becomes better, more perfect, better fitted for his tasks, a participant in the peace of heart and soul, until one day, through union with God in eternity, he finds infinite bliss and the fulfillment of his own being.

The key phrase, I believe is when he writes: “when a man cooperates and works in harmony with it [Spirit].”

How sad that so many missed this mark. So many become embroiled with worldly matters and politics, that they forget the wisdom of Jesus who spoke in Matthew 12:25 and in Mark 3:25: “If a house is divided against itself, it will not stand,”

Paul would later write, in 1 Corinthians 6:19-20: Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price.”

So, according to Bishop Hodur, he writes that when one “cooperates and works in harmony” with the Holy Spirit? one will “become a better person, more perfect in their maturity and attributes, and better fitted for their work, and a participant in the peace of one’s own heart and soul. “

Bishop Francis further writes that “one day, their] lives will find union with God in all of eternity and will find bliss and fulfillment of their own being.”

And so, my dear brothers and sisters; Pentecost is a day of celebration for all Christians and a time where we should all pause, reflect, and pray, as those early disciples of the Lord did in Jerusalem, that the indwelling Spirit of God, may be better realized. For it is through this Holy Spirit, the “Ruach,” the very “breath” of God, that each of us, who are led by God’s Spirit, have a clearer vision and a more dedicated direction of guidance towards ones’ own building of God’s Kingdom through our temples not made with hands here on earth.

“For all those who are led by the Spirit are the children of God.” - Romans 8:14



THE SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST

“Bethlehem was God with us, Calvary was God for us, Pentecost is God in us.” - Robert Baer

The Solemnity of Pentecost celebrates the birth of the Christian Church. It is a time when the Holy Spirit descended on those gathered in the “upper room” in Jerusalem c. 30 AD. The term “**Pentecost**” comes from the Greek word “**Pentikosti**” meaning “fifty,” and is observed 50 days following the Resurrection of Jesus and 10 days following His Ascension.

According to this faith, Christians believe that God revealed, through the teachings of His Only Begotten Son, Jesus, the promise of the Spirit, which in Hebrew was the “**Ruach**” the “Breath of God” that He promised following His Resurrection and Ascension. in three Divine, but separate Persons.

This is known and taught as the “Holy Trinity.” I believe that as Christians, we all have come to understand that God the Father is the “Creator of all things;” God the Son is the “Savior, the Regenerator, and the “Emissary of God,” and the Holy Spirit is the “Sanctifier and Edifier” of the Church, which is the “Body of Christ.

At the Last Passover meal that Jesus shared with His first chosen, He spoke of the Holy Spirit who was to be a “teacher,” an Advocate, and a “helper” who would edify the Church and sanctify its believers through its breath. When Jesus breathed on them and said the words, “Receive the Holy Spirit, He was to be the “catalyst” by which His Presence would be felt and shared. I believe that He knew of that same Spirit that was to descend upon them, and which was confirmed by a voice which John heard: “This is My beloved Son.”

We read that in the OT, the Holy Spirit was with God from the beginning. In Genesis 1:12 we read:

“In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth, and the earth was without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep; and the Spirit of God moved over the face of the waters.”

The Holy Spirit was known in Judaism as “Ruach,” the very breath and the “wind of God”. In the OT. He was also known as the “Elohim” or the seven-fold Spirit of God.

In the OT, we find that the Holy Spirit came unto a selected few, with divine gifts for the purposes of providing wisdom and leadership.

One of the Prophets, Joel, prophesied over 500 years before the Pentecost:

“And in the last days, it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions and your old men shall dream dreams.”

A DISCOURSE BY SAINT PETER ON PENTECOST

Peter, following the “Pentecost Experience” was the first, to address the crowds, as we read in Acts 2:14-41:

“Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, ‘Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning!’”

“No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: ‘In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit

on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’”

“Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through Him, as you yourselves know. This man was handed over to you by God’s deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put Him to death by nailing Him to the cross. But God raised Him from the dead, freeing Him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on Him. David said about Him: I saw the Lord always before me. Because He is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Therefore, my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices, my body also will rest in hope, because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, you will not let your holy one see decay. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in Your presence.”

“Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did His body see decay. God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. Exalted to the right hand of God, He has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear. For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said, ‘The Lord said to my Lord: ‘Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.’ Therefore, let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.’” When the people heard this, they were

cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” Peter replied, “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. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.” With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.”

In the NT, the revelation of the Holy Spirit begins with Jesus, for He was the unique bearer of the Spirit. The Spirit was present at Jesus’ conception, as foretold by the Archangel Gabriel in Luke 1:35 and was to descend unto Him in the form of a dove, at His baptism. Jesus was to be guided and empowered by the Spirit throughout His public ministry, which included the miracles of healing as well as the wisdom in His preaching and teaching of the “Good News.” It was at the Last Supper, that Jesus promises His disciples that the Holy Spirit would be with them, and not leave them as “orphans” or “comfortless” but would help them to remember and testify everything that He had taught them while He with them for three years.

The prophecies of the Old Testament and the promises of Jesus’ concerning the Holy Spirit were fulfilled on that first Pentecost. At that time, God poured out His Spirit on all those gathered as it was foretold by the prophet Joel. The Holy Spirit, the Spirit of God would bring unto all, various gifts for the purpose of sanctifying individuals and edifying the Church, the “Body of Christ,” as we read in the Letters of Saint Paul, among them 1 Corinthians.

On that first Pentecost of the early Christian Church, there was an outpouring of the Spirit, which caused those assembled to speak with different tongues, of all the known languages of known world. This Holy Spirit would give them the ability to preach in different languages as they were to be the bearers of the “Good News” of Jesus. Prior to His Ascension, Jesus told them: “But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses in Jerusalem

and in all Judea and Samaria and unto the ends of the earth”.

I believe that The New Testament tells us that the first Pentecost continues to the present day. We teach learn that the Holy Spirit guides the Church and brings new life to its members, who form the “One Body” of Christ. Jesus teaches us in the Gospel of John that the Holy Spirit will come into the hearts of the believers.

In the coming weeks, we will hear of the workings of the Holy Spirit from the Epistles of St. Paul and its significance in the lives of individuals and in the Church.

We read that the Holy Spirit imparts different gifts to better serve God and His people. We read that He assists His disciples in prayer and worship. We read that the Holy Spirit transforms Christians into being reborn and becoming new persons, and who bear the “gifts of the Spirit,” of “love, joy, peace, patience, gentleness, goodness, faithfulness, humility and self-control” as found in the Epistle of St. Paul to the and it is the Holy Spirit that unites the family of God, in fellowship with one another.

The one question that puzzles many people about the Holy Spirit is: How do we know when the Spirit is present? The Holy Spirit cannot be defined or understood by logic or reasoning in the mind of man but can only be known through the grace of God that finds the “indwelling “of the Holy Spirit in the sincere hearts of individuals and in the teachings of Jesus, the Anointed One of God.

It can be said that when Christ is not Lord, the Spirit is not at work in the individual and. when Christ is Lord, then the Spirit is at work among the believers.

I have read, that the major work of the Holy Spirit is to magnify God’s love for us into our hearts, and that through the workings of the Holy Spirit, we have a clearer and better understanding of this love that God has for us as we share this love with others.

“If the Spirit of God who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, then He who raised Christ from the dead will bring your mortal bodies to life also, through His Spirit dwelling in you.” - Romans 8:1



MAY 23rd

**Girolomo Savonarola, Priest & Martyr
(1452-1498)**

Do you know that the Seminary of the PNCC located in Scranton, PA, where Bishop Francizek (Francis) Hodur, the Organizer of the PNCC first served, named this seminary after Girolomo Savonarola. But who was Girolomo Savonarola?

We read that Girolomo or Jerome Savonarola was a Italian preacher and a religious reformer. He was a Dominican monk and an ascetic. He was known for his passionate preaching against immorality and corruption. His chief enemies, I read, where the duke of Milan and Pope Alexander VI, who issued numerous restraints against him, all of which he ignored. Although he became a notable leader in Florence (1494–95), he was excommunicated by the Roman Catholic Church in 1497 and later was executed by being hung and burned “at the stake” as a heretic.



OUR PARISH CALENDAR

DAILY HOLY MASS

8:45 am Morning Devotions

9:00 am Holy Mass of the Eucharist

THIS WEEK’S MASS SCHEDULE

(May 20th – May 25th)

Mon. 5/20 Pentecost Monday
Private prayer and devotions
Bernadine of Siena, Confessor
Thalelaeus, Martyr
Basillia, Virgin & Martyr

Tue. 5/21 Pentecost Tuesday
Mass of Health & Healing
Andrew Bobola, Martyr
Godric, Confessor
Constantine, King

Wed. 5/22 Pentecost Wednesday
Mass to the Holy Saints & Martyrs
Julia of Carthage, Martyr
Custus & Aemilius, Martyr
Quiteris, Virgin & Martyr

Thurs. 5/23 Pentecost Thursday
Mass of Thanksgiving
Jeremome Savonarola, Priest & Martyr
Desiderius, Bishop & Martyr
Guibert, Confessor

Fri. 5/24 Pentecost Friday
Mass to the Angels of God
Vincent of Lerins, Bishop
Donatian & Rogatian, Martyr
Lanfrance of Canrrebury, Bishop

Sat. 5/25 Pentecost Saturday
Mass to the Holy Name of Jesus
Urban of Rome, Bishop & Martyr
Dionysius of Milan, Bishop
Zenobius of Florence, Bishop

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2024

12:00 pm Litany to the Blessed Mother Mary

NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 26, 2024

SOLEMNITY OF THE HOLY TRINITY

9:00 am – Holy Mass of the Eucharist to be celebrated in the Traditional rite.



PRAYERS FOR HEALTH AND HEALING

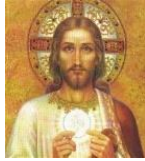
In our prayers, may we remember all our brothers and sisters, who are sick and ill and ask for God’s blessings of health and healing. Let us especially remember in prayer:

Louise Puchalski currently at The Atrium at Cardinal Drive in Agawam, MA.

George Sadowski currently at Quabbin Valley Rehabilitation Center in Athol, MA.

Joseph Kiloski currently at Amherst Rehabilitation Facility in Amherst, MA

Let us pray. O Lord, God of mercies, in Your kindness stretch out Your hand and heal all our brothers and sisters who are in any way ailing. Make them worthy of health, deliver them from their present sicknesses and illness and grant them recovery in Jesus' holy name. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.



ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

Daily Devotions

Copies of the daily devotional booklet, "One Bread, One Body" are now available, free of charge, and found in the vestibule of our Church. These booklets provide daily devotions, which are in accord with the daily readings as found in the "Common Lectionary" of the Christian Church



Our Food Ministry: "Feeding the Hungry"

" For I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty, and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me." - Matthew 25:35-36

The one fact that I have learned is that there are many parishes in the PNCC that have taken on ministries to help others in need by either giving away food items or by sponsoring monthly "suppers" to aid feed the hungry.

I want to thank all who have and continue to donate non-perishable food items as well as monetary donations to aid our food ministry. We continue to ask for assistance with all non-perishable food items, as well as monetary donations. May God bless all our endeavors.

The date of our next grocery ministry is scheduled for Saturday, **June 15th from 10:00 am** while supplies last.

ED MISSION & EVANGELISM COMMISSION

During the month of May 2024, the Eastern Diocesan Mission and Evangelism Commission of the PNCC, has called upon its members and others to offer the following two following prayers every **Wednesday** at noon:

A PRAYER OF PETITION

Heavenly Father, Your Son assured us: "whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive if you have faith; and that the Father will give you whatever you ask Him in My name." As Your child I turn to You and in the name of Jesus I offer my humble prayer for (offer your petition or request to God). I put my faith and trust in You, dear Father, for You always know what is right and best. May Your will be done. Amen.

(From PNCC Book of Devotions and Prayers).

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed by Thy Name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy Will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us of our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

FRONTIER CABLE ACCESS (FCAT)

The following are the times that our weekly Sunday Masses can be viewed on channel 12:

- Wednesdays at 10:00 am and 2:00 pm
- Sundays at 10:00 am, 2:00 pm, 6:00 pm & 9:00 pm.

PARISH DUES

The following is the current Parish dues for single members and family units. According, the following represent the annual dues to be a member or members of Holy Name of Jesus in good standing:

Single Unit

Under 65 years of age: \$310.00

Over 65 years of age: \$290.00

Family Unit

Under 65 years of age: \$555.00

Over 65 years of age: \$530.00