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**JUNE 8, 2025 – SOLEMNITY - PENTECOST**

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

**OPENING HYMN**

**“TO THEE, WE COME, O LORD OUR GOD”**

To Thee we come, O Lord, our God,  
Before Thine altar, Father  
Thou knowest best our yearning hearts  
This supplication answer.  
Lift up from want Thy people, Lord,  
Bless us, O God; O Father, bless our toil.  
Under Thy cross we stand prepared,  
To serve Thee with devotion.  
Be it with sweat of blood or tears,  
For we Thy people are, O Lord,  
Save us, O God; O Father, bless our toil.

**ENTRANCE HYMN**  
**(Wisdom 1:7-8)**

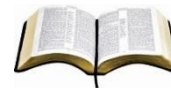
- V. For the Spirit of the Lord fills the world, is all embracing, and knows what man says. Alleluia.  
R. Therefore, no one who utters wicked things can go unnoticed, nor will chastising condemnation pass him by.  
C. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.  
R. As it was in the 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. Infuse 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 new 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, one God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.



**THOUGHTS ON THE 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 in our church on this Pentecost Sunday, we see the names of those who donated towards each of our stained-glass windows, in memory of families as well as the names of individuals who helped to organize the Holy Name of Jesus PNCC back in 1929. For us, this was our beginning. On August 25, 2025 of this year, we will celebrate our 96<sup>th</sup> Anniversary,

As we look back to the history of our Parish, it is recorded that it took only 9 months for this Church, our church to be built. and following the consecration of our church, in May of 1930, Holy Mass has been celebrated ever since.

One of the most remarkable points to this story, was that our 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 remarkable points to this story, is that so many who have been interned in our consecrated 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 celebrate the birth of the Christian Church which took place in Jerusalem c. 30 AD. On this day, the Holy Spirit descended upon 120 men and women, all who were gathered in prayer and awaiting the Holy Spirit, which their Lord Jesus (Yeshūa), promised to them prior to His Ascension. It was also on this day, one of the most holy day in Judaism, that the celebration of Shavuot, or “Feast of the Harvest,” took place.

On this Pentecost Sunday, we also celebrated the time, when the Holy Spirit descended upon our first families, and 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 worship in our church, what is inscribed at the apex of our sanctuary. They would ask: “Father, what is **“Chwała Bogu na Wysokości.”**

I would then say to them: “In Polish it means: **“Glory to God in the Highest.”** Those who dedicated this church, though many came from different ethnic backgrounds, dedicated this church with the message of “Glory to God in the Highest.” It should be noted that the “Gloria” is proclaimed

during Holy Mass throughout the Liturgical year, prior to the Opening prayers and the Liturgy of the “Word of God” is said.

You know, Pentecost began in a “upper room.” There are many Biblical scholars who believe that the “Pentecost “experience” took place in the same room that Jesus shared His Passover meal, His ‘Last Supper’ with His first chosen. It is believed that in this same room, the promise of the Holy Spirit was taught by Jesus to the Apostles, In this same room, Jesus came to visit 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.”

In our faith, we read, that the Lord promised the sending of the Holy Spirit; first to His first Apostles and then to those who would later be sanctified and strengthened by that same Spirit,

We read in Holy Scripture, that blessed John the Baptist, witnessed the descent of the Holy Spirit upon Jesus, his cousin, when he came to John 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.”

In our church, our beginning took place in our “upper room,” where many of us, our children and grandchildren were presented unto the Lord and were baptized. Today, we will present to the Lord and baptize Phoebe Wren Alina Puchalski in the name of the Holy Trinity.

It is in our church, our “upper room” that our first families, who were baptized, also gathered 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, found within the members of our congregation and in 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.

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



Contained 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! Not only does Bp. Hodur say that the Spirit is found in the natural and moral order of life, but also is found in the very laws of the universe. He goes on to say that but “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 and “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 poor Polish immigrant, who came to America in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, seeking religious freedom.

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 to this declaration is: “when a man cooperates and works in harmony with it [Spirit].

How sad that so many miss this mark. So many become embroiled with worldly matters and politics and forget the wisdom and the spirit of Jesus who spoke in Matthew 12:25 and in Mark 3:25:

“If a house is divided against itself, it will not stand,”

This same biblical quote was later coined by our 16<sup>th</sup> President, Abraham Lincoln, in 1858, upon his acceptance for the nomination of president of the United States from the Republican Party.

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 [our] 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 the Holy Spirit, will 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



### **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 120 men and women who had gathered in the Upper Room in Jerusalem c. 30 AD. The term “Pentecost” comes from the Greek word or “Pentikostí,” meaning “fifty,” and is observed 50 days following the Resurrection of Jesus and 10 days following His Ascension.

According to our faith, we believe that God exists in three Divine but separate Persons. This is known and taught as the “Holy Trinity.” I believe that as Christians of the Catholic tradition, we are taught that God the Father is the “Creator of all things;” God the Son is the “Savior, the Regenerator, the ‘Christos’ and the promised Jewish Messiah and the Holy Spirit, is the “Sanctifier and Edifier” of the Church, which is the “Body of Christ.”

At the Last Supper, at the Passover meal that Jesus shared with His first chosen, He spoke of the Holy Spirit, who was to come not only as an Advocate, a “helper” but a teacher who would edify the Church and sanctify its believers. In John 14:16-17, we read: “And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. You know Him, because He abides with you, and He will be in you.”

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, because it rested upon Him at His baptism.

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**

Blessed Saint Peter, following the Pentecost experience, was to 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, to protect them as a Comforter and help them to remember and testify everything

that the He had taught them while with them for they were to be His witnesses.

I would like to share with you, two thoughts of the truth of the Holy Spirit on this Pentecost, which was written many years ago, which I kept:

1. The first truth is that the Holy Spirit empowers all God’s people. 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 Spirit of God would bring unto all, various gifts for the purpose of sanctifying individuals and edifying the Church. On that first Pentecost, the outpouring of the Spirit caused those assembled with the speaking of tongues, of all the known languages of the world. This 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”.
2. The second truth is that the Holy Spirit leads individuals. The New Testament tells us that the story of that first Pentecost continues to the present day. We 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.

Throughout the Holy Bible, we read of the importance of the Holy Spirit, who imparts different gifts to better serve God and His people. We read that the Holy Spirit assists the faithful in prayer and worship. We read that the Holy Spirit also transforms an individual into being “reborn,” into a new person, who bears the “gifts of the Spirit,” of **“love, joy, peace, patience, gentleness, goodness, faithfulness, humility**



**and self-control** “and finally it is the Holy Spirit who creates a new family of God, who share fellowship with each other,

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 by the grace of God in a sincere heart and in trusting in the teachings of Jesus, the Anointed One of God.

It can be said that when Christ is not Lord in the life of an individual, the Spirit is not at work 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 in us, is to magnify God’s love for us into our hearts, that we may have a new and better understanding of the depth of love that God has for us and our ability to 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 8:11



### **SHAVUOT – THE JEWISH FEAST OF THE HARVEST**

“You shall also keep the feast of the grain harvest with the first fruits of the crop that you sow in the field; and finally, the feast of Ingathering at the end of the year, when you collect your produce from the fields.”  
- Exodus 23:16

In Judaism, Jews throughout the known world in the time of Jesus, would gather annually at the Temple in Jerusalem to celebrate **Shavuot**, also known as “The Feast of Weeks” or “The Feast of the Harvest.”

Today, in Judaism, **Shavout** it is still one of the most important celebrations In the OT book of Leviticus 23:15-16, we read:

“Beginning with the day after the sabbath, the day on which you bring the sheaf for elevation, you shall

count seven full weeks; you shall count to the day after the seventh week, fifty days. Then you shall present a new grain offering to the LORD.”

Initially, **Shavuot** was a festival for expressing thankfulness to the Lord for the blessing of the harvest and since it occurred at the conclusion of the Passover, it also acquired the name of "Last First Fruits."

The celebration of **Shavout** is also tied to the giving of the Ten Commandments of God, also known as the “**Matin Torah**” or the "giving of the Law."

Jews believe that it was precisely at this time that God gave the Torah or the “Law” to the children of Israel through Moses on Mount Sinai, which was celebrated strikingly, on that first Pentecost c. 30 AD, in Jerusalem, which was also for Christians the birth of the Christian Church.

**Shavuot** is traditionally a joyous time of and is celebrated with traditional holiday meals centered around dairy foods. Which include cheesecake, blintzes, and kugels (baked pudding) as well as fish with lemon, salads with grains, vegetables and fruits and especially carrot cake.



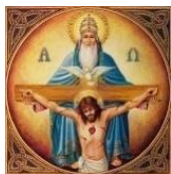
### **PARISH CALENDAR AND NEWS**

**8:45 am Morning Devotionals**  
**9:00 am Holy Mass of the Eucharist**

#### **THIS WEEK’S MASS SCHEDULE** (June 9<sup>th</sup> - June 15<sup>th</sup>)

Mon. 6/9	<b>Private Prayer &amp; Devotion</b> Columba of Iona, Abbot Vincent of Agen, Doctor & Martyr Pelagia of Antioch, Virgin & M.
Tues. 6/10	<b>Mass of Thanksgiving</b> Margaret of Scotland, Queen & Ma. Getulius & Companions, Martyrs Landry of Paris, Bishop
Wed. 6/11	<b>Feast - Barnabas</b> Barnabas – Apostle Felix & Fortunatus, Martyr Parisio, Confessor

- Thurs. 6/12**      **Mass to the Holy Saints of God**  
Jolenta (Helen) of Poland, A. & W.  
Antonina of Nicaea, Martyr  
Onuphrius, Hermit
- Friday 6/13**      **Mass to the Holy Angels of God**  
Anthony of Padua. Confessor  
Felicula, Martyr  
Aquilina, Martyr
- Saturday 6/14**      **Mass to the Holy Name of Jesus**  
Basil the Great, Bishop & Doctor  
Valerius & Rufinus, Martyr  
Methodius of Constantinople, Bp.



**SUNDAY, JUNE 15, 2023**

**SOLEMNITY – THE HOLY TRINITY  
FATHER’S DAY**

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

Mass Intention: special prayers for all our fathers,  
both living and deceased.



**MINISTRY OF LAY READERS**

The following is the schedule of our brothers and  
sisters, who volunteered to proclaim the “word of  
God,” in the next upcoming weeks:

Sunday, June 8 <sup>th</sup>	Jonathan Boschen
Sunday, June 15 <sup>th</sup>	Shirley Mietlicki-Floyd
Sunday, June 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Eric Dibrindisi
Sunday, June 29 <sup>th</sup>	Jim Winn
Sunday, July 6 <sup>th</sup>	Paula Winn
Sunday, July 13 <sup>th</sup>	Peg Kostiuik



**PRAYERS FOR HEALTH AND HEALING**

In our prayers, may we remember, all our dear  
brothers and sisters, in need of the blessing of God.

May we pray for the health and healing upon all  
those whom we remember in prayer, especially for:

Wayne & Pat Shaw, George and Janet Sadowski,  
Richard Foster, Carolyn Rapalye, Karen Herzig,  
Cindy Benjamin Mary Jenkenowski, Bill Durkee,  
Stefanik Gadecki, Roberta Walters, Marge  
Sanderson, Brandon Poe, Fernanda Harrington,  
Baby James, Liam & Evelyn Spatcher, Jennie  
Harrington, Eric Rose, Halina Lukomski, Laurie  
Lukomski, C.J. Panel, Mick Shumski Tosia & Toka  
Bara, Laurie Lis, Fr. Senior Joseph Soltysiak, Todd  
Odell David Moskin, Laurie Lis Jimmy & Paula  
Winn, Renata Wos, Jan Clark, Joey De Fayette.

Prayer request cards can be found in the vestibule  
of our Church.

**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. Deliver them, according  
to Your will, from all their present sicknesses and  
illnessness, 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.



When asked separately, towards the end of their  
lives and carrers, what made the comedic team of  
Laurel and Hardy so sucessful, Stan Laurel  
answered: “Oliver Hardy.” and when Oliver Hardy  
was asked the same question, said “Stan Laurel,”

It can be said, that in their sharing of over 107  
films, both in the “silent era,” and in the “talkies” of  
Hal Roach, and others, Stan Laurel and Oliver  
Hardy, truly loved and respected each other. They  
were both dependent upon each other, which made  
them one of the most loved of all comedic teams,  
unlike other comedic teams such as Bud Abbot and  
Lou Costello or Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis, who  
really didn’t like each other personally.

This weekend, following Holy Mass, I was told  
that our Parish will celebrate Clergy Appreciation  
Day, with a simple gathering in our Parish hall.

But in all honesty, this is a day which should be set aside for the appreciation of all the workers of Holy Name of Jesus Parish, who are dependent upon each other to be successful.



### **POLISH PLATE DINNER – JUNE 21, 2025**

It was decided that due to several factors, the Polish Plate Dinner, which was set for 6/21/25 is cancelled. Apologizes.



### **WATER IN THE CEMETERY**

Work has finally been completed at our Parish cemetery. When the water to our Parish cemetery was first turned on, it was discovered that a valve needed to be replaced. We also discovered that due to the age of our faucets, all spigots and piping needed to be replaced.



### **OUR PARISH OUTREACH PROGRAMS**

**“Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others.” - Philippians 2:4**

**Our Food Ministry: “To Feed the Hungry”**

**“I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat.” - Matthew 25:35**

Our next grocery “give-a-way” date will be **Saturday, June 21st**, from 10 o’clock till supplies last. I wish to thank all those who have donated to our food ministry. Donations of food as well as monetary donations to purchase food will be greatly appreciated.



### **We are still in need of the following:**

- Cereals and packets of instant oatmeal.
- Fruit juices, - V8, Apple and cranberry.
- powder milk / condensed milk.
- Hot chocolate and tea bags.
- Pasta and spaghetti sauce.
- Boxes of Mac-n-cheese.
- Canned tuna in water.
- Canned meats- chicken, salmon, etc.
- Ramen noodles.
- Soups- all varieties.
- Canned veggies and fruits.
- Children’s snack packs.



**Please note:** Also, through our Parish ministries, we are continuing to collect “full sized” containers of personal care items and cleaning items to aid others. All items collected, will be donated to the various survival centers in our area. Items needed:

- Bar soaps and body wash, shampoo, toothpaste and toothbrushes, deodorant, hand sanitizers, toilet paper, and personal products for incontinence (pads & panty liners, baby powder, baby wipes and diapers.
- Liquid dish soap, laundry detergent, paper towels, bathroom and kitchen cleansers, dish sponges/scrubbers, trash bags.



### **Collecting plastic tops**

We continue to collect **white or clear plastic bottle tops** that will be donated to aid in the making of prosthetics for veterans in need.

A collection container has been set up in the vestibule of our church. Please help donate your plastic tops to this new ministry. May God bless all of our endeavors.



## **ONE BREAD, ONE BODY**

### **Daily Devotions**

The June edition of the “One Bread, One Body” a daily devotional booklet is now available, free of charge, in the vestibule of our Church. These daily readings are based on the Common Lectionary.

Daily readings can also be accessed on PCs by typing: “**www. uscb.org.**” For those who have smartphones, you can also download the App “Laudate” which will give daily scripture readings as well as the “Liturgy of the Hours” and other important devotional tools of the faith.

### **PARISH DUES INCREASE**

The current Parish dues are as follows:

#### **Single Unit**

Under 65 years of age: from \$260.00 to \$310.00

Over 65 years of age: from \$240.00 to \$290.00

#### **Family Unit**

Under 65 years of age: from \$505.00 to \$555.00

Over 65 years of age: from \$480.00 to \$530.00

**Please note:** If anyone is experiencing financial difficulties, please contact either Fr. Koerber or Eric Dibrindisi, our Parish chairman.

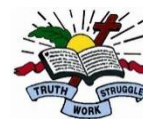
### **WORDS OF APPRECIATION**

I want to thank the men and women of our Parish who came to our church last week to help in several projects.

To Peg Kostiuk, Alice Maiewski, Shirley Mietlicki-Floyd, Sue Dibrindisi and Paula Winn who removed the Easter flowers and changed the altar linens.

To Eric Dibrindisi, Jimmy Winn and Jon Boschen for their assistance in helping in church as well as installing the air conditioners in the rectory.

To Dick and Shirley Mietlicki-Floyd for the cleaning of our Church proper and Parish Hall.



## **THE EASTERN DIOCESE OF THE PNCC**

### **ED MISSION & EVANGELISM COMMISSION WEDNESDAYS AT NOON – CALL TO PRAYER**

On Wednesdays, at 12:00 Noon, during the month of June, all are called upon to offer these prayers:

**Let us Pray:** Lord Jesus, Great High Priest and Eternal Shepherd, for the building and expansion of Your Kingdom You have called forth men to apostolic orders to serve in Your Church. By the grace of the Holy Spirit, strengthen the Prime Bishop, bishops, priests, and deacons. Endue them with the gifts of wisdom, understanding and knowledge; guide them with Your counsel, give them strength to fulfill their ministry. Fill them with the spirit of piety and the fear of the Lord so they can be true witnesses of Your Gospel. When the time should come for them to cross the threshold of life, receive them into Your heavenly kingdom. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**Our Father,** Who art in heaven, hallowed be 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 our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. Amen.

### **DISCIPLESHIP 2025: KNOW YOUR FAITH, GROW IN CHRIST**

The Eastern Diocese will focus on  
**The Person of Jesus Christ,  
His Identity and Mission.**

Please join us for the **sixth** in a series of virtual  
“Know and Grow” presentations on  
**Thursday June 12, 2025, at 7:00 PM (EDT).**

Father Henryk Was to explore the topic,  
**Miracles of Jesus.**

Each unit will have biblical texts as a starting point, with lecture, meditation, discussion, and practical life applications.

To join via Zoom, please contact:

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