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**TODAY - SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2026**

**7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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

10:00 am Parish Committee to meet.

**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,  
Or humble resignation.  
For we Thy people are, O Lord,  
Save us, O God; O Father, bless our toil.



**ENTRANCE HYMN**

(Psalm 37:5-6; 130:5)

V. Commit your way to the Lord; trust that God will act and make your integrity shine like the dawn, your vindication like noonday. Alleluia.

R. I wait with longing for the Lord, my soul waits for His word. 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 evermore 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

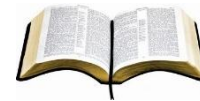
You alone are the Lord

You alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ

with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.



**LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD**

**A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS**

(Acts 1:12-14)

After Jesus had been taken up to heaven, the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they entered the city, they went to the upper room where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James, the son of Alphaeus, Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these devoted themselves with one accord to prayer, together with some women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

V. The Word of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God.

**GRADUAL**

(Psalm 37: 7a-8)

V. Be still before the Lord; wait for God. Alleluia.

R. Give up your anger, abandon your wrath; do not be provoked; it brings only harm. Alleluia.



**READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF SAINT PETER THE APOSTLE**

(1 Peter 4:13-16)

**Beloved:** Rejoice to the extent that you share in the sufferings of Christ, so that when His glory is revealed you may also rejoice exultantly. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. But let no one among you be made to suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or as an intriguer. But whoever is made to suffer as a Christian should not be ashamed but glorify God because of His name.

V. This is the Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

**ALLELUIA VERSE**

(Psalm 37:27-28)

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. Turn from evil and do good, that you may inhabit the land forever. For the Lord loves justice and does not abandon the faithful.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.



**THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN**

(John 17:1-11)

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

V. A reading from the Gospel according to John.

R. Glory be to You, O Lord.

Jesus raised His eyes to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come. Give glory to Your Son, so that Your Son may glorify You, just as You gave Him authority over all people, so that Your Son may give eternal life to all You gave Him. Now this is eternal life, that they should know You, the only true God, and the One whom You sent, Jesus Christ. I glorified You on earth by accomplishing the work that You gave Me to do. Now glorify Me, Father, with You, with the glory that I had with You before the world began. “I revealed Your name to those whom You gave Me out of the world. They belonged to You, and You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. Now they know that everything You gave Me is from You, because the words You gave to Me I have given to them, and they accepted them and truly understood that I came from You, and they have believed that You sent Me. I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for the ones You have given Me, because they are Yours, and everything of Mine is Yours and everything of Yours is Mine, and I have been glorified in them. And now I will no longer be in the world, but they are in the world, while I am coming to You.”

V. This is 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.



### **OFFERATORY VERSE**

V. My soul, be at rest in God along, from Whom  
comes my hope. Alleluia.

### **PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

C. Almighty Father, send the promised Spirit upon  
these gifts and into our hearts to direct our faith,  
confirm our hope and enliven our love. We ask this  
in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, Who lives  
and reigns with You and the same Holy Spirit, 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 39:8)

V. And now, Lord, what future do I have? You are  
my only hope. Alleluia.

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

V. **Let us pray.** Heavenly Father, through this Holy  
Eucharist, breathe Your Spirit once more upon  
the world that we may experience a new spiritual  
rebirth. We ask this in the name of Your Son,  
Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and  
the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

R. Amen.



### **WAITING FOR THE SPIRIT**

Following the Ascension of our Lord, we read that  
the Apostles gathered together with others in the  
upper room and devoted themselves to prayer. But  
why?

The answer is found in Acts 1:8: “But you will  
receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon  
you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem,  
throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of  
the earth.”

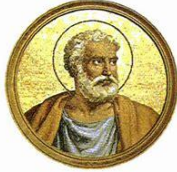
We read that they went to the same “upper room”  
where they shared the Passover with the Lord and  
where He spoke about the Spirit coming upon them.

### **STUDIES IN HOLY SCRIPTURES**

#### **THE LETTERS OF SAINT PETER**

It has been during these past Sundays, in the season  
of Easter, that the second readings, prescribed by  
our Church and taken from the Common

Lectionary, in “A” cycle are taken from the 1<sup>st</sup> Letter of St. Peter the Apostle. A few weeks ago, I spoke of the personage of Saint Peter and his declaration of faith, Today, I would like to expand on the writings of St. Peter, through the contents of his two letters, which he gave to the early Church as found in the New Testament.



### **THE FIRST LETTER OF PETER**

It is uncertain when the 1<sup>st</sup> Letter of Saint Peter was written, but it is believed to have been written C. 65 AD, after Nero began his persecution of the Christians.

Following the burning of Rome, beginning on July 18<sup>th</sup> in 64 AD, Nero was to place the blame on Christians and his persecution was to extend to many regions of the Roman Empire, outside of Rome.

Peter writes about these persecutions in 1 Peter 4:12: “Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you.”

Peter was also to speak of the sufferings that they would endure, in 1 Peter 4:16: “Yet if any of you suffers as a Christian, do not consider it a disgrace, but glorify God because you bear this name.”

Peter, who by trade was a fisherman, found through the Holy Spirit, the “eloquence” in the two letters as ascribed to him.

The style of his writing is not of a young Peter who was understood as but a fisherman, set forth his strength in the spirit, now of a man, he was “rock strong” in the faith that the Lord Jesus, who saw in him, a leader. This persona of Peter was to be reinforced through the Pentecost experience, where Peter and the other one hundred and twenty (120) disciples would be filled with the Holy Spirit. Following the Pentecost experience and his baptism in the Spirit, Peter would boldly proclaim Christ

and teach those gathered in Jerusalem as found in the Book of Acts 2:14-36.

It is believed that Peter wrote his First Letter to all Christians, Jews, and Gentiles, who were scattered throughout Asia Minor and in the many of the churches that St. Paul established as found in 1 Peter 1:1, who writes: “Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia.” The message that St. Peter wanted to convey to the entire church in his 1<sup>st</sup> letter was to be a message of encouragement in the faith, an instruction in the Gospel and an admonition to those led astray and lived.

The key word for this letter is “suffering” which occurs 15 times and the central theme of this letter is “victory over suffering” as one lives their life in Christ. It is believed that Peter wrote this letter to not only strengthen the brethren, in times of their persecution, but also was intended to feed the “flock of Christ” as directed by Jesus in John 21:15-17.

A basic outline of 1 Peter is as follows:

**Source:** Master Study Bible. Holman 1977

1. Salutations (Chapter 1:1-2)
2. Blessing in the midst of Persecutions (Chapter 1:3-12)
3. Bought by the blood of Christ (Chapter 1:13-25)
4. Living Stones in God’s Holy Temple (Chapter 2:1-10)
5. Directions to all Classes (Chapter 2:11 – 3:12).
6. Christ as the Example of Courage (Chapter 3:13-4:19).
7. Humility Needed (Chapter 5:1-11)
8. Farewell and final Salutations (Chapter 5:12-14).

### **THE SECOND LETTER OF PETER**

Although the style of this letter is somewhat different than his first letter, it can be said, that Silas, as an assistant to Peter, helped scribe his saying and teachings and may have added his style to Peter’s 2<sup>nd</sup> Letter. In 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 5:12, Peter comments on Silas or Silvanus: “Through Silvanus, whom I consider a

faithful brother, I have written this short letter to encourage you and to testify that this is the true grace of God.”

It should be remembered that Peter was considered by some Biblical scholars, as an uneducated fisherman, as compared to St. Paul, who was a student of the great Gamaliel the Elder, a leading authority of the Sanhedrin in the early first century AD. We read in Acts 22:3, where Paul addresses the Jews in Jerusalem with this statement: “I am a Jew, born in Tarsus in Cilicia, but brought up in this city at the feet of Gamaliel, educated strictly according to our ancestral law.

It becomes apparent in this 2<sup>nd</sup> letter, that many Christians became weak in their faith for Christ not returning as soon as many had expected. Peter was to remind them that they did not understand God’s way of counting time as he writes in 2 Peter 3:8: “But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day.”

The entire 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Letter of Peter speaks about false teachers that existed. Peter begins this chapter with these words: “[Beloved), false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive opinions. They will even deny the Master who bought them—bringing swift destruction on themselves.

In the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter of 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter, Peter calls Paul a “beloved brother” and admits that some of his letters are hard to understand. In 2 Peter 3:15b -16, we read: “So also our beloved brother Paul wrote to you according to the wisdom given him, speaking of this as he does in all his letters. There are some things in them hard to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do the other scriptures.

A basic outline of 2 Peter is as follows:

**Source:** Master Study Bible. Holman 1977

1. The Introduction (Chapter 1:1-2).
2. Steps in Christian Progress (Chapter 1:3-11)
3. Peter’s Plan and Experiences (Chapter 1:12-21).

4. Warning Against False Teachers. (Chapter 2).
5. The Second Coming of Christ. (Chapter 3).



## **AN UNDERSTANDING OF WISDOM**

As found in our Judeo-Christian tradition, we see the importance of “wisdom,” that comes from the Spirit of God,

But what is the origin of the Spirit?

In Genesis 1:1-2, we read:

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.”

In Christian theology, the Holy Spirit is the third Person of the Holy Trinity, Who is co-equal and co-eternal with God the Father and God the Son, sharing the same divine essence, power, and eternity.

## **OLD TESTAMENT**

“The Spirit of the LORD will rest on Him, the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding.”

- Isaiah 11:2

“Is not wisdom found among the aged? Does not long-life bring understanding?”

- Job 12:12

“The mouths of the righteous utter wisdom, and their tongues speak what is just.”

- Psalms 37:30

“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

- Proverbs 1:7

“For the LORD gives wisdom; from His mouth comes knowledge and understanding.”

-Proverbs 2:6

“Blessed are those who find wisdom, those who gain understanding,”

-Proverbs 3:13

“The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding.”

- Proverbs 4:7

“When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom.”

- Proverbs 11:2

“Where there is strife, there is pride, but wisdom is found in those who take advice.”

- Proverbs 13:10

“How much better to get wisdom than gold, to get insight rather than silver!

- Proverbs 16:16

“The one who gets wisdom loves life; the one who cherishes understanding will soon prosper.”

- Proverbs 19:8

“To the person who pleases him, God gives wisdom, knowledge and happiness, but to the sinner he gives the task of gathering and storing up wealth to hand it over to the one who pleases God. This too is meaningless, a chasing after the wind.”

- Ecclesiastes 2:26

### **NEW TESTAMENT**

“For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.”

- 1 Corinthians 1:25

“It is because of Him, that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption.”

- 1 Corinthians 1:30

“Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.”

- Ephesians 5:15-16

“My goal is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

- Colossians 2:2-3

“Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

- Colossians 4:5-6

“If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.”

- James 1:5

“Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom.”

- James 3:13

“But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere.”

- James 3:17



### **JESUS AND THE ADVOCATE**

Following the Resurrection of Jesus. that first Easter morning, what was the plan of God?

Over the years, I learned that The “Season of Easter” does not end with the “Ascension” of Jesus, for we continue to hear and learn from the “teachings of Jesus,” on this, the 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter and the weeks to come.

We hear that at the “Last Supper,” the night in which He was betrayed, we read in the Gospel of John, that Jesus shares with His first chosen, the teachings, of the coming of the Holy Spirit.



### **THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

“If you love Me, you will keep My commandments. 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. I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see Me, but you will see Me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will

know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. They who have My commandments and keep them, are those who love Me; and those who love Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love them and reveal Myself to them. I have said these things to you while I am still with you. 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. When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, He will testify on My behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with Me from the beginning. – John 15:26-27

“Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you. And when He comes, He will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in Me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see Me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own, but will speak whatever He hears, and He will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify Me, because He will take what is Mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is Mine. For this reason I said that He will take what is Mine and declare it to you.” – John 16:7-15

**SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2026**

**SOLEMNITY - PENTECOST**

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



**LECTORS PROCLAIMING THE “WORD”**

Easter 7<sup>th</sup>, May 17<sup>th</sup> - Paula Winn  
 Pentecost, May 24<sup>th</sup> - Shirley Mietlicki-Floyd  
 Holy Trinity, May 31<sup>st</sup> - |John Harrington



**WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2026**

**LITANY TO THE BLESSED MOTHER**

12:00 pm – Litany to the Blessed Mother Mary.



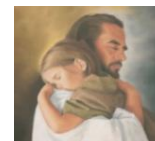
**PRAYERS FOR HEALTH AND HEALING**

**“And He sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.” - Luke 2:9**

May we pray this day, for the health and healing for all those, who we remember through our prayers;

George and Janet Sadowski, Wayne and Pat Shaw, Richard Foster, Carolyn and Michael Rapalye, Karen Herzig, Paula Winn, Marge Sanderson, Brandon Poe, baby James, Stefanik Gadecki, Liam & Evelyn Spatcher, Jennie Harrington, Eric Rose, Lori Lukomski, Mick Szumski, Toka Bara, Laurie Lis, Todd Odell, David Moskin, Laurie Lis, Renata Wos, Jan Clark, Zoe Kinnunen, Debbie Bara, Houston & Brenda Knox and for others.

**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 are 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. Amen.



**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**

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

One of our ministry, is to help to “Feed the Hungry,” will be held on **June 20, 2026** from 10:00 am until supplies last.

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

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

**Please note:** The following items collected will be placed in gallon size Zip-lock bags which will be handed out to people in need.

- Toothpaste- travel size & toothbrushes
- Socks
- First aid kits – travel size
- Personal cleaning wipes
- Protein bars
- Gift cards to Dunkin Donuts

## **ED MISSION & EVANGELISM COMMISSION** **CALL TO PRAYER**

In the month of May, our Eastern Diocese of the PNCC. has called upon all its members and friends to offer prayers at 12:00 noon each Wednesday, for the intention of Peace in our world.

**Let us Pray:** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, in Whose hands are the living and the dead, we thank you for those who gave their lives in the service of our country. May their sacrifice, patriotism and devotion to country inspire us to work for peace and justice in our world. Receive the souls of these heroic men and women and grant

.them eternal rest. We ask this through 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.



## **NATIONAL MISSION & EVANGELISM** **WORKSHOP – MAY 29-31, 2026**

**The 25<sup>th</sup> National Mission & Evangelism Workshop of the PNCC** will take place at St. Joseph’s PNCC, Westfield, MA. This year’s theme is **“Living in Faith Every Day.”**

I am happy to announce that Mary Tudryn and her daughter, Erin as well as John Harrington will be a part of this year’s program.

Information on the upcoming workshop may be found in the vestibule of our Church. More information may be obtained by seeing Shirley Mietlicki- Floyd, Sue Dibrindisi or Mary Tudryn.



## **JULY CALENDAR RAFFLE**

Currently, we are collecting gift certificates and monetary donations for our upcoming July calendar raffle. Tickets for this raffle will be on sale in June. Please see Sue Dibrindisi with your donations.



## **MEMORIAL DAY**

A **Memorial Day Program** will take place on Monday, May 25, 2026 at the South Deerfield Commons at 8:45 am. At the conclusion of the Memorial Day program, special prayers will be offered at various cemeteries, including our Parish cemetery. All are invited/