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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.

MAY 24, 2026 – 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,
Or humble resignation.
For we Thy people are, O Lord,
Save us, O God; O Father, bless our toil.

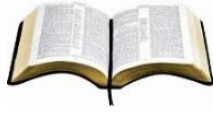
ENTRANCE HYMN

(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.
V. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
R. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

- V. The Lord be with you.
R. And also with you
V. 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. Incline 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.
V. Let us pray. Most Loving Father, bless those who have served in the armed forces of our nation and receive the souls of those men and women who gave their lives in the service of freedom. As they gave themselves to advance the ideal of world peace and justice, may they inspire our continued efforts towards this same end. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.
R. Amen.



LITURGY OF THE WORD

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS

(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."

V. 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.

V. This is the Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE

(Joel 3:1)

V. 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)

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

V. A reading from the Holy Gospel according to 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."

V. The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.



NICEAN CREED

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

V. 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.

V. Heavenly Father, as we offer You this sacrifice may we also offer ourselves to carry on the heritage with which which we have been entrusted. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever 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

V. The Lord be with you.
R. And also with you.

V. Let us pray. Holy Spirit, our Comforter, through this Holy Eucharist grant us a new vision and new counsel, new wisdom, and a 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.

V. Let us pray. Most Gracious God, we have receive the Body and Blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ, Who called unto Himself all those who were oppressed with the burdens of live. May He also draw unto Himself all those who have served in the cause of freedom and justice. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, 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 on this Pentecost Sunday, marking the “genesis” of the Christian Church, we also are reminded of the “genesis” of Holy Name of Jesus PNCC, as found on each of our stained-windows, which bear the names of individuals and families who dedicated them to the memories of their loved ones.

For all of us, we who are its current members, this is our shared beginning. On August 25, 2019, we celebrated our 90th Anniversary and in 2029, we will through the grace and blessing of God, will celebrate our 100 year Anniversary.

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

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 came to America seeking religious freedom. Most remarkable to all this, it 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 walked through our Parish cemetery on many occasions; for funerals and for other religious observances such as All Souls Day. One of the remarkable points to this story, is that so many, who are 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 coming of the Holy Spirit, which our Lord Jesus (Yeshūa), promised to them prior to His Ascension.

It should also be noted, that also on this day, in Jerusalem in C. 30 AD; the Jewish “Feast of the Harvest” or **Shavuot**, was also observed.

On this Pentecost Sunday, we also celebrate the time when the Holy Spirit descended upon our first families, and gave them wisdom, a vision, and a directive to build a church, consecrated and dedicated to God and named the Holy Name of Jesus, dedicated to His Son. amid all the hardships and obstacles they endured as immigrants.

I have been asked by many of our visitors, who have worship in our church, throughout the years of my coming in the Autumn through baptism as well as funeral services; “Father, what is the meaning to **“Chwała Bogu na Wysokości.”** I would them say to them: “It means **“Glory to God in the Highest.”** Those who first dedicated this church back in 1929, 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” as proclaimed during Holy Mass, is one of the most ancient and hymns of the Catholic Church; its roots deeply embedded in Scripture as found in and believed as early as in the 4th century during the Solemnity of the Nativity of our Our Lord Jesus Christ. early Christian tradition. 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 ‘Last Supper” with His first chosen. It is believed that He came to this same room 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 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.”**

Our beginning took place in the “upper room,” of the Redmen’s Hall located on the corner of North Main and Elm Street, South Deerfield, MA.

It is today, that in our church, we, who are gathered, in this our “upper room” is where we meet the Lord personally, Be it through the reception of the Blessed Eucharist or just in the Act of Spiritual Communion, It is on this Pentecost that we remember. our first families, who were baptized and confirmed, and ate at the “table of the Lord” and shared His Divine presence

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.



A CONFESSION OF FAITH

by

Father Rev R.M Koeber

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 and what faith! Not only does Bp. Francis Hodur declare 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, the Holy Spirit is found in the very souls of individual man and humanity as a whole.”

It is the gift of the promised Spirit, spoken by our Lord, at which He taught about, at His “Last Supper?”

Did not Jesus intend that the Holy Spirit was to “sanctify” or make Holy, the individual and “edify” His collective Church?

Bishop Francis writes that this Spirit is an “emanation” of the will, the goodness, and the righteousness of the Divine Being, who is God Himself.”

What spiritual insight from a poor Polish immigrant who came to America in the late 19th century. He further writes:

Bp. Francis would further write in his Confession of Faith:

I BELEVE 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 to this declaration is: “when a man cooperates and works in harmony with it.”

How sad that so many miss this mark and not try. So many become embroiled with worldly matters and politics and yet 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,”

This biblical quote was later coined by our 16th 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, have received.

Those, who are led by God’s 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 gathered in the Upper Room in Jerusalem c. 30 AD. The term “Pentecost” comes from the Greek word “Pentikostī,” meaning “fifty,” and is observed 50 days following the Resurrection of Jesus and 10 days following His Ascension.

According to this faith, many Christians believe that God exists in three Divine but separate Persons. This is known and taught as the “Holy Trinity.” I believe that many Christians, 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.”

St. Paal wrote in his letter to the Ephesians 4:4-6

“There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling: One Lord, One faith, One baptism, One God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.”

I believe that our Lord, spoke to of the “oneness” that He experience with His Father, and with us.

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 start with the “sanctification” of the individual but would in the end, edifies the Church through its breath. When Jesus breathed on them, he said the words, “Receive the Holy Spirit, He was to be the “catalyst” by which His Presence would be felt and shared by so many. I believe that He knew of that same Spirit which would descend upon them, as it descended on Him at His baptism.

It should be noted that Jesus did not ask for the Spirit of God to descend. It was the fulfillment and confirmation of the Presence of God

We read that in the OT, that 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 is known in Judaism as “Ruach,” the very breath and the “wind of God”. In the Old Testament, 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, guidance 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 coming 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 I believe, included the miracles of healing and 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 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:

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.

We also 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 new persons, who bear the “gifts of the Spirit,” of **“love, joy, peace, patience, gentleness, goodness, faithfulness, humility and self-control** and it is the Holy Spirit that He creates a new family of God, and a new 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, 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 in us, to magnify God’s love for us into our hearts, that we may have a new and better understanding of this love that God has for us and 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 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, **Shavuot** 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 **Shavuot** 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,

And strikingly, on that first Pentecost, in Jerusalem, was a the place where the first Apostles and disciples experienced a new church. Being born.

Shavuot was and is traditionally a joyous time of and is celebrated today with traditional holiday meals centered around dairy foods. Milk is considered to be a symbol of the Torah and foods include salads, cheesecake, blintzes, and kugels (baked pudding) as well as fish with lemon, with grains, vegetables and fruits.

NEXT SUNDAY- TRINITY SUNDAY

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



LECTORS PROCLAIMING THE “WORD”

Pentecost, May 24th - Shirley Mietlicki-Floyd
Holy Trinity, May 31st - JJohn Harrington



WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2026

LITANY TO THE BLESSED MOTHER

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



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

The 25th 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.**”



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



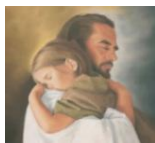
PRAYERS FOR HEALTH AND HEALING

“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 help “Feed the Hungry,” will be held this month 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



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.

IN APPRECIATION

I want to acknowledge and thank Peg Kostiuk, Sue and Eric Dibrindisi and Paula & Jimmy Winn for removing the Easter flowers that adorned our sanctuary during the Easter season. May God bless.