

St. Mary's Our Lady of the Lake

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May 31, 2020 ~ Pentecost Sunday

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PEACE

Jesus said to them again,
"Peace be with you. As
the Father has sent me,
so I send you."

JOHN 20:21

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Can you help us re-open?

The Diocese of Albany has sent out the conditions under which we can start having small services **BUT** we must first form a committee (I am looking for volunteers), there must be an ***Pandemic Safety officer*** and a ***plan for our re-entry*** submitted to the diocese before we may begin. Seems like a lot but it can be done but we must realize this is going to be a slow, gradual process. Anyone wishing to be on the committee or wants more information please call **my cell phone 315-269-8434**. The dispensation of the obligation of Sunday mass is still in effect, and will be for a while. Anyone who is high risk is urged to stay home. Please continue to attend masses via the internet or TV.



Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You have already come, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

FINANCES We have finally submitted our annual budget to the diocese; our fiscal year is July 1 through June 30. It is a lean budget, we plan to postpone any major projects in the parish and work with what we have to maintain the property.



And when the days of **Pentecost** were drawing to a close, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a violent wind coming, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them parted tongues as of fire, which settled upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in foreign tongues, even as the Holy Spirit prompted them to speak (Acts 2, 1-4).

Pentecost Sunday marks the end of the first novena

Pentecost (Whitsunday), with Christmas and Easter, ranks among the great feasts of Christianity. It commemorates not only the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and Disciples, but also the fruits and effects of that event: the completion of the work of redemption, the fullness of grace for the Church and its children, and the gift of faith for all nations.

Today is the feast of the Visitation which is superseded by the Sunday Liturgy.

COLLECTIVE PRAYER FOR PENTECOST

Almighty ever-living God, who willed the Paschal Mystery to be encompassed as a sign in fifty days, grant that from out of the scattered nations the confusion of many tongues may be gathered by heavenly grace into one great confession of your name. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.



The bulletin is on the parish website <https://stmaryscoop.org> We are mailing it out to those who cannot access the internet website. If you know of anyone who is not getting the bulletin, please call the office at 607 264-3779.

Pray for the sick and homebound of our parish:
Fr. Peter Pagonas ~ Ivy Bischof ~ Maureen Brennan ~
David Butler ~ Vin Cronin ~ Mary Devenpeck ~
Robert Davenport ~ Richie Davy ~ Stephen Markuson ~
Senator Jim Seward ~ Bradley Smith ~ Sarah Tarr

Pray for members of the military from our families
Liam Dolan-USMC ~ Ryan Barrow
Please call the Parish Office to add any names.

The Feast of Pentecost marks the birth of the Church and the beginning of its mission.

The work of the Church is guided by the Holy Spirit.

The Church bears witness to the work of the Holy Spirit through

- ♦ Scripture and Tradition
 - ♦ The Magisterium
 - ♦ The Sacraments
- ♦ The Charisms and Ministries
- ♦ The life and witness of the saints and the people of God

The Gifts of the Spirit are wisdom, understanding, right judgment, courage, knowledge, reverence and awe in God's presence.

The Fruits of the Spirit are love, joy, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Through the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) we receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit empowers us to live as disciples in the world

The Holy Spirit is the source of our life together, brings us together in unity and enriches us with all that is needed to be the Body of Christ.

Have you ever wondered what the second collection is for and when to plan on it? Below is a schedule for the next few months of 2020; please do the best you can for those most in need.

Sunday, June 7: Catholic Communications Campaign

Sunday, July 26: Holy Father

Sunday, August 23: Catholic Home Missions

Rescheduled to Sept. 13 (from Good Friday): Holy Land

Sunday, September 27: Catholic University Collection

Sunday, October 18: Mission Sunday

CATHOLIC IQ

- 1) What did Jesus offer to the Samaritan woman at the well?
 - a) the truths of God,
 - b) living water,
 - c) pardon for her sins,
 - d) gum
- 2) Jesus said the Father would send someone else in his name after he was gone. Who?
 - a) Elijah,
 - b) Peter, the Rock,
 - c) the Counselor or Comforter- the Holy Spirit,
 - d) the Son of Man
- 3) If Jesus is the vine, his disciples are what?
 - a) the wine,
 - b) the branches,
 - c) the vineyard,
 - d) divine

Answers from last week's questions

- 1) What persecutor of the church was stopped by a bright light on the road to Damascus?
b) Saul
- 2) What is the distinction of Cornelius, a Roman Centurion?
c) the first Gentile to become a Christian
- 3) Who had a vision in which he was commanded to eat nonkosher foods?
b) Peter

Once a man ceases to be of service to his neighbor, he begins to be a burden to him."
— Fulton J. Sheen



We know of five \$100 I-tune cards purchased in error and not returnable. If anyone can use one or more cards, birthday or graduation present perhaps, please contact the parish office 547-2213 or Karen at 315 269-8434.

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SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim. (Acts 2:4)

PSALM:

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. (Ps 104) or Alleluia

SECOND READING:

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. (1 Cor 12:12)

GOSPEL:

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." (Jn 20:22-23)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 31, 2020

Sunday:	Pentecost Sunday
Monday:	The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
Tuesday:	Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs
Wednesday:	St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs
Friday:	St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr
Saturday:	St. Norbert, Bishop



REFLECT

FIRST READING

The birth of the Church occurs with the descent of the Holy Spirit onto the Apostles. Luke presents this as an experience of unity. How do you see your faith community promoting unity of mind and spirit?

SECOND READING

Paul speaks to the Christians in Corinth of the gifts and benefits of the Holy Spirit for believers. What Spirit-driven gifts do you possess?

GOSPEL READING

John tells us how the resurrected Jesus gave the gift of the Holy Spirit directly to the disciples, empowering them to forgive sins. How often do you use the gift of forgiveness?

WE ARE NEVER ALONE

My children want my help sometimes, and other times, not so much. I remember being a teenager and young adult myself. At times, I thought I knew everything. I didn't need help because I was just so darn smart. Truth is, I needed to find my own way. I needed to stretch my wings and prove to myself and my family I could fly. I assume that is what is happening with my own children as well. It just seems so different now that I'm the parent.

Human beings need help. We need community, and we need to rely on one another. At Pentecost, we reflect on Jesus sending to the Church a helper, the Holy Spirit. God interacting with us in this manner means we are never truly alone. We focus

most of the time on the Spirit of God as the assistance we need, and we do need Him for sure. However, since it is that very same Spirit that turned us into "Church" from a band of people looking to carry on after Jesus' ascension, at Pentecost we gained more than divine help: we gained each other.

Today, the Church needs help in a profound way. We need to lean on the Holy Spirit to blow through the Church with a profound renewal. But we cannot forget that we have been given each other to lean on as well. We are a gift to each other, and together with the Spirit's help, we are the Body of Christ here on earth. We must be strong and stand for one another. If we do that, this Pentecost will bear fruit that will be with us for many Pentecosts to come.

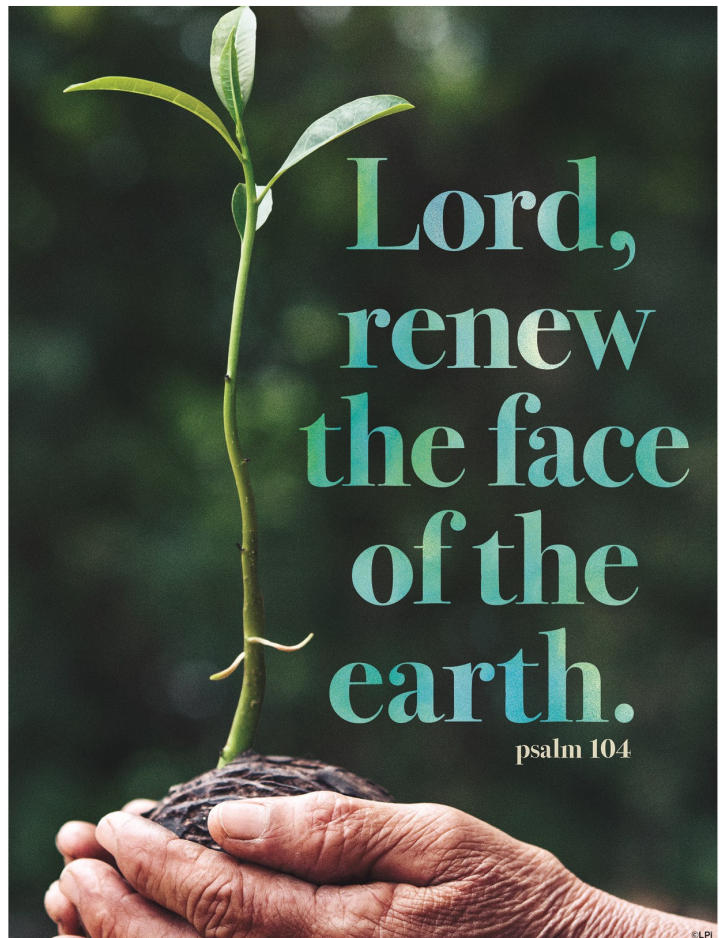
—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN TITHING AND STEWARDSHIP?

Both tithing and stewardship are part of a spiritual way of life that calls us to use all of our resources for the service of the Gospel. Everything we are and everything we have comes from God. Offering back to God what He has given us is part of how we worship and give thanks to God.

Tithing is the practice of giving back 10 percent of what we earn. It comes from the Old English word for "ten." The first Scriptural example of tithing came from Abraham who gave a tenth of his possessions to the priest Melchizedek. He did so as an act of thanksgiving to God.

Stewardship as a way of life calls us to use well all that we have and all that we are, placing all things in service of others and God. Stewardship helps us see the good we can accomplish by making God and our spiritual life the most important values in our life. Whatever we accumulate in this life stays here. We can't take it with us! Both tithing and stewardship help us remember that nothing is mine or even ours ... all belongs to God.



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LIVE THE LITURGY

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

With Pentecost, the disciples significantly changed. They were charged up and ready to go. They received the Holy Spirit and no longer harbored fear and apprehension. They knew who they were and what needed to be done. With the peace of the Lord and the power of the Spirit within them, they set out to do amazing things with simple means. We have received the Holy Spirit as well. What keeps us from truly understanding the mission of Christ and continuing the advancement of the Gospel? Some may think this was a work of the past and not relevant now. Others may believe that the work set before me is simply about doing what I need to do to merit heaven and has little to do with my brothers and sisters. Take a good look at the world. More are in need of hearing the Good News than there ever were. We have the power to get up and out and start doing life changing things!



PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

Our parish is grateful for your continued support at this time. Thank you!



PENTECOST



GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

You can feel so small standing by the seashore. The vastness of all that is before you expands much farther than your eye can see. What is happening on the other side? As tides continue to ebb and flow, what occurs as they come and go remains largely a mystery and the effects of their presence unknown in your sight. Yet, things are moving and changing as you gaze upon the water, as the thumbprint of their presence is left behind. The greater the wind and wave, the greater the effect. But even a gentle breeze leaves its humble mark upon the seashore on which you stand. The smallest pebble still makes a ripple in the great blue expanse of ocean waters. It doesn't need to be big.

You never know the full impact of your smallest gesture or simplest of words. A yes or no, agree or disagree, here or there, this or that can influence time and history in ways you may never know. The Holy Spirit is like that: fierce and torrential, and then almost still and silent, creating and recreating nonetheless. Coming as a gentle breeze or a gusty wind, God's Holy Spirit continues to move over, around, and into the waters of our lives. The Spirit brings fruit and unknown possibilities to what we humbly bring with us and that



same Spirit eventually brings all to fulfillment in Christ.

The first disciples didn't have much. They possessed simple faith and a willingness to go into uncharted territory with a love of their friend-God, humble offerings, and a knowledge that they were not alone. This allowed them to do amazing things with very little. Do you believe that you are being led and that you have a purposeful life? We often do not realize our value because we do not think that the little we have is good enough. How wrong we are! A little flour mixed with water and embraced by a prayer of blessing transforms simple offerings into

the magnificent Eucharistic presence of God. If the Holy Spirit can do such amazing things with these humble gifts of the earth, even more can happen with you. Don't underestimate the value of the smile you gave a stranger, the door held open for an elderly widow, the listening ear offered to one who was lonely, the tolerance given to the wounded soul who is angry, and the loving shoulder you offered as a cradle under the head of someone in pain. Modest gifts offered with love can be transformed by the Spirit into wondrous blessings you may never know. It's Pentecost. Trust. You are not alone.

Jesus stood up and exclaimed, "Let anyone who thirsts come to me and drink. As Scripture says:

Rivers of living water will flow from within him who believes in me."

He said this in reference to the Spirit that those who came to believe in him were to receive. - Jn 7:37b-39a

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3 EASY STEPS

TO KEEPING YOURSELF & OTHERS HEALTHY!

We are cautioned to be especially careful during the Coronavirus outbreak. Here are some simple ways to keep sickness away.



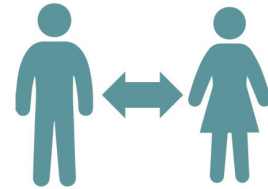
WASH YOUR HANDS

Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds using soap and water. If you can't wash your hands, use hand sanitizer frequently.



DON'T TOUCH YOUR FACE

Especially around the eyes, nose and mouth. If you must sneeze, use a tissue or your arm.



KEEP YOUR DISTANCE

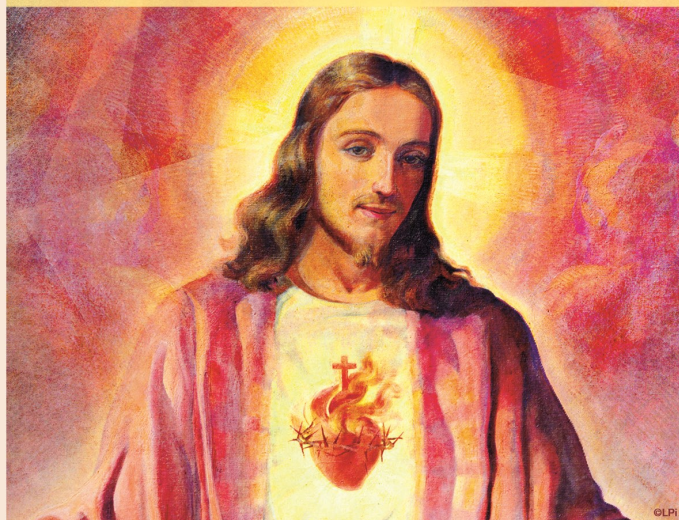
Practice social distancing during this epidemic and stay away from large groups. Instead, call, email or check up on family and friends using social media.



PENTECOST SUNDAY

Remember in Your Prayers

ALL THOSE AFFECTED BY THE CORONAVIRUS
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD



*Compassionate and Loving Father,
In the face of confusion and concern
impart to us the calm of Your presence.
In You allow us to find hope and healing.
Be with those who serve the sick and
give them Your caring hands.
Be with those who lead and give them
Your spirit of wisdom.
Be with those who have fallen ill and
give them Your comforting heart.
Wrap Your arms around our world
and hold us in Your love.
Allow us at this time of trial to then
serve as instruments of that love
to all we meet.
We ask this in Your Name.
Amen*

*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
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