

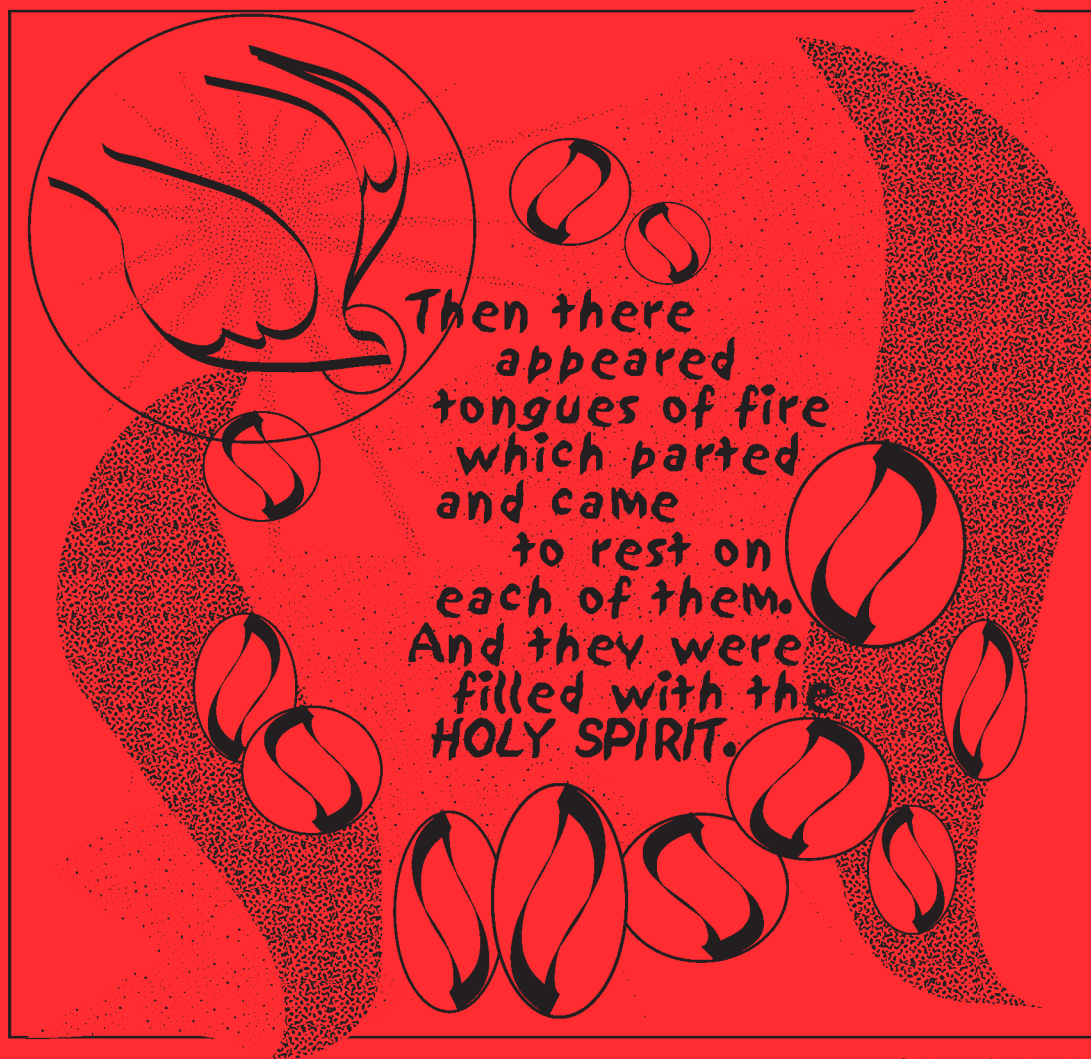
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## **Weekly Eucharists**

Saturday 5 pm

Sunday, 9 am, 11 am, 7 pm

Monday – Saturday: 8:15 am

**Reconciliation**

Saturday 3:30 pm or by appt.

**Holy Days**

8:15 am, 12:10 pm, 7 pm

## **Parish Office Hours**

**Mon. - Wed, 9:30–2 pm**

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What's Happening?

**Sunday**  
First Communion  
Pound A Week

**Every Sunday**  
Pound A Week



**WELCOME**

To all our visitors this weekend

Please remember the sick and homebound of our Parish.

We are all called to prayer. As a faith community, let us keep in mind all those who have asked us to pray for them, that they may experience the healing power of our gracious God



**From The Womens Guild**

The Womens Guild thanks everyone for their contribution towards the success of our Cake Sale

The next Guild meeting is May 24 at 7.00 We will present "Full Bloom:" by Norman Mortimer

The end of the year Luncheon is June 8, 12.30 at Serenade, Chatham \$40. Rsvp: Pat Briscoe 973 267-8276 or Bridie Murphy 973 539-5008 by 6/3 All welcome.

**Catholic Digest**

Complimentary Catholic Digests are available in the vestibule.

**Heifer Project**

Last chance to make a donation to purchase animals for needy families.

**Vivere Christus Award**

Margaret Roman (cantor) received this award this year. Dr. Roman shares her life with her family along with the community of the College of St. Elizabeth where she is a professor of literature. Additionally, she teaches English as part of the Diocesan Migrant Ministry. She also serves on the Board of Directors as Chair for St. Michael Indian School, founded by St. Katharine Drexel, in Apache County, AZ and spends summers there teaching Navajo students.

Somehow, Margaret finds the time to volunteer as a cantor in our parish. Her excitement and love of God is truly contagious. Congratulations, Margaret.

**Part Time Librarian Position**

Librarian at Assumption College for Sisters, Denville. 1-2 hrs. per week. Req. master's degree, Library Science & computer skills. Info: president@acs350.org.

**We congratulate our young parishioner First Communicants**

**This Week's Question**

*For Adults:*

What are some of the most important things to ask of God?

*For Children:*

What are some of the most important things to ask of God?

Peter An, Phil Barrett, Elaine Bellock, Eric Braham, Pat Brennan, Ronald & Maureen Brodeur, Dominic Cantarella, Jim Cavanaugh, Kay Cavanaugh, Michael Cavaliere, Cheryl, John Dolan, Dan Doyle, Frank Falcone, Joe & Peg Farrell, Mike Faul, Mary Finlay, John Flaherty, Hayley Kuhn, Maria Ludwig, Joseph Montgomery, Adalcina Antao Moreira, Fr. Charles Parr, Michael Papalos, John Pra, Christopher Raiola, Josephine Rapp, Tom Warren, Diane Zadrozny.

If you know someone whose name should be removed, please keep us informed. To add a name, please fill out the form on the website or in the rectory.

# Kidsword

Pentecost Sunday, Year C

May 15, 2016

## Pentecost Sunday

Pentecost means fiftieth (50th). For the Jewish people this meant the celebration of the end of the wheat harvest. This celebration comes fifty days after Passover, when Jewish people celebrate their escape from Egypt.

Jesus breathed on them and said . . .

RECEIVE THE . . .



On one special Pentecost God filled the followers of Jesus with the Holy Spirit. They now had the power, love and imagination to take the message of Jesus to the world. This is the day the church was born.

AT BAPTISM, WE  
RECEIVE THE GIFT OF  
THE HOLY SPIRIT.



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BUT AS THE YEARS  
GO BY, MANY OF  
US CAN'T REMEMBER  
WHAT WE'VE DONE  
WITH IT.



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## PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK'S LITURGY

### *Trinity Sunday*

**First Reading:** Proverbs 8.22-31

The book of Proverbs is mostly a collection of wise sayings to help people live a good life. Today's passage from Proverbs, however, is a hymn to Wisdom which in the Old Testament is sometimes symbolically described as a person coming from God.

**Second Reading:** Romans 5.1-5

Paul's letter to the Romans is his most detailed and important theological work. The Church chose this brief passage to be read on Trinity Sunday because, in these five verses, all three persons of the Trinity are mentioned.

## *Parish on a Journey*

*Journey to the Past • Move to the Future  
Celebration of our Church*

The house shook! Doors slammed! Curtains billowed! The winds screamed as they raced through the house! Was there a trace of smoke riding along? Even the patio screen door banged open! Our hearts began racing with fear of a tornado. Should we seek shelter? The media reported deaths and injuries from tornadoes.

Wind and fire leave chaos in their wake — disorder, destruction, and even loss of life, both human and animal. Chaos!

On that first Pentecost there was wind and fire! Buildings were not destroyed. Property wasn't burned, but there was chaos. That fire tornado blew through the whole known world. Everything was turned topsy-turvy. Lives were completely redirected. Long-standing institutions were faced with challenges never expected. There was fear ... fear of change and fear of new directions. The Spirit of God, the very breath of God, blew mightily. It brought new life to our human race, just as the breath of God brought life the first humans. The breath of God brings peace and harmony. The breath of God brings courage to would-be heroes. We need to be open to that breath. The winds of the Spirit, the fire of the Spirit, are with us, still. The Spirit of peace deep in our hearts.

## *God's Grace is Young Enough*

For the Young and Young At Heart

Readings for this Sunday

*Acts 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:3-13; John 20:19-23*

### *Gifts of the Spirit*

Suggested Reflection Questions

- *At Pentecost, the friends of Jesus receive the Holy Spirit. They are able to address a large crowd of people from all over the known world. Each person is able to understand them in her/his own language. How is the Church, empowered by the Holy Spirit, called to live out this particular mission in today's world?*
- Paul informs the Corinthians that the Holy Spirit grants us different gifts and commissions us to different forms of Christian service. What gifts can you see in your parish community? What form of Christian service is the Holy Spirit guiding you toward?
- Jesus tells the apostles that upon receiving the Holy Spirit they will be able to forgive sins in his name. When was the last time you celebrated the sacrament of Reconciliation? What are some ways to show your favorite priest just how much his ministry means to you?



## SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2016 SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST Get fired up

It is fitting that flames are shaped like tongues—because the Good News is meant to spread like wildfire! In the sacrament of Confirmation when you receive the Holy Spirit, as the disciples did at Pentecost, you're empowered, emboldened, impassioned, set ablaze with the fervor (or fever!) to do God's work. The Holy Spirit now dwells in you but, like a house on fire, can't be contained. Take it out in the open, the way the disciples did, to preach the teachings of Christ to the whole world.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Day: Acts 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Romans 8:8-17; John 20:19-23 (63).* "They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim."

## MONDAY, MAY 16 Make this a time for peace

That clanging sound you just heard is the gate of the Easter season swinging shut behind us. We're now back in Ordinary Time, which can be a little disorienting. If Advent is about waiting, Lent about repenting, and Easter about rejoicing, then what is the rest of the church year about? Ordinary Time is the "green" season, and green means life in nature and in liturgy. We dedicate 34 weeks of the year to the wide-open possibilities of living and growing in grace, a time of hope and holiness. Today, cultivate peace where you are.

TODAY'S READINGS: *James 3:13-18; Mark 9:14-29 (341).* "The fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace."

## TUESDAY, MAY 17 Love the person you don't like

In his Apostolic Exhortation *Sacramentum Caritatis*, Pope Benedict XVI wrote that the Eucharist "gives rise to a service of charity towards neighbor, which consists in the very fact that, in God and with God, I love even the person whom I do not like or even know." Today is the feast of Saint Paschal Baylon, who helped people grow in strength and tolerance by increasing devotion toward the Eucharist. Pope Leo XIII proclaimed him the "seraph of the Eucharist," patron of eucharistic congresses and eucharistic associations. He is usually depicted in adoration before a vision of the Eucharist. Receiving Communion brings us into union with all in the community who do so, even if we are not on the best of terms with them all. Something to keep in mind next time you're at Mass.

TODAY'S READINGS: *James 4:1-10; Mark 9:30-37 (342).* "Whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me."

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 18 FEAST OF JOHN I, POPE AND MARTYR Patron of the unjustly imprisoned

Pope John I had the misfortune of being pope at a time when the church was beholden to the power of emperors. He found himself caught between two feuding emperors, King Theodoric the Great and Byzantine Emperor Justin. Caught between a rock and a hard place, he made an effort to secure the peace, but when opposing parties prefer enmity, peacemakers are cast aside. Theodoric had him imprisoned, and he died in 526 of ill treatment. People continue to be wrongfully imprisoned in our own day. Visit [The Innocence Project](#) to see how one group is helping the falsely convicted gain their freedom.

TODAY'S READINGS: *James 4:13-17; Mark 9:38-40 (343).* "For whoever is not against us is for us."

## THURSDAY, MAY 19 Make an investment that pays

Pope Francis learned the value of cooperation from his father, an accountant. "It goes forward slowly," he told his son, "but [cooperation] is sure." The trust earned when we work together goes much further than any profits. If we only see numbers, we lose the heart of our humanity, we abandon mercy, and we sacrifice people for profit. "An economy of exclusion and inequality . . . kills," Pope Francis warns. Considering how decisions impact people and not just profit margins is a difficult task, but it is imperative. We must invest in one another: That's how the economy of mercy works.

TODAY'S READINGS: *James 5:1-6; Mark 9:41-50 (344).* "Keep salt in yourselves and you will have peace with one another."

## FRIDAY, MAY 20 FEAST OF BERNARDINE OF SIENA, PRIEST Bonfire of the vanities

Bernardino preached all over Italy and helped ignite a religious revival in the early 15th century. He also ignited objects seen as temptations, such as mirrors, cosmetics, fine clothing, playing cards, musical instruments, books, and artwork in spectacles known as bonfires of the vanities. The method may have been misguided but the question is worth pondering: How much of our time and treasure is devoted to serving others and how much to serving self? You don't need a bonfire to shed light on your priorities.

TODAY'S READINGS: *James 5:9-12; Mark 10:1-12 (345).* "Because of the hardness of your hearts he wrote you this commandment."

## SATURDAY, MAY 21 FEAST OF CHRISTOPHER MAGALLANES, PRIEST, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS A new saint enrolled today

We speak now of "the Americas," aware that the United States is not the only America. Such awareness can deepen our faith as we learn about saints such as Christopher. He was martyred along with 21 diocesan priests and three laymen struggling against an anti-Catholic Mexican government during the 1920s. From his cell he cried: "I forgive with all my heart those responsible for my death, and I ask God that the shedding of my blood serve the peace of our divided Mexico." May our own lives also serve the cause of peace.

TODAY'S READINGS: *James 5:13-20; Mark 10:13-16 (346)* "Whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it."



Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time.

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# Who, Where Why, How ...

*Why does the priest say "Body of Christ?" (Instruction from Vatican II scholar Fr. Balthasar Fischer to his first communion parishioners)*

"My children, the answer to this question is simple but important. Its purpose is to make us understand that in the sacrament Jesus comes to us and considers us to be as important as if we were the only person in the world. The priest is saying: "What I am giving you here is the body of Christ," and we answer: "Amen," which amounts to saying: "Yes, I believe that."

It is as though Jesus were calling by name those who come to him, just as he called Mary Magdalene by name in the garden Easter morning. She first thought the stranger was the gardener, until he spoke her name: "Mary!"; then she knew that it was Jesus and cried: "Teacher!"; threw herself at his feet, and tried to cling to him for sheer joy.

Jesus lovingly calls by name each person to whom he bends down in the mystery of holy communion. He knows each of us better than we know ourselves.

**Congratulations, First Communicants!**

## Welcome to St. Thomas More Parish

We are glad you decided to celebrate with our Parish Family. If you have recently moved into the parish and would like to register as a parishioner, please take a parish membership form at church or on our website. Hopefully we can set up an appointment to meet one another. Contact us at 973-267-5330 or info@stmnj.org.

### SOME MINISTRIES and ORGANIZATIONS

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|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| Altar Servers                  | Bereavement Ministry |
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| Prayer Shawl Ministry          | Ushers/Greeters      |
| Women's Guild                  | Pastoral Council     |



Whether you are new or a veteran, consider joining or helping in the various areas of parish life. Call the office. Interested in something you don't see, don't be shy, talk to Fr. Joe.

**Visit of Eucharist at Home.** Communion may be brought to the home of any person permanently or temporarily homebound. For the confined, elderly and/or shut-in at home or in the hospital, our parish ministers make calls to homes and hospitals. Fill out the form below..

**Moving In or Out?** If you are relocating either in or out of the parish area please takes a moment to help keep our records current. Contact the parish office or drop a note into the collection basket.

**Pound A Week.** Show how much we care! Bring a pound of goods when you come to church. Pasta, tuna, powdered milk or soup. Peanut butter or jelly or crackers. Even a pound of diapers. While shopping add a pound!

- The following person(s) is presently receiving a visit and/or communion
- The following person(s) would like a regular visit and/or communion.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

You may call me with specifics (address, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Tel. or email: \_\_\_\_\_



## Notes & Remembrances

### Remembering our Own

*Special requests for prayers at liturgy and donations are made in honor of loved ones. Please join with them in prayer and remembrance at Eucharist. These intentions are noted on the Gifts Table in the Remembrance Book and on the Weekly Sheet.*

### Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday Collection: \$ 5,777

## Come Holy Spirit

O God, ablaze with love,  
you sent forth your Holy Spirit  
to kindle the hearts of your people.  
May your Spirit illuminate our minds,  
teach us your mercy and compassion.  
Melt our frozen hearts and wills  
so that the Light of Christ may burn  
brightly within us.

Bestow upon us your sevenfold gift,  
that bring us to serve those most  
in need, a grace that helps bind  
wounds and heal divisions.  
Let us taste the Spirit's sweet  
refreshment  
and burn with passion to share your  
Holy Word.

Grant that we, who follow your  
commands,  
may be filled with abundant joy  
and boldly proclaim your marvelous  
deeds.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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