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Masses in Masontown

Monday, Wednesday, Friday ..8:00 am
Saturday6:00 pm
Sunday.....8:00 am & 11:30 am

Confessions: Saturday 5:00-5:30 pm

Adoration: Check bulletin

Masses in Footedale

Tuesday & Thursday8:00 am
Saturday:4:00 pm
Sunday.....9:30 am

Confessions: Saturday 3:00-3:30 pm

Adoration: Check bulletin

Office Hours: Monday through
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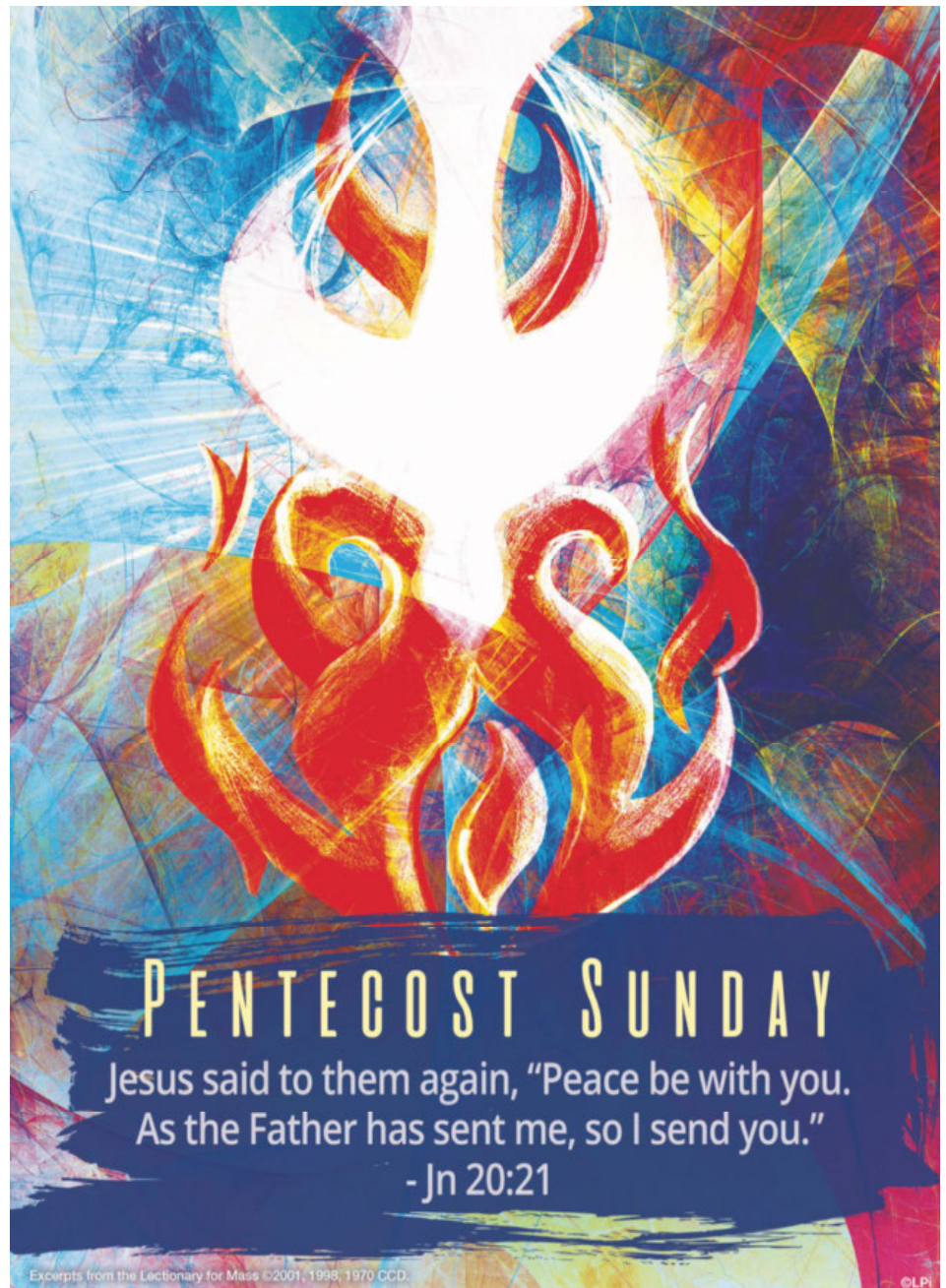
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Sacrament of Baptism: By
appointment. Prior to your baby's
Baptism, you must be a registered,
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Sacrament of Marriage: Requires
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Weddings should be scheduled
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Fr. Marlon's Reflections - Pentecost Sunday
(Acts 2:1-11; 1Cor. 12:3-7, 12-13; Jn. 20:19-23)



After his return to his Father with his Ascension, Jesus could now give his Spirit to his disciples as he had promised. This is what we celebrate on the Feast of Pentecost.

The evangelist John situates the giving of the Spirit in the evening of the first Easter Sunday. The apostles were then in a big room but the doors were locked. It was an assembly that fear had gathered together - their fear of the Jews had paralyzed them into inactivity. This had been their condition since Jesus was crucified the Friday before.

Then all of a sudden Jesus appeared in their midst. They rejoiced at seeing him. After greeting them in peace, Jesus breathed on them and said, "*Receive the Holy Spirit.*" Notice that John used the symbolism of "breathing" when Jesus communicated the Spirit. For the Jews, the "breath-spirit of God" is the life-giving and animating principle of all creation. It was thus that God gave life to the first man and woman he formed from clay. Now, we see Jesus breathing his Spirit into his disciples. In doing so, he was effecting a new creation in and through them. They were to pass on this new creation that the Spirit brought on those who would come to believe in Jesus as they engaged in mission.

For his part, St. Luke situates the giving of the Spirit on the Jewish feast of Pentecost (Acts 2:1-11). Pentecost was a very important feast for the Jews for it was then that God entered into a covenant with them in effect making them his own people. Thus on Pentecost, Jews from all over the known world gathered to Jerusalem to celebrate the feast.

Jesus' disciples were in Jerusalem, too. But after the events that led to his death on Good Friday, they were huddled in fear in a big room. Then all of a sudden, they heard a sound like the blowing of a violent wind coming from heaven. The Holy Spirit, in the form of tongues of fire, came to rest on each of them. Filled with the Spirit, they went out into the streets and made bold proclamations as the Spirit prompted them.

Both in St. John and in St. Luke's gospels, the reception of the Spirit signaled the beginning of the engagement in mission of the disciples. Its effect on their person and character was immediate.

First, their fear gave way to courage. Filled with the Spirit, they went out into the streets to proclaim the Risen Lord even if they knew they could be persecuted or imprisoned for doing so. The early part of the Acts of the Apostles is replete with stories of their fearless proclamations. There was St. Stephen for example. Inspired and pushed by the Spirit, nothing not even death by stoning could stop him from proclaiming the Name of Jesus and the salvation he brought. Thus, he became the first martyr of the Church. In turn, his martyrdom became the occasion for the conversion of many of his listeners.

Second, they were given the gift of language. The Jews present in Jerusalem and coming from every nation each heard the apostles speaking in his own language. Astounded, they asked, "*Are not all these people who are speaking Galileans? Then how does each of us hear them in his own native language?*"

Third, the Spirit being the Spirit of Love, effected love among the disciples. Thus, the first Christians shared their goods and helped one another. Their common love for Jesus led them to love one another as Jesus commanded, thus allowing them to live in harmony and peace with one another. Seeing this, non-believers remarked, "*See how they love one another.*"

With Pentecost, the Holy Spirit is now in the world and within us. In his Spirit, Jesus will always be present among us. In his Spirit, Jesus is now closer to us than ever before. His Spirit continues to inspire and urge us to live out Jesus' teachings and to proclaim his message of salvation. At our baptism, the Spirit of Jesus was also breathed into us. Thus, like the first disciples, we are tasked to do our share in the mission of Jesus.

Yet, if we look into ourselves, what do we discover there? Do we see in ourselves the courage to proclaim the mighty works God has wrought in us and in the world? Do we stand up for our Christian beliefs and values in the midst of an unbelieving world? Does our lifestyle serve as a counter-sign to the world's worship of wealth, power and fame? Do we live in love with each other so that greater understanding, harmony and peace will reign in our troubled and divided homes and communities?

The Feast of Pentecost is a good occasion for us to review the extent we have carried out our share in the mission entrusted to us. If we can give a good account of ourselves, let us thank God for it. If not, then let us roll our sleeves and do what we have been tasked with when the Spirit was breathed into us at our baptism.

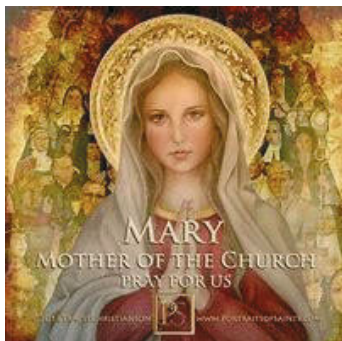
2023 Diocesan Lenten Appeal One Body in Christ

Thank you to everyone who made a 2023 Diocesan Lenten Appeal gift. Our pledge total as of May 21 is \$48,316; our participation is 48.4%. We have exceeded our Diocesan Target and now all gifts will be returned to our parish and will be used to enhance the security of our parish facilities. If you have not yet made a gift, please prayerfully consider doing so this week as this annual campaign is coming to a close. Thank you sincerely for your support of our parish.

Ordinary Time resumes Monday following Pentecost and continues to the First Sunday of Advent. There are about thirty two weeks outside the five church seasons which are called "Ordinary" from the word "ordinal" meaning "counted."

Each week is given a number to help divide the scriptures into readings and to place these in an orderly book called the *lectionary*. We do the same thing with the church's prayers at Mass, ordered day by day in a book called the *sacramentary*.

The liturgical color of Ordinary Time is **green**.



On Monday, May 29, we celebrate the Feast of **The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church.**

This title has been bestowed on the Blessed Virgin Mary because she gave birth to Christ, the Head of the Church, and became Mother of the redeemed

before her Son gave up His spirit on the Cross. Pope Saint Paul VI solemnly confirmed the same title in an address given to the Fathers of the Second Vatican Council on 11/21/64 and established that *by this sweetest of names the whole Christian people should henceforth give still greater honor to the Mother of God.*

Paper Products to share with our local food banks will be collected next weekend. Please place these items in the container at each door. Thanks for your support!

PARISH CASH BASH - Sunday, **JUNE 25** at the social hall in Footedale. Doors open at 2:00 pm; cash drawings begin at 2:30 and take place every ten minutes through 7:00 pm. Donation of \$20 includes food and refreshments. Tickets are available at the Parish Office.

rest in peace

Parish Sympathy is expressed to the families of
 † **Charles M. Kozub, Sr.**
 who was buried Saturday, May 20;
 † **Michael James Shine**
 who was buried Tuesday, May 23;
 † **Renne Kremposky**
 who was buried Friday, May 26.



Parish Sympathy is also expressed to Nikki Fabrycki on the recent passing of her father *Richard Lemansky* and to Michael Oppman on the recent passing of his mother *Mary (Oppman) Vozar*. May God grant to them eternal life and comfort their families. May they rest in peace.



We cherish too, the Poppy red that grows on fields where valor led; It seems to signal to the skies that blood of heroes never dies.

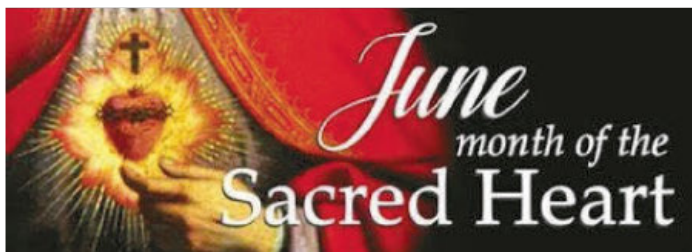
Monday is Memorial Day, a day on which we honor all who died in the service of our country. Memorial Day was born in 1868 after the Civil War in a spirit that connected remembering those who died to the desperate need to forgive and rebuild. Memorial Day is an opportunity for us to pray for reconciliation and an end to war.

Mass on Memorial Day will be celebrated at 8:00 am in Masontown. The Parish and Diocesan Offices will be closed.

Thank you for the following donations to Saint Francis of Assisi Parish:
 in memory of **Susan Papa**
 by M/M Bob Pope & Andy
 in memory of **Richard Lemansky**
 by Gloria J. Magerko

Stewardship of Treasure

May 21: \$5,147; loose \$711; monthly \$415; online \$347; Ascension \$1,697 totaling \$8,317
 Catholic Communications Campaign \$400
 We also collected \$1,005 for the care of our Cemeteries
 St Thomas \$339; OLPH \$226; St Agnes \$170; Madonna \$125; St Procopius \$80; Holy Rosary \$65
Our parish is very grateful for your support!



The Sacred Heart of Jesus was created by God out of His infinite love and mercy for sinners who make amends for their sins by imitating His meek and humble Heart. His Heart is a spring of eternal life.

During the month of June, please pray with Pope Francis **for the abolition of torture.** We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.

Eucharistic Procession

All are invited to a Eucharistic Procession on Sunday, **June 11** (the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ) following the 9:30 am Mass in Footedale.

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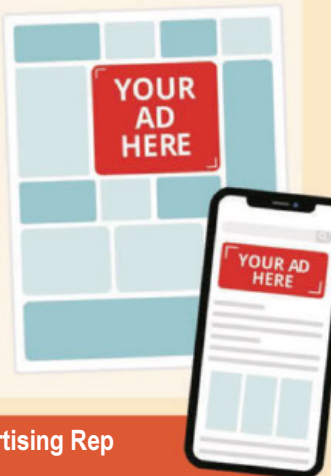
The Support of Your Business is Greatly Appreciated

Sue Novosel from LPi, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church in the coming weeks. It is the support of the business community that helps to make our church thrive. Please consider purchasing a print and/or digital ad as your participation makes our bulletin successful, and you attract customers!

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Neighboring Events

Festival - June 17-18

St. John the Baptist Parish, Scottsdale will hold its festival Saturday & Sunday, June 17 & 18, Noon to 9pm. Food, live music, basket raffles, children's activities and games of chance will be featured. For information, call 724-887-6321.

Faith and Reason Summer Program - June 18-24

Saint Vincent College will host the 12th annual Faith and Reason Summer Program June 18-24. Students age 15 and older are invited to apply for admission to the program which introduces young minds to the rich intellectual tradition of the Catholic faith and is designed to prepare students for college-level education. Housing in a college residence hall and three daily meals in the college dining hall are included in the cost (\$495). Limited scholarship funding is available. Students may register at stvincent.edu/faithandreason. For information, contact Dr. Michael Krom 724-805-2844.

Bike Blessing and Car Cruise - June 25

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, North Huntingdon, will hold its annual Blessing of the Bikes and Car Cruise on Sunday, June 25. The cruise is set for 1:30/4:30 pm with food trucks, prizes, a Chinese auction, a 50/50 raffle and best of show award. Cost is \$10 per vehicle, with dash plaques and T-shirts for the first 50 registrations. The Bike Blessing begins at 2pm. For more information - jahenry@dioceseofgreensburg.org

Slovak Day at Kennywood Park - July 20

Bishop Larry J. Kulick and Pittsburgh Bishop David Zubik will concelebrate a Slovak liturgy for the centennial of Western Pennsylvania Slovak Day at Kennywood Park on Thursday, July 20.

The celebration will include displays, authentic costumes, folk dance performances, a sing-along, Slovak food, children's activities and music for dancing. A centennial party at the Main Stage from 2-3 pm will feature birthday cake and a meet and greet with Radovan Javorcik, Slovak ambassador to the United States, who will also speak at the 2:00 pm program at the Main Stage. The liturgy will be in the Main Pavilion at 4pm. Special-priced Slovak Day tickets are \$25 (good only July 20) and are available by mailing a check (made out to WPSDA) to Sue Ondrejco, 234 Ilion St., Pittsburgh, PA 15207. For information, call 412-462-1957.

A logo for Patterson's Automotive. It features the text "PATTERSON'S AUTOMOTIVE" in large, bold, red letters. Below it is the address "354 Ronco Rd. • Masontown" and the phone number "724-322-2403". At the bottom, it says "Complete automotive repair services." in a red script font. To the right of the text is an illustration of a red car on a lift, with a mechanic standing next to it.

MASS SCHEDULE

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Saturday, May 27 -- Vigil: Pentecost Sunday
 4:00 pm-F (M) Paul J. Cech, Jr. (Joan & Kevin Cech)
 6:00 pm-M (A) Regina Adams (Frank & Colleen Ricco)

Sunday, May 28 -- Pentecost Sunday
 8:00 am-M (M) James W. Nagg (Wife, Cathy Zaiglin Nagg)
 9:30 am-F (A) Michael Kudra (Kristen/Karen Matichko)
 11:30 am-M (M) Pro Populo

Monday, May 29 -- Mary, Mother of the Church
 8:00 am-M Patrick Krokus (Taeseok Stoffa)

Tuesday, May 30 -- Weekday
 8:00 pm-F Mike & Ann Bernot (Son, Michael/Family)

Wednesday, May 31 -- Visitation of the Blessed Virgin
 8:00 am-M Nancy Barnhart (Jude Fedor/Sylvia Volek)

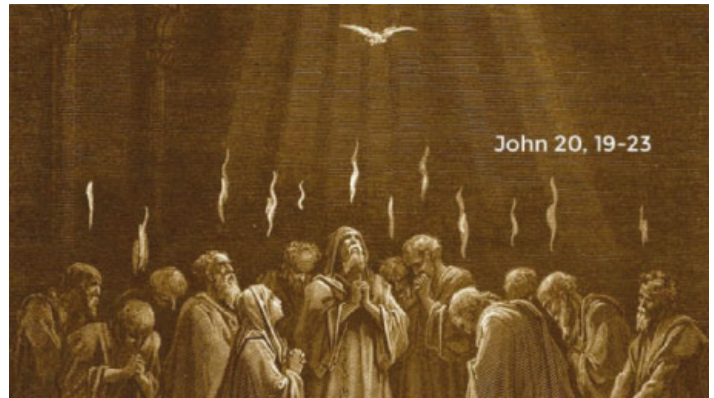
Thursday, June 1 -- Saint Justin
 8:00 am-F Wanda Valusek (Ed Kopec)

Friday, June 2 -- Saints Marcellinus & Peter
 8:00 am-M Ronald Egidi (Becky & Family)
 4:30-6:00 pm Adoration/Confessions in Masontown

Saturday, June 3 -- Vigil: The Most Holy Trinity
 3-3:30 pm-F Confessions
 4:00 pm-F (M) Andrea Shimek (SFOA Christian Mothers)
 5:00-5:30 pm-M Confessions
 6:00 pm-M (A) Brian Coll (Family)

Sunday, June 4 -- The Most Holy Trinity
 8:00 am-M (M) Kathy Gable (Mary Ann & Dave)
 9:30 am-F (M) Ann Valusek (Larry & Mary Schupp)
 11:30 am-M (A) Pro Populo

(M) Fr. Marlon / (A) Fr. Arnel



Today we celebrate the **coming of the Holy Spirit**, fulfilling the promise Jesus made to His disciples before He ascended to the Father. We ourselves were filled with the Holy Spirit at our baptism along with the gifts that the Holy Spirit bestowed upon us: Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety and Fear of the Lord.

Drawn here together by the Holy Spirit, we recall the moment when the first disciples received the power that allowed them to carry out the mission that Jesus left them. May the Holy Spirit energize us on the Christian mission as well.

HONORING OUR GRADUATES

We wish to honor our high school, college and schools of higher education graduates at the 9:30 and 11:30 am Masses on **Sunday, June 4**. Along with a special blessing, we wish to honor our graduates by displaying their photo in the sanctuary. Please help us by submitting your photo along with your name, school of graduation and degree **no later than Wednesday, May 31**.

Thank you and congratulations on your graduation!

Mass Readings for the Week Ahead

Monday: Gn 3:9-20; Jn 19:25-34
 Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12; Mk 10:28-31
 Wednesday: Zep 3:14-18; Lk 1:39-56
 Thursday: Sir 42:15-25; Mk 10:46-52
 Friday: Sir 44:1-13; Mk 11:11-26
 Saturday: Sir 51:12-20; Mk 11:11-26
 Next Sunday: Ex 34:4-9; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18



Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, June 2, in Masontown

4:30-5:30 pm: Exposition / Confession

5:30-5:45 pm: Chaplet of Divine Mercy

5:45-6:00 pm: Benediction

Memorial Candles burn this week in loving memory of or for the special intention of:

† **Sanctuary** - All military personnel who died while serving in the U.S. armed forces

† **Blessed Mother** - Mike & Ann Bernot requested by son, Michael & Family

Susan Papa

requested by Elaine Edenfield

† **Saint Joseph** - Ronald Egidi requested by Becky & family

† **Saint Anthony** - 90th Birthday of Clara Clark requested by godchild, Carletta

† **Sacred Heart** - Ann Valusek requested by Gerald & Barb Grimes



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