

A Place to Share God's Word, Faith, Family Life & Fellowship
St. Peter Claver St. Pius V Catholic Church – “One in the Spirit”



Pentecost Sunday

May 28, 2023

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday Vigil 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:30 a.m.

DAILY MASSES

Mondays 8:00 a.m.
Tuesdays 8:00 a.m.
Thursdays 8:00 a.m.
Fridays 8:00 a.m.

HOLY DAYS TBA

Religious Education

Elementary & First Communion
Sundays: Immediately following Mass

High School & Confirmation
2nd, 4th, & 5th Sundays – 11:00 a.m.

RCIA – 1st & 3rd Wednesdays – 7 p.m.
1st & 3rd Sundays – 11 a.m.

Baptism & Marriage Preparation

By Appointment

Mass Intentions

May 28 – The Woodland Family;
Req. by Anonymous

June 3 – Jabari Whyee; Req. by
Anonymous

Thank You!

*Our church door is always open
to everyone. Thank you for
attending, and we hope to see
you again soon!*

*“Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in
prayer, believe that you have received it, and it
will be yours.”*

Mark 11:24

PASTOR'S CORNER

“Grace makes things possible/happen, but determination sustains that which grace has brought into existence!! One may be blessed/graced with the power of sight, for example, but if he/she does not open his/her eye, the individual cannot see!! You can't pray yourself out of poverty and/or problem(s) without making efforts and being determined to succeed!!”

Upcoming Events/Meetings

- May 27** - Pastoral Council Meeting
- June 3** – St. Vincent de Paul Meeting
- June 4** - Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality Meeting
- June 8** - Health & Wellness Exercise Class
- June 10** – Harpers Helper/Extraordinary Ministers Meeting
- June 11** - St. Vincent de Paul Meeting
- June 14** – Emergency Food Distribution
- June 15** - Health & Wellness Exercise Class
- June 17** - Pastoral Council Meeting

Weekly Readings



- Sunday:** Acts 2:1-11 /Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 / 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 / John 20:19-23
- Monday:** Genesis 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14 /Psalm 87:1-2, 3, 5, 6-7 / John 19:25-34
- Tuesday:** Sirach 35:1-12 /Psalm 50:5-6, 7-8, 14, 23 / Mark 10:28-31
- Wednesday:** Zephaniah 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/ Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 / Luke 1:39-56
- Thursday:** Sirach 42:15-25 / Psalm 33:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 / Mark 10:46-52
- Friday:** Sirach 44:1, 9-13 / Psalm 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a, 9b / Mark 11:11-26
- Saturday:** Sirach 51:12 cd-20 / Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11 / Mark 11:27-33



Today as we celebrate Pentecost, Jesus says to his disciples: “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” *Through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent dePaul continues to bring the love and care of Jesus to those in need. Thank You!*

May 21, 2023

Total Attendance - 150

Total Collections - \$3,863

Year-to-date Collections - \$109,106.02

Eight key things to know about Pentecost. . .

1. Pentecost means 50

Greek word "Pentekostos," which means "fifty," is the root of the English term "Pentecost." Judaism refers to this day as the Feast of Weeks since it comes 50 days after the Passover Sabbath.

2. It was traditionally celebrated as 'Whitsun'.

This is thought to be the case because white clothing was required for baptisms on that day. Another theory is that it stems from the Anglo-Saxon term "wit," which we now use to describe verbal cunningness but which originally meant "understanding" because Pentecost was the occasion when God poured out the wisdom of the Spirit.

3. There's argument about speaking in tongues.

Acts 2:1–13 is where Luke narrates the tale. Some academics believe that he was alluding to a 'glossalalia' or 'speaking in tongues' event, an energetic outpouring of adoration in an unintelligible tongue. Others draw attention to the fact that those listening to the disciples' words appear to have understood them.

4. Pentecost is the fulfilment of two promises.

Joel 2:28, which states, "I will pour out my Spirit on all people," is an Old Testament promise. In the New Testament, Jesus says he would send another Counselor, the Spirit of truth (John 16:5–15).

5. There was wind...

Luke describes different encounters. The house was filled with a ferocious wind; the wind is a metaphor for the Holy Spirit of God. In Ezekiel 37, the prophet describes his vision of a valley filled with dried bones that gather together and come to life when the "breath" of God penetrates them. The Pentecost wind is a metaphor for God's ability to breathe life into the "dry bones" of faith.

6. ...and tongues of fire...

Fire tongues split off and land on each of them. Jesus said to his followers, "You are the light of the world" (Matthew 5:14). In John 8:12, Christ declares, "I am the light of the world." Acts paints an image of a single flame that divides them and then settles metaphorically on each one of them; the disciples will imitate what Jesus accomplished.

7. ..and other languages.

In Genesis 11, when the people starts to construct the enormous Tower of Babel, their communication is rendered impossible by God's confusion of their languages. This Babel confusion is reversed at Pentecost.

8. Pentecost is the birthday of the Church.

It signaled the start of Christianity as a deliberate movement and a new society. Following Peter's sermon, some 3,000 individuals professed faith and underwent baptism.

OUTREACH & EVANGELIZATION

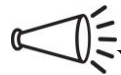
Annual Appeal for Catholic Ministries. Today, Jesus gives the Holy Spirit to his Apostles. As he breathes on them, the breath of God fills their lungs. Their breath now carries His authority to speak forgiveness or retention of sins. What a gift He gave our priests! In our Baptism and Confirmation, Jesus gave us the Holy Spirit. Wisdom, Knowledge, Counsel, Fortitude, Understanding, Piety, and Fear of the Lord go with those who walk in His name.

Today, we ask you to step out boldly to bless our parish by promoting our Annual Appeal for Catholic Ministries. Our parish has many gifts to offer souls who are hungry to know Jesus. These gifts live in you, given first by God. You have an opportunity to bless His heart by making a generous return through the Annual Appeal.

All are welcome to join a celebration dedicated to Mary our Mother at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart in Mount Washington. Each night through May 31 at 6 p.m., we gather to pray the rosary and a Novena, and make a floral offering at our Grotto of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Congratulations to the three (3) new Josephite priests: Rev. George Agwu Liwhuliwhe, SSJ; Rev. Wisdom Ini-obong Umanah, SSJ; and, Rev. Ugochukwu Henry, SSJ who will be ordained June 3 at St. Luke, 4925 E. Capitol Street, SE, DC at 10:00 a.m.

Mother Mary Lange 10th Anniversary Celebration – Join the Oblate Sisters of Providence as they have a Mass of celebration commemorating the anniversary of bringing Mother Mary Lange’s remains for internment at the motherhouse. It is happening on June 3 at 10:00 a.m. The celebration will include a Mass celebrated by Fr. Paul Zaborowski, OFM Cap. at Our Lady of Mount Providence Convent, 701 Gun Road , Baltimore. The celebration is open to the public and will be live-streamed on the Oblate Sisters of Providence facebook page: [oblate.sister.of.providence](https://www.facebook.com/oblate.sister.of.providence).



You have three (3) ways to submit bulletin items/church announcements: email to saintpeterpius@gmail.com; contact form on the church’s website; or text to (443)527-5478. All announcements must be received no later than 5 p.m. on Wednesday.

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