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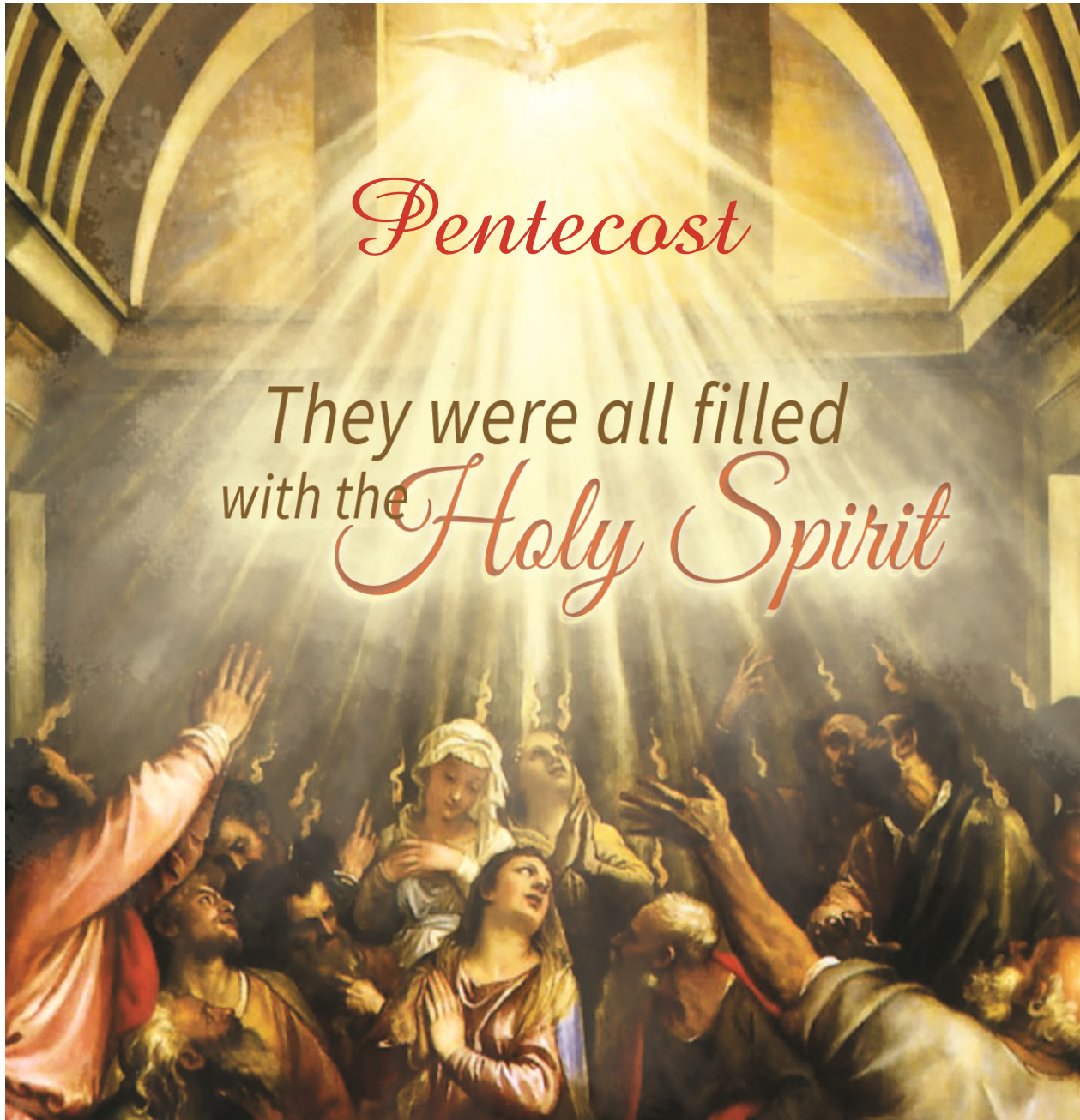
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Pentecost

They were all filled
with the *Holy Spirit*

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PENTECOST (2018)

Today we keep another great feast, that of Pentecost, when we remember the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles. Fifty days ago we celebrated Easter and during that time we have been hearing about the risen Jesus's appearances to his disciples. Jesus has now returned to the Father (as we reflected upon last week when we explored the meaning of the Ascension of the Lord). Now Jesus fulfills his earlier promise that "the Advocate, the Holy Spirit" will be sent to the disciples (John 14: 15-31). The feast of Pentecost concludes the fifty days of our season of Easter. In fact, the word "Pentecost" comes from an ancient Greek word "pente-koste", meaning fifty days. Well, all of this is fine and good, but *what* exactly do we celebrate today...?

The feast of Pentecost, like so many of our feast days and prayers, actually has its roots in a Jewish celebration, namely that of the "first fruits" or "the weeks". This important feast was celebrated some seven weeks after the Sabbath of the Passover. It was a time to give thanks to God for the first fruits of the spring harvest and so to renew the *covenant* or relationship between God and His people. This gives a clue to many of the things that we celebrate today; especially if we look again at our readings, hymns and prayers at the Mass for Pentecost.

On the day of Pentecost, the apostles were renewed and, in fact, changed in their relationship with God. Before the Holy Spirit came upon them, they were weak and frightened men, cowering in the upper room in fear (as we are told at the beginning of our First Reading in Acts 2: 1-11). After they had received the Holy Spirit they were strengthened and became bold and powerful witnesses to the risen Jesus. In this sense, Pentecost is called "the birthday of the Church." They received not the first fruits of the spring harvest, but rather the fruits or gifts of the Holy Spirit: wisdom and understanding, right judgment and courage, knowledge and reverence, wonder and awe. This giving of the gifts of the Holy Spirit is continued in the church through every generation and place seen, above all, in the sacrament of Confirmation.

The Gospel also tells us that the apostles also received the authority to become special instruments of God's love and mercy as the Holy Spirit is breathed upon them (John 20: 19-23). This also is continued in the Church through the sacrament of ordination. Those

who are to be ordained are literally *ordered* (that is both changed in their very being and also commanded) to be ministers of that same love and mercy through their leadership, their teaching and preaching and through the celebration of the sacraments.

This radical renewal of relationships extends even further. We can notice, for example, how when Peter preaches on the day of Pentecost, each person present understands him in his or her own language. In other words, the division that can be caused by all the different languages spoken in our world (as we hear in the story of the Tower of Babel in Genesis 11: 1-9) is now overcome by the one message and one language of Jesus Christ. After all, the Holy Spirit is often called the "bond of love" or the "Spirit of unity". So, today, with this wonderful feast of Pentecost, we also celebrate the unity that following Jesus and having faith in him can bring: we are indeed one family, brothers and sisters, in Jesus Christ.

As our season of Easter comes to its close, let us give thanks for the first fruits or the gifts of the Holy Spirit that we have received. It is a good time to renew our appreciation of those seven gifts of the Holy Spirit and also to realize, once again, that these gifts are given to us to be shared with others. All of us have received that mission, or even commission, to preach the Gospel. We often do this simply by trying to live and to witness to our faith in the everyday events and encounters that make up our daily life. Let us, like the apostles, not cower in some upper room, but rather boldly go out and witness to our faith. As we prepare for the Diocesan Eucharistic Congress and continue the Perpetual Adoration Chapel Project, we can remember that spending some time in adoration and prayer before the blessed Sacrament can help to renew all these gifts of the Holy Spirit within us. Finally, let us remember once again, those who were recently confirmed, their sponsors and their families in our prayers.



Father Anthony

THE WEEK AHEAD

■ SUNDAY, May 20

PRAY THE ROSARY

Sunday at

1:30 p.m.

St. Mary's Church - Hud-

son

TUESDAY, May 22

- St. Anthony Novena Prayer - following morning Mass

WEDNESDAY, May 23

- Pastoral Council Meeting - 5:30 p.m. St. Mary's Academy (Social)

THURSDAY, May 24

- History Committee Meeting - 1:00 p.m. St. Mary's Academy
- Bible Study: 7:00 p.m. St. Mary's Academy

FRIDAY, May 25

- Sub Nite: 4-6 p.m. St. Mary's Academy

5:30 Saturday Vigil Mass Back at Nativity Chapel, Linlithgo

Starting this weekend the 5:30 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass returns to Nativity Chapel, Linlithgo. The Mass will continue there until further notice.

CATHOLIC SINGLES WEEKEND June 15-17, 2018

To be held at Pyramid Life Center, a beautiful camp and lodge run by the Diocese of Albany in Paradiso, NY - all inclusive social weekend in a beautiful setting at a great price.

For info, email cathsing@yahoo.com

The following **Eucharistic Moment** has been shared by the Perpetual Adoration Committee to promote Eucharistic adoration:

Sunday, May 20

"Know also that you will probably gain more by praying fifteen minutes before the Blessed Sacrament than by all the other spiritual exercises of the day. True, Our Lord hears our prayers anywhere, for He has made the promise, 'Ask, and you shall receive,' but He has revealed to His servants that those who visit Him in the Blessed Sacrament will obtain a more abundant measure of grace." - St. Alphonsus Liguori

Would you spend one hour in adoration for all the needs of our Church?



CG-PEA Chapel has a Facebook page!

We will have periodic announcements of our project as well as sharing the love for Eucharistic Adoration through testimonies and videos.

Come, let us adore!

Please check us out at:

WALK FOR LIFE

When: May 26

Registration: 9am – 10am

Walk begins: 10am

Where: Hudson Riverfront

Fuel the mission of the **Alight Center** by partnering in our first annual Walk for Life! This is a crowd-funding event that mobilizes fundraising teams. Crowd-funding is asking others for small donations to help reach a personal and team goal. Holy Trinity parish is coordinating a group to walk. If you would like to participate please contact Arlene Liepshutz @ 518-828-1334.

Kindly put your clearly marked donation in the offertory collection or mail to Holy Trinity Parish, Attention Arlene Liepshutz, P.O. Box 323, Hudson, NY 12534.

Please note: The Walk for Life will replace the sale of roses on Mother's Day.



Aid for the Church in Eastern Europe

The theme for this year's Special Collection for the Catholic Church of Central and Eastern Europe is now "**Restore the Church- Build the Future**". The Church in this region of the world continues to have great needs for its pastoral work. Your donations invest in future generations of Catholics: a gift of faith to the future.

Proceeds from the Collection go directly to build churches and support scholarships for ministry formation, and they also support Catholic organizations that provide family support, food, shelter, medical care and religious education in the region. **Please help by giving to the collection on May 26/27.**



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." Learn how to bring the peace of Christ into your relationship by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Nov 3-4, 2018 in ALBANY, NY and Jun 9-10, 2018 in Medway, MA. For more information, call Ed & Rhonda Staats at 518-279-3243 or visit them at <https://www.wwomenyalb.org>

Holy Trinity History Club Meeting Thursday, May 24th, 1 p.m. at St. Mary's Academy

Come one, come all and join our **History Club** to help organize the St. Mary's/Resurrection memorabilia.

If you have any items to add to our collection, i.e. photos or news articles, please do so!

If you have any questions, please call. David Hart at 518-828-6747.



Our 2018 Bishop's Appeal

As of this past weekend we have continued to receive pledges and donations. Updates on contributions will be forthcoming.

With your generosity, we earnestly look forward to the day when we can report that we have "gone over the top." Thanks to everyone who has responded to this year's appeal in such a generous way.

Please keep in mind, commitments to the Bishop's Appeal can be made online at theBishopsAppeal.org . Call us at 518-828-1334 if you need any assistance. You can also call the Bishop's Appeal Office at 518- 453-6680 for assistance.

Spreading the Joy of the Gospel starts with



Catholic Daughters Recruitment Weekend

Members of Court Columbia #248 of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas will be in the church vestibule after all Masses at St. Mary's this weekend to distribute information regarding their mission and to encourage new membership.

Please give some prayerful thought to joining!

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Whether we realize or not, every act of generosity, even the smallest, helps to change the world for the better.

HUDSON

Regular Offertory (May 13).....	\$ 5394.00
Ascension of the Lord.....	\$ 1460.00
Utilities.....	\$ 737.00
Mother's Day.....	\$ 310.00
Seminarian Support.....	\$ 445.00

GERMANTOWN

Regular Offertory (May 13).....	\$ 1180.00
Ascension of the Lord.....	\$ 231.00
Mother's Day.....	\$ 60.00

SACRAMENTS

The sacraments are wonderful gifts from God to us. Through outward, visible signs; the sacraments are channels of God's love and mercy and so they draw us in to the life of the Trinity. They therefore also continue the saving mission and ministry of Jesus Christ in and through His body, the Church. Below is some information on how to make contact regarding the celebration of the sacraments.

BAPTISM: Congratulations! If you would like to arrange preparations and a date for Baptism, please contact the Parish Office.

RCIA: For those enquiring about the Catholic Faith or wishing to complete their sacraments: welcome! Please contact the Parish Office and we will be very glad to help you further.

RECONCILIATION: Celebrated on Saturdays 2.30-3.45 pm in Hudson, before and after Masses in Germantown, or at anytime by appointment. (Note: it is best to call ahead first to check on the availability of a priest)

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Priests regularly visit the hospitals, nursing homes and the homebound. Please do contact the Parish Office if you or someone you know is in need of the anointing of sick.

MARRIAGE: Congratulations! So that proper arrangements (paperwork, preparations etc.) can be made, please contact the Parish Office or Fr. Anthony at least six months before the desired date.

VOCATIONS: If you are considering a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate or religious life, please contact Fr. Anthony to share thoughts and prayers further.

7 GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



READINGS AND HYMNS (HUDSON)

Reading: p. 185 (Vigil); p. 188 **Opening Hymn:** # 298
Closing: # 296

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

MONDAY: Weekday (May 21)

7:15 AM Lena Keyser - David & Pat Hart

TUESDAY: Weekday (May 22)

7:15 AM Paul Donahue - Mary Ann & Charles Vieni
Claire Pazera - Joanne Walker

WEDNESDAY: Weekday (May 23)

7:15 AM Lena Keyser - Ann Keyser
Sherwood Cade - Sharon Craft

THURSDAY: Weekday (May 24)

7:15 AM Timothy Meyer - Janet & Pete Meyer

FRIDAY: Weekday (May 25)

7:15 AM Donald Maloy - Pat & Eileen Maloy
9:00 AM For Vocations to the Religious Life
(G'TWN)

HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS: (May 26)

4:00 PM Henry & Mary Kosbi & Helen Ballaban -
(HUD)

Mary Ann Kovalich

Delores Housman - Charlie Housman

Roger Leccese, Jr. - Family

5:30 PM Carmela & Philip Manuli - Phyllis Manuli
(LNLTH)

SUNDAY MORNING MASS: (May 27)

9:00 AM Chris DiCintio - Judy & Madaline
(HUD) Janet Decker Christina - Virginia & Gail
Decker

Marguerite Orłowski - Dawn Finney

Readings for the Week of May 20

Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-30 [cf. 30]

/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34
[cf. 30]

/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal

5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or

Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Monday: Jas 3:13-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [9a]/Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10/Ps 55:7-8, 9-10a, 10b-11a, 23
[23a]

/Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Jas 4:13-17/Ps 49:2-3, 6-7, 8-10, 11 [Mt 5:3]/Mk 9:38-40

Thursday: Jas 5:1-6/Ps 49:14-15ab, 15cd-16, 17-18, 19-20

[Mt 5:3]/Mk 9:41-50

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