

The Work of the People  
*Pentecost Sunday*

The Greek word for Pentecost means "fiftieth," and in early Christianity it referred to the entire fifty days of Easter. The roots of Pentecost can be found in the Jewish festival of Weeks (Shavuot), the fifty-day celebration following Passover (Exodus 23:16). It was a harvest Festival in which the first fruits of the harvest were offered to God in gratitude. It eventually became associated with the giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai. Early Christians reinterpreted the Jewish festival as a commemoration of the coming of the Holy Spirit since the Acts of the Apostles records that the Holy Spirit came to the disciples when the festival of Pentecost was fulfilled (see Acts 2:1 – 11).

The celebration of Pentecost may begin on Saturday afternoon or evening with the Vigil. By the end of the fourth century in the West, Pentecost became a time for the initiation of those not baptized at Easter. Thus, a night vigil was added like the Easter Vigil for this purpose. With this early history in mind, this is a most appropriate time to initiate those who were not ready at the Easter vigil, or (not able) to celebrate the reception of Baptized Christians into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church.

In the Gospel reading for the Mass During the Day, Jesus clarifies the essence of the disciples' mission (and ours). Where Matthew describes apostleship as teaching and baptizing, John summarizes the whole mission as forgiveness. The disciples have received Jesus' peace and his Spirit, and now they and those who come after are charged with making the peace of forgiveness present in the world until the end of time.

The reflection for this great Solemnity is from Edward P. Hahnenberg, PhD. Who is the author of *Theology for Ministry: An Introduction for Lay Ministers*.

The descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost traditionally marks the birth of the Church. But it's hardly the first time the Spirit shows up.

In the book of Genesis, the Spirit (ru'ah) hovers over the waters at the moment of creation (Gen 1:2). The psalms sing of God's Spirit renewing the face of the earth (Ps 104:30). Jesus' whole life is carried along by the Spirit. From the moment of his conception ("The Holy Spirit will come upon you," Luke 1:35) to his first words as a teacher ("The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,"

Luke 4:18) to his final promise ("Receive the Holy Spirit," John 20:22)—the Spirit serves not only as the bond of love between the Son and the Father but also as the living link between Christ and his people.

The Holy Spirit is nothing other than God alive and active in the world. If Jesus is how God burst forth into human history, then the Spirit is how God continues to burn in the human heart. The Spirit is God's love for each one of us. It is God's loving presence within me.

The beauty of God's gift is that it comes to us as we are. When the apostles shared the gift of the Spirit, the people who listened did not need to learn a new language. Instead they confessed, "we heard them speaking in our own tongues the mighty acts of God" (Acts 2:11). The one Spirit does not obliterate the amazing diversity of the Body of Christ, but rather makes possible the marvelous contribution of each and every part to the life of the whole.

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn. 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Jn. 19:25-34  
 Tuesday: Jas. 4:1-10/Mk. 9:30-37  
 Wednesday: Jas. 4:13-17/Mk. 9:38-40  
 Thursday: Jas. 5:1-6/Mt. 9:41-50  
 Friday: Jas. 5:9-12/Mk. 10:1-12  
 Saturday: Jas. 5:13-20/Mk. 10:13-16  
 Sunday: Dt. 4:32-34, 39-40/Rom. 8:14-17/Mt. 28:16-20

#### MERGER INFO

St. Anthony of Padua Parish will merge into Our Lady of the Lake Parish in Edinboro. Our Lady of the Lake will remain the parish church while St. Anthony will become a secondary mission church that can have Mass on Saturday evening or Sunday morning and Holy Days.

St. Bernadette Church which has been a secondary mission church of St. Anthony, will become a secondary church of Our Lady of the Lake. A secondary church doesn't have a weekend Mass but is available for weddings, funerals and some weekday Masses.

*"Holy Spirit,  
 on this great feast,  
 I open my heart to receive all that  
 you have for me!"*

## WORSHIP

Monday, May 20  
 8:00 am + Gary Parkin (Susan Parkin)  
 Tuesday, Tuesday, May 21  
 8:00 am + James Samson (Josie Osiecki)  
 Wednesday, May 22  
 8:00 am + NO MASS  
 Thursday, May 23  
 8:00 am + Peggy Weidner (Ginger & Dick Kester)  
 Friday, May 24  
 8:00 am + Kathleen Nowak (Family)  
 Saturday, May 25  
 4:30 pm + Richard & Kris Gosnell Anniv.  
 (Ted & Andrea Closky)  
 Sunday, May 26  
 8:00 am + AT ST. BERNADETTE MISSION  
 Stephen N. Sada (James & Shirley Nichols)  
 9:30 am + AT ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA  
 Liv & Dec. Members of St. Anthony of Padua  
 and St. Bernadette Mission

## PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

Monday, May 20  
 5:00 pm - Doors open for BINGO  
 Tuesday, May 21  
 After Mass - St. Anthony Novena  
 Saturday, May 25  
 3:30 - 4:15 pm - Confession  
 Sunday, May 26  
 AT ST. BERNADETTE MISSION  
 Before Mass - Confession  
 AT ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA  
 After Mass - Confession

### MARRIAGE MOMENT

“Marriage is wonderful. Don’t ruin it with unrealistic expectations. Learn what your marriage truly can and cannot be. Hint: Don’t take your cues from Hollywood.” (Mark Gungor, *Laugh Your Way America*) So from where do you take YOUR cues - your parents? friends? experience? your faith?

*“Jesus, thank you for your mercy,  
 which knows no bounds!”*

### ST. BERNADETTE MISSION STEWARDSHIP

Offertory	\$401.00
Ascension	125.00
International Needs	30.00
Candles	22.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$578.00</b>

### PENTECOST

#### The Holy Spirit at Work in the World

The feast of Pentecost is an annual reminder that the Creed we profess is not for the timid. It’s not a part-time deal, a Sunday morning interlude, something we try to get around to when we’re not so busy. Pentecost also reminds us with mighty wind and terrifying flame, that as Christian stewards we must be all in to acknowledge the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives and be open to the Spirit’s direction and power.

The Holy Spirit gives us the wisdom to follow the Gospel and put the Eucharist into action every single day.

### CALENDAR LOTTERY FUNDRAISER

**ALL stubs and proceeds must be returned  
 by Monday, May 20, 2024.**

### CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS

#### Digital Safety and Your Child

If your child gives out personal information while online, it is easy to track and tough to completely remove. Teach your child to never share personal information such as full name, address, phone number, email, school or birthday on any social media site. Teach them to never give anyone their passwords. Help your child set up strong passwords and do a yearly checkup on them. Adjust privacy settings for online games, apps, social media sites and your child’s electronic devices. Don’t forget to check the GPS settings ability to unintentionally share your child’s location. Avoid using public wi-fi when sharing personal information. For additional information visit [www.eriecd.org/childprotection/](http://www.eriecd.org/childprotection/)

### A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Today, on Pentecost, we remember Christ has given us the Holy Spirit to assist us in raising our family and he expects us to use this personal gift. Let’s set aside the distractions in our lives and let the Holy Spirit “guide us to the truth.”

### ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA STEWARDSHIP

Offertory	\$784.00
Maintenance	157.00
Calendar Lottery	345.00
Candles	74.00
Ascension	145.00
CSA	1,190.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,695.00</b>

Catholic Services Appeal  
 Pledged: \$32,996    Paid: \$22,936

**CHURCH NAME: ST. ANTONY OF PADUA**

**CHURCH NO.:**

**SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

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