

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. It was a harvest festival in which the first fruits of the harvest were offered to God in gratitude. It eventually became associated with giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai. Early Christians reinterpreted the Jewish festival as a commemoration of the coming of the Holy Spirit, since Acts records that the Holy Spirit came to the disciples when the festival of Pentecost was fulfilled.

On the Pentecost Sunday, we certainly need the Holy Spirit as did the early church. We are in a situation that none of us has ever experienced before. We do know that we will soon be able to return to Mass but must realize that it will not be the same as we remember for a little while anyway. We moved into this phase of closed churches very suddenly but we will be moving back to church and Mass very gradually. I ask everyone to please be patient as we find our way through this unchartered land.

Public Mass will resume at St. Anthony of Padua and St. Bernadette on Monday, June 1, 2020. The daily Mass schedule will be as it was, 8:00 a.m. at St. Anthony of Padua Church. Mass will be in the church proper since the Daily Mass Chapel is too small for proper social distancing. Pews will be corded off and it will be obvious as to where people are permitted to sit. You may sit with those you live with or came in the same vehicle to Mass with but do not sit within six feet of others. Masks must be worn while you are in the church building except for the moment you place the Body of Christ in your mouth. I will be the only person permitted in the sanctuary for the immediate future.

The regular Mass schedule will resume on Saturday, June 6 and Sunday, June 7. For the present, Confessions will be on Fridays from 2:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. There will be no confessions before Mass. You may always call for an appointment for confession even if the time of the appointment will be in the evening.

When you come to Mass, you are to leave your vehicle, put your mask on, and walk directly into church and to an open pew. Hand sanitizer will be available at the entrance for your use. Disposable masks will also be available if you forget yours. Do not stop and talk with anyone along the way. There will be no hymnals or Mass cards in the pews. You certainly may bring your own missal or book. Mass will be much simpler than before the hiatus and generally will be no longer than forty minutes. After Mass, you are to leave the pew and proceed directly to the parking lot and your vehicle. Do not stop and talk along the way.

At Communion time, there will be no ushers to give directions but you must maintain a distance of six feet between you and the person in front of you. You are strongly urged to receive communion in the hand. If you choose to receive communion on the tongue, this will slow up the entire procession as I will have to stop, place the patten on the altar, and sanitize my hands before I move to the next person,

I will send a letter explaining this and many other things about our return to public Mass the week of May 24. Please watch for that and read it. Know that if you are ill or in a high-risk group, it would be better if you stayed home. The obligation for attending Sunday Mass is still dispensed. Even if you are anxious about being with other people at this time, you may stay home. The unfortunate consequence about moving back to public Mass is that I will no longer be able to live-stream the Mass since the sanctuary is too wide for the camera. There will still be opportunities to view other Masses online.

We begin again slowly. Please cooperate so that we do not have to suspend Mass once again.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 2

Monday: Gn. 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Jn. 19:25-34

Tuesday: 2 Pt. 3:12-15a, 17-18/Mk. 12:13-17

Wednesday: 2 Tm. 1:1-3, 6-12/Mk. 12:18-27

Thursday: 2 Tm. 2:8-15/Mk. 12:28-34

Friday: 2 Tm. 3:10-17/Mk. 12:35-37

Saturday: 2 Tm. 4:1-8/Mk. 12:38-44

Sunday: Ex. 34:4b-6, 8-9/2 Cor. 13:11-13/Jn. 3:16-18

With praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God

His Excellency

**The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL
Bishop of Erie**

**cordially invites the Reverend Diocesan
and
Religious Clergy,
and**

**the Faithful of the Diocese of Erie
to remotely participate in
the Presbyteral Ordination of**

**The Reverend Mr. Kevin Holland
and**

The Reverend Mr. Joseph Petrone

Friday, May 29, 2020

4:00 pm

**Livestreaming through the diocesan website
at ErieRCD.org**

WORSHIP

Monday, June 1
 8:00 am + John Auer
 Tuesday, June 2
 8:00 am + Joan Powers (Gerald & Martha Adamczyk)
 After Mass - Novena to St. Anthony
 Wednesday, June 3
 8:00 am + NO MASS
 Thursday, June 4
 8:00 am + Alice Undereiner (Betty Bisbee)
 Friday, June 5
 8:00 am + Robert Wronko (Joan Rembielak)
 Saturday, June 6
 4:30 pm + Mary Beth Weidner (Ginger & Dick Kester)
 Sunday, June 7
 8:00 am + AT ST. B ERNADETTE MISSION
 Dec. brothers of John & Kay Weagraff
 (John & Kay)
 9:30 am + AT ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA
 Living & Deceased Parishioners

PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

**PARISH EVENTS
 HAVE BEEN
 SUSPENDED
 UNTIL
 FURTHER
 NOTICE**

*“Holy Spirit,
 make your home in my heart,
 today and every day.”*

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE
 Like the disciples in today’s gospel, there are times we shut the doors of our hearts to people or events. It’s how we create emotional distance. Permanent distancing is lethal and prevents the PEACE Jesus offers you today.

*“Yes, Lord,
 may the word of God
 go forth from me.”*

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
(CONFESSION)

Every Friday 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Please go up the ramp to the right and into the Daily Mass Chapel

YOU MUST WEAR A MASK

*If there are several people waiting,
 please observe healthy social distancing.*

EXPOSITION OF THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every Friday, Noon - 3:00 pm

*For the health and safety of all,
 please wear a mask during your
 time in the church building
 and maintain proper social distancing.*

**SAMPLE PRAYER
 FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

Please be aware that like any family, our parish has ongoing operating costs. We are entirely dependent upon you to meet those financial obligations. Please continue to make your weekly offertory gifts by mailing your offertory to P.O. Box 214, Cambridge Springs, PA 16403 or drop it off at the parish office, 165 Beach Ave. on Mon, Tues, Thurs or Fri from 9 am — 3 pm.

CHURCH NAME: ST. ANTONY OF PADUA

CHURCH NO.:

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:
