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CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Sunday: The Lord's Day, Vigil Saturday: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 9:00 AM & 10:30 AM
Daily Mass, Monday - Saturday, 8:30 AM

RECONCILIATION

Confessions every Saturday, 4:00-4:30 PM and also
at parishioners' convenience by appointment.

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE

Arrangements are usually made one year in advance
to properly prepare for marriage. Contact the Parish
Office for an appointment.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

Contact Parish Office for pastoral visits in the hospital
or at home. Eucharist ministers are able to visit the
sick upon request. The Sacrament of the Sick can be
celebrated anytime there is a need.

PARISH REGISTRATION

Registration Forms are located in back of the church
or at the Parish Office. Please register so that we may
serve you better.

PARISH TRUSTEES

Cecile Cole
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May 20, 2018 • Pentecost



Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday May 20, 2018

Pentecost Sunday

9:00 Vincent DePalma

10:30 Rev. Robert Langdon

Monday, May 21, 2018

*Saint Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and
Companions, Martyrs*

8:30 Intentions of Sr. Thomasine Smith

Wednesday, May 23, 2018

8:30 Intentions of Fr. Charles Russo

Thursday, May 24, 2018

8:30 Special Intention

Friday, May 25, 2018

*Saint Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor
of the Church; St. Gregory VII, Pope; St.*

Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi, Virgin

8:30 Deceased members of the Parish

Saturday, May 26, 2018

Saint Philip Neri, Priest

8:30 People of the Parish

5:00 Margaret Conforti

Sunday May 27, 2018

The Most Holy Trinity

9:00 James McErlean

10:30 Helen Dunado

The Inner Word What's in your heart?

We hear different “giving of the Spirit” stories today: the spectacular events in the “upper room” and the risen Jesus’ breathing the Spirit on the disciples when he first appeared to them. However we tell the story, the presence of the Spirit is essential to the mission of Christ’s

disciples. As sharers in their heritage and as present-day disciples, consider these questions

- Through the Holy Spirit comes forgiveness of sins. Where have I most deeply felt the power of forgiveness? When have I especially felt the presence of the Holy Spirit? How has the Spirit worked in my life?
- In what ways am I “sent”? How do I witness to my faith?
- What are the particular gifts, forms of service, abilities, and work I offer to the church? How do my gifts contribute to the building up of the church? How can I encourage others to use their gifts to do the same?

May 20, 2018

Pentecost Sunday

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Absent cake and candles, this day of Pentecost is often referred to as “the birthday of the Church.” That’s because Pentecost marks the day when the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles while they were cowered in fear and hiding behind locked doors following Jesus’ resurrection. After receiving the power and gifts of the Holy Spirit, these same men went out and preached Jesus’ message to crowds of Jews gathered in Jerusalem city for the conclusion of the fifty days of Passover. Pentecost means “fifty,” and it marked the end of the barley harvest and the beginning of the wheat harvest. How appropriate that the Holy Spirit would transform it into a spiritual harvest of new believers!

The marvel of the preaching that day was that Jews from all over the civilized world were able to understand what the Apostles were saying in their own languages. The

uneducated Apostles suddenly became skilled linguists. But it was really the Holy Spirit who spoke through them. The Catechism of the Church calls that day the beginning of “the Age of the Church.” It is the same in which we now live.

There are three symbols of Pentecost, namely wind, fire and a dove. The first symbol, wind, is taken from the noise the apostles heard as the Spirit descended upon them (Acts 22). After the wind, flames appeared and rested upon the heads of each of the apostles (Acts 23).

A dove serves as a symbol of the Holy Spirit. While there is no mention of a dove in the Acts account, we associate a dove with the Holy Spirit because of the story of Jesus’ baptism: “After Jesus was baptized, He came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove coming upon Him.” (Matthew 3:16).

Pentecost is probably one of the most important days on the Church calendar, but it often gets overlooked. It also falls at the time of year when the ordination of new priests often takes place in many dioceses. (Today’s date marks the actual ordination anniversary, number 51, of this writer.)

You and your families could celebrate it today just as you would for any other birthday, with cake and ice cream. But instead of singing “Happy Birthday” someone could lead a prayer for Pentecost found in many prayer books or online. Or we could wear something red today to match the priest’s vestments. The point is to acknowledge the awareness of the specialness of this day. The great truth of Pentecost is that our ancient Church is ever new, and it is graced with the gifts that each of you bring to keep it ever young.

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11

The miraculous Pentecost event, as presented by St. Luke, is rich in drama and literal “wind and fireworks.” The sudden gift to the Apostles of being able to be understood in many languages clearly shows the presence of the Holy Spirit empowering the nascent Church.

Second Reading: I Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13
Paul responds to the Corinthians’ problem of competitiveness in their community, which is

harming their unity. He tells them that all spiritual gifts bring benefits in different ways. He uses the analogy of the human body and its various parts working in harmony.

Gospel: John 14:15-6, 23b-26

Jesus makes a set of promises to all believers. He also tells them that the Father will be sending another Advocate to them, namely the Holy Spirit. He in turn will instruct the Church, guiding her to keep the message Jesus brought intact throughout history.



As a community of believers, who trust in God’s mercy, healing and strength, it is our duty to pray for those who are ill and infirm. The following parishioners or family members of our parishioners are in need of our prayers. We ask God to grant health and peace to: **Lois Bateson, Jean Birrell, the Budwick family, Barbara Dietrick, Linda Doshier, Bernice Lawson, Noah Lorencovitz, Sara Maloney, James Matar, Cora Oakley, Nancy Orkin, Kathy Philips, Angela Rios, Andy Secallus, Sister Thomasine Smith, Frances Spilman, Ralph Sutton, Rob Talmadge and Maureen Tuccio.**

First Friday Adoration

Everyone is invited to spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament in adoration each First Friday beginning after the 8:30 Mass until 6:00pm. There is a signup sheet in the church vestibule for each hour. Please join us on Friday, June 1st for this special prayer and devotion.

TOUR OF ALPINE COUNTRIES

Bishop Serratelli will be the spiritual director for a tour of the Alpine countries of Switzerland, Austria and Germany from July 8-17. Bishop will celebrate Mass each day. The cost per person is \$4,400 for double occupancy and \$5,200 for single occupancy. **For a brochure and information, contact Great Experiences at (201) 825-3725 or by e-mail, Anne@greatexperiencesnj.com**

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Food Donations

There is still a great need for food to assist people in our local area. Please continue to bring your donations to church and place them in the containers found in the vestibule. They will be delivered each week to the food pantry at St. Mary's in Dover. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

RIGHT TO LIFE – CHOOSE LIFE

Planned Parenthood recently endorsed an online article by a woman who had both miscarriages and an abortion, claiming that the two events are “sisters.” This provoked an outraged response from many women who have suffered miscarriages, one writing, “As a woman who has endured the heartbreak of a miscarriage, I can’t express how shocked and insulted I was by the absurdity of the

comparison. How dare the writer imply that the loss of a child through an act of nature is similar to a mindful choice to kill a baby in the womb?” LifeNews.com 12/28/17.

TRANSPORTATION TO CHURCH

It has been brought to my attention that the bus bringing Fox Hills parishioners to and from church for the 10:30 AM Mass on Sunday has been discontinued. The Saturday afternoon bus is still in service. If anyone is in need of a ride on Sunday morning, or knows of someone who needs a ride, please let me know. I am sure there are parishioners who attend that Mass who will be glad to provide transportation. I can make the initial arrangements and have them contact you. Call Fr. Al at the rectory (973-627-0066).

CATHOLIC CHARITIES-DIOCESE OF PATERSON ANNUAL FOOD COLLECTION FOR THE POOR

Due to the unprecedented requests for assistance from Catholic Charities’ food pantries and in order to fulfill our obligations to the poor, Bishop Serratelli has authorized a Diocesan-wide food collection in all parishes and agencies on the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, Saturday/Sunday June 2 and 3, 2018. We are all being asked to bring assorted food products on that day. St. Bernard’s Parish has been asked to provide COFFEE/TEA BAGS/PAPER TOWELS. Cash donations will also be accepted. Please mark Saturday and Sunday, June 17-18 as food collection

days in order to help those in need in our Diocesan community of Morris, Passaic and Sussex Counties.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

Today is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the charitable works of Pope Francis. Funds from this collection help victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

Procedures to Follow for Any Persons Who Have a Suspicion About Child Sex Abuse

“If any person may have been abused by any priest, they should immediately contact their local County Prosecutor’s Office and the Diocese’s Victims Assistance Coordinator: Peggy Zanello at 973-879-1489. You may also be in touch with either of the Diocesan Response Officers: Rev. Msgr. James T. Mahoney, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia, 973-777-8818 Ext. 205 or Sister Joan Daniel Healy, S.C.C., Chancellor/Delegate for Religious, 973-777-8818 Ext. 248.


The entire text of the Policy of the Diocese of Paterson in Response to Complaints of Sexual Abuse is available on the diocesan Web site: www.patersondiocese.org.

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Rev. and Dear Fr. Lampron,

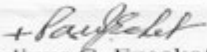
*Appreciation for Donations in Response to 2017 Mission Appeal
from Awka Diocese, Nigeria*

On behalf of the Catholic Diocese of Awka, Nigeria, I write to appreciate a handsome donation of the sum of \$1,080.00 from your parish, St. Bernard Church 446 Mount Hope Road, in response to our 2017 mission appeal.

While remaining ever grateful, I assure you that this donation will be faithfully committed to the intended project.

Be assured of our prayers, as I remain

Sincerely yours in Jesus and Mary


† Paulinus C. Ezeokafor
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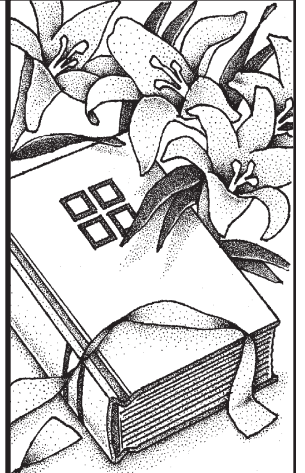


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