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Thank you,

Carol

PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 31, 2020
Pentecost Sunday

There appeared to them tongues as
of fire, which parted and came to
rest on each one of them.

— Acts 2:3

Our Lady of Fatima
Pleaded that we pray the Holy
Rosary

privately from 7:30 am to 5:00 pm
Sunday thru Saturday



Our Lady of Fatima Parish
2010 12th Avenue
www.ourladyoffatimaaltoona.org
Rectory Office Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday - 11 AM - 2PM

Parish Office: 814-942-0371

Our Lady of Fatima Church

Our Lady of Fatima Parish Administrator

Rev. Msgr. Stanley B. Carson

Parish Secretary
Carol Z. Smith



Eucharist for the home bound - weekly:

Patty Flanagan 942-0371 for arrangements.

*(DISCONTINUED-due to Covid-19 virus.)

Our Lady of Fatima Church is open

***Sunday through Saturday: 7:30 AM - 5PM**
for visits before the Blessed Sacrament.

Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals will be held
at Our Lady of Fatima.

Preparation for Baptism, and Weddings will be held at
the Cathedral. 944-4603

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

Parishioners wishing to receive the sacrament of
healing may call the Cathedral Parish Office to
make arrangements. 814-944-4603

OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH IS A RESULT OF THE
MERGER BETWEEN THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCHES
OF SS. PETER & PAUL AND ST. LEO THE GREAT IN 1995.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA IS NOW OPEN FOR PERSONAL
PRAYER

Beginning May 16. (see pg 4 for restrictions)

Cathedral Church Office: 814-944-4603

One Cathedral Square

Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak, Bishop

Rev. Msgr. Stanley B. Carson, Administrator

PH: 814-944-4603

Rev. Father Dennis M. Kurdziel, Parochial Vicar

Christian Initiation Team: 944-4603

Catholics returning Home: 944-4603

Mail Ministry to Elderly, Homebound, Seriously Sick
and Grieving - 944-4603

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Web: www.holytrinitycatholic.school

Altoona Campus (Pre-K thru Grade 4) - 381-7011

Hollidaysburg Campus (Pre-K thru Grade 4) - 695-6112

Middle School Campus (Grades 5 thru 8) - 942-7835

Directors of Religious Education:

Chris Laraia – Pre-K thru 8 - 312-7317

Jean Koury – 9 thru 12 – 949-2777

Religious Education Office: Sundays – 943-7424

Director of Music Ministry

Leslie C. Thayer, MM, CAGO

Music Ministry Office - 944-2044

E-Mail: ltayer@dioceseaj.org

Reconciliation @ Cathedral: 7:00 PM Wednesday

12:30 PM Saturday

Religious Education @ Cathedral: Pre-K through 11

Sacramental Formation @ Cathedral: First Reconciliation

First Communion

Confirmation

Sacramental Formation @ the Cathedral: Baptismal Prep

Marriage Prep

Christian Initiation

Hospital Visitation: Call the Cathedral: 944-4603

Masses discontinued because of covid-19 virus

Cathedral Eucharist:

Sunday: 5:00 PM (Vigil) Holy Days: 5:30 PM (Vigil) Weekdays: 6:45 AM

8:00 AM

8:00 AM

12:00 Noon

10:00 AM

12:00 Noon

12:00 Noon

5:30 PM

Saturday: 8:00 AM

5:00 PM

12:00 Noon

MAY 31, 2020 PENTECOST SUNDAY 10:30 AM	SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS MAY 31, 2020
OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS <i>Will be prayed privately @ Cathedral-see Cathedral schedule below.</i> Today's Intention - Geraldine Rose Readings: Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23 June 7, 2020, The Most Holy Trinity Readings: Ex 34: 4-6, 8-9; 2 Cor 13: 11-13; Jn 3: 16-18 Thomas Stoltz, Sr., Rose Good & Martin	<i>The giving of the Spirit to the new people of God crowns the mighty acts of the Father in salvation history.</i> <i>The Jewish feast of Pentecost called all devout Jews to Jerusalem to celebrate their birth as God's chosen people, in the covenant Law given to Moses at Sinai (see Leviticus 23:15–21; Deuteronomy 16:9–11).</i>
Cathedral Mass Intention June 1, Monday: The Blessed Virgin Mary Readings: Acts 1:12-14; Jn:19:25-34 Spiritual Welfare of Fr. Kurdziel (Dana Miller) + James Luther (Mr. and Mrs. John Brennan) June 2, Tuesday: Sts. Marcellinus, & Peter, Martyrs Readings: 2 Pt 3:12-15, 17-18; Mk 12:13-17 + Hilda Conrad (John & Martha Coffman) + Sara DeArmitt (Cacciotti Family) June 3, Wednesday: St Charles Lwanga & Companions Readings: 2 Tim 1:1-3, 6-12; Mk 12:18-27 Rosemarie Fedeli (Family) + Debbie Capotosti (M& M Joseph Clark Family) June 4, Thursday: Weekday Readings: 2 Tim 2; 8-15; Mk 12:28-34 + Lisa Belsey Pufka Birth./Ann.(Mom & Michele) + Regis Noel (Daughter Sandra) June 5, Friday: Saint Boniface, Bishop & Martyr Readings: 2 Tim 3:10-17; Mk 12:35-37 + Lori Kovelski (John & Chris Bennetti) +Dorothy Stephens (Joy & Joe Rubeis) June 6, Saturday: Saint Norbert, Bishop Readings: 2 Tim 4:1-8; Mk 12:38-44 + Helen Lindy Adams (Family) Madeline Vogel (Elaine Dombroski) Vigil: THE MOST HOLY TRINITY Readings: Ex 34 :4-6,8-9; 2 Cor 13: 11-13; Jn 3:16-18 + Charles V. Brady Ann. (Joe & Dee Shellenberger)	<i>In today's First Reading the mysteries prefigured in that feast are fulfilled in the pouring out of the Spirit on Mary and the Apostles (see Acts 1:14).</i> <i>The Spirit seals the new law and new covenant brought by Jesus, written not on stone tablets but on the hearts of believers, as the prophets promised (see 2 Corinthians 3:2–8; Romans 8:2).</i> <i>The Spirit is revealed as the life-giving breath of the Father, the Wisdom by which He made all things, as we sing in today's Psalm. In the beginning, the Spirit came as a "mighty wind" sweeping over the face of the earth (see Genesis 1:2). And in the new creation of Pentecost, the Spirit again comes as "a strong, driving wind" to renew the face of the earth.</i> <i>As God fashioned the first man out of dust and filled him with His Spirit (see Genesis 2:7), in today's Gospel we see the New Adam become a life-giving Spirit, breathing new life into the Apostles (see 1 Corinthians 15:45, 47).</i> <i>Like a river of living water, for all ages He will pour out His Spirit on His body, the Church, as we hear in today's Epistle (see also John 7:37–39).</i> <i>We receive that Spirit in the sacraments, being made a "new creation" in Baptism (see 2 Corinthians 5:17; Galatians 6:15). Drinking of the one Spirit in the Eucharist (see 1 Corinthians 10:4), we are the first fruits of a new humanity—fashioned from out of every nation under heaven, with no distinctions of wealth or language or race, a people born of the Spirit.</i>
<i>Jesus, Son of the Living Father, Have Mercy on Me a Sinner.</i>	
<i>Please pray for all of our parishioners, especially for those who have illnesses great and small and our seniors who are lonely and need comfort and care.</i>	St. Paul Center - Scott Hahn

Foundation Seeks College Junior & Seniors Scholarship Applicants

2020 Welge (WELL-ghee) Scholarship Applications are now available for registered parishioners who are entering their junior or senior year at an accredited college or university. Blair County Please visit the "Grants" page of the Independent Catholic Foundation website, www.icfdaj.org to download, complete and sign the application, which should be emailed to grants@icfdaj.org no later than 4:00 p.m., Friday June 12. The Welge Scholarship Endowment has grown sufficiently for the Foundation to issue three \$500 awards this July.

OLOF WILL BE OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

We are pleased to announce that beginning Saturday, May 16, the OLOF will be open for private prayer, for 25 people or less, from 7:30 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. Facial masks are to be worn, social distancing is to be observed, and persons are asked to self-sanitize their seating area before and after their visit. This week, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available at these special times: Saturday, May 30 at Noon, and June 1- June 5, (Monday to Friday) at 7:15 A.M and Noon.

Radio Mass

Our parish's live radio Mass will be on Sunday, at 10:00 A.M. on WFBG 1290AM. We are pleased to be able to provide this service again and we are grateful to our sponsors.



Novena to end Coronavirus Pandemic

To be prayed for 9 consecutive days

O Mary, full of grace, patroness of this nation and Mother of the Church, in this time of worldwide illness we ask your intercession for the human family before your Son's throne of grace and mercy. We ask for strength in adversity, health in weakness, and comfort in sorrow. We pray for all who have lost jobs or security in this time. May our son watch over all who are sick and their caretaker, bring to heaven all who have died, and give wisdom to all who are seeking a cure to the Coronavirus. (Mention your own intentions.)

St. Damien of Molokai, Minister to lepers, pray for us.

St. Anthony the Great, who healed infectious diseases, pray for us,

St. Edmund, patron of victims of pandemics, pray for us.

St. Frances Cabrini, foudress of hospitals, pray for us.

St. Agatha, patron of nurses, pray for us.

St. Luke, patron of doctors, pray for us.

St. Joseph, patron of the dying, pray for us.

All you holy angels and saints, pray for us.

Help us, O Blessed Mother, to be filled with confidence in the tender compassion of our God. Calm our fears and help us to trust in the Divine Physician. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

A NOTE FROM MSGR. STAN CARSON: COME, HOLY SPIRIT, COME!

The Acts of the Apostles describes the arrival of the Holy Spirit as a "noise like a strong driving wind." The word "noise" is usually not used to describe a pleasant experience of sound. A noise tends to create disruption, commotion, and annoyance.

While the Holy Spirit can be a source of peace, guidance, and unity, the Spirit of God can also disrupt the status quo and lead us into unexpected territory. The Holy Spirit can provide the graceful resources we need to adjust to new experiences of reality.

The COVID-19 pandemic has certainly disrupted our lives; and, there has been a commotion of reactions and interpretations. Within the Church and society, we have been learning how to cope, clarify, and plan. There has been a lot of noise.

And so, we invite the Holy Spirit to come and direct our lives. The Holy Spirit can disrupt the disruption of the coronavirus and lead to a vaccine, peace, and some new type of normalcy.

Come, Holy Spirit, come!

Contributions

Even during a pandemic, the financial support of parishioners is very important to a parish. However, due to their own financial challenges during a time like this, families might not be able to sustain their current level of giving. As a parish we will need to curtail spending and make adjustments.

THE RICHNESS OF THE SPIRIT

Students, and most adults recalling their school days, are familiar with the phrase "compare and contrast" that shows up from time to time on tests. Today we hear two different accounts of the giving of the Holy Spirit to the church. Let's contrast, then compare. Luke's account from Acts is filled with arresting details: the mighty wind from heaven, the tongues of flame, the miracle of different languages. John's account seems timid: fearful disciples, the wounded Christ, the expelling of breath from his risen body, not from the sky. Our literal, modern minds wonder which way it happened; our noisy culture probably makes us prefer the former. But if we compare the two, we find that the dazzling richness of the Spirit fills both accounts, for it is the very breath of the risen Christ, ascended to the sky in Luke, that appears to his disciples in John and sends his followers forth to carry on his mission of forgiving sin and proclaiming the mighty acts of God.