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Feast of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21 When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven staying in Jerusalem. At this sound, they gathered in a large crowd, but they were confused because each one heard them speaking in his own language. They were astounded, and in amazement they asked, "Are not all these people who



are speaking Galileans? Then how does each of us hear them in his own native language? We are Parthians, Medes, and Elamites, inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya near Cyrene, as well as travelers from Rome, both Jews and converts to Judaism, Cretans and Arabs, yet we hear them speaking in our own tongues of the mighty acts of God." They were all astounded and bewildered, and said to one another, "What does this mean?" But others said, scoffing, "They have had too much new wine." Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and proclaimed to them, "You who are Jews, indeed all of you staying in Jerusalem. Let this be known to you, and listen to my words. These people are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'It will come to pass in the last days,' God says, 'that I will pour out a portion of my spirit upon all flesh. Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions, your old men shall dream dreams. Indeed, upon my servants and my handmaids I will pour out a portion of my spirit in those days, and they shall prophesy. And I will work wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below: blood, fire, and a cloud of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the coming of the great and splendid day of the Lord, and it shall be that everyone shall be saved who calls on the name of the Lord.'

John 14:15-20 "

If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, which the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows it. But you know it, because it remains with you, and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you.

Mass Schedule

Saturday

4:00 pm

Sunday

8:30 am (Latin Rite)

10:30 am

Live Streaming

on Facebook



For our loved ones who are unable to be with us in person

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Sacraments

Baptism and Confirmation: Please contact the Priest ASAP after the birth of your child.

Reconciliation: Before or after Liturgy or by appointment.

Marriage: Couples must contact the Priest six months before the wedding.

**Meet Your
Pastoral Team**

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Weekly Collection

Sat 4:00pm \$971.00
Sun 8:30am \$285.00
Sun 10:30am \$409.00

THANK YOU!

Second Collections

May 23

Catholic Communication
Campaign

May 30

Utility Fund

June 27

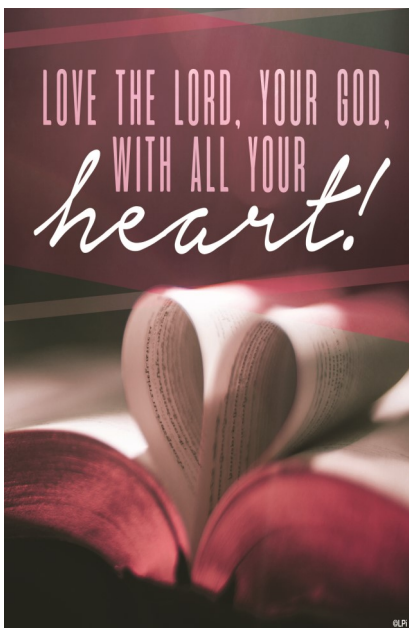
Peter's Pence Collection

Liturgical Intentions

5/22 4:00pm	Memorial Liturgy for Joseph Simon , requested by Stephen Constantine 8 year anniversary for Norma Lasorsa and 1 year anniversary for William Lasorsa , requested by Denise Solomon and her family.
5/23 8:30am	Forty Day Liturgy for Charles E. White , requested by his wife and family.
10:30am	Memorial Liturgy for David, James, Carmelia, and Louis Peters , requested by Connie Peters and her family.
5/29 4:00pm	Memorial Liturgy for Joseph Simon , requested by Deacon Anthony, Cheffie, and Anthony Khoury, Jr of Easton PA
5/30 8:30am	25 year anniversary for Mariangela IA Covone , requested by Peter Gazzili
10:30am	40 Day Liturgy for Michel Makhlouf , requested by his family
6/5 4:00pm	Memorial Liturgy for Najibe Aboud Saliba , requested by Aafaf Achkar Memorial Liturgy for Etta San Antonio Checrlah, Gloria Checrlah, and Phyllis Marandola , requested by Joe and Maria Checrlah
6/6 8:30am	1st anniversary Liturgy for Robin Bingham , requested by her family
10:30am	Memorial Liturgy for Jeanette Campagnone , requested by her family
6/12 4:00pm	Memorial Liturgy for Joseph Simon , requested by Anthony and Helen Budway.

Please consider helping and expressing your love for your church!

1. By mailing your weekly envelopes to the Church Office when you are unable to attend Divine Liturgy in person.
2. By setting up online recurring payments with your bank.
3. By making an online donation. Please visit our website (www.stgeorgeri.com) or by clicking on this link: [Donate \(paypal.com\)](https://www.paypal.com)



WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** - Every First Saturday of the month 2:00 – 3:30pm
- The **HOLY ROSARY SODALITY** will be presenting two **SCHOLARSHIPS** to the youth of our parish entering college or a technical school. Please contact a sodality member to enter your child. Drawing will be held on June 5th after the divine liturgy. Many thanks to former chairperson Camille Akkaoui and her team, Lillian Barish, Gail Khoury, Connie Peters and Georgeann Thomas for their years of service and dedication to the Sodality annual Scholarships. We wish all our parish youth much success in their endeavors.
- **BIBLE STUDY** Sessions have begun every Wednesday at 8:00pm (English) and every Thursday at 8:00pm (Arabic). Please contact Deacon Farid if you wish to join at fzaarour@yahoo.com.
- Beginning next week, our sister parish in Lawrence MA (St Anthony Maronite Catholic Church) will be starting up its next round of Bible Studies, both in English and in Arabic. They will be studying Paul's Letter to the Romans. They extend the invitation to our community, if anyone would like to join them, as these will be held virtually. It would be a great opportunity for our people to meet each other.

Studies begin Wednesday, May 19th

English Sessions – led by Deacon Michael/Deacon David – Wednesdays at 6:30pm

Arabic Session – led by Father Manuel Rahme – Wednesdays at 6:00pm

To sign-up, you may Text Deacon Michael at 508-982-5130 (English Session)

Text Fr. Manuel at 978-873-5363 (Arabic Session), Contact Rectory at rectory@stanthonylawrence.org / 978-685-7233



WHAT IS PENTECOST?



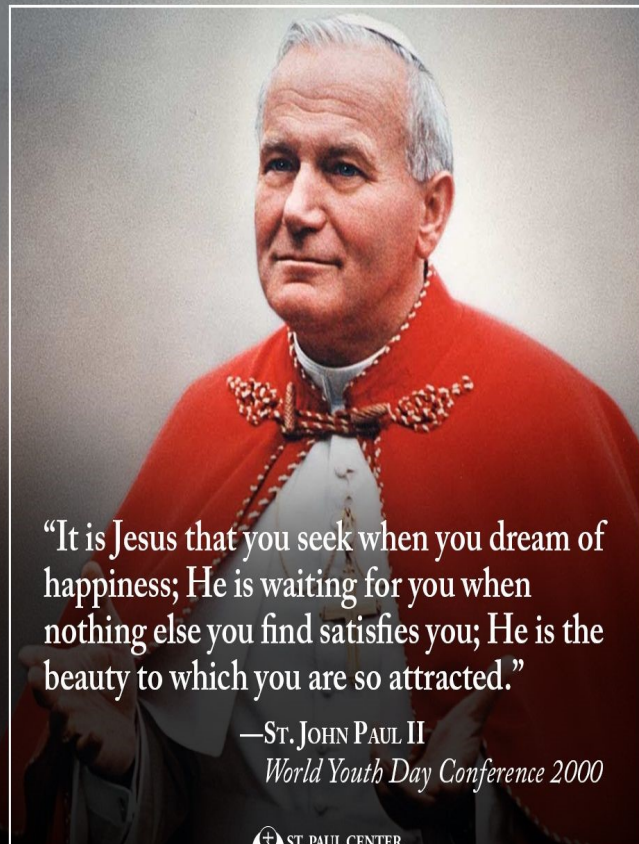
Pentecost (from the Greek word "Pentecoste" meaning "50th day") is the one of the most prominent feast days in the Christian calendar. It is often referred to as the **"birthday of the Church."**

It marks the day, nearly 2,000 years ago, when the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles, who had been living in fear for fifty days following the resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday.

Emboldened by the Holy Spirit, the apostles set forth to tell all people in Jerusalem of the Resurrection. As they spoke in tongues given to them by the Holy Spirit, all nationalities present could understand them in their own mother tongue.



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"It is Jesus that you seek when you dream of happiness; He is waiting for you when nothing else you find satisfies you; He is the beauty to which you are so attracted."

—ST. JOHN PAUL II

World Youth Day Conference 2000



The Easter Season has plunged us into the refreshing waters of multiple mysteries of our faith , Eucharist, Priesthood, the Passion, Death and glorious Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus. Today, we celebrate Pentecost, which completes the ongoing cycle of God’s unending faithfulness to us, God’s abundant love for us, and God’s delight in our participation in the fullness of life, which he promises.

In the opening chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, the dramatic story of the coming of the Holy Spirit is officially recorded in the history of the Church. The presence of the Holy Spirit was announced with thunderous wind, the shaking of the earth, and tongues of fire resting over the heads of the apostles who were gathered in the Upper Room. The apostles had retreated to the safety of the Upper Room to pray, to reflect and discuss their experience of Jesus, and to wait for the Holy Spirit to fill their hearts with courage and peace. Immediately upon receiving the Holy Spirit, the apostles were **MOVED** to leave their fears aside, **MOVED** to leave the protective walls of the Upper Room, and **MOVED** to passionately tell the story of Jesus to the crowd that had gathered outside. Remarkably, the crowds were moved to faith in Jesus. Over 500 people were moved to be baptized on that very day. And at that moment the Church was born! On that day of Pentecost we mark the birthday of the Church!!!



For over 2000 years the Holy Spirit continues to move the hearts and lives of the baptized. The quiet, generous, compassionate deeds of love and justice in the lives of ordinary people IS the work of the Spirit. The heroic, courageous, sacrificial life of otherwise ordinary people IS the work of the Spirit. Each day, we the baptized are inspired, challenged, and graced with God’s energy to move from the darkness of our fears into the light of faith, and to move from our defensive walls into the freedom of love and life.

And the mystery of God’s love continues as we emerge from the throes of Covid 19. There are indeed signs and wonders that the Spirit is still moving within us and among us. We marvel at the creative ways in which young and old were able to meet the simple needs of others. We offer thankful prayers for those who are still providing essential services, health care, education, transportation, and so many acts of kindness that go without notice.

As awful as this pandemic was, we as the baptized, can continue to be a Pentecost People. We can still lift people up with the never ending gifts of the Spirit of God - joy, courage, compassion and love. Have a blessed Pentecost!

Sr. Gerrie Contento, MPF

Save the Date
**First Communion
Celebration**

Sunday June 13,2021

10:30am



FESTIVAL (MAHRAJAN) 2021

Please let your pastor, Fr. Saab, know if you are interested in



volunteering to work and help at this year’s Festival, or if you would like to donate anything in particular for its success. A general organizational meeting date will be announced soon.

Thank you!