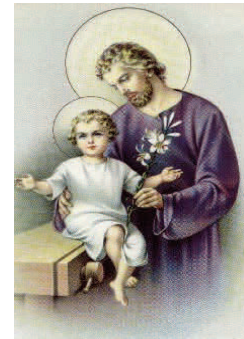


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Pentecost, May 20, 2018



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Thank you for worshipping with us! Again Welcome, Bienvenidos, Benvenuto, Willkommen, Nno-nu, Byenveni!

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[] New Parishioners, please send a Parish Registration Form [] We've Moved, here is our new information

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 19

7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
8:00 a.m. No Intention
8:30 a.m. Rosary
4:00 p.m. Confessions
4:35 p.m. Rosary
5:00 p.m. Ruby A. Bowers + by Diana Cole

Sunday, May 20

- Pentecost Sunday -

7:10 a.m. Rosary
7:30 a.m. Dr. Ramon Villamil + by Gloria Riveros
9:40 a.m. Rosary
10:00 a.m. Parish Family

Msgr. Pius N. Ilechukwu will be out of town on a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land from Monday, May 21 through Wednesday, May 30. There will be no weekday Masses celebrated here in our Parish; however, Monsignor Pius will celebrate these intentions while he is away:

Mon., May 21— Hildegard Schaefer + by Diane Humphrey
Tues., May 22— Edward J. Schaefer + by Diane Humphrey
Wed., May 23— Living & Deceased Family & Friends of Diane Humphrey by Diane Humphrey
Thurs., May 24— Dan + & Fran Gruss Anniversary by Dave Gruss
Fri., May 25— Danny & Lacy Gruss by Dave Gruss; blessings on Marriage
Sat., May 26— Leonard Smythe + by Friends
Sun., May 27— Norma Bauman + Robert & Bonnie Beam
Mon., May 28— Joe Smekens + by Dan & Beth Gordon
Tues., May 29— Hildegard Schaefer + by Diane Humphrey
Wed., May 30— Edward J. Schaefer + by Diane Humphrey
Thurs., May 31— Valeria Talerico + by Dan & Linda Felger

Saturday, May 26

4:00 p.m. Confessions
4:35 p.m. Rosary
5:00 p.m. God's Blessings on Tomorrow's Marriage of Acacia Herr and Jim Suhrer

Sunday, May 27 - Memorial Day Weekend

- The Most Holy Trinity Sunday -

7:10 a.m. Rosary
7:30 a.m. Parish Family
9:40 a.m. Rosary
10:00 a.m. Bob Bender + by Lori Bender

FOR YOUR INFORMATION!

Liby's Company will be filling cracks and re-sealing the parking lot beginning next week, **May 21st, weather permitting**, so you may not be able to drive/park on the lot until it's done.
Thank you!



Our Love & Prayers Go Out To... Bud & Sharon Miller, Genevieve Lohmuller, Becky Biberstein, Fern Britton, James A. Yonker, Sr., Evelyn Morrissey, Betty Meyer, Ron Payne, David Carr, Ronnie & Bonnie Burns, Michael Green, Dorothy 'Dottie' Marbach, Rick Cotterman, Frances Carr, Kelsey Peters, Tom Richhart, Carol Lochtefeld, and Priscilla Rhodes.

PENTECOST SUNDAY: MAY 20, 2018 YR. B. (8TH SUNDAY OF EASTER: MAY 20, 2018 YR. B) "WE ARE CHALLENGED TO BE MEN AND WOMEN OF ACTION NOT JUST WORDS"

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, the Lord be with you! Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Pentecost. Today is the 2018th Anniversary of the Church for She was born on the Pentecost Day in the upper room in Jerusalem. Thus: The Holy Spirit is a gift from the Father, the Spirit of Truth. He is the "**ruah Yahweh**", the breath of God. **The animating Spirit of God.** The Holy Spirit is the Spirit that gives life, the Spirit of love, the Spirit of power, the Spirit that empowers and moves us to action. We all have been baptized into one and the same Spirit. Let us live, then, by the Spirit. That same Spirit, the advocate, who "renews the face of the earth", was given to the disciples and to us to strengthen us to go forth in the name of the Lord Jesus to preach to the whole world and obtain forgiveness of sins. If you listen to the promptings of the Holy Spirit and act accordingly, you will never fall away from God's love, and the shackles of the flesh will never dominate you. The Holy Spirit will remind you of all that the Lord Jesus taught. He will enlighten you and help you to understand our religion. As I have already said, today is the 2018th Birthday Anniversary of the Catholic Church, for the Church was born on Pentecost Day in Jerusalem.

In the 1st Reading; Acts 2:1-11; ...They were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues of fire, which parted and came to rest on each 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. There and there the Church was born, - the establishment of the New Israel - the Church, - you and me, all of us. With the help of the Spirit we will be able to embrace the 7 Gifts and the 12 Fruit of the Holy Spirit and practice them for our sanctification and salvation. Let us make effort to listen to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. Do your best also to avoid the sin against the Holy Spirit. The Lord Jesus said, if any one sins against the Father or against the Son he/she will be forgiven but anyone who sins against the Holy Spirit will neither be forgiven, neither here on earth, nor in the world to come. It is an unforgivable sin. Wow! Which of the sins is that unforgivable sin? So, let us be very careful not to commit such sin against the Holy Spirit. **Such, you know the sin. For I have told you already, some time ago. So, now you have known which sin is the sin against the Holy Spirit.**

However, let me tell you again: Which sin is the sin against the Holy Spirit? In Theology, there is what we call, "**a state of Obduracy**". It is a state when a sinner can no longer recognize sin as sin nor see goodness as good. When he/she sees sin, it appears good. So, he/she goes on sinning, and sinning and sinning, for it appears good. Then, he/she avoids good for it appears sinful. For such a person there is no possibility of repentance. This kind of state is a state of **Obduracy**, and so it is sin against the Holy Spirit. So, no one particular sin is the sin against the Holy Spirit, but a state of sinfulness: "**a state of Obduracy**".

Thus: With the celebration of the Pentecost, we come to the end of Easter period. Ordinary Time resumes on Monday May 21. The "Regina Caeli" prayer we pray during Easter period at 6.00 a.m. 12:00 Mid-day (noon), 6.00 p.m., and at 12.00 a.m. (mid-night), ends today by 6.00 p.m. and the "Angelus" we pray at the same time, during the ordinary time of the year is resumed. Also: Week day readings are taken from cycle for Year I, and Sunday readings are taken from Year B.

Remember that we shall have Eucharistic Procession on June 3rd, the Solemnity of the Precious Body and Blood of Christ, after the 7.30 a.m. Mass. Please make some effort to join in the Eucharistic procession. It is a way of professing our faith and expressing our love to the Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. May the Holy Spirit give you the courage and strength to join the procession. Amen. And by joining you will be putting into action some of the Gifts and Fruit of the Holy Spirit.

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Today our Bishop, His Lordship, Most Rev. Kevin C. Rhoades is asking us to generously give for the support of training of Seminarians, the future Priests. It cost a lot to train Priests. Your help is needed. Every one of us here must have directly or indirectly benefited from the ministry of a Priest. Think about it!!! Who baptized you? It is a Priest. Who hears your Confessions, blesses you, celebrates the Holy Mass for you? It is always a Priest. So help train priests for we need their services for our salvation.

I, myself Rev. Msgr. Pius N. Ilechukwu who is standing here before you now, I was trained by the financial help of an Austrian Blind Woman Anna Schunher. As a blind woman she used to knit socks, table cloths and other things and sold them and gave money to my Bishop. She died on August 24, 2006. May she rest in the peace of Christ! Amen. She was not a rich woman, but she helped a lot. And here I am among you. The Church in USA is now benefiting from the generosity of an Austrian blind woman. You can see that the Catholic Church is "One Family of Jesus Christ". Wherever we are or wherever we work in the Church, it is in the same "One Family of Jesus Christ". So let us work together to build up the Church the body of Christ.

God bless you. Rev. Msgr. Pius N. Ilechukwu

NB: "Heaven is for us all. I hope you are doing something about it".

SCRIPTURE/MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., May 21 - Seventh Week in Ordinary Time - St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest and Companions, Martyrs - Jas 3:13-18/ Mk 9:14-29

Tues., May 22 - St. Rita of Cascia, Religious - Jas 4:1-10/ Mk 9:30-37

Wed., May 23 - Jas 4:13-17/ Mk 9:38-40

Thurs., May 24 - Jas 5:1-6/ Mk 9:41-50

Fri., May 25 - St. Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church, St. Gregory VII, Pope and St. Mary Magdlene de' Pazzi, Virgin - Jas 5:9-12/ Mk 10:1-12

Sat., May 26 - St. Philip Neri, Priest - Jas 5:13-20/ Mk 10:13-16

Sun., May 27 - The Most Holy Trinity - Dt 4:32-34,39-40/ Rom 8:14-17/ Mt 28:16-20

ATTENTION EXTRAORDINARY EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS!


Msgr. Pius N. Ilechukwu has a couple of papers in the Sacristy for you to pick up after Masses this weekend. He asks that you prayerfully read the reflections to prepare yourself to be re-commissioned as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion on June 3rd And because of the postings, the evening Reflection scheduled will not take place on June 19th.

PARISH CALENDAR FOR MAY/JUNE 2018

- Mon., May 21 - May 30- Msgr. Pius N. Ilechukwu will be out of the country visiting the Holy Land.
- Sun., May 27- Acacia Herr/James Suhrer wedding
- Sun., June 3- Eucharistic Procession- 8:30-9:05. Let us show our Faith and express our belief in the real Presence of Our Lord in the Eucharist.
- Tues., June 5- Knights of Columbus meeting- Rosary at 6:40 in Church; meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the social hall.
- Thurs., June 7- There will not be All Day Adoration on this day, as Msgr. Pius will be away on Priest's Annual Retreat.
- Sun., June 10- Graduation Mass at 10:00 a.m. followed by brunch for the graduates and their families in the social hall.
- Sun., June 10- Red Cross Blood Drive hosted by the Knights of Columbus, in the gym- watch for details and a sign up sheet.

WEEKEND OF May 26/27, 2018


CANTORS:

 5:00 Leeann Kennerk
7:30 Donna Geisel
10:00 Larry Leitz


LECTORS:

 5:00 Ginny Fenstermaker
7:30 Steve Wagner
10:00 Dan Geimer


EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

 5:00 Twilla Herr, Linda Huseman, Kevin or Jessica Seago
7:30 Barb Ault, Dave Gruss, Volunteer
10:00 Monica Harris, Larisa Sudhoff, Ann Reifsteck, Jeff Miller, Luisa Sumabat

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

 5:00 Volunteers, Volunteers
7:30 Doug/Janet Lehman
10:00 Mike Painter, Brad/Susan Poper, Dave Cowdrey

SERVERS:

 5:00 Corey/Brooklynn Huss, Wyatt Girod
7:30 Clayton Vachon, Mitchel/Justin Mayer
10:00 Sophie Emrah, Kody Coyne, Grant Reifsteck

Collection for Weekend of May 12/13, 2018

Adult Envelopes- \$5,746.00
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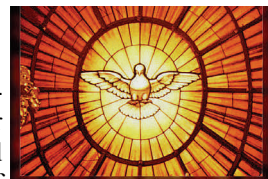
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**His tenderness in the springing grass, His beauty in the flowers, His
living love in the sun above—All here, and near, and ours.**

Charlotte Perkins Gilman

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Today we have a special Pentecost collection that will help fund the education of our seminarians. We ask for your prayerful and generous response to support the funding of this important collection. Please use your Pentecost Collection envelope. Thank you for your generosity.



AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Our Knights of Columbus will host an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Sunday, June 10th in the gym. Watch for sign up sheets and more information in the coming weeks.

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h - is it helpful?
i - is it inspiring?
n - is it necessary?
k - is it kind?