

# June 4, 2017

# Pentecost Sunday

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, June 3

5:00 p.m. +**Ann Guerriere**  
By Charlie and Nancy Guerriere

### Sunday, June 4

8:00 a.m. +**Anna and Edward Durnin**  
By Mary Rupell and Family

10:30 a.m. +**Helen, Peter, and John Fabian and Kelly McBreen**  
By Helene Picht

### Monday, June 5

8:45 a.m. +**Jacqueline Jukins**  
By Husband

### Tuesday, June 6

8:45 a.m. +**Theresa Rebinski**  
By Henry Rebinski

### Wednesday, June 7

8:45 a.m. +**Daniel Jukins**  
By Dad

### Thursday, June 8 NO MASS

### Friday, June 9

8:45 a.m. +**Anthony Francis**  
By The Cruz Family

### Saturday, June 10

5:00 p.m. **Blessings for Sam Marietta Tridente on their 70<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary**  
By Family

### Sunday, June 11 *The Most Holy Trinity*

8:00 a.m. **Birthday Blessings for Chris Rupell, Sr.**  
By Mary Rupell and Family

10:30 a.m. *Parishioners of Saint Theodore Church*

If the Holy Spirit is already given to us, why are many Catholics so tepid and uninspired in the practice of the faith? We proudly claim that we belong to the true Church that Christ founded; that we possess the fullness of the Truth. But why do many of us, instead of being ardent defenders of the truths of the faith, have engaged in religious relativism, watering down the truths of our Christian faith for fear of offending anybody and of being accused as intolerant and not nice?

The problem is not that the Church has boring liturgical celebrations, outdated doctrinal teachings and rigid hierarchical structure. These are all untrue and unfounded charges. Rather, the real problem is with many Catholics. Most of us have never really lived according to the promptings and inspiration of the Holy Spirit in us. Thus, we have become ineffective witnesses, even counter witnesses, to the Gospel.

One main reason for this is our egoism, fueled by materialism and consumerism. We are so focused on our selfish and worldly pursuits that we become oblivious of God and insensitive to His Spirit. We are like a transistor radio that emits only static noise. There is no problem with the radio; the station is broadcasting clearly. But the tuning dial of the unit is not set to the right frequency. As a result, the transistor radio cannot receive the music and news from the station. What is needed only is to move the tuning dial to the right position to get the frequency of the station, and then there will be clear broadcast of the news and harmonious music over the radio.

This is what the Feast of the Pentecost reminds us. The Holy Spirit, the life-giving breath of God is always with us in this world. He is like a radio station on perpetual broadcast. What is needed only is for us to refocus our own spirits and awareness to the Spirit of God. Then we will enjoy the peace, joy and harmony that God gives, always open to receive all the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit. And like the Apostles on Pentecost, we will be transformed into



In our baptism and particularly in the sacrament of Confirmation, we received the Holy Spirit as God's gift to us. This is what that greeting in the Mass reminds us: "The Lord be with

you", "And with your spirit." Indeed the Spirit of God resides in each one of us. St. Paul categorically declares that our body is the Temple of the Holy Spirit (1Cor 6:19).

courageous and zealous messengers of the immutable truths of Christ. Thus, we will be able to speak like Peter: *“Better for us to obey God rather than men”* (Acts 5:29b). Or, as one Catholic author said, *“Better to deal with the heat in this life than in the next.”*

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### Church & Religious Education Calendar

Bible Study: Every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

June 11: Hospitality Sunday (9 & 11:30 a.m.)

June 11, 11:30 a.m.: Baby Shower for Charity (Donations of new items are sought)

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### Religious Education Year 2017-2018.

Dear Religious Education Parents and Guardians:

We are very happy to have you as part of our Parish and Religious Education Program family. It’s hard to believe that Summer is near and Religious Education classes have ended and it’s already time to register for next year’s classes. Soon you will receive registration forms in the mail (As in the past, you can download the forms from our web site: [www.sttheodore.com](http://www.sttheodore.com).)

In order to for us to adequately build on the faith values that you share with your children at home, we ask that you read the form in its entirety and call me if you have any questions or concerns about our Religious Education Program. We need everyone’s help to make this a meaningful program for the students; therefore, it is important that we all do our part to make it successful.

I am currently working on the Religious Education Program calendar and will mail you a copy as soon as it’s finalized.

Ginny Moran



Stephen, Bridget M., Savannah Paine, Bobby Gross, Keira Hedges, Peter, Zachary, Logan Peter Saksa, Anna Paine, Anna Saksa, Lauren Lane, Jay Mildrum, Philip Kinney, Kerry Kraft, Peter S., Mary Supple, Mary Rupell, Patty Mahoney, Susan Reynolds, Millie B., Robert Dicheck, Christian, Tara, Zoe, Teagan

### A Note from Father Damian

I will be on vacation the month of June. During my absence, Father Piotr Pasterczyk, a professor at the Catholic University in Poland, will be taking care of my priestly duties. I will remember you in my prayers and ask that you remember me in yours.

Mary Rupell has been working from home and will continue to do so until cleared by her physician to return to the office. Please contact her with any questions or requests: [sttheodorenj@gmail.com](mailto:sttheodorenj@gmail.com) or 908-246-2698 (if phoning, please leave your name, number, and message).

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### Hate Weeds?

We do too and we need help in getting rid of them on the church property. If you are moved to help keep the church property beautiful and presentable, please give us a hand (pun



intended) in yanking the weeds. You could do this at your leisure—any time, any day that the spirit moves you—just come on down; perhaps you’ll be finishing where someone else left off. Your help is greatly appreciated!

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*The use of Church envelopes is the responsible way to support our parish.*

*Therefore, we encourage our parishioners to use*

*the **WEEKLY OFFERTORY ENVELOPES** for the success of the operation of the Parish and for their sacrificial gift to the Parish. We also depend on the financial support of its people in all its endeavors. We are called to be good stewards of all God entrusts to us, especially our time, talent and treasure. If you are absent for any reason on a particular weekend Mass, please mail your contribution to St. Theodore Church or put the prior week envelope in the basket when you return to church.*

*Please prayerfully remember that your support is essential to help keep our church alive.*

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