

May 15, 2016

Pentecost Sunday

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 14

5:00 p.m. **+Theresa, John, John Jr. Adamiak**
By Clem and Clara Wyker

Sunday, May 15

8:00 a.m. **Altar Rosary Society**

10:30 a.m. **+Jim Zack**
By Gerry and Brian Moss

12:30 p.m. **Saint Theodore Confirmandi**

Monday, May 16

8:45 a.m. **+Michael Snyder**
By Grace Jablon

Tuesday, May 17

8:45 a.m. **+Michael Ball**
By Ann and Howard Morpeth

Wednesday, May 18 *Saint John I, Pope*

8:45 a.m. **+Edith Marie Sciascia**
By Jeanne Szamreta

Thursday, May 19

8:45 a.m. **+Patricia Ramstad**
By Art and Mary Zeiss

Friday, May 20 *NO MASS*

Saturday, May 21

5:00 p.m. **Parishioners of St. Theodore Church**

Sunday, May 22

8:00 a.m. **+Sabino and Antoinette Antinolfi**
By Daughter

10:30 a.m. **+Carmela and Frank Cennizzaro**
By The Gallo Family

Attention: Monday Morning Masses for the Summer will be celebrated at 8:45 am (no longer at 6:30 pm).



On the day of Pentecost when the seven weeks of Easter had come to an end, Christ's Passover is fulfilled in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, manifested, given, and communicated as a divine person: of his fullness, Christ, the Lord, pours out the Spirit in abundance.

On that day, the Holy Trinity is fully revealed. Since that day, the Kingdom announced by Christ has been open to those who believe in him: in the humility of the flesh and in faith, they already share in the communion of the Holy Trinity. By his coming, which never ceases, the Holy Spirit causes the world to enter into the "last days," the time of the Church, the Kingdom already inherited though not yet consummated.

We have seen the true Light, we have received the heavenly Spirit, we have found the true faith: we adore the indivisible Trinity, who has saved us.

The Holy Spirit - God's gift

"God is Love" and love is his first gift, containing all others. "God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us." Because we are dead or at least wounded through sin, the first effect of the gift of love is the forgiveness of our sins. The communion of the Holy Spirit in the Church restores to the baptized the divine likeness lost through sin.

He, then, gives us the "pledge" or "first fruits" of our inheritance: the very life of the Holy Trinity, which is to love as "God [has] loved us." This love (the "charity" of *1 Cor 13*) is the source of the new life in Christ, made possible because we have received "power" from the Holy Spirit.

By this power of the Spirit, God's children can bear much fruit. He who has grafted us onto the true vine will make us bear "the fruit of the Spirit: . . . love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control." "We live by the Spirit"; the more we renounce ourselves, the more we "walk by the Spirit."

Through the Holy Spirit we are restored to paradise, led back to the Kingdom of heaven, and adopted as children, given confidence to call God "Father" and to share in Christ's grace, called children of light and given a share in eternal glory.

The Holy Spirit and the Church

The mission of Christ and the Holy Spirit is brought to completion in the Church, which is the Body of Christ and the Temple of the Holy Spirit. This joint mission henceforth brings Christ's faithful to share in his communion with the Father in the Holy Spirit. The Spirit prepares people and goes out to them with his grace, in order to draw them to Christ. The Spirit manifests the risen Lord to them, recalls his word to them and opens their minds to the understanding of his Death and Resurrection. He makes present the mystery of Christ, supremely in the Eucharist, in order to reconcile them, to bring them into communion with God, that they may "bear much fruit."

Thus the Church's mission is not an addition to that of Christ and the Holy Spirit, but is its sacrament: in her whole being and in all her members, the Church is sent to announce, bear witness, make present, and spread the mystery of the communion of the Holy Trinity.

All of us who have received one and the same Spirit, that is, the Holy Spirit, are in a sense blended together with one another and with God. For if Christ, together with the Father's and his own Spirit, comes to dwell in each of us, though we are many, still the Spirit is one and undivided. He binds together the spirits of each and every one of us, . . . and makes all appear as one in him. For just as the power of Christ's sacred flesh unites those in whom it dwells into one body, in the same way the one and undivided Spirit of God, who dwells in all, leads all into spiritual unity.

On Sunday 21, of our young people at St. Theodore Church received the Gifts of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation. We congratulate them and pray that the Spirit will lead them ever closer to the Lord!



Sofia Anne Arana-Ramirez, Kelly Brigid Banfield, Riley Marie Barry, Jessica Agnes DeSanto, Margaret Cecilia DeVoe, Marissa Agnes Dillon, Sophie Cecilia Dorman, Samantha Bridget Dugan, Christopher Juan Diego Fluta, Claire Cecilia Haney, Eric Anthony Hardy, Cameron Patrick Leiby, Carly Elizabeth Moyer, Brianna Mary Mulvihill, Ciara Lucy O'Hagan, Klaudia Elizabeth Podgorna, Erica Cecilia Pollack, Angela Emma Riedinger, Kyler Joseph Rodgers, Julia Joan Webber, Julia Cecilia Zandomenega



Stephen, Elizabeth Ondroczyk, Rosaria Incantalupo, Anthony Vitale, Bridget M., Savannah Paine, Bobby Gross, Michael

Dante, Keira H., Maryann Vaughan, Charlie Guerriere, Sr., Robert Dicheck, Peter, Zachary, Logan Peter Saksa, Anna Paine, Bobby Gross, Michael Dante, Keira H., Maryann Vaughan, Charlie Guerriere, Sr., Robert Dicheck, Peter, Zachary, Logan Peter Saksa, Anna Saksa, Lauren Lane, Jay Mildrum, Philip Kinney, Mary D., Eleanor D., Kerry Kraft, Barbara K.

May Schedule

May 15, 12:30 pm: Confirmation

May 21, 5 pm: Cardboard City Sleep over

May 29, 11:30 am: 50/50 drawing

May 30: Office Closed

Our Offering: May 8: \$2,464; 2015: \$2,861.85



Have you purchased tickets yet?

Proceeds will be

applied to church expenses: (the outside of the church will be painted this spring. We are counting on this raffle in a big way to help fund this project.)

Drawing: Sunday May 29 @ 11:30

1st Prize: 40% of total,

2nd Prize: 6% of total

3rd Prize: 4% of total.

Ticket Price \$10.00 each. Please visit the Rosarian Gift Shop in the Parish Center to purchase tickets. Proceeds will be applied to Parish Expenses.

St. Theodore Church participates in collecting food for the Food Pantry in Washington. Donations are needed to help feed the hungry in our area. St.



Theodore Church donations have fallen off in recent months and we are hoping more parishioners will be able to donate nonperishable food. There is a list of needed items

posted on the bulletin board. Please place your donations in the shopping cart located in the Narthex. Thank you and God bless. **-Father Damian**



ATTENTION ALL YOUTH! We need your help to raise money for Family Promise, which supports homeless families in Warren County. Cardboard City will take place at St. Theodore Church on May 21 at the 5 p.m. Mass and conclude with pick up by parents on Sunday, May 22 at 7:15 a.m. sharp. (All you need is a cardboard box large enough to sleep in, a \$5 donation for the evening and to have raised at least \$20 for Family Promise.) Three service hours will be granted. Also bring snacks, sleeping bag and pillow for the evening. All friends are welcome and everyone needs a permission slip, which will be available in the narthex next week. Contact your youth ministers with any questions about this event: youthgroup@sttheodorenj.com. **Tyro youth will be collecting donations from parishioners after the Masses on May 14 & 15. Thank you in advance for supporting this non-profit cause.**

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