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Pentecost Sunday

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St Anthony by appointment. Our Lady of the Hills by appointment.



Pentecost Sunday

Pentecost marks the occasion of God sending the Holy Spirit upon Jesus' disciples after his Resurrection. The book of Acts describes how the disciples were gathered together in one place on the day of Pentecost. The Jewish feast of Pentecost (Shavuot or the Feast of Weeks) was a day that commemorated the giving of the law to Moses, a day soon to be marked as well by the giving of the Holy Spirit. On Pentecost, the Holy Spirit gave the disciples the strength to fulfill their commission to spread the Good News of Jesus. The Solemnity of Pentecost, which crowns and fulfills the Easter season, is a good time to pray for a deeper indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

"Holy Spirit" is the proper name of the one whom we adore and glorify with the Father and the Son. The Church has received this name from the Lord. The term "Spirit", from the Hebrew ruah, means breath, air, wind. "Spirit" and "Holy" are divine attributes of the three divine persons. By joining the two terms, Scripture, liturgy, and theological language designate the inexpressible person of the Holy Spirit. Jesus calls him the "Paraclete," literally, "he who is called to one's side," advocatus. "Paraclete" is commonly translated by "consoler." The Lord also called the Holy Spirit "the Spirit of truth." Besides the proper name of "Holy Spirit," most frequently used in the Acts of the Apostles and in the Epistles, we also find in St. Paul the titles: the Spirit of the promise, the Spirit of adoption, the Spirit of Christ, the Spirit of the Lord, and the Spirit of God.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your Divine love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created, & You shall renew the face of the earth. Amen.


Mass Schedule May 30 — June 7

Saturday 05/30: <small>Pentecost Sunday</small>	SA Mass 5:30 p.m. †Bob Pottroff
Sunday 05/31: <small>Pentecost Sunday</small>	OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. †Holy Souls in Purgatory (prayer gift) SA Mass 10:30 a.m. People of the Parish
Saturday 06/06: <small>The Most Holy Trinity</small>	SA Mass 5:30 p.m. People of the Parish
Sunday 06/07: <small>The Most Holy Trinity</small>	OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. †Holy Souls in Purgatory (prayer gift) SA Mass 10:30 a.m. †John & Delores Fedor

Bulletin & Mass Announcements—The deadline this week for bulletin announcements is Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. and for Mass announcements is Friday at 9:00 a.m. Thank you!!

USCCB Responds to Coronavirus—Please visit <http://www.usccb.org/coronavirus> for information and resources from the U.S. Catholic Conference of Bishops.

DWC Mass Online—The Diocese is live-streaming daily Mass at 12:05 p.m. Monday—Friday and weekend Mass at 6:00 p.m. every Saturday from the Cathedral of St. Joseph at <https://dwc.org/home/mass/>.



Safe Environment—The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston is committed to the protection of its children and young people. The Diocese complies with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* by maintaining an Office of Safe Environment. To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact the West Virginia Bureau for Children and Families/Child Protective Services by calling the Child Abuse Hotline at 800.352.6513. To report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact one of the Bishop's designees at 888.434.6237 (toll free) or 304.233.0880: Sister Ellen Dunn, ext. 264; Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Mr. Tim Bishop, ext. 353; Fr. Dennis Schuelkens, ext. 270 or call the Office of Safe Environment at 304.230.1504. For more information on the Diocese's Office of Safe Environment, please go to www.dwc.org, then click the "Diocese" tab, then click "Office of Safe Environment" under the "Offices" menu. To learn more about the Catholic Church's efforts in preventing sexual abuse of children in the United States, please visit <http://www.usccb.org>. Under "Issues and Action," click "Child and Youth Protection" from the drop down menu.

Prayer List for the Sick & Homebound

St. Anthony—Mary Canterbury, Mary Hanson, David Dodd, Nazira Joseph, Zachariah Kushner, Christina Lopez, Michael McCallister, Maya Clark, Daniel Bishop, Robin Holly, Mike Layne, Michael Bee

Our Lady of the Hills—Bert Zodorozny, Margaret Hancock, Violet Edwards, Marilyn Spencer, William Spencer, Katie Caroli, Jeanne Rollins, Steven Spencer, Doug Spencer, Harry Crede

Please call Father Tijo George at 304-342-2716, ext. 406 if you would like a visit and to receive communion or a home blessing.

Stewardship Report for May 23—24, 2020

St. Anthony


Offering	\$ 1,557.00
Feast of the Ascension	176.00
Building Fund	110.00
Attendance	Saturday—10 Sunday—22

Our Lady of the Hills

Offering	\$ 1,381.00
LERMA	550.00
Other	40.00
Attendance	Sunday—13

Thank you for your generosity! Please remember to continue to support your parish during this difficult time. May God bless you!

Healing Prayers Offered for Covid-19 Victims



If you have a family member/friend who has been infected by the Coronavirus, Fr. Tijo would like to pray for the infected person during the private daily Masses and Sunday Masses. A votive candle will also be lit for his/her healing. Please call the parish office or Fr. Tijo to have their names included in his prayers and a votive candle lit.

“We are Here for You”

We would like to help our parishioners who are not able to leave your homes. We have several parishioner volunteers, who can help you by running essential errands or picking up food items from the grocery store. Our aim is to help our parishioners-in-need during this difficult time while limiting exposure for all involved. We want you to know that your fellow parishioners are here to help you. If you are in need this type of service, please call:

Parish Office/ Fr. Tijo George or Katy Layne (SA parishioners) or Cindy Mosier (OLH parishioners).

Music for Liturgy




Entrance:	Come, Holy Ghost (instrumental) — #446
Gloria:	Mass of Renewal — #860
Sequence:	Come, O Holy Spirit—#193
Offertory:	Sing a New Church — #417
Communion:	Spirit and Grace — #345
Recessional:	The Spirit Sends Us Forth (instrumental) — #377



Lorie's Music Notes


Today, we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles in a gust of wind and fire, giving them the courage to preach the gospel and the ability to speak many languages so they could spread the word of God to as many people as possible. Our songs today celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit and the message to go out and serve others. *Veni, Sancte Spiritus!* Come Holy Spirit!



St. Anne's Outreach Center
 Thursday: 8:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.
Our Lady of the Hills
 Serving families and young expecting single mothers in Big Chimney, Clay, Clendenin, Elkview and Pinch areas.
 Children—newborn to 4 yrs.
 Visit us or call 304-965-7670
 As of April 2020, St. Anne's has served 11 children.
 Balance as of 12/31/19 \$ 3,936.49
 Contributions Received 465.00
 Less: Expenses (99.96)
 Balance as of 04/30/20 \$ 4,301.53
Thank you for your generosity!

Act of Spiritual Communion

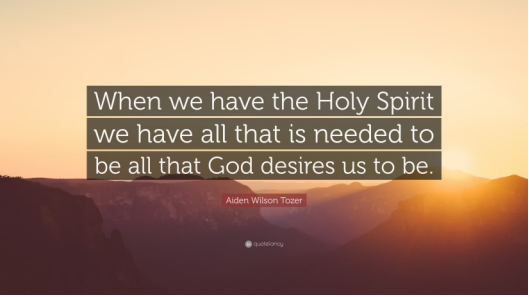
*My Jesus,
 I believe that You
 are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
 I love You above all things,
 and I desire to receive You into my soul.
 Since I cannot at this moment
 receive You sacramentally,
 come at least spiritually into my heart.
 I embrace You as if You were
 already there and unite myself
 wholly to You.
 Never permit me to be separated from
 You.
 Amen.*



Peter's Pence: May 30 & 31—Today is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the charitable works of Pope Francis. Funds from this collection help victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a witness to charity to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today. For more information, please visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

Hand Sanitizer and Disinfectant Donations—We are accepting donations of hand sanitizer and disinfectant for both St. Anthony and Our Lady of the Hills. Although the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston provided each parish with a “starter set” of PPE (personal protective equipment) that included hand sanitizer and disinfectant, it will only last for a short period of time. There will be a basket at the church entrances for donations. Thank you!!

Reminder: Reconciliation for St. Anthony and Our Lady of the Hills is currently by appointment only.



“Receiving the joy of the Spirit is a grace. Moreover, it is the only force that enables us to preach the Gospel and to confess our faith in the Lord. Faith means bearing witness to the joy that the Lord gives to us. A joy such as this cannot be the result of our own efforts.”
~Pope Francis tweet on 05/21/20

Pentecost Amid COVID-19

In our theological language we speak of the Son as begotten of the Father and the Holy Spirit as “spirated,” which means to be breathed out. The Holy Spirit is breathed out by the Father and the Son, the union of their love so intimate and substantial, that he is a third fully equal and one with them.

Pentecost is our annual celebration of this same Holy Spirit breathed out on the world through the Church. The breath of God is given to the Church headed by Christ to guide her members into the fullness of life. That is why we receive this life giving breath: we receive the Spirit in order to be drawn in, and to draw others into, the union of Christ’s Body on pilgrimage to the Father.

The celebration of Pentecost this year will be unlike any other in recent memory, and it will be so because of the tragic irony that we find ourselves contending with a virulent disease whose most notable symptom is its denial of breath. This Pentecost we find ourselves longing to be filled with God’s breath in a world struggling for air.

Of course, compounding the suffering still for many is our inability to physically gather in fellowship as the Church to mark this great solemnity. However necessary this is, it should nevertheless be a source of great lament, for this separation is not the norm. We are inherently social creatures: creatures, who, though spirit, are also flesh. We are tactile, and the manifestation of our communion in spirit is most readily apparent in our intimate gestures of fleshly embrace. Our highest form of union is precisely when we huddle together in joy and thanksgiving to feast on the body of Christ and thereby to become ourselves one body in and through him.

That is the norm, and any derivation from it must necessarily constitute a diminishment, an undeniable deprivation in our lives. But the intimacy of bodies, the intimacy of the Eucharistic fellowship of Christ’s body the Church, is conducive toward one shared and singular end — namely, the perfection of intimacy in God’s life, which is simply love. Where love is absent, no matter how many persons are crammed together, regardless of how many hosts are distributed, there is no unity; there is no life.

The world before the outbreak of the coronavirus was already significantly marked by fracture. Unfortunately, in many ways the virus has only intensified that reality, deepening the fissures. Perhaps most disappointingly, the Church herself has not been immune to this developing fragmentation.

Those of us left wondering how to mark Pentecost this year amid social distancing might simply recall that in spite of our absence from public worship, the Spirit’s invitation to the Church to offer fitting worship (the capacity for this being itself pure gift) persists. This is so because “Church” is not simply showing up for an hour in a building on Sunday (or maybe a few more times a week).

Rather, the Church is realized in the graced response of her members to God’s summons for loving unity. Not the all too prevalent pseudo-unity of an imposed uniformity that ignores, denies or suppresses conflict. Rather, genuine unity, the reconciliation that takes place in truth and charity, necessarily making it a work of God. The Church is most fully herself when she cooperates with the Holy Spirit to foster that unity. In this alone does she convey genuine gratitude for the gift of God’s life, and in turn offers fitting worship expressive of that gratitude.

These weeks of quarantine have eliminated much from our lives (both temporarily and permanently), but it has not eliminated the possibilities for such worship. In fact, in a world, in a nation, even in a Church wracked by disunity, the need for the fitting worship of unity sought is needed now more than ever. Of course, that type of unity — real unity — is not something we achieve on our own. That unity so described is a reflection of, and a participation in, the unsurpassable union of God: Father, Son, and Spirit. It, therefore, requires us always to turn to God in supplication, imploring his favor. And that is why once more at Pentecost we must cry out, “Come, Holy Spirit.”

As is the case in all worship, this worship of lives seeking the communion of our brothers and sisters — which is but the most telling sign of our desired communion with God — is the meeting of the human and the divine. God initiates, but with the expectation of response. There is simply no such thing as passive worship. We are most fully active through the complete offering of ourselves, which is only our replication of the self-offering of God that has made our very lives possible. In this willingness to cooperate, in our openness to be filled with God’s breath, we, as the Church’s members, are able to in turn breathe out God’s breath to a suffocating world. Despite what we must now endure this Pentecost, the possibility for this — and the challenge to do this — still remains.

~ **Father Andrew Clyne**