



Saint Matthew Church
The PULSE

May 20, 2018

Detroit, Michigan

PENTECOST
dwell within us

Readings for the Week of May 20, 2018

Sunday: *Vigil:*

Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

Extended Vigil:

Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 52, 53, 55, 56 or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Monday: Jas 3:13-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [9a]/Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10/Ps 55:7-8, 9-10a, 10b-11a, 23 [23a]/Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Jas 4:13-17/Ps 49:2-3, 6-7, 8-10, 11 [Mt 5:3]/Mk 9:38-40

Thursday: Jas 5:1-6/Ps 49:14-15ab, 15cd-16, 17-18, 19-20 [Mt 5:3]/Mk 9:41-50

Friday: Jas 5:9-12/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8-9, 11-12 [8a]/Mk 10:1-12

Saturday: Jas 5:13-20/Ps 141:1-2, 3 and 8 [2a]/Mk 10:13-16

Next Sunday: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22 [12b]/Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20

Pentecost Sunday

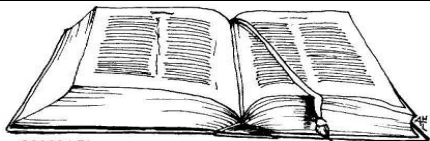


Today we celebrate the "birthday of the Church!" Pentecost is described in the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles. But before the great driving wind and tongues of fire empowering the Disciples, the Holy Spirit had already arrived. The Gospel for today's Mass during the day is from

John 20. Jesus appears to the fearful disciples after his resurrection. He first speaks a message of calm. "Peace be with you." The apostles "rejoiced when they saw the Lord." When the enthusiastic response settles down, Jesus "breathed on them and said to them 'Receive the Holy Spirit.'"

This action is Trinitarian, and it has happened before. If you turn your Bible back to the beginning, you'll read: "The Lord God formed man out of the clay of the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life, and so many became a living being" (Genesis 2:7). In the Garden of Eden, we see God's first, original covenant with man. The breath of life signifies that original indwelling of grace, the special state of likeness and friendship with God before the Fall. Here now, in this locked room, the Apostles receive the long-awaited promise: the very breath of God, new life, a new covenant.

In the pairing of these two readings--the Pentecost experience in Acts and the breath of Jesus in John's Gospel --we see that the coming of the Holy Spirit is not only an empowering, it is an indwelling. We have each received the breath of grace in our baptism. It is confirmed, strengthened, and deepened in each reception of the sacraments. If we persevere in virtue, the Spirit of God is alive in us, inspiring our actions of love. This Pentecost Sunday, how is the breath of God alive in you?



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Stewardship

On this Pentecost Sunday, you see a sea of red all around. The choir, the lectors, the extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, the people in the pews, and, of course, the celebrant are wearing red. The altar is decorated with beautiful red flowers.

We strive to reflect the color of the liturgy in our dress. It is a sight to see. What we put on our bodies serves only as a reminder of what is really important during these liturgical celebrations. At Pentecost, it was the Spirit of God that filled those in the first Christian community. We wear red to call to mind that very Spirit, often depicted as a fire or flame. However, if we just use red as a reminder of the power of the Spirit without letting it change us, then our actions become merely sentimental.

We are filled with the Holy Spirit through the sacraments of the Church. God touches us and enters into us in a profound way, just like in that upper room at Pentecost. That first powerful movement of the Spirit led to a Church that grew and flourished and remains alive today. What is the movement of the Spirit with-in calling you to do today? Do we allow God to move us and do great things through us? Red is a bold color to wear at any time. But our actions should be even bolder.

The Catholic Services Appeal "Double-Down"

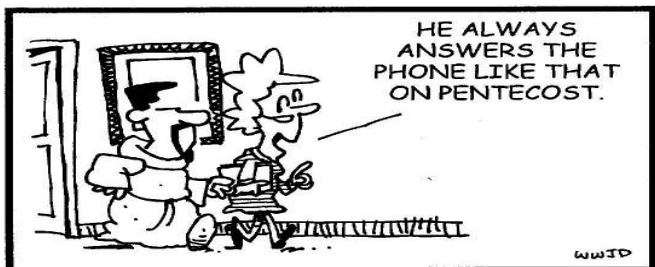
The second weekend appeal for this year's campaign has been completed. Follow-up letters and pledge cards will be mailed to parishioners who have yet to respond to this important effort.

Please remember - **EXPECT** to be contacted and join the **EXCITEMENT** on the new approach to our 2018 CSA Campaign. An internal parish target of \$30,000 has been established and approved by the Parish Council to enable our parish to re-invigorate our savings account, which needs to be replenished due to the extra-ordinary maintenance repair expenses of last year. We are approaching this CSA effort as a fundraiser for St. Matthew Parish and "**doubling down.**"

A CSA Committee has been organized under the direction of our Co-Chairpersons, Bill Zuerblis and John Dunstone, that will contact those who have not historically participated in CSA. It is our expectation that we will **EXCEL** in this endeavor and not only make our internal goal but exceed it. It is our expectation that we will exceed past participation for a 100% return on our efforts.

Please Pray for the Success of our CSA Campaign!

PENTECOST



St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

Sunday, May 20, 10 am Mass - Pentecost Sunday, Neophytes Declare their Chosen Parish Ministry; Installation of New Parish Council President and Evangelization Chairperson; **Mother's Day Layette for Pregnancy Aid ends.**

Sunday, May 27, 10 am Mass - Special Parish Tribute to Chuck Schuster, WWII Veteran, for Service to his Country and as a Recipient of the French Legion of Honor Medal

Monday, Memorial Day, May 28 - No Mass Scheduled and the Office Will Be Closed

ANNOUNCING THE
INSTALLATION OF
PARISH COUNCIL PRESIDENT
JOHN J. DUNSTONE

AND

CHAIR, EVANGELIZATION COMMITTEE
MICHAEL DULAPA

AT THE 10:00 A.M. MASS

PENTECOST SUNDAY
MAY 20, 2018

CONGRATULATIONS

MAY GOD BLESS YOU
IN THE WORK YOU DO!



FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

Come Holy Spirit

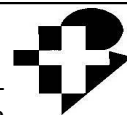
All powerful God,
Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ,
by water and the Holy Spirit
You freed us from sin and gave us new life.

Send Your Holy Spirit upon us
to be our Helper and Guide.

Give us the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of right judgement and courage,
the spirit of knowledge and reverence.

Fill us with the spirit of wonder and awe in Your presence.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen

CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



Sacred Heart Major Seminary - Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron will ordain three men to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Detroit at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament this Saturday, May 19.

Deacons Mark Livingston and Christopher Muer prepared to become our shepherds at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, which is the Archdiocese's college and graduate seminary. Deacon John Maksym prepared at Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary in Boston. Your CSA gifts support our seminarians in formation as well as the permanent diaconate program.

Sacred Heart's student body also includes lay women and men earning graduate and undergraduate degrees in diplomas in religious studies at the seminary to serve in parish ministry throughout the Archdiocese.

For more information about priestly formation, Sacred Heart Major Seminary, or other CSA-funded programs, ministries, and services, please go to www.aod.org.

Pregnancy Aid Annual Layette Drive Ends!



The Baby Bassinet for Pregnancy Aid is at the Blessed Mother's Altar ready for your donations. If you still would like to donate to the Layette, the rectory office will accept your donations til Wednesday, May 23. If you are considering a monetary donation, please place it in an envelope marked *Pregnancy Aid* and place it in the offertory collection basket, or drop it off at the rectory. **Do not place any monetary donations in the bassinet.** Any donation is gladly accepted!

YOUR CSA PLEDGE OPTION

You have the option of paying your pledge electronically, by credit card or electronic funds transfer (EFT) from a bank. This process saves paper as well as postage, because it eliminates the need to mail monthly reminders. With thousands of generous donors contributing to the CSA each year, this amounts to a considerable environmental savings and is good stewardship. You can set up your donation or pledge online at www.stmatthewdetroit.com.

You also can call (888) 331-8695 to make an online or EFT request. If you have trouble, please reach out to Patrick Lusch (patrick.lusch@gmail.com) or 313-587-5819.



Our Newest Parishioners

Matthew Kopyy of Shelby Township

Michael and Clare Mondalek
with baby daughter, Nora, of Grosse Pointe Park

We fellow parishioners at St. Matthew Church heartily welcome you and hope you find your spiritual home in our community!

A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

Today, on Pentecost, we remember Christ has given us the Holy Spirit to assist us in raising our family, and he expects us to use this personal gift. Let's turn-off the noise, apps, and distractions in our lives and let the Holy Spirit "guide us to the truth."

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Joe Balistreri ~ *Saturday Organist*
David Troiano ~ *Weekday Organist*

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Denise Balogh ~ *Bookkeeper*

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John Dunstone ~ *President*
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Patricia Camazzola-Godoshian &
Bryan Jones ~ *Members at Large*
Sharon & Jerry Mielke ~ *VPC Representatives*

PARISH ORGANIZATION

Dennis Costello ~ *St. Vincent de Paul / Christian Service*
Dan McBride ~ *St. Vincent de Paul / Christian Service*

WEEKEND/WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	4:30 p.m.
Sunday	10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday	9:00 a.m.
Reconciliation	By Appointment
Holydays	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.

In your prayers...

Please remember those in our parish and in our families who are sick or in need of our prayers.

Chuck Schuster
Bienvenido Fajardo
Lolita Dorado
Rita Moroni
Albert Fajardo
Virginia Fajardo
Madeline O'Neill
Regina Butler
Kurt Beghuyn
Laura Bush-Terry
Sebastiano Stellino
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Alice Mocer
Keith Wilk
Sheila Pocius

Ministers, Lectors, and Servers

EUCCHARISTIC

MINISTERS

Janet Bielman
Janet Law

LECTORS

Saturday, May 26, 2018, 4:30 p.m.

Marie Vortkamp

SERVERS

Ian Campbell

Sunday, May 27, 2018, 10:00 a.m.

Marilyn Lynn
Dorothy Brooks
Beverly Goll
Linda Holster
Michael Holster
Greg Redman
Kristen Stark

Patrick Lusch
****Mary E. Dunstone**
****Julia Zuerblis**

**** Please Note Change in Server Schedule**

Mass Schedule

Saturday, May 19th - Vigil: Pentecost Sunday

4:30 p.m. - Laura Bush-Terry

Sunday, May 20th - Pentecost Sunday

10:00 a.m. - Laura Bush-Terry, Judy Stark, Anthony Nardi, Frank
Dulapa, Rev. Robert Allman

**Monday, May 21st - St. Christopher Magalanes, Priest, and
Companions, Martyrs**

Tuesday, May 22nd - St. Rita of Cascia, Religious

9:00 a.m. - Laura Bush-Terry

Wednesday, May 23rd -

9:00 a.m. - Laura Bush-Terry

Thursday, May 24th -

**Friday, May 25th - St. Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor
of the church; St. Gregory, VII, Pope; St. Mary
Magdalene de'Pazzi, Virgin**

9:00 a.m. - Laura Bush-Terry

Saturday, May 26th - Vigil: Most Holy Trinity Sunday

4:30 p.m. - Laura Bus-Terry

Sunday, May 27th - Most Holy Trinity Sunday

10:00 a.m. - Laura Bush-Terry, Peppino Moroni, Judy Stark,
Chuck Schuster, For an Increase in Vocations to
the Priesthood and Religious Life

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

*Holy Spirit, fan into flame the gifts
I received in my
Baptism and Confirmation.
I want to receive the fire of Your love
as Your disciples did
at Pentecost.*

*Come with wonder and awe,
with wisdom, understanding,
and counsel, with courage
and faith in You.*

*Holy Spirit, may my actions witness
to Your presence in my life.
Help me to see the ways my strengths
can serve others in their weakness.*

*In all my interactions,
I want to radiate love, joy, peace,
patience, kindness, generosity,
faithfulness, gentleness,
and self-control.*

*Breathe new life into the world
through me. Amen.*

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