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**Masses:** Daily, M-T-W-F 7:00am Thursday 6:30pm • Saturday (Vigil)- 4:00 pm • Sunday- 8 & 11am, & 7pm

**Confession:** Daily, M-T-W-F~6:40-6:55am; Thur. - 6:10-6:25pm • Sat. 3:15-3:45pm, & anytime upon request.



PENTECOST SUNDAY



JUNE 8, 2025



## A Pentecost Reflection - *The Mighty Acts of God*



The Pentecost story in the Acts of the Apostles tells us that a large crowd in Jerusalem from many different countries were “astounded, and in amazement” because those who came out of the Upper Room were all speaking in different languages which matched their “own tongues.”

These disciples of Jesus proclaimed to the travelers about “the mighty acts of God.” It was the Holy Spirit which “rested on each one of them” that enabled them to do this.

St. John’s Gospel tells us that the Risen Lord probably came to that same room. He stood with his disciples to bring them some peace. They had locked the doors, fearing that they were also in danger of losing their lives. Jesus reminds them that they now have received the Holy Spirit. Earlier at their last meal together, Jesus had told them that it is the Father who sends an Advocate who “will teach you everything and remind you all that I told you.” (Jn 14:26).

We too need to be reminded by Jesus that all are filled with the Holy Spirit. In a world that repeats the same mistakes and forgets as St Paul tells us, “we were all baptized into one body,” we often see our “tongues of fire” as solely given to ourselves. The gifts we receive from the Holy Spirit, the service to others that we form from our gifts, and the working through these gifts to produce goodness and justice, are individually gifted to us. However, God reveals that we all “drink of one Spirit.” Similar to the disciples, we lock away our gifts and need Jesus to bring peace into our bodies and spirits. As we consider how and when we offer our service, we need to discern the greater needs to which God calls us to respond. We require time to work out the most true and just ways to bring the many bodies together with the One Christ.

Last Sunday I invited us to remember that before we share the Sign of Peace at mass, we first ask Jesus through the words of our celebrant to “grant us peace and unity.” Thus, our greetings to one another at this time are not meant to be like when we simply pass someone at the store or in the hallway. Jesus is calling us *be* God’s peace to the world, and to *be authentic* as his sign.

This challenges us to let go of attitudes and behaviors which are not “the mighty acts of God.” How can we be “tongues of fire” that are honest and genuine to Jesus and those around us when offered daily “the peace of the Lord,” if we want to live fully in the reality of the Spirit? When offered peace, we answer, “And with your spirit.” Do we mean this? Are we willing to be an advocate for God’s people? Will we open the rooms of our lives and welcome others in peace?

-Fr. Michael

Questions for reflection based on this Sunday’s readings:

► Acts 2:1-11 ~ As on Sinai, the Lord descends in fire and wind.

► 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Romans 8:8-17 ~ The Spirit calls the baptized to ministry for the common good. Those who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

► John 20:19-23 or John 14:15-16, 23b-26 ~ On the first day of the week the risen Christ imparts the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit will teach you everything.

How do I envision the Holy Spirit renewing the face of the earth?

How can I, with the Holy Spirit working through me, be a part of that renewal?

## LITURGICAL CALENDAR, DEVOTIONS, AND INTENTIONS

JUNE 8-15TH, 2025

Mon	9	<i>The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church</i>	7:00am	Lillian DeAngelo (by Rick & Chris Skuleski)
Tue	10	Weekday	7:00am	Pauline M. Vitek (by Jacqueline Vitek)
Wed	11	St Barnabus, Apostle	7:00am	John McGlynn Jr. (30 Day)
Thu	12	Weekday	9:00am 6:30pm	Dan Hadley (HRS 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade class) Dulny & Kapish families (by Beverly Dulny)
Fri	13	<i>St Anthony of Padula, Priest, Dr. of the Church</i>	7:00am	A Special Intention
Sat	14	Weekday/ BVM	4:00pm	Father's Day Intentions
Sun	15	THE MOST HOLY TRINITY <i>Father's Day</i>	8:00am 11:00am 7:00pm	Father's Day Intentions Father's Day Intentions Father's Day Intentions
VOTIVE CANDLES OFFERINGS				
Sacred Heart of Jesus		???		
Blessed Virgin Mary		Jamie Yachna (by Mom)		
Saint Joseph		Edward Sadowski (by Dolores Klink)		

J U N E

10 Tuesday

- Piggie prep, 9am

- Meat will be mixed in the evening

11 Wednesday

- roll &amp; bake piggies, 9am

- Picnic Food Meeting 6:30pm

12 Thursday

- roll &amp; bake piggies 9am

- Last day of School at Holy Rosary

- Flag Day

15 SUNDAY- FATHER'S DAY

- Annual Mission Appeal

18 Wednesday

- pierogi making- potato /cheese  
prep/mashing/balling

19 Thursday

- making pierogi, 9am-

- Juneteenth

FINANCES AND ONGOING STEWARDSHIP LAST WEEK: SUNDAY TOTAL \$7,954.25;

Sunday \$5,880.00 (\$1,656.00 OL); Other Envelopes \$1,249.00 (\$191.00 OL); Loose \$448.25;

Care of Priests: \$377.00 (\$194.00 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection)

Thank You, and may God bless your wonderful generosity!

## 🎵 PICNIC 2025 🎵

Early Bird Flea Market July 10, 5:30pm-8:30pm

July 11 5pm-10pm... entertainment by CC Music 6-10

July 12, 5pm-11pm... entertainment by Sperazza Band, 6-11

- **FLEA MARKET -Please**, hold all treasures until Drop-offs to the school auditorium are scheduled beginning on June 15, 12:00-1:00pm. Volunteers are welcome to help organize the many treasures.
- **PICNIC STAND GIVING** Please check out the tags on the doors of the vestibule for needed picnic items. Items can be returned at your earliest convenience. We are currently looking for **new** items to fill the following stands:
  - Variety Stand – Small appliances, household items, kitchen gadgets, things to make life easier.
  - Kid's Buckets – Organized by the Women's Society
  - Gift Cards Galore – Any gift cards are welcome. \$25.00 value requested.
  - Sports and Games – puzzles, pool games, lawn games, sports equipment, online game gift cards, board games
  - Yard and Garden – LED Garden Lights, plants, Seeds, furniture, etc.
  - (Any prizes ordered online can be delivered directly to the rectory if that is convenient for you: 127 Stephenson Street, Duryea. Please let us know if we should be expecting a package.)
- **BEAUTIFUL BASKETS** Consider donation of a theme basket to fill out our Beautiful Basket Stand – perhaps a backyard bar-b-que basket, a bike, Yankee Candles, who knows?!

## FEEDING THE HUNGRY – Beginning Tuesday, June 17, 2025

Our parish is noted for many good things! Two things for sure - generosity to the poor, and great food from great cooks!

The Community Intervention Center in Scranton (CIC) offers a variety of services, including a free meal every day of the year to 100+ people in need. They would like our help.

We want to provide a meal on the 3rd Tuesday of every month to guests at CIC. Each month our parishioners are invited to prepare something to be shared. Individuals are not asked to make something for 100+ people! You choose the quantity of food you are comfortable with from your home, and when added with the generosity of others our parish can fill the need.

We ask that meals be delivered to our parish office by 8:30 AM on that Tuesday or during office hours (8:30-4:30) on the Monday before. Need someone to pick up at your home? Call the parish office. Sign-up sheet is at entrance of church. Choose the month that works best and list the item you will bring. If you are not sure of items to donate, call the office for some ideas. To learn more about CIC, look on their Facebook, or check their website: [www.communityinterventioncenter.org](http://www.communityinterventioncenter.org)



**WITH PARISH SYMPATHY** - Our Parish offers heartfelt condolences and sympathy to the family and friends of Robert McDermott whose funeral Mass was offered on Saturday, and to Allan Gima and Jerry Reedy, whose funeral rites will be celebrated this week. May the God of all consolation be with them now and always, and may the souls of these men rest in the arms of Christ, the Good Shepherd for all eternity.

**CEO Food Pantry Volunteer Session:** our next food pantry volunteer session is **Wednesday June 18th, 5-7PM**, at the CEO Food Pantry, 185 Research Drive, Pittston. Please call the rectory at 570-457-3502 for further information or to volunteer.

**PICNIC T-SHIRTS** Attention parishioners, volunteers and friends of Nativity of Our Lord Parish: it is time for our annual T-shirt sale. This year we are offering a selection Navy and Light Blue shirts. All shirts are cotton blend. Shirts will feature our Nativity logo on the front left and the church on the back. Orders must be in by Monday, June 23rd by noon in order to be available for pickup before the Picnic. Use the QR Code below to access our online store to place your order, OR return the form found in the back of the church.



QR Code to order and size information

#### IN THE COMMUNITY:

**DIVINE MERCY PARISH PICNIC**, 312 Davis St., Scranton (Minooka) **June 20, 21, 22** on their church grounds, beginning each night at 5:00 p.m. (Sunday, 3:00 p.m.). There will be plenty of delicious foods, games for all ages, big cash raffle prizes, specialty baskets and live musical entertainment. For more information, call the parish office at (570) 344-1724.

**SACRED HEART DUPONT ADORATION AND MASS for the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus** on Friday, June 27. The feast day schedule is as follows: 7:30 a.m. Mass, followed by Eucharistic Exposition. Eucharistic Adoration from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Concluding with Benediction and devotional prayers. Mass will be celebrated at 4 p.m. ● **POLISH PICNIC** runs from 5 to 9 p.m. and again on Saturday, June 28, 5 to 9 p.m. Enjoy homemade Polish foods, games of chance and polka music in the picnic grove.

**AT OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL:** 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of Fr. Joseph Sibilano O.S.J. at St Joseph Mareello Parish Pittston, Pa. 4:00pm Mass followed by reception in Parish center.

**ST JOHN's PITTSTON INDEPENDENCE DAY CONCERT - Monday, June 30 at 7:00 PM**, by the Roman Catholic parishes of Pittston, joined by musicians from the community. Members and friends of the parish choirs will sing, with some opportunities for all in attendance to sing along. Guest instrumentalists for this year's concert will include a brass quartet, flute and percussion. Veterans of the United States Armed Services will receive special recognition during the concert. A free-will offering will be accepted.



**CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!!!** Volunteers are needed in many areas to make a successful picnic. Please consider giving of your talents and time. Fill out the following form with your availability. If you are willing to give of yourself to support your parish as a volunteer, please email the rectory, or complete the form below and drop it in the collection basket at Mass, or call the rectory at 570-457-3502. **NOTE: Please fill out this form even if you have already spoken to someone about volunteering in one of these areas.**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_ (Grade \_\_\_\_\_)

I wish to volunteer my time in the following area:

- ☐ Outdoor Kitchen (*Serving Food, taking orders*)      ☐ Indoor Kitchen (*Food Heating, preparation, pre-picnic prep*)
- ☐ Flea Market (*Sales Associate, customer service, pre-picnic sorting and arranging*)
- ☐ Pancake Stand (*Serving, packing orders, frying - WILL TRAIN!!*)      ☐ Wing Stand (*Serving Food, taking orders*)
- ☐ Games of Chance (*Selling chances, giving out prizes*)
- ☐ Bartender (*Serving beer, ready made drinks - no mixology necessary*)      ☐ Other Interest \_\_\_\_\_

Hours: Please check as many choices as you may be able or willing to work...

Friday:      ☐ 4:30 to 7:00 p.m.      ☐ 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.      ☐ All Evening  
Saturday:      ☐ 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.      ☐ 8:00 to 11:30 p.m.      ☐ All Evening

If these hours do not fit into your schedule, please indicate below the day and hours that are good for you (*any time you can volunteer will be greatly appreciated*): Day(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Time(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**THANK YOU, AND MAY GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE**



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