

# St Joseph's of Stratford Parish

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**Solemnity of Pentecost, Year B**

**May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

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Dear Parishioners,

Today is Pentecost Sunday. Pentecost, which means fiftieth in Greek, was the Jewish festival of the harvest celebrated fifty days after Passover when the first fruits of the harvest were offered to the Lord. Pentecost also commemorated Moses' receiving the law on Mount Sinai. For the Church, the new Israel, Pentecost becomes the celebration of the Spirit of God's compassion, peace, and forgiveness coming upon the Church. So today, as we celebrate Mass, and in the days ahead let us keep in mind that the same Spirit of God that came upon the early Church came upon us at our baptism, and now resides within our hearts. May we be living witnesses of God's compassion, peace, and forgiveness.

Grace and Peace,

Fr. Tom

## **MASS SCHEDULE**

**Saturday:** 5:00 pm - Sunday Vigil **Sunday:** 9:00 am

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## GOSPEL CHALLENGE

*And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit'.  
(John 20:22 NABRE)*

God's *ruah*, his Spirit, is the source of life. Like a gold braid we see God's *ruah* stitched throughout the story of salvation. In the first sentence of the Bible we see God's *ruah* as a mighty wind sweeping over the waters of the abyss, bringing order out of chaos, creating a world hospitable to life. When God created man out of the dust of the ground he blew into his nostrils his *ruah*, the breath of life. In today's Gospel passage Jesus breathes new life into his disciples imparting to them the Holy Spirit. In what ways do we cooperate with God's Spirit, his *ruah*, as God seeks to transform us and recreate us in his image, calling us to a new life in Christ?



## PARISH CALENDAR

### May

May 27<sup>th</sup> – Solemnity of the Holy Trinity

Polish Supper – To Be Determined

### BY THE WEEK

Sundays: Mercy Tabernacle Church  
12:30 - 2:30 pm

Tuesdays: Mercy Tabernacle Church  
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Wednesdays: AA meeting 12:00 pm  
Irish dance classes 6:00 pm

Thursdays: AA men's meeting 7:30 pm

*For news input in the weekly bulletin, please contact  
Father Tom by Wednesday: trpwalsh@gmail.com*

### READERS ROSTER

<u>May 20<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>May 27<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>June 3<sup>rd</sup></u>
Nancy Sirois	Ray Morrison	Nancy Anzalone

Next Sunday's readings, Solemnity of the Holy Trinity: Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40; Romans 8:14-17; Matthew 28:16-20

### FOOD FOR THOUGHT

**“ALL THE DARKNESS IN THE WORLD  
CANNOT EXTINGUISH THE LIGHT OF A  
SINGLE CANDLE.”**

Francis of Assisi ~ “The Little Flowers of St.  
Francis of Assisi”

## NEWS AND EVENT

### Convo 2018

This year, the Central Diocese has prepared a fantastic theme: “Anointed Lifeguard: You Have Been Chosen, Anointed, Empowered, and Blessed to Do Jesus’ Work.” Convo will be hosted at The University of Scranton, July 23-27, 2018. Download the 2018 application and helpful hints regarding participation expectations at [www.Convo2018.org](http://www.Convo2018.org) Participants are ages 12-20. Chaperones and guests are 21+

Please see Fr. Tom for tickets for a chance to win a \$500 VISA gift card. Two cards will be awarded. The tickets are \$5.00 each or 3/\$10.00. The drawing will take place at Convo.

### Eastern Diocese Youth Retreat 2018

The retreat will be held at Camp Howe in Goshen, MA from August 19-23, 2018. Please see Fr. Tom for registration and health forms, or email RobNem21@aol.com. The cost is \$150 per person.

### Pentecost Flowers

Edward Bednarski – **Barbara Bednarski**; Marianne Charabowski - **George & Frank Charabowski**; Valerie Chernesky – **Mike Chernesky**; Bertha Grabowski – **Sophie & Joseph Patusky and Family**; Darlene Kopka – **Edward Stempniak**; Paul Lonzenski; John & Jean Macionus – **John & Helen Maeiejonus and Jerry Macionus**; John & Carol Misurale – **Carol Misurale**; Carol Murdzia - **Richard Murdzia & Family, the Geffert Family**; Nancy Sirois – **Robert Sirois and Roberta Sirois Discenza**; Ann Stockman – **Bill Stockman**

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## Sunday Readings

### First Reading

Acts 2:1-11

#### A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven staying in Jerusalem. At this sound, they gathered in a large crowd, but they were confused because each one heard them speaking in his own language. They were astounded, and in amazement they asked, "Are not all these people who are speaking Galileans? Then how does each of us hear them in his native language? We are Parthians, Medes, and Elamites, inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya near Cyrene, as well as travelers from Rome, both Jews and converts to Judaism, Cretans and Arabs, yet we hear them speaking in our own tongues of the mighty acts of God."

**The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.**

#### Responsorial Psalm

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

**Second Reading**      **1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13**

#### A reading from the first Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters:  
No one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.

As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.

**The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.**

#### SEQUENCE

##### Alleluia, Alleluia

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

##### Alleluia, Alleluia

#### Gospel

**John 20:19-23**

#### A reading from the holy Gospel according to St. John

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

**The Gospel of the Lord.  
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

