

PENTECOST SUNDAY



Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 7

4:30pm Robert Wilson

Requested by Concetta

Sunday, June 8

8:00am Chi Thi Anna Tran & Thanh John Ha

Requested by family

10:00am Edward G. Haslam, Jr.

Requested by Cindy, Trish and Meredith

12:00NN Irving P. Mason, Jr.

Birthday Remembrance

Monday, June 9

7:00am Edward, Elizabeth & Robert Cummings

Requested by family

Tuesday, June 10

7:00am Irving P. Mason, Jr.

Requested by Maria Posillo

Wednesday, June 11

7:00am Luke Joseph Clossick

Requested by family

Thursday, June 12

7:00am Mass for the People

Friday, June 13

7:00am Mary Quinn

Requested by the Boyle family

Saturday, June 14

4:30pm James DeLuca, Sr.

Requested by family

Sunday, June 15

8:00am Mary and Nelson Burke

Requested by family

10:00am Domenick and Mary D'Attilio

Requested by Michael and Elizabeth D'Attilio

12:00NN Williams family

Requested by Battey family



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 7

5:30pm Salvatore and Mary Rossi

Requested by James Rossi

Sunday, June 8

8:00am Holly and Brad Friel

Requested by family

10:00am Constance Andrews

Requested by Jerry and Karen Shepherd

Saturday, June 14

5:30pm John Simpson

Requested by Renny and family

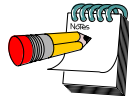
Sunday, June 15

8:00am John and Grace Carpinelli

Requested by family

10:00am Margaret and Francis Dwyer

Requested by their children



For Your Information

SANCTUARY LAMPS

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of James Smith. The sanctuary lamp at St. Romuald Chapel burns in memory of Michael Cooney.

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN

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Your generous donation will help us continue to share the good news. Thank you!

"The Church needs to be present in the world of communications in order to dialogue with people today and help them encounter Christ." ~ Pope Francis



Please don't forget to return your Catholic Charity Appeal envelope with your donation.

Every gift helps us toward our goal of \$103,070.

Received to date:

\$92,382



Your donation to the Catholic Charity Appeal impacts the lives of over 782 children who attended the Mother of Hope Camp in Chepachet and it also impacts the lives of 32,604 children and youth as well as 4,160 volunteer catechists and aides through the Office of Religious Education. Over 7,440 immigrants and 576 refugees are also helped because of your gift to the annual Catholic Charity Appeal. Thank you, as always, for your generous support.

PARISH SUPPORT— June 1, 2014

Weekly Support

		<u>June 1st</u>
Budget envelopes used (330)	-	\$ 6,616.50
Loose Donations	-	\$ 1,869.50
Online Giving (# of donors 39)	-	\$ 977.00
Total Budget	-	\$9,463.00

Monthly Offering

Envelopes used (211)	-	\$ 3,249.50
Other donations	-	\$ 972.00
Total Monthly	-	\$ 4,221.50

This weekend's second offering is the Catholic Communications Campaign offering. **Thank you for your continued generosity.**

JUNE 8, 2014

PENTECOST



Q. What was the original meaning of the Feast of Pentecost for Jews (Deuteronomy 16:9-10)?

A. Pentecost, or the Feast of Weeks (in Hebrew, Shavout), was one of three major Jewish pilgrim feasts, celebrated seven weeks after Passover (Deuteronomy 16:16). Devout Jews from all over the known world would be in Jerusalem for these two feasts (verses 9-11). Originally a harvest

festival where God's people would offer him the first fruits (best part) of the harvest, it came to be also a commemoration of the giving of the Law to Moses on Mt. Sinai on the fiftieth day after the Exodus from Egypt (from the Greek Petekoste, meaning "fiftieth").

"The prophetic texts that directly concern the sending of the Holy Spirit are oracles by which God speaks to the heart of his people in the language of the promise, with the accents of love and fidelity. St. Peter will proclaim their fulfillment on the morning of Pentecost. According to these promises, at the end time the Lord's Spirit will renew the hearts of men, engraving a new law in them. He will gather and reconcile the scattered and divided peoples; he will transform the first creation, and God will dwell there with men in peace." (CCC 715)

PRAYER

Father of Light, from whom every good gift comes, send your Spirit into our lives with the power of a mighty wind, and by the flame of your wisdom open the horizons of our minds. Loosen our tongues to sing your praise in words beyond the power of speech, for without your Spirit man could never raise his voice in words of peace or announce the truth that Jesus is Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

ACTS 2: 1-4

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.

The setting is at Jerusalem in the upper room where the Last Supper had been held. It is 10 days after the Ascension, at which time Jesus had left them specific instructions (Acts 1:45). About 120 people, including Mary, were present. It is the time of the Jewish feast of Pentecost.

"This fullness of the Spirit was not to remain uniquely the Messiah's, but was to be communicated to the whole messianic people. On several occasions Christ promised this outpouring of the Spirit, a promise which he fulfilled first on Easter Sunday and then more strikingly at Pentecost. Filled with the Holy Spirit the apostles began to proclaim "the mighty works of God," and Peter declared this outpouring of the Spirit to be the sign of the messianic age. Those who believed in the apostolic preaching and were baptized received the gift of the Holy Spirit in their turn." (CCC 1287)

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



Religious Education

RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES

Religious Ed classes have ended for the year.

Catechists: If you have not returned your teacher's manual please bring them to the Rel. Ed. Office.



This Week

Sunday, June 8

5:30-7pm PRAISE! Rehearsal

7:00pm AA (HBH)

Monday, June 9

7:00pm Baptism Prep. Class (HBH)

Tuesday, June 10

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (loft)

Thursday, June 12

1:30pm Mass at South Bay Manor

DAY OF RECOLLECTION FOR WOMEN



There will be a Day of Recollection for Women on Saturday, June 21st at Our Lady of Mercy Chapel, Salve Regina University, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. The day will be led by Sister Eugenia Brady, Sister of St. Joseph of Cluny, and the topic will be "The Beatitudes and the Teachings of Pope Francis." Bring a bag lunch. Parking is available on Leroy Avenue and a free will offering will be accepted. For more information, call Pat Crandall at 401-782-9856 or Jeanne Perrotti at 401-864-1576.

Psalm 62: Trust in God Alone

... It was a very lonely time of feeling cut off from the community I had helped form and where I had lived for such a long time—five very wonderful years at St. Patrick's. It was like losing my friends overnight in a break that was similar perhaps to the Paul and Barnabas split in the Acts of the Apostles. It caused me much pain, which lasted for a long time. I felt little or no support from a community that was basically very angry with me for leaving the place, but we felt that the LORD was calling us to do so and we had to obey Him.

There was one word that the LORD gave us often during that time, over and over again to all the members of the ministry. It was incredible. It was Psalm 62, which basically can be summed up as "Trust in Me alone; trust in God alone." As it says in the Rome Prophecy, *"I will strip you of everything that you are depending on now, so you have nothing but Me...And when you have nothing but Me, you will have everything..."* Trust in God alone. I came to realize that, during the years at St. Patrick's, I had been depending on community to a large degree, and the community I was depending on had become somewhat of an idol to me. It was idolatry of community—trusting less and less in God alone and Jesus in his Word and his Holy Spirit, and relying on the body more and more, on the community. Now, it's not a bad thing to rely on the body, but you have to always put your trust primarily in God. As Ralph Martin once said, Christian community happens when people repent, turn to Jesus, and get filled with the life of Jesus—and Jesus is their life. Community happens with all people who come together and for whom Jesus is their life. If you are with people for whom Jesus is their life, you have community. But after a while, Jesus can diminish and community can go up. You have that scale out of balance and the community is weightier than Jesus.

I think that's probably what caused problems nationally within covenant communities. Remember the history of covenant communities in the Catholic Charismatic Renewal in the United States? And the strife between covenant communities and the wider Charismatic Renewal? Eventually many covenant communities, which were once so powerful and so famous, began to crash. The bishops took action with them, and many of them went through very painful breakups.

I think that maybe we were experiencing something similar to that. Community is a great thing, but when it becomes too important and tends to replace Jesus Himself and the Holy Spirit, community itself becomes an idol—idolatry of community. God had to break that for me. I think He also had to break it for many people in the covenant communities around the world in order to purify them; it is always a process of purification. So many things, even a good thing such as community, can become idolatry. I think that's what happened to me.

The break was very painful and lonely. In many ways it was as if we were in a desert time for the next two years, feeling broken and as though we had lost our friends, who were disturbed and angry at us. We were hurting, but in the meantime God was also doing things with us. ... It was a desert, yes, but the desert, as you know, can be very rich. As the Rome Prophecy says, *"I am leading you out into the desert to strip you of everything you are now depending on ... And when you have nothing but Me, you will have everything: lands, fields, homes, brothers and sisters more than ever before."* And we felt that that's what was happening, that God was giving us a very rich spirituality. ... He gave it to us in the desert time, and we were being restored to a pure relationship with Him, to the Word, to living by the Word and to living by the Holy Spirit. It was as if Jesus was saying to us, "Am I not enough for you?" And although it was painful, like going to Calvary or going out into the desert, those two years ... became a very rich source of spirituality.

(Randall S.T.D., Fr. John, "Chapter 23: Psalm 62: Trust in God Alone." *No Spirit, No Church.*)

CATECHISTS be sure to RSVP to the Religious Ed Office if you can come to the cookout on June 20th.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAYS AT 6:30PM

FOLLOWED BY ROSARY AT
7:00PM AT
ST. ROMUALD CHAPEL



MARVELOUS MYSTERY
The Mass Comes Alive

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

will be held June 26th, 27th 30th and July 1st and 2nd from 8:30-11:30. We will spend a week discovering more about the Mass and deepening our love for Jesus in the Eucharist through faith teachings, music, games, crafts, snacks and more!

Register by June 13th. Forms are at the entrance to the church. For more information call the Religious Ed Office at 792-8684.