

St. John the Evangelist Greece

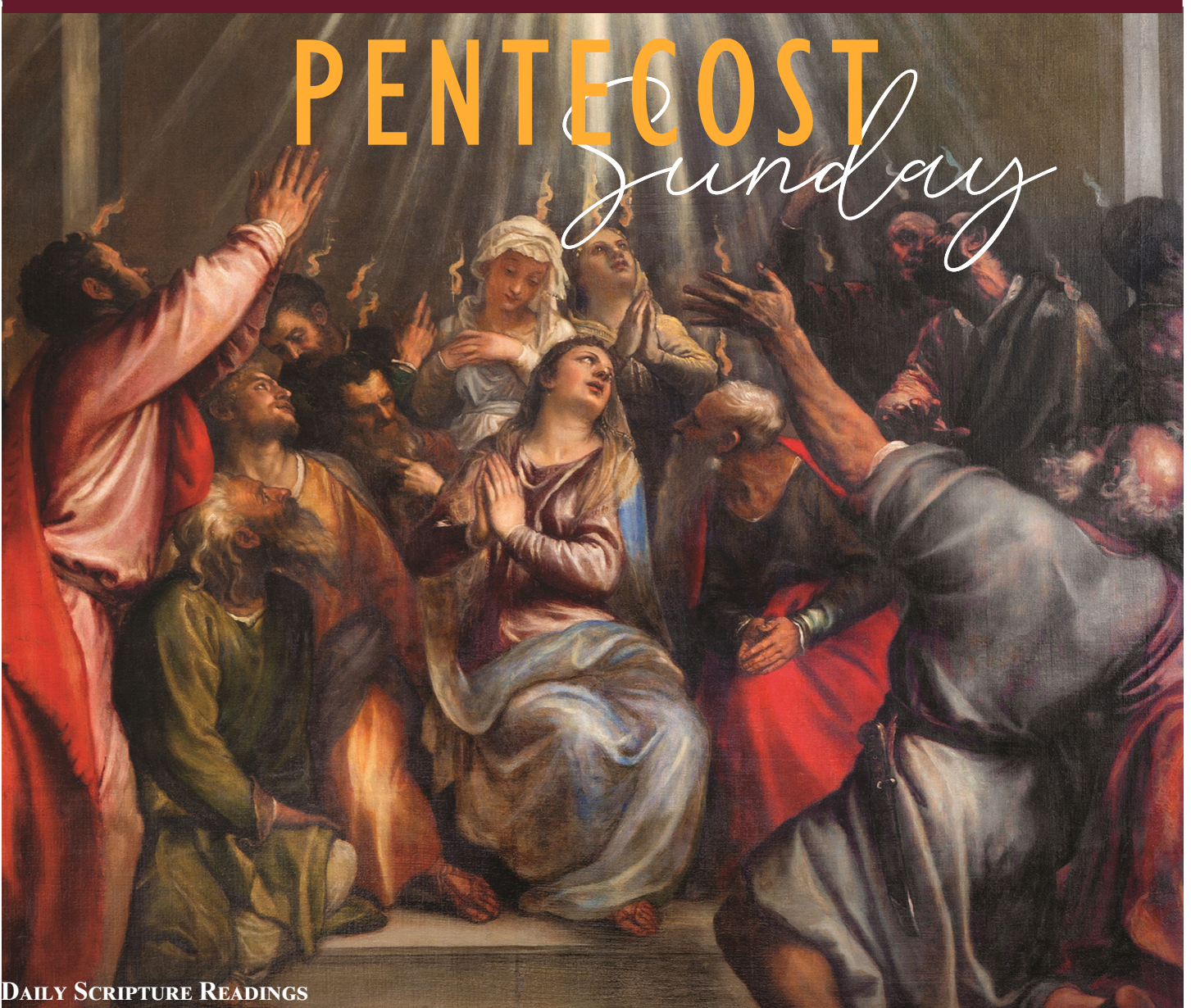
May 19, 2024

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MISSION STATEMENT
As disciples of Jesus Christ serving on the Parish Pastoral Council, we collaborate with the Pastor and Staff inviting the people of St. John the Evangelist Church to joyfully celebrate the Eucharist, faithfully teach Catholic tradition, and fervently form Catholic spirituality, so that together we may



PENTECOST Sunday



DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday

Gn 3:9-15, 20
Ps 87:1-3, 5-7/
Jn 19:25-34 Jn 15:9-17

Tuesday

Jas 4:1-10/
Ps 55:7-11a, 23/
Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday

Jas 4:13-17/
Ps 49:2-3, 6-11/
Mk 9:38-40

Thursday

Jas 5:1-6/
Ps 49:14-20/
Mk 9:41-50

Friday

Jas 5:9-12/
Ps 103:1-4, 8-9, 11-12/
Mk 10:1-12

Saturday

Jas 5:13-20/
Ps 141:1-3, 8/
Mk 10:13-16

Sunday

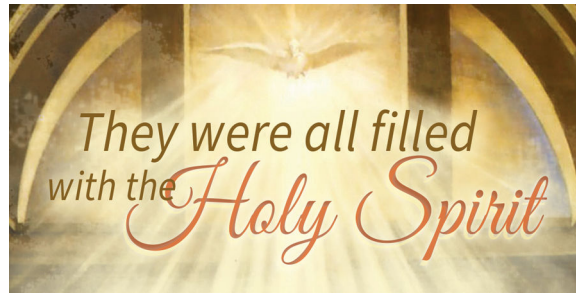
Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/
Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-20, 22/
Rom 8:14-17/
Mt 28:16-20

Welcome!

If you are new in the parish, we invite you to become a member of our faith community where we come together to worship the Lord and celebrate the Eucharist. We want to get to know you so please if you can introduce yourself after Mass, we will be grateful. Please know that your prayers, your presence, and support of our beloved St. John's Church are appreciated. Please call or e-mail the Parish Office for registration assistance. You will find contact information on the front cover of the bulletin.

The Feast of Pentecost— Come Holy Spirit

Pentecost was originally a Jewish agricultural feast. It was celebrated fifty days or seven weeks after Passover and started as a feast of thanksgiving for the harvest. As it developed it also became a reminder and celebration of God's mighty deeds in the history of salvation. Today, we celebrate the harvest of our faith and how it has been a spiritual nourishment during difficult and challenging days. The Feast we celebrate today gives us a chance to remember what God has done in the mystery of the life of Jesus Christ. We call this feast day the "birthday of the church" and we are the body who make up the congregation. The Spirit's signs and wonders we experience in our Baptism and Confirmation surround us and are in our midst every day. We have been strengthened by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and have become committed members who serve in ministry, full-time as well as the many volunteers. None of us has all the gifts needed to minister to this community or to address the needs of the world around us. But as a community we have seen and heard of the Spirit's gifts still being poured on those gathered in "one place together," as the disciples were on Pentecost, and we too, have on this day. The signs may not be as spectacular as wind, flames, and charismatic speech, but they are, nevertheless, part of the drama of the Acts of the Spirit that we read about this Pentecost Day. For among us here today are people who have been nourished by God's Spirit over a lifetime. We still believe; we are still yearning for God and we are still trying to be faithful to our commitments. In this fickle world where people walk away from



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commitments they have made to church and family, the Church continues to proclaim in word and deed Christ's ongoing life among us. Once again in this faith community of St. John's, the Holy Spirit is lighting a fire that will fuel our faith. We also ask you to pray for our various committee representatives who make the running of this parish collaborative in

ministry. This Feast of Pentecost is a major feast of the Church. It is so important because it is a celebration of the perpetual, powerful presence of God in and through the Holy Spirit in the Church. More than the fulfilled promise of Jesus, the Holy Spirit is the driving force of unity and evangelization in the Church. It is this force which unites all the followers of Jesus into his Body. It is this force which goes forth into the world to teach, challenge, convert, and bring peace. There are times in our lives when we feel weak and alone, when we lack confidence in our faith or in our Christian calling. Our Feast of Pentecost serves as a reminder to us that we are not alone—the Holy Spirit is with us.

When we open our lives to the power of the Spirit, great things will happen in us and through us. The Spirit can speak the truths of God through us if we give our VOICES. The Spirit can touch broken lives, heal divisions, and impart forgiveness if we give our HEARTS. The Spirit can lift burdens, dry our tears, and do great works of charity if we give our HANDS. Come Holy

Spirit to renew us, to rewind us, and re-create us in our faith.

God bless,

Father Peter



Masses for the Week—May 20—26

MON, May 20 *Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church*
8:15 AM + **Rose Marie Skrypek**

by Family

2:30 PM *Mass at Village at Unity*

TUESDAY, May 21 *St Christopher Magallanes*

8:15 AM + **Robert Mays**

by Bob Smith & Family

WEDNESDAY, May 22 *St Rita of Cascia*

8:15 AM + **Madge Rindos**

by Judy Weiser

THURSDAY, May 23 *Weekday*

FRIDAY, May 24 *Weekday*

8:15 AM + **Rose & Andrew Oliveri**

by Sandy & Pat Reale

SATURDAY, May 25 *Sts Bede the Venerable, Gregory VII, Pope, & Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi*

4:00 PM + **Deceased Members of the Freitas & Sa Families**

by Nidia Freitas Flores

SUNDAY, May 26 *The Most Holy Trinity*

8:00 AM + **Eustace Hasiany**

by Julius Avorkliyah

10:00 AM + **For the People of St John's; Living and Deceased**

**Wills/Bequests/Memorials—
Please Remember St. John the Evangelist Parish**

This Week's Schedule

Monday, May 20

9:00 AM Bible Study in Parish Center

6:30 PM Fatima Women's Prayer Ministry
in Parish Center then Church

Saturday, May 25

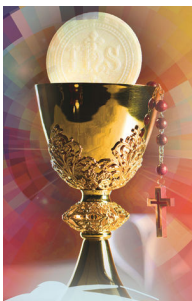
1:00 PM Baptism in Church

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.

Please keep the following ordained in your prayers this week.

May 19	May 20	May 21	May 22	May 23	May 24	May 25
All Missionaries	Augustine Chumo	Peter Clifford	William Coffas	John Colacino	All Deacons	Robert Werth

Congratulations!



God Bless **Olivia Ricigliano** and **Lilyana Martello-Planteny**, having received the Sacrament of First Eucharist from Fr Peter, on Saturday, May 11, 2024. Through the Eucharist, may Olivia and Lilyana be drawn into an unending friendship with Jesus. A special thank you to Cris Simone and the parents of Olivia and Lilyana for their dedicated preparation and love for these children.

Like a stool that cannot stand on two legs alone, we need the Holy Spirit. The third Person of the Trinity is the puzzle piece whose testimony completes the beautiful picture of salvation. Let us never fail to say: come, Holy Spirit!



May 19, 2024—Pentecost Sunday

When I was twenty-two years of age in August of 2000, I experienced World Youth Day in Rome. As for many of my generation, the event was life-changing for me.

Surrounded by joyful, hope-filled young people from seemingly every nation and tongue, we were gathered around the Pope, sharing a common Faith and love. The Pope spoke to us of our shared family bond in the Church and invited us to give our lives in service to others. Now twenty-four years later, my life as a priest, like that of so many others from those special days, continues on that same path of love and unity — despite my many weaknesses. What makes that continuation possible?

Aren't we longing to experience the Holy Spirit in a fresh way?

This week's feast gives the answer: the Holy Spirit. The gift of God — His very life — the third person of the Trinity, is the Spirit who animates the entire Church and each member of it. He makes us one-in-love in a way that utterly exceeds human capacity. For example, he makes the apostles speak with tongues of fire, and everyone hears them in his own native tongue. The Holy Spirit is the means by which Jesus establishes a new family, one that crosses all possible boundaries of time, space, and culture. The Holy Spirit never tires in enthusing us for mission.

Aren't we longing to experience the Holy Spirit in a fresh way? Today we celebrate this untiring flame, once ignited on earth and burning still. So, we humbly cry out: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and enkindle in us the fire of your love!

— Father John Muir ©LPi



Prayer for the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Christ Jesus, before ascending into heaven, You promised to send the Holy Spirit to Your apostles and disciples. Grant that the same Spirit may perfect in our lives the work of Your grace and love.

Grant us the Spirit of **Fear of the Lord** that we may be filled with a loving reverence toward You; the Spirit of **Piety** that we may find peace and fulfillment in the service of God while serving others; the Spirit of **Fortitude** that we may bear our cross with You and, with courage, overcome the obstacles that interfere with our salvation; the Spirit of **Knowledge** that we may know You, and know ourselves and grow in holiness; the Spirit of **Understanding** to enlighten our minds with the light of Your truth; the Spirit of **Counsel** that we may choose the surest way of doing Your will, seeking first the Kingdom; Grant us the Spirit of **Wisdom** that we may aspire to the things that last forever; Teach us to be Your faithful disciples and animate us in every way with Your Spirit. Amen

Question:

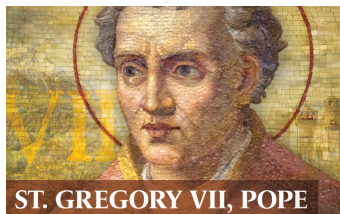
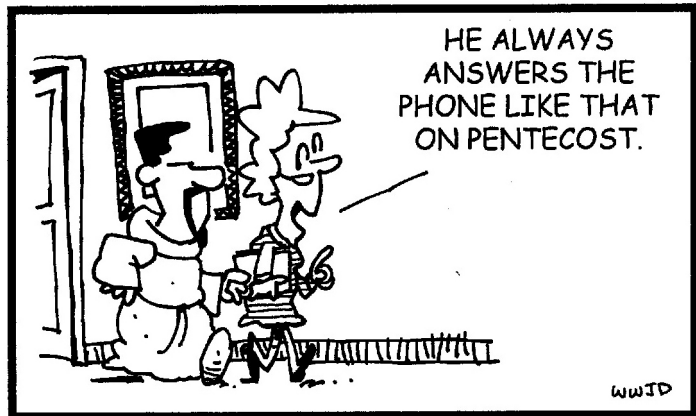
How do we know when we receive the Holy Spirit?

Answer:

My brothers and I discovered something as we got older. There's a little bit of dad in us. Each time we catch ourselves using one of his gestures, expressions, or comments about a meal, we say, "I'm getting more like Dad!" Many laughs and good-natured kidding have come out of it. Mom loves it, and so does Dad, although I doubt he'd admit it!

When we are confirmed, we receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit. There is no radical change in us that makes us seem suddenly different. Over a period of time, we come to see that there is a little bit of the Spirit in us. We catch ourselves using the gifts, and often end up wondering where a bit of wisdom came from, or why we were so patient, or we feel an intensity in our prayer. Perhaps we felt drawn to deepen our spiritual life or found courage in witnessing to our faith. That's when we know we have received the Holy Spirit. We take on his image. Yes, we grow in age, grace and wisdom, but we also grow in our awareness and understanding of the working of God in our life. We become more god-like, realizing we're getting more and more like God. Our thoughts, words and actions carry that quality and others too, see it in us. You might call it holiness. But be confident! There's a little bit of him in all of us.

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St. Gregory VII (c.1015-1085) was born in Italy and originally named Hildebrand of Sovana. He grew up in a devout Catholic family.

As a young man, Hildebrand became close with Pope Leo

IX. After Pope Leo IX's death, Hildebrand became a leading figure in the papal court of the next few popes. Shortly after the death of Pope Alexander II, Hildebrand was quickly ordained a priest and raised to the papacy. He chose the name Pope Gregory VII in honor of the first Pope Gregory whose writings heavily influenced him. During his time as pope, Gregory VII worked hard to reform the Church he so loved.

At the time, the Church was facing corruption. People in leadership were selling sacred offices and sacramentals, some clergy were unlawfully marrying, and kings and nobles, were controlling the appointment of Church officials. Pope Gregory VII fiercely resisted these corruptions. Pope Gregory VII's desire was to reunite the Church under the banner of Christ and the Holy Eucharist, instead of under the banner of whoever was richest and desired the most control.

Pope Gregory VII is remembered as one of the most important popes in Church history, leading the period of reform in the Church that secured freedom from the intrusion of civil rulers.

Saint Pope Gregory VII, pray for us! ©LPi



Spirit to Spirit

Talk to any couple who are devoted to one another. Ask them when they realized they were in love — call-me-in-a-crisis love, face-the-day-to-day-with-me love — and the answer will probably not be “When I realized he was only dating me to win a bet with his boss.”

If you know what movie that references, you and 12-year-old me would have been great friends.

Like any other self-respecting American tween of the early 2000s, I used to watch a lot of romantic comedies. I forget how old I was when I realized that romantic comedies are actually ... really boring. Not because they're about love — true love is *fascinating*. I could watch real-life people talk about who they love for *hours*.

Because when we say we love someone — truly love them — what we mean is we love their spirit. We love what they are. We love the qualities that escape description, the attributes we have to talk around or reduce to cliché in order to define. We cannot love a body alone. We cannot love a name or a reputation. We cannot love a story that we've built around a relationship.

To be in love with someone you need to know their spirit. Intimately. And that knowledge cannot help but change everything about you. It changes your goals, your understanding of the world. It changes the amount of courage you have to face the life ahead of you. It changes your ability to be who God wants you to be.

The disciples lived and ate and walked with Jesus for three whole years before they really knew his spirit. They didn't know it on Good Friday when they scattered and hid and wept. They didn't know it on Easter Sunday, when they couldn't believe what they saw. They thought they loved him, but when push came to shove their love failed.

But by the end of their lives, the disciples knew the kind of love that sustained them even in the face of martyrdom.

What was it that changed? It was the Spirit. They finally knew the Spirit.

“No one can say, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ except by the Holy Spirit.” — 1 Corinthians 12:3

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Ralph J. Annucci Husband of Christina Annucci



This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for

- ✚ Tabernacle I Recipients of Prayer Line Requests
- ✚ Tabernacle II open
 - ✚ Marian I Rose Marie Skrypek
 - ✚ Marian II Rose Marie Skrypek

BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



May 9	ATTENDANCE.....	180
Ascension.....	\$	1,668.12
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	130.00
Ascension.....	\$	1,798.12

May 11/12	ATTENDANCE.....	458
BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$	9,530.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$	8,886.60
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	1,612.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$	10,498.60
OVERAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING.....	\$	968.60

Fiscal Year 2023-24 as of May 12, 2024

YEARLY BUDGET	\$	486,000.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE.....	\$	438,380.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED.....	\$	432,277.88
SHORTAGE TO DATE.....	(\$	6,102.12)

With sincere gratitude, Fr. Peter thanks all who continue with their financial assistance in support of the many needs in our parish.

Online Giving

You can make your weekly, monthly, annual and one-time donations from your checking or savings account, or by using a credit or debit card, electronically, from your own computer. We use a product from a company that we have been with for a long time and has a long history of working with parishes around the country. It is easy, safe and secure! A link to Online Giving can be found at our Parish Home



Page www.stjohngreece.org.

Don't hesitate to contact the Parish Office, 225-8980 for details or assistance with Online Giving.



I. Matthew Black and Stephanie Braya



Religious Article Drop-Off at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery & Ascension Gardens

Holy Sepulchre and Ascension Gardens will now offer a way to dispose of blessed articles properly. During regular business hours, from Monday, May 20 to Saturday, May 25, we welcome the community to come and drop off their unwanted religious articles.

Please keep in mind the following stipulations:

- Each item cannot exceed 2 feet in length, width and height.
- We are asking that people bring in blessed items only.
- Do not bring in cremated remains of a loved one or pet.
- Once the items have been brought in for proper disposal, they cannot be retrieved.

Religious Article Drop-Off:

Monday, May 20 - Friday, May 24, 9:00 AM—4:30 PM
Saturday, May 25, 9:00 AM—12 Noon

Drop Off is located in the Main Office.



CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday Evening: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM

Holy Days: As announced in bulletin

Weekdays: Monday–Wednesday & Friday 8:15 AM

CONFESSIONS By Appointment Only. *Please contact the Parish Office 225-8980.*

BAPTISMS For parishioners requesting Baptism for their child, we encourage you to please contact the Parish Office at (585) 225-8980 before the birth of your child to prepare for the Sacrament of Baptism.

MARRIAGE Arrangements for the Sacrament of Marriage must be made at least SIX MONTHS in advance. Call the Parish Office at 225-8980.

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Senior Home Communion Service Ministers May 2024

HAMILTON NURSING HOME COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

May 26, 2024 Steve and Mary Ann Donato

THE VILLAGE AT UNITY

May 19, 2024 Tom Grieco
May 26, 2024 Bob and Barb Gotham

ELDERWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

May 19, 2024 Terry & Pam Hearne
May 26, 2024 Chris Hoefler