

# Pentecost

JUNE 5, 2022



## THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

**First:** Acts 2:1-11  
**Second:** 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13  
**Gospel:** John 20:19-23  
**FOCUS:** Today is Pentecost, the birthday of the Church, honoring the coming of the Spirit into our midst.

The early Church was expanded when the resurrected Jesus left his disciples, promising to send the Holy Spirit to be with them on earth. Empowered by his presence among them, they began preaching the word even though they faced many challenges. The people listened and were baptized, and the Church was born.

### LITURGY OF THE WORD:

In the first reading, the Apostles are filled with the Holy Spirit and begin speaking in different languages. Paul writes to the Corinthians that there is only one Spirit, but he bestows many spiritual gifts on the family of God. In the Gospel, Jesus comes to the disciples in the locked room, offers them peace and breathes on them, saying, "Receive the Holy Spirit."



### MASS INTENTIONS

5 p.m.: Nancy Wood, Michael Mont and Michael Stanek  
9 a.m.: Virginia Trochmyczuk, Eric Harlow and John Iosca  
11 a.m.: Mary Manza and Chris & Nic Pierce

### TREASURER'S REPORT

May 22-29: Totaled \$ 4,904.65

Envelopes: \$ 2,274.00 – Online: \$ 2,630.65

THANK YOU

## Pentecost Prayer

Breathe in me O Holy Spirit  
that my thoughts may all be holy;  
Act in me O Holy Spirit  
that my works, too, may be holy;  
Draw my heart O Holy Spirit  
that I love but what is holy;  
Strengthen me O Holy Spirit  
to defend that is holy;  
Guard me then O Holy Spirit  
that I always may be holy.

- St. Augustine of Hippo (AD 354-430)



### RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE

What would you do with an extra \$30,000?

On August 13, a lucky someone will be answering that question – and it could be you!

Heeding the advice of our Finance Council, we are participating in an Archdiocese-approved, multi-parish raffle for 23 American Express Gift Card prizes totaling \$68,000. Along with the top prize, there's a \$10,000 second prize, \$8,000 third prize and 20 additional \$1,000 prizes.



Registered parishioners will receive a mailing from St. Roch Church in Greenwich, CT, the raffle orchestrator, which will include five \$25 raffle tickets to buy and/or sell to family and friends. Additional tickets will be available through the office.

**And St. Paul's will receive half of our total ticket sales!**

Ticket stubs, payment and unsold tickets have to be returned by August 1. The drawing can be viewed live at 8 p.m. August 13 at [www.parishraffle.com](http://www.parishraffle.com).

Remember, you've got to be in it to win it – and it's for a good cause, too!



# the CARDINAL'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

*Sharing God's Gifts*

Is it worth \$784.20 for you not to have to read another Cardinal's Appeal blurb or hear another announcement until next Spring? That's all it will take because that's how far away we are from our 2022 goal of \$45,500.

As of May 27, 135 families have participated. That's about a third – so you can see how no gift is too small to help us cross the finish line. Please prayerfully consider doing so.

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*Virtues are formed by prayer.  
Prayer preserves temperance.  
Prayer suppresses anger.  
Prayer prevents emotions  
of pride and envy.  
Prayer draws into the soul  
the Holy Spirit,  
and raises man to Heaven.*

- St. Ephrem a/k/a Ephrem the Syrian

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## MASS INTENTIONS

Several years ago, the Archdiocese suggested increasing the donation to schedule an announced Mass from \$10 to \$15. We did not follow suit at that time, although other local churches did.

However, given the financial strain caused by COVID-19 – and upon the advice of our Finance Council – we have to seek other ways to increase income. The multi-parish lottery is one avenue. This is another and will go into effect on June 14.

We appreciate your understanding.

## SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE

After consultation with our Parish Council and much discussion, I want to announce to you that on Sunday, June 12, we will return to having one Mass at 10 a.m. on Sunday. The 5 p.m. Mass on Saturday will continue.

We will regard this as a summer schedule and will revisit the issue at a general meeting for all the parish on Sunday, September 11, after the 10 a.m. Mass. At this meeting, you will be able to share your thoughts and concerns about the Mass schedule.

*Fr. Sean*



*A devastated community was found outside the SSGT Willie de Leon Civic Center, where students had been transported from Robb Elementary School after the shooting.*

## CALL TO JUSTICE

Saying his heart was broken at the news of at least 19 children and two adults being shot and killed at a Texas elementary school, Pope Francis said it was time to say "Enough!" and enact stricter laws on gun sales.

At the end of his weekly general audience May 25, with thousands of people gathered in St. Peter's Square, the pope prayed publicly for the victims of the shooting the day before at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas.

"With a heart shattered over the massacre at the elementary school in Texas, I pray for the children and adults who were killed and for their families," the pope told the crowd.

For easy access to the full article that appeared in America magazine, click on "Read More" under "A Call to Justice" on the home page of our website, [www.stpaulsbullville.org](http://www.stpaulsbullville.org), and then double click on the article(s) you wish to read.

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