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Good News!

June 12, 2011

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Acts 2:1–11 / 1 Cor 12:3b–7, 12–13 Jn 20:19–23

Pentecost is God's biggest surprise party. Jesus' disciples and Jews from distant nations had traveled to Jerusalem to observe the agricultural feast of Pentecost, marking the end of the grain harvest.

They thought they were fulfilling their normal religious observations. But then, with rushing wind and tongues of fire, God hollered "Surprise!" and filled the disciples with the Holy Spirit. They had gathered for religious observance, but God had gathered them for a celebration.

Pentecost truly serves as the surprise birthday party for the Church—the day the Church was born in the power of the Spirit. The visiting Jews were able to understand the disciples in their native languages because God's gift of the Holy Spirit unified strangers.

In 1 Corinthians, Paul highlights the Spirit's unifying nature. Our Church is one body, filled with one Spirit, created by one Lord. Though each of us is blessed with different gifts and born into different circumstances, we are knit into one body by the Spirit.

Yet we know well how religion has been used to divide nations, peoples, and families. As Christians, we ought to feel deeply saddened at the times our faith and many other faiths have abandoned the uniting power of the Spirit and fostered discord, violence, and intolerance.

But even the most divisive human actions cannot suppress the Spirit's power. The tongues of fire cannot be quenched. The rushing wind of God will not be slowed. Every time we extend a hand of welcome, every time we reconcile with another, every time we seek to bring people together, we open our hearts to the Spirit's movement. It's our surprise gift back to God in gratitude for the precious gift of the Holy Spirit.

Janel Eske

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WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturdays at 4:00 p.m. Sundays at 7:30 and 10:00 a.m. Holy Ďays at 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

If you are new in the Parish, please register and introduce yourself to the Pastor. The Parishioners wish to meet and serve you! Drop by at our Coffee Social or Pancake Breakfast after the Sunday Mass, both per the Calendar online or as announced inside the bulletin. We hope you will favor our Parish with your prayers, your presence, your talents and your financial assistance according to your means!

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION):

Saturday from 3:15 to 3:45 p.m.; also by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Please call the rectory (860-643-4466) to arrange for a meeting with the Pastor.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Arrangements must start more than 6 months before marriage. Necessary interviews, a pre-cana course and plenty of paperwork is required. We strongly urge you to contact us to begin the Diocesan preparation course as soon as you are engaged to get the most out of it without rush.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP:

The Sacramental Guidelines define Church Membership in terms of Sunday Mass attendance and Church support. For membership verification and sponsorship certificate, registration and regular use of the envelope system are the only way we have of verifying this for you. Please notify us if there are changes in your address, marital status, etc., so that we may update your records.

VISITATION TO THE SICK:

We are most anxious to help anyone who is not able to celebrate Mass with us in Church due to illness, handicapped or age. If you wish the Sacraments, please call 860-643-4466.

THIS WEEK JUNE 11TH - JUNE 12TH PENTECOST SUNDAY YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL

USHERS GROUP IV

SATURDAY, JUNE 11

3:30 p.m Rosary before Mass

4:00 p.m. Mass offered for +Olga Guglielmino

request of Samuel Guglielmino

SUNDAY, JUNE 12

7:30 a.m. Mass offered for +Frank Hilbie,

request of Chris & Kate Armstrong

Chaplet of Divine Mercy after Mass

10:00 a.m. Mass offered for a **Special Intention**,

request of Mary Mumford

5:30 p.m. Liturgy of the Hours

No Week Day Masses

Tuesday, June 14

7:15 p.m. Last Adult Choir rehearsal until the Fall.

Wednesday, June 15

THERE WILL BE NO CHRISTMAS WORKSHOP
THIS WEEK

3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



Friday, June 17

8:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

St. Maurice Youth Dance Event

\$3 admission includes hot dogs, chips, soda Music by PartyProDJ\

Saturday, June 18

3:30 p.m. Recitation of Rosary before Mass Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment

<u>NEXT WEEK</u> <u>JUNE 18TH-19TH</u> FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

MAINTENANCE COLLECTION
USHERS GROUP I
Last Children's Choir Rehearsal until Fall
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SATURDAY, JUNE, 18

3:30 p.m. Rosary before Mass

4:00 p.m. Mass offered for **+Joyce Bachl**

Altar Servers: Kyle Toce & Josh Meyers Minister of the Word: Georgette Pelletier Eucharistic Minister: Patti Cinea

SUNDAY, JUNE 19

7:30 a.m. Mass offered for <u>+Ada Prophet</u>

Altar Servers:

Minister of the Word: Joel Cohan Eucharistic Minister: Arlene Giglio

10:00 a.m. Mass offered for +Marie Madore

Altar Servers: Ryan & Nicholas VanDine Minister of the Word: Paul Brown Eucharistic Minister: Kathleen Smythe

No Week Day Masses

Wednesday, June 22

THERE WILL BE NO CHRISTMAS WORKSHOP THIS WEEK

3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Saturday, June 23

3;30 p.m. Rosary before Mass

GOD'S PLAN FOR TITHING June 4th – 5th

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION \$ 3,283 LAST YEAR'S COLLECTION \$ 3,061

"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.' (1 Corinthians 12:4-6)

The Spirit gives each of us different gifts. The reason we are given those gifts is so that we may perform different forms of service for the Lord. If you don't use your gifts for the Lord, who will do the special work that God had in mind for you alone?

June 19th......Father's Day!
Pancake Breakfast at the Parish
Center.....8:15a,m, - 11:30 a.m.

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Summer Schedule for Saturday Mass

starts July 2nd,

Fourth of July Weekend

Mass Time 5:00 p.m.

And from the Office of Family Life Diocese of Norwich

Marriage Preparation Class for Engaged Couples "God's Plan for a Joy-filled Marriage"

offered by the Office of Family Life. To register for the 4 session class, please call 860-889-8346 ext. 283.

Date: Fridays, June 17, 24, & July 8, 15, 2011

Time: 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Location: SS. Peter & Paul Church Hall

181 Elizabeth St. Norwich 06360

Cost: \$50.00 per couple for class materials

HELP WANTED: Strawberry and Blueberry pickers to pick fruit for the Christmas Fair jams & jellies. Call Ann Pullo 860-649-6707.

Upcoming event at the Immaculata Retreat House, Willimantic, CT....

Our Lady of Peace; 30th Anniversary of Medjugorje.

Please join us for an afternoon of prayer, testimonies, adoration, and Mass. Refreshments provided. Sunday, June 26th, 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Space is limited so please call for reservations. Free will donation.

Immaculata Retreat House 860-423-8484 or www.immaculataretreat.org

Pentecost Meditation:

Thirst and the Holy Spirit......The ultimate thirst of men cries out for the Holy Spirit. He, and he alone, is, at a profound level, the fresh water without which there is no life. In the image of a spring, of the water that irrigates and transforms a desert, that man meets like a secret promise, the mystery of the Spirit becomes visible in an ineffable fashion that no rational meditation can encompass. man's thirst, and in his being refreshed by water. is portrayed that infinite, far more radical thirst that can be guenched by no other water....The Holy Spirit is eternally, of his very nature, God's gift, God as wholly self giving, God as sharing himself, as gift. In that sense, the inner reason and basis for creation and salvation history do after all lie in this quality of being of the Holy Spirit, as donum and datum... He is the content of Christian prayer. He is the only gift worthy of God; as God. God gives nothing other than God; he gives himself and thereby everything. That is why properly Christian prayer, again, does not beg for just anything; rather, it begs for the gift of God that is God himself, begs for him.

Pilgrim Fellowship of Faith,..pp. 47,49...Pope Benedict XVI





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