



Welcome back Fr. Arthur.

Congratulations on his 19th Anniversary of your Ordination

And Fr. Rafaele.

Father in heaven, bless and multiply Father. Arthur and Fr. Rafaele ministry so that Your Church will multiply for Your glory and for our salvation. Please shower this priest with your blessings every day. We praise and thank You, most Holy God, for the gift of Father (mention priest's name)! We thank You for his years of service and ask You to bless us with many more years with our beloved priest. Amen.



As always, I like to share the deep traditions and meaning of our Church. This Sunday is Pentecost Sunday and with that I will share what Pentecost Sunday means to us as Catholics.

Pentecost Sunday is a commemoration and celebration of the receiving of the Holy Spirit by the early church. John the Baptist prophesied of the first Pentecost when Jesus would baptize with the Holy Spirit and with fire (Matthew 3:11). Jesus confirmed this prophecy with the promise of the Holy Spirit to the disciples in John 14:26. He showed Himself to these men after His death on the cross and His resurrection, giving convincing proof that He was alive. Jesus told the disciples to wait in Jerusalem for the Father's gift of the Holy Spirit, from whom they would receive power to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:3-8). After Jesus' ascension to heaven, the men returned to Jerusalem and joined together in prayer in an upper room. On the Day of Pentecost, just as promised, the sound of a violent wind filled the house and tongues of fire came to rest on each of them and all were filled with the Holy Spirit. They were given the power of communication, which Peter used to begin the ministry for which Jesus had prepared him. After the coming of the Holy Spirit, the disciples did not stay in the room basking in God's glory but burst out to tell the world. This was the beginning of the church as we know it.

Pentecost Sunday is celebrated to recognize the gift of the Holy Spirit, realizing that God's very life, breath and energy live in believers. The Gospel Reading of John 20:19-23 may be the core of the message about our risen Savior supernaturally appearing to the fear-laden disciples. Their fear gave way to joy when the Lord showed them His hands and side. He assured them peace and repeated the command given in Matthew 28:19-20, saying, "As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." Then He breathed on them, and they received the Holy Spirit (John 20:21-23).

The celebration of Pentecost Sunday reminds us of the reality that we all have the unifying Spirit that was poured out upon the first-century church in Acts 2:1-4. It is a reminder that we are co-heirs with Christ, to suffer with Him that we may also be glorified with Him; that the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good (1 Corinthians 12:7); that we are all baptized by one Spirit into one body (1 Corinthians 12:13); and that the Spirit which raised Jesus from the dead lives inside believers (Romans 8:9-11). This gift of the Holy Spirit that was promised and given to all believers on the first Pentecost is promised for you and your children and for all who are far off whom the Lord our God will call (Acts 2:39).

The Holy Name Society will be holding a Chicken BBQ Sunday June 12th
\$13.00. Noon to sold out



Save the Date: Annual Church Festival with Flea Market is scheduled for Saturday August 13th 1 day only

Students in Grade 7-10, this is great way to complete some of the required service hours with assisting at the Church Festival

The St. Pio Prayer Group Meeting is on the first Friday of each month. All are welcome Call Gazak 315 507 2735 for question



Eucharist Devotion: An hour of Eucharist Devotion every Thursday after 12:10am. Prayers, Litany, Chaplet of Divine Mercy and time for private prayer

As a reminder, please TURN OFF all cell phones while attending Mass or leave in your vehicles.

Other events in the Utica Area

The annual 13 Tuesday Novena in Honor of St. Anthony will be held At St. Anthony and St. Agnes Parish in Utica on June 7th @ 6pm with Concelebrated Healing Mass with Fr. Arthur

St Anthony Festival this year will be held on Saturday June 11 from 5pm-9pm and June 12 from 8am-12pm. There will be sandwiches, water and soda Pizza Fritta only on Sunday



Registration 2022-2023. It is important to remember that the Sacrament of First Communion and Confirmation is a 2-year required program. Those making First Communion are to attend 1st and 2nd grade and Confirmation is 9th & 10th grade. If anyone has any questions, please reach out to me directly.

The Faith Formation Program is in need of a Catechist for Kindergarten. If you would be interested in teaching this class, please message me directly. Virtus training is required.

If any family wishes to be removed from the weekly mailing, please email me directly.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday @ 3:15 pm prior to Mass and the 1st Thursday of the month after the 12:10 Mass

Mass Schedule

Saturday 4pm

Sunday 7:30 AM, 8:30AM, 10AM Polish Mass and 11am

Let's remember that as Catholics, it is important to attend Sunday Mass. At Mass we are able to stand mystically at the foot of the cross and witness for ourselves the same self-sacrifice of Jesus, in an unbloody manner. Mass is a celebration of this sacrifice. It is the active participation of all that come together in the place of worship.



June 5th Pentecost Sunday

Sunday Readings

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11

Responsorial Psalm: PS 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31 34

Second Reading: 1 Cor 12:3b-7 12-13

Gospel: Jn 20:19-23

Spirit Filled Living

The Spirit enlightens

The Spirit speaks

The Spirit celebrates

The Spirit renews

The Spirit empowers

The Spirit guides

The Spirit liberates

The Spirit strengthens

The Spirit equips

The Spirit transforms

The Spirit remembers

The Spirit influences



While I find these wonderful reflections on the Gospel for Sunday. These are not intended to take place of attending Mass. Families should try to attend Mass and hear Fr. Arthur or Deacon Kirks Homies of the Gospel readings.

Gospel: John 20:19-23

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."

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Reflection:

An old man was wondering how he could have an awareness of the presence of the Holy Spirit in his life. He was often murmuring to himself, "I'm already old but I still don't feel the presence of the Holy Spirit." This old man is not alone in this predicament because many of us have no awareness of the presence of the Holy Spirit.

What is the secret for us to become aware that the Holy Spirit is alive and working in our life? The secret to unleash the presence of the Holy Spirit is a prayerful life. Is not an intermittent prayer life but a life disposed to daily prayer. Perhaps we can allocate five to ten minutes every day for prayers and meditations. Then slowly but surely the Holy Spirit will manifest its presence within us.

In our first reading we read about the disciples and the Blessed Mother who were together in one place. What were they doing there? They were praying (Acts 1:14) until God the Holy Spirit blessed them with its indwelling presence in their lives (Acts 2:1-4).

The same occurrence happened in our gospel. The disciples were in one room because of their fear of the Jews and they were praying. Then suddenly Jesus appeared to them. He greeted them with peace; afterwards He breathed on them and gave them the presence of the Holy Spirit.

If we want to have an awareness of the presence of the Holy Spirit there's no other way for us to do but to have a regular prayerful life. So that we would be blessed by its presence and gifts such as: Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Strength, Knowledge and Fear of the Lord (Isaiah 11:2).

Are you already aware of the presence and movement of the Holy Spirit in your life?



Parents, the Faith Formation Program is over for 2021-2022, it is important that as parents you continue to foster your children's faith. Each week I will continue to send enriching ways you can share this week's Gospel with the children in a way they can understand.

I also hope to see the smiling faces of the children in Mass.

Theme: God sends the Holy Spirit on Pentecost.

Object: Streamers of red, orange, and yellow crepe paper to represent fire.

Scripture

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Acts 2:1-4 (NIV)

Today is Pentecost Sunday. It is a day that we remember and celebrate a very special event in the early days of the church. Does anyone know what happened that was so important? (Give the children the opportunity to respond.) Well, let's look at today's Bible lesson and see what Pentecost is all about.

When Jesus told his disciples that he was going to return to heaven, he promised them that he would ask the Father to send another helper to be with them. That was a wonderful promise that Jesus gave his followers, but Peter, James, John, Andrew, and the rest of the disciples weren't really sure exactly what that meant.

After Jesus had ascended into heaven, the Bible tells us that his followers were gathered together in one place. They were gathered to celebrate a festival called Pentecost when they gave an offering to God of the first fruits of their harvest.

Suddenly, they heard a sound like the rushing of a mighty wind. Next, they saw what appeared to be tongues of fire that came to rest upon the heads of each one of them. That would have been pretty amazing if that had been all that happened, but it wasn't. The Bible tells us that, after the wind and fire, they were filled with the Holy Spirit and they began to speak in other languages. Everyone there could understand what was being said regardless of what language they spoke.

That is an amazing story about God sending the Holy Spirit, isn't it? What is really amazing is that the Holy Spirit didn't come that one time and then go away. The Spirit still lives in the hearts of Christ's followers and the Spirit is with us here today. The Holy Spirit guides us in the decisions we make each day. He is the comforter who calms our fears and fills us with hope. The Holy Spirit speaks to us

through the Scripture and helps us to understand what we read. The Holy Spirit is to help us, so let us listen to Him and do what he leads us to do.

This is very exciting! I think it would be good for us to have a celebration to thank God for sending us the Holy Spirit. I have some red, orange, and yellow streamers to pass out to you. Can you guess why I chose those colors? That's right! Those colors represent the fire that rested on the followers of Jesus on the day of Pentecost. When all of you have your streamers, we are going to celebrate by waving them above our heads as we sing, "I've Got the Holy Spirit Down In My Heart". (Sung to the tune "I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy")

Heavenly Father, we are thankful to you for sending the Holy Spirit to live within us and to be our comforter, teacher, and guide. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Weekly Prayer

As we reflect on Pentecost Sunday let us all pray that we are filled with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Come to us God almighty,
Send your Spirit.
Ignite the fire in our hearts,
Feed your flame within.
Rushing wind blow on us,
Grow the sparks and spread them,
Let your Spirit prepare,
Strength and equip us.
Come to us Lord Jesus,
Send your Spirit.
Let it proclaim who you are,
And multiply your presence,
Throughout the earth.
Ignite its flame to fill us
with generosity and caring.
Come to us Spirit of truth,
Consume us with your fire.
Let your power shape our world,
with love and peace and justice.
Let your love fill our world
with compassion, and joy and hope.
Amen.

Christine Sine <http://godspace-csa.com>
Image: Pentecost by Simon Marsh <http://2simonmarsh.org/>





From Bishop Lucia:

On June 18, the Diocese of Syracuse will join with other Dioceses in the United States to open a 3 year process of Eucharistic Revival and Renewal in the Catholic Church in the United States. The goal of the revival is to deepen faith and understanding in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, and to inspire a return to the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist. The Opening Liturgy of the Eucharistic Revival will be Saturday, June 18 at the 5:10 Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception – the vigil of the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. Following the Opening Liturgy, there will be a Eucharistic Procession from the Cathedral through the streets of downtown. Look for more details to come!

First Saturday Devotions:

Bishop Lucia will be celebrating First Saturday devotions beginning this Saturday. He will be in the Utica Area on Saturday September 3rd at 8:00 am - Holy Trinity Church, Utica

3) From the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry: 3 items

Middle School Summer Pilgrimage August 13, 2022 - Niagara Falls, New York SAVE THE DATE

Come join the Diocese of Syracuse Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry on a special summer pilgrimage for middle school students! We will visit Niagara Falls, ride the Maid of the Mist, visit a Marian Shrine for Mass, and finish off the day with Laser tag and dinner at LAZERTRON!

This event is open to boys and girls entering grades 6th through 8th.

The cost of the trip will include all activities, a t-shirt, and dinner.

Registration will open shortly.

Contact Kateri Lickona at 315-470-1475 or klickona@syrдио.org for more information.

Steubenville Youth Conference

July 15th - 17th, 2022 - Franciscan University, Steubenville OH

LIMITED SPACE REMAINING

There is a limited amount of space remaining to bring a youth group to the Steubenville Summer Youth Conference (*Fearless!*) with the Diocese of Syracuse Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry. Come join us for a life-changing weekend with other young people from across the country who are seeking to draw closer to Christ and renew their faith. The weekend is packed with engaging sessions, concerts, prayer, and other opportunities!

This event is open to youth entering 9th grade and graduating 12th grade.

Contact Kateri Lickona at 315-470-1475 or klickona@syrdio.org for more information and to register.

Young Adult Hike with Bishop Lucia (I would love to see Young adults from our Parish Go)-See attached flier

Date: June 25, 2022 ~ 2 pm

Location: Labrador Hollows, Tully & Christ the King Retreat House, Syracuse

Young adults (ages 18-39) from across the Diocese of Syracuse are invited to join Bishop Lucia on the second annual summer hike! The hike will take place at Labrador Hollows Unique Area in Tully, New York, beginning at 2 pm. Following the hike, young adults are invited to Christ the King Retreat House where the Bishop will celebrate Mass. The evening will conclude with dinner and drinks, catered by Limp Lizard BBQ, and the opportunity to socialize.

(The cost of the event covers dinner, beverages, and dessert at the Retreat House)

Register: <https://yahike22.eventbrite.com>

General Itinerary:

2:00 pm - Check-in at Labrador Hollows main parking lot

2:15 pm - Hike begins

5:00 pm - Vigil Mass at Christ the King Retreat House (500 Brookford Road, Syracuse NY)

6 - 9 pm - Dinner and social time

Have a Blessed and Safe Week.

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