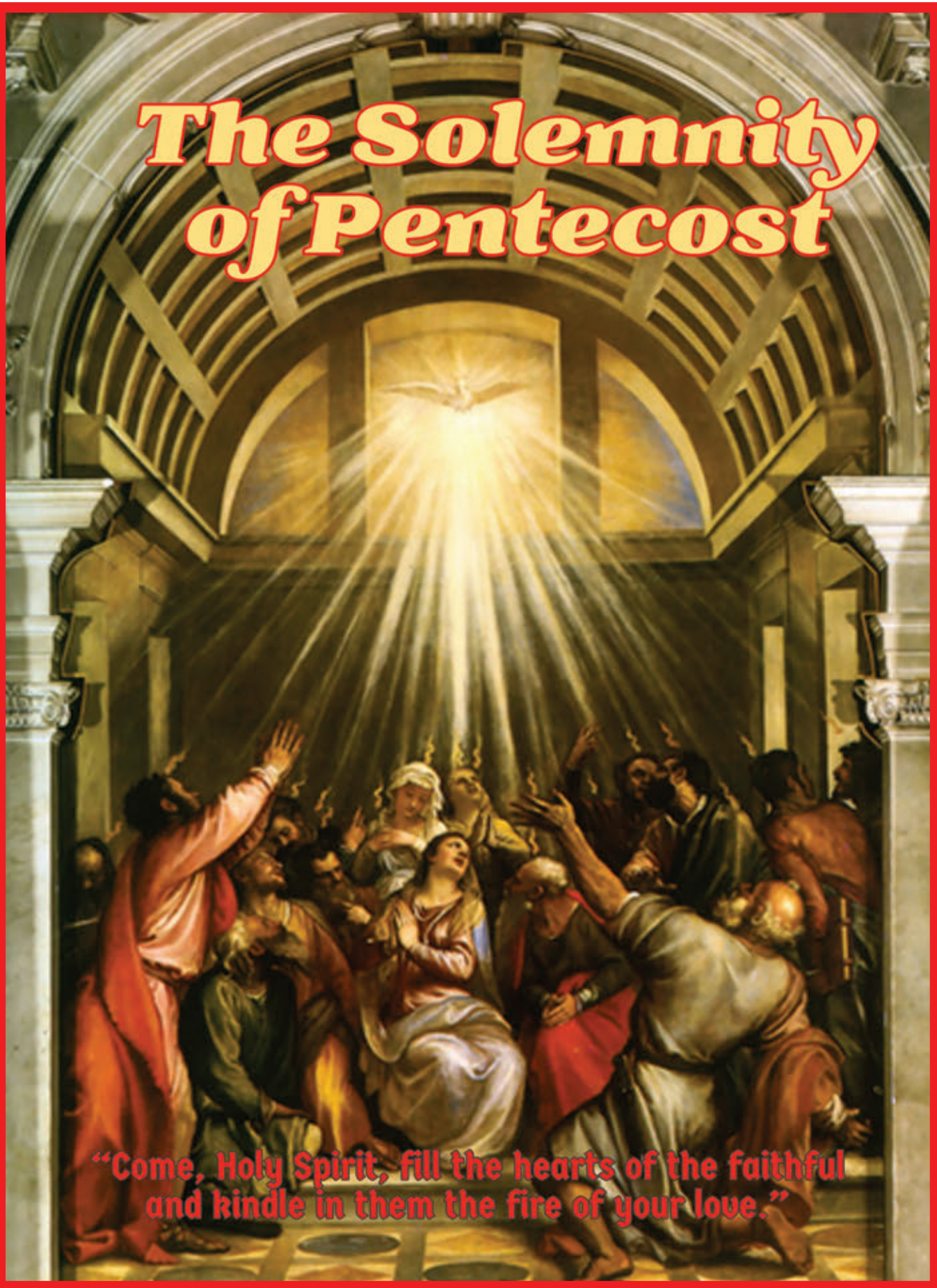


The Solemnity of Pentecost

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**THE SOLMENITY OF PENTECOST
 MAY 23, 2021**

SATURDAY, MAY 22

The Vigil Mass of Pentecost
 5:00PM George McKenna—3rd Anniversary

SUNDAY, MAY 23

The Solemnity of Pentecost
 7:30 AM Evelyn & Michael Simon—Memorial
 9:00AM Judith A. Mulhearn—10th Anniversary
 10:30AM Edward V. Healey, Jr.—10th Anniversary

MONDAY, MAY 24

The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
 7:30AM D'cd Members of Hyde & Seymour Families-Mem.

TUESDAY, MAY 25

*Weekday; St. Bede the Venerable, Priest; St. Gregory VII, Pope;
 St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi, Virgin*
 7:30AM Emily & Frederick Miller—Memorial

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26

St. Philip Neri, Priest
 7:30AM John Gardner—Memorial

THURSDAY, MAY 27

Weekday; St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop
 7:30AM Elena A. Bernstrom—Birthday Remembrance

FRIDAY, MAY 28

Weekday
 7:30AM William Eberhardt—Memorial

SATURDAY, MAY 29

Weekday; St. Paul VI, Pope; BVM
 8:30AM Special Intention

Mass of Anticipation of the Most Holy Trinity
 5:00PM Michael D. Henderson—Memorial

SUNDAY, MAY 30

The Most Holy Trinity
 7:30 AM Lorraine Kane—2nd Anniversary
 9:00AM Giovanna "Jennie" Merola—Memorial
 10:30AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy





Dear Parishioners:

On the Feast of the Ascension, Bishop Tobin issued a letter stating his intention to restore the obligation for Catholics to attend Sunday Mass. He began the letter by saying: *“Dear Brothers and sisters, it’s time. It’s time to come home. It’s time to return to Sunday Mass.”*

The Bishop went on to state: *“It is important to emphasize that, since the pandemic is still lingering in our midst, some individuals are not obliged to attend Sunday Mass, and perhaps should not attend Mass to protect their health and safety, and that of others. And as always, Catholics are dispensed from the Sunday obligation for other grave reasons such as illness, caring for the ill, the unavoidable obligations of their employment, and travel that disrupts their schedules.”*

The obligation for Catholics to attend Sunday Mass resumes on Sunday, June 6, 2021. On this Sunday, we also celebrate the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. It is a beautiful time for us as Catholics, and a parish family, to renew our love and devotion to the Eucharist. A time for us to properly place Sunday Mass at the top of our schedules and return to worship our God at Mass with joyful thanksgiving!

While the numbers attending weekend Masses continue to rise at OLM, there are still some parishioners who have not returned to the regular practice of Sunday Mass. I don’t mean those who are sick, caring for the ill, or those who have to work on Sundays.

Many Catholics have fallen into bad habits during the

pandemic—keeping busy on Sundays with chores and shopping, ball games and golfing, and not putting Mass on the schedule. To them, I echo Bishop Tobin’s words: *“It’s time. It’s time to come home to OLM. It’s time to return to Sunday Mass!!”*

The CDC has issued new guidelines concerning face masks. These guidelines suggest that fully vaccinated people no longer have to wear a mask either outdoors or indoors. Governor McKee announced Rhode Island would follow this new directive beginning last Tuesday. The Governor also moved up the complete opening of many places of business to May 21. This opening includes houses of worship. Churches are now allowed to have 100% capacity for seating.

Also, all those who are vaccinated no longer need to wear a face mask indoors or outdoors while at Church. However, those not yet fully vaccinated must continue to wear a face mask. If you are not yet vaccinated, I encourage you to get the vaccine. Do it for your own well being, but also for the common good of our parish and community.

This Sunday we celebrate Pentecost, one of the most important feast days of the year that concludes the Easter season and marks the beginning of the Church. Pentecost is the celebration of the person of the Holy Spirit coming upon the Apostles, Blessed Mother Mary, and the first followers of Jesus.

They were gathered together in the Upper Room and a “strong, driving” wind filled the room, and tongues of fire

came to rest on their heads, allowing them to speak in different languages so that they could understand each other.

The Holy Spirit also gave the apostles the other gifts and fruits necessary to fulfill the great commission - to go out and preach the Gospel to all nations. It fulfills the New Testament promise from Christ (Luke 24:46 -49) that the Apostles would be “clothed with power” before spreading the Gospel.

For this reason, Pentecost is considered the birthday of the Church - Peter, the first Pope, preaches for the first time and converts thousands of new believers. For the first time, the apostles and believers were united by a common language and a common purpose of going and preaching the Gospel.

As we mark this important Feast, let us call upon the Holy Spirit to guide and direct our individual lives and the life of our parish. *“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.”*

We thank the many school families, parishioners and friends who were so generous in supporting the OLM School Spring Fling Online Auction! Last week’s auction was a great success for our school.

Be well. Stay safe. Do good. God Bless. See you on Monday night at Devotions!

Father Healey

Ask Father

Is it necessary to receive from the Chalice?

It is the consistent teaching of Scripture, theologians, and the Church that when a person receives only the consecrated host such a person receives Christ whole and entire, body, blood, soul and divinity. Hence it is not necessary to receive both the host and from the chalice in order to receive the fullness of grace which the Eucharist provides. As Christ tells us in Scripture: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world... He who eats this bread shall live forever."

Furthermore, the presence of Christ completely under one of the Eucharistic species finds its basis in an important theological foundation called the principle of concomitance. This states that Christ is indivisible, so that his body cannot be separated from his blood, his human soul, his divine nature, and his divine personhood. Therefore, where he is present, he is wholly present. You do not receive half of Christ when you only receive the host. To separate Christ's body or blood from the rest of him would be to re-sacrifice Christ, which is impossible. Christ died once and for all. While we call the Mass a sacrifice, it is the participation in the single and timeless sacrifice of Christ (and not a re-sacrifice of Christ as some critics claim).

Some parishes allow communicants to receive under both species. The reason for this is purely for the sign value of the act. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches: "Since Christ is sacramentally present under each of the species, communion under the species of bread alone makes it possible to receive all the fruit of Eucharistic grace. For pastoral reasons this manner of receiving communion has been legitimately established as the most common form in the Latin rite. But 'the sign of communion is more complete when given under both kinds, since in that form the sign of the Eucharistic meal appears more clearly'" (CCC 1390).

The reason why Holy Communion is most often given out under only one species is twofold: First, because of the respect and care given to the Eucharist. There is a greater risk of profanation should the Precious Blood be dropped than if a host were dropped. Second, the risk of thinking that the reception of both species is necessary to receive Christ whole and entire (this is known as the Utraquism heresy).

What is of utmost importance in the life of Catholics today is not completing the sign value, but ensuring that Holy Communion is received fruitfully, free from mortal sin.



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EFT.....	\$6,641.00
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Outreach.....	\$1,692.00

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- **Tuesday, May 24:** School Mass at 9:00am
- **Wednesday, May 26:** OLM School Community Zoom Meeting at 7:00pm
- **Monday, May 31:** No School for Memorial Day Holiday

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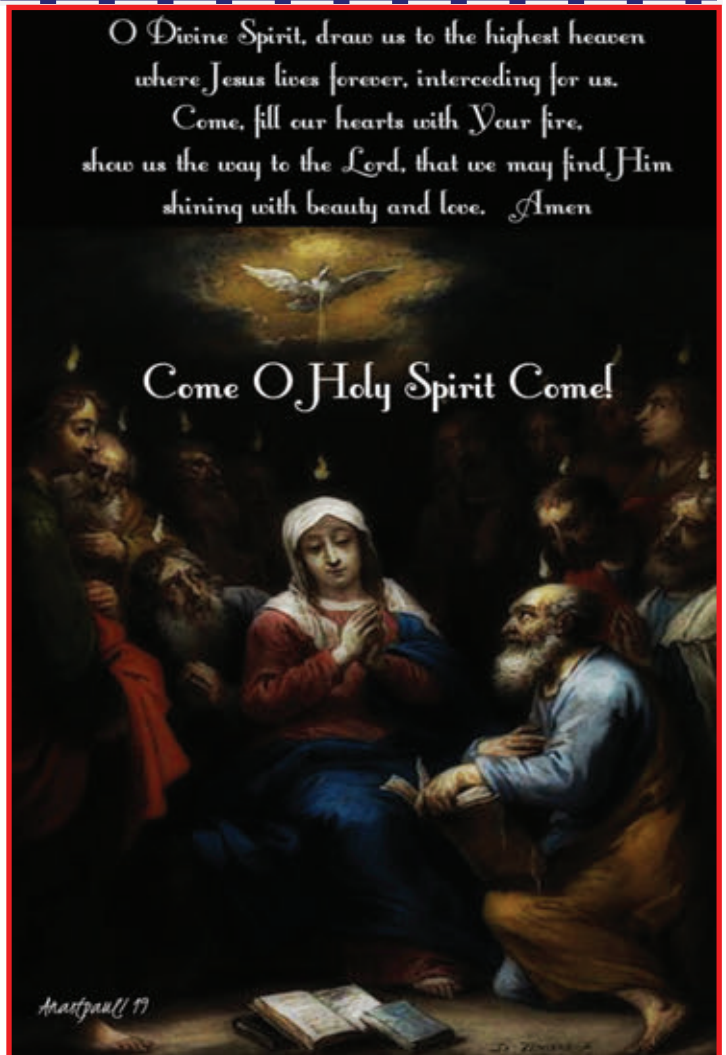


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O Divine Spirit, draw us to the highest heaven
where Jesus lives forever, interceding for us.
Come, fill our hearts with Your fire,
show us the way to the Lord, that we may find Him
shining with beauty and love. Amen

Come O Holy Spirit Come!



Pentecost



On this day of Pentecost, we celebrate the full realization of Christ's work in the coming of the Holy Spirit who confers upon the Christian community strength and courage to live and proclaim the Gospel.

Easter, the church's first celebration of special note, dates back to the second century, and from early on was kept within the context of a fifty-day period called Pentecost. Pentecost as a separate celebration, however, was not established until the fourth century.

In the early church, those not quite ready for baptism at the Easter Vigil were baptized at the vigil of Pentecost.



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Prayer to Mary, Mother of the Church
and Mother of our faith
By Pope Francis

The Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
Mother of the Church
May 24, 2021

**Mother, help our faith!
Open our ears to hear God's word
and to recognise His voice and call.
Awaken in us a desire, to follow in His footsteps,
to go forth from our own land
and to receive His promise.
Help us to be touched by His love,
that we may touch Him in faith.
Help us to entrust ourselves fully to Him
and to believe in His love,
especially at times of trial, beneath the shadow of the cross,
when our faith is called to mature.
Sow in our faith the joy of the Risen One.
Remind us that those who believe are never alone.
Teach us to see all things with the eyes of Jesus,
that He may be light for our path.
And may this light of faith, always increase in us,
until the dawn of that undying day,
which is Christ Himself, your Son, our Lord!
Amen**

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