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Mass Schedule

St. Thomas More Church

Vigil Mass - Saturday: 5:00PM

Sunday Mass: 10:00AM

Daily Mass - Monday - Saturday: 9:00AM

Confession - Saturday: 4:00-4:45PM

St. Veronica Chapel

Vigil Mass - Saturday: 4:00 PM

Sunday Masses

8:30AM

11:00AM



MAY 19, 2024 - PENTECOST SUNDAY



Reflection for the Feast of Pentecost, May 19, 2024

John 17:1-11

Today's Gospel paints a picture about Pentecost that is a colorful description of the spectacular beginnings of the infant Church as an active missionary community. The Holy Spirit, like a roaring wind, descends with tongues of fire on the heads of the apostles. The immediate impact on the apostles is radical and dramatic. Inspired by the Spirit of God they boldly go out to the market place and proclaim the resurrection of Christ and his conquest of sin and death. They are no longer a terrified and cowardly collection of individuals locked away in the upper room for fear of being crucified themselves. They emerge full of enthusiasm, gifted with eloquence and with a very clear sense of their vocation.

The thought strikes me that the first Pentecost must have been an exciting time to be alive in the Church. The atmosphere was joyful, change was in the air and the outpouring of God's love upon all of creation was like a river flooding the earth. However, the coming of the Holy Spirit was not something that happened only at the birth of the Church. The living breath of God is at work in every age as a permanent feature renewing the building up of the body of the Church.

The gifts of the Holy Spirit, given at Pentecost, and for us at our Confirmation, are available to the worshipping community gathered each Sunday, provided we are open to receiving it. It seems a shame that many of our young people, and their families, see Confirmation, not as a new beginning as it was for the apostles at Pentecost, but as an end of their need to go to church and practice their faith in any meaningful way. What the Church needs to do is to engage these young people in the life of the parish throughout their years in High School so that they can recognize and understand the wonderful power of the Holy Spirit working through them.

This feast of Pentecost is an excellent opportunity for all of us to evaluate the use we are making of our own God-given gifts. We are all laborers whom the Lord asks to go into the harvest. It is in the ordinary things of life that we share most fully in the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Fr. Jack



Almighty God, let this day of Pentecost be an outpouring of your Spirit to us all, that we may be a shining light amidst the darkness of the world. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.



May Breakfast

Sunday May 19th

Msgr. Halloran Hall, St. Veronica Chapel

Continuous seating starts at 8:00 AM

Take-away meals also available

\$12
per person
Kids under 6
FREE

Come & enjoy fellowship!

Tickets available at the door, before & after

**Both events
THIS
WEEKEND!**

regularly programs for food insecurity.



Congratulations, baptized in Christ! Last week Fr. Murphy (not pictured), baptized Greyson Pickell, son of Bryan and Alexandra, shown with godparents Sean and Kasey Pickell.

A Movie Day hosted by the St. Thomas More Men's Bible Study Group

Come and join us on Pentecost Sunday, May 19 at 2PM, for a showing of the movie, "Of Gods and Men", a powerful film says Msgr. Halloran based on the true story of the life of the Cistercian monks of Tibehirine in Algeria from 1993 until their kidnapping in 1996. The movie tells a story of eight French Christian monks who live in harmony with their Muslim brothers in the town, one of the monks opening an infirmary to serve the local population.



Lambert WILSON

Michael LONSDALE

OF GODS AND MEN



When a crew of foreign workers is massacred by an Islamic fundamentalist group, fear sweeps through the region. The army offers the monks protection from the extremists, and strongly suggests that they leave the country, and return to France. Should they leave? Despite the growing menace in their midst, they slowly realize that they have no choice but to stay...come what may. Rated PG-13, the film contains some graphic violence not suitable for young eyes. Jesus said in Sunday's gospel, "No one has greater love than this, than to lay down one's life for one's friends."

The film will be presented in the church hall at St. Thomas More on **Sunday, May 19th from 2-4:00 p.m.** with time for discussion, questions, and answers after the film.



Confirmation with Bishop Henning Saturday, May 4th

Nina Ursillo, Caroline Quilliam, Alexa Poirier, Lily O'Hara, Brennan Hill, Elizabeth Hill, Aaron Montoya, Tess Lucas, Carly Dollarhide, Evan Boze, Mackenzie Giblin, Siena Taliani, Lillian Baxter, Claire Fracassa, Marcella Del Ponte, Bishop Henning, Harrison Goodwin, Ethan Smith, Jacob Ewing-Chow, William Harris, Myles Harding, Maeve Johnson, Sofia Di Biasio, Riley Smith, Miley Keramidas, Cameron Shippee, Gabriel Trainor, Domenico Vacca, Lilianna Vitale





First Holy Communion ~ Saturday, May 11th



First row - Julia Serrecchia, Teagan Quinn, Greydon Silva, Camden Serrecchia, Aubree Messier, Lucas Rao, Coleman Mitchell, Emily Levesque, Casey Maines, Dorothy Martin, Tenley Jaswell, Lila Miley, Eliana Del Vecchio, Cole Colsen, Lena Armstrong, Luke Pescosolido, Sawyer de Ciutiis, Angelina Trainor
Second row - Msgr. Halloran, Fr. Unsworth, Fr. Joe and Deacon Clossick



Pictured above are L to R: Fr. Jack Unsworth, Msgr. Halloran with his great-nephew, Luke Pescosolido, Tenley Jaswell in the church and outside with Deacon Clossick and her family is Lila Miley.

MASS *intentions*

PENTECOST SUNDAY

SATURDAY, MAY 18th

4 PM – for the soul of William L.O. Cook

5 PM – for the soul of Mary Pat Bamford

SUNDAY, MAY 19th

8:30 AM – for the soul of Eleanor Goodison

10 AM – for the souls of Dennis Joyal & Oscar &
David Normandin

11 AM – for the soul of Deacon Paul Sullivan

MONDAY, MAY 20th

9 AM – Birthday Remembrance ~ Michael Mannix

TUESDAY, MAY 21st

9 AM – for the soul of Kathleen Pinon-Cassidy

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22nd

9 AM – for the soul of John Charles Reilly

THURSDAY, MAY 23rd

9 AM – for the soul of Geraldine Egan

FRIDAY, MAY 24th

9 AM – for the soul of Helen Petit

SATURDAY, MAY 25th

9 AM – for the soul of Grace Reddington &
Special Intentions ~ Reddington Family

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

SATURDAY, MAY 25th

4 PM – Birthday Remembrance ~ Everett Federici

5 PM – 15th Anniversary ~ Lydia Coli

SUNDAY, MAY 26th

7:30 AM – for the soul of Emilia Provensal

8:30 AM – for the soul of Richard Hendriques

10 AM – for the soul of Charles Costello, Jr.

11 AM – for the souls of Pierre & Kelly Hebert

Mass Intentions

Bookings for Mass Intentions for 2025
will be open on July 1, 2024.



~ May Crowning with First Communicants ~
Sunday, May 12th, Mother's Day
Altar server Aaron Montoya with First Communicants
Eliana Del Vecchio, Luke Pescosolido, Lucas Rao,
Aubree Messier, Tenley Jaswell, and Casey Maines.

GOSPEL MEDITATION -

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?

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

INVITE THE HOLY SPIRIT
INTO YOUR LIFE

Happenings around the parish

Gospel Reflections Group

All are welcome to join our informal discussion group which meets on Mondays from 10-11:30 AM in the parish hall. Over coffee & refreshments, we read and reflect on the Gospels of the coming week and share personal insights of those readings.

Men's Bible Study

Our parish has a very active group of men who meet each Saturday morning in the parish hall at 7:30 AM to discuss the Sunday scripture readings. This is very informal and all are invited and welcome to join.

Our Lady's Guild

All are welcome to join, for information call Diane at 996-3876 or visit <https://stm-ourladysguild.weebly.com/>

Prayer Chain Ministry

If you know someone who would like or needs extra prayers, we are happy to help. Call Jean at 783-3403 to express your request. New volunteers are always welcome to join this necessary and important ministry.

Pray the Rosary

The rosary is prayed Monday- Saturday after 9:00AM Mass at St. Thomas More. All are welcome to join.

Remember the Poor

The small donation boxes on the church walls labeled "Remember the Poor" goes to the Mother Teresa Fund, which helps with local rental assistance, utilities, food and prescriptions. Thank you for your generosity.

Rosary Repairs

Drop broken beads in envelope provided in the box in the foyer at St. Thomas More with your name and contact info. You will be contacted when complete.

St. Vincent dePaul clothing bins

Accepts clothing and shoes. Bins located at the back of the St. Thomas More parking lot, inside the white fence.

WEEKLY PARISH FOOD COLLECTION

Current Needs

- ✓ Natural Peanut Butter
- ✓ Brown Rice
- ✓ Low Sugar Jelly
- ✓ Canned Fruit in 100% Juice
- ✓ Baked/Black/Kidney Beans
- ✓ Whole grain wheat flour
- ✓ Whole Grain Cereal/Crackers/Pasta & Jarred Pasta Sauce

Collection baskets are located at the entrance of both churches.

Are you called to be a Deacon?

Deacons are men who love God and love the Church; they feel called to serve in a more committed way. The role of the deacon is to be a helper of the bishops and priests and to proclaim by his life the Church's call to serve the needs of others. What does it take to become a Permanent Deacon? Learn more!

Register for an upcoming Information Session at: dioceseofprovidence.org/deacon-formation-program or dioceseofprovidence.org/programa-de-formacion-al-diaconado.



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"Receive the Holy Spirit." Is the Holy Spirit preparing you to share the Lord's mission as a priest or religious brother or sister?

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Information Sessions for Men **Interested in the Permanent Diaconate**

The diocese of Providence is hosting several Information Sessions for all men interested in becoming a permanent deacon. To choose a session go to dioceseofprovidence.org/information-sessioons-permanent-diaconate-program to complete and submit a registration for a particular session. This will help us ensure that we have sufficient material for each Information Session. If a man is married, his wife is cordially invited and encouraged to attend the presentation.

About the Info sessions

Each session will begin with a brief prayer and introduction. There will be a powerpoint presentation covering:

- the history and service of the diaconate
- a description of the Program of Formation
- a description of the Application process.

There will be time for questions and answers. Printed materials and an application will be provided at each session. Attendance at a session will not obligate anyone. The process will begin when a man returns his completed application and required documentation to the Office of Deacons.

We would like all applications **by August 15, 2024** in order to begin scheduling interviews in September.

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