



PENTECOST SUNDAY

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." - Jn 20:21

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PLEASE KEEP YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS COMING

As we continue to deal with this pandemic crisis, we ask that you keep sending in your financial support to our parish, and **gratefully thank the many who have been doing so.** We need to remain strong and solvent in paying our parish bills, as well as keeping our ministry efforts alive and well. Your support helps us to achieve this goal. Although our Parish Office remains closed to the public, you can mail in your regular Mass contributions to our office. We thank you, for helping to maintain our faith community.

PRO-LIFE REFLECTION: MAY 24TH

“To hinder a birth is merely a speedier man-killing; nor does it matter whether you take away a life that is born, or destroy one that is coming to birth. That is a man which is going to be one; you have the fruit already in the seed.” - Tertullian, Apologeticum

REFLECTION: The Lord’s dominion over life—over the whole process of its coming and going—is the basis for our pro-life convictions. To say “No” to life at any stage of its development is to say “No” to God Himself. **PRAYER:** Lord, may we rejoice in Your faithful care for life from its earliest stages.

SUNDAY MASS FOR OUR PARISH

The Sunday Mass can be viewed on our website home page. Go to **StMaryStBen.org**. For help with viewing the Mass, email Rose on rose.nabogis@dor.org. Thank you

SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Please keep all who are in need of healing in your prayers, especially:

☞ Beverly Mello’s family in serious conditions	☞ Jerry Harnas
☞ Kay Anderson	☞ Michelle Johns
☞ Donna Backus	☞ Joanne Kinney
☞ Sophia Bayno	☞ Glenn Larison
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Pray for the homebound and those in Falls Home, Seneca View nursing facilities, and for an end to the Corona Virus Pandemic.

CONFESSIONS: *You can arrange an appointment with Fr. Steve to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation by calling him at 607-333-0112.*

PENTECOST & THE HOLY SPIRIT

With the feast of Pentecost, we remember, in a special way, a major ending and a new birth. First, what happened to the disciples at Pentecost marked the completion of Jesus’ earthly mission, as He fulfilled His promise to them of sending them an “Advocate,” His Holy Spirit. The disciples would be empowered by this Spirit to fulfill the “Great Commission” that Jesus gave them at the end of Matthew’s Gospel: “to go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything that I have commanded you.” (Mt 28:19) Jesus also promised that He would be with them always, although not in His physical body, but with His Spirit. When the Spirit came upon His disciples on the feast of Pentecost, they not only received the gift of speaking in tongues, but they also were filled with 7 other special gifts from the Holy Spirit—gifts that Catholics receive when the Sacrament of Confirmation is bestowed upon them. Thus, Jesus instituted that Sacrament at Pentecost. The Sending of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples gave birth to the Church. So, happy birthday, to all of us together as Church!

Now, let’s see how well you recall each of those 7 gifts that are given at the celebration of Confirmation:

REVERENCE (PIETY): Show respect to others. See Christ in them beyond their weaknesses & failings.

WISDOM: This guides one to make good judgment in decision-making, based on experience & the signs of the times. This strengthens one’s ability to recognize & respond well to God’s daily presence in our lives.

WONDER AND AWE (FEAR OF THE LORD): It’s sensing God behind all Creation and guiding it all.

UNDERSTANDING: This is seeking God’s purpose and direction in our lives. Faith always seeks this.

RIGHT JUDGMENT (COUNSEL): This involves making choices that draw us closer to God & to others.

COURAGE (FORTITUDE): This God-given strength empowers us to stand up for one’s beliefs in leading the Christian life, according to God’s Will.

KNOWLEDGE: This concerns learning more about who God is, God’s ways, and the complexities in all God’s Creation. Knowledge differs from “understanding” in that knowledge involves the “who” & “what” of our faith, while understanding concerns more of what to do with it & where God wants us to go with it.

*A good way to remember these 7 gifts is to take the 1st letter of each gift above and create a make-believe name: **R. W. WURCK!** If you would like to read more about Pentecost, the Holy Spirit, & Confirmation, check out The Catechism of the Catholic Church in paragraphs #1076 and #1286-1305. (by Fr. Steve Lape)

ST. MARY'S MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, May 31

Peg and Harry Pandick
by Linda, Vic and Family

Monday, June 1

Charlie Valent
by Joan and Junior Specchio

Wednesday, June 3

Intention Available

Thursday, June 4

Repose of souls of the Dominick J. and Anna
B. Sgrecci Family by the Sgrecci Family

Friday, June 5

Intention Available

BIBLE READINGS - MAY 31-JUNE 6

Sunday: Acts 2: 1-11, Ps 104: 1, 24, 29-30, 31 34.
1 Cor 12: 3b-7, 12-13. Jn 20: 19-23
Monday: Gn 3: 9-15, Jn 19: 25-34
Tuesday: 2 Pt 3: 12-15a, 17-18. Mk 12: 13-17
Wednesday: 2 Tm 1: 1-3, 6-12 Mk 12: 18-27
Thursday: 2 Tm 2: 8-15, Mk 12: 28-34
Friday: 2 Tm 3: 10-17, Mk 12: 35-37
Saturday: 2 Tm 4: 1-8, Mk 12: 38-44

ST. BENEDICT'S MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday May 30

Our Parishioners

Saturday June 6

Leo and Josephine Salvatore
By Shirley Salvatore

HOME WITH THE LORD

Please pray for the repose of the soul of
Charles Valent



May the Lord grant eternal rest
to his soul.

MASS BOOK OPENINGS

St Mary's Mass Book has openings for June. You can schedule a Mass by phoning the office during normal business hours. If the phone is not answered, please select extension 102 and leave a message with your preferred date and phone number. Once your intention and date has been confirmed, please mail your check to PO Box 289, Watkins Glen 14891. All Mass intentions will be listed in the bulletin and Father will pray the intentions at Masses. Thank you.

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