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The Solemnity of Pentecost

A Festival Thought

God finds us, not just by tearing down walls but by coming through them.

About Today's Bible Readings

ACTS 2:1-11

Fear and confusion become manageable where there is faith in God's bold Spirit. Peoples of all ages from all areas of the world and from every walk of life have been gathered together in a prayerful and powerful assembly by the Spirit of God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34

R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

1 CORINTHIANS 12:3-7, 12-13

Where once there was an overwhelming and staggering variety of unanswered needs, now those needs can be met by the multiple gifts of the Spirit working through the unique talents of each member of the congregation. Different gifts and unusual talents are a cause for wonder and thanksgiving, not resentment and distrust.

JOHN 20:19-23

Where once there was alienation and resentment, now there was the possibility of forgiveness and peace because of the ever-present and ever-compelling Spirit of Jesus. Mutual forgiveness, freely given, bestows the gift of peace on the forgiven and the forgiver.

ENTRANCE RITE: Wisdom 1:7-8

V. For the Spirit of the Lord fills the world, is all-embracing, and knows what man says. Alleluia.

R. Therefore no one who utters wicked things can go unnoticed, nor will chastising condemnation pass him by. Alleluia.

V. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen!

THE SEQUENCE — Veni, Sancte Spiritus

Come, Holy Spirit, come!

And from your celestial home
Shed a ray of light divine!

Come, Father of the poor!
Come, source of all our store!
Come, within our bosoms shine.

You, of comforters the best;
You, the soul's most welcome guest;
Sweet refreshment here below;

In our labor, rest most sweet;
Grateful coolness in the heat;
Solace in the midst of woe.

O most blessed Light divine,
Shine within these hearts of yours,
And our inmost being fill!

Where you are not, we have naught,
Nothing good in deed or thought,
Nothing free from taint of ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew;
On our dryness pour your dew;
Wash the stains of guilt away:

Bend the stubborn heart and will;
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;
Guide the steps that go astray.

On the faithful, who adore
And confess you, evermore
In your sevenfold gift descend;

Give them virtue's sure reward;
Give them your salvation, Lord;
Give them joys that never end. Amen. Alleluia.

Worship Services

TODAY – June 8th

**Solemnity
Pentecost**

8:00 AM – HOLY MASS

9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

SUNDAY – June 15th

Solemnity

Holy Trinity

“Father’s Day”

8:00 AM – HOLY MASS

9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

SUNDAY – June 22nd

**Solemnity – The Body
and Blood of Christ**

“Corpus Christi”

**9:00 AM – HOLY MASS
ONE MASS ONLY!**

Exposition of the Most Blessed
Sacrament and Festival
Procession to the four Altars
with readings.

SUNDAY – June 29th

Solemnity

The Word of God

8:00 AM – HOLY MASS

9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

INVITE A FRIEND

Many people say that they would attend church if invited by a close friend. Please reach out to your friends, especially those that do not regularly attend church services. Tell them about how wonderful our Parish is. Tell them about how welcoming and inclusive we can be. Always speak highly of our Parish when talking to outsiders and try to get them to be insiders.

**VIEW THE WEEKLY
BULLETIN ONLINE!**

<https://www.ststephenpncc.org/bulletins-and-newsletters/>

ALLELUIA: Psalm 47:6

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. I will pour out my Spirit upon all humankind. Your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE 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.” **This is the Gospel of the Lord**

INTENTIONS:

Our prayers are needed: For the increase in men called to the priesthood and diaconate of the Polish National Catholic Church; For the health and growth of our Parish; For all of the sick and homebound members of our Parish, our families and friends, especially Debra Caldwell, Sharon Fitzwater, Isabella Mularczyk, Edward Czechowski, Patrice Czechowski, Donna Schalata, Tom Schalata, Bill and Bernice Biroscak, Geri Piotrowski, Janet Katinowsky, Julia Urban, Sandy Pfennig, Janice Elaine Casperson, Barbara Waszk, Jackie Weinhold, Jane and John Aldershoff, Father Senior Ed Ratajack, Eileen McCoury, Janet Kelly, Laura Alfano, Scott Gaydos, Donald Barth, Kenneth Cerminara, John Freeman, Sr., Eleanor Kaczmarczyk, Mary Ann Bezek, Michael Lucas, Damon Grossman, Gwen Grossman, Lukas Grossman, Aaron Grossman, Tom Beck, Jeannine Dresh, Violet Hart, Nancy Ziolkowski, David and Judy Wunderlich, Tammy Bolich, Berne Bloom, Marilyn Seiders, Peggy Smith and family, Todd Shaffer, Father Carmen Bolock, Frederick Smith, Judy Mawson, Amber Irving, Paul Edling, Cheryl Weinhold, Dwayne Schwarz, Joe Bezek, Bud Hoffman, John Halecky III, Leina Jean Meier, Brenda Hoffa, Teri Hettinger, Dan Chujko, John DeHart, Bob Price, Joseph Dowd, Judi Mawson and David Faust. **Our Father....**

If there are any changes to this list, please let Fr. Sr. Donald know!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today, June 8th; Picnic Planning Meeting after the 9:30 AM Mass. All are encouraged to attend to help plan for the Annual Picnic.

Sunday, June 22nd; Regular Monthly Meeting of the Parish Committee in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 AM.

If there are any other events not listed here, please let Fr. Sr. Donald know!

PIEROGI MAKING

The Picnic Committee has established tentative dates for pierogi-making. They continue as follows: June 20-21 (Potato) – Sauerkraut- to be determined. Sign Up Sheet for Pierogi Making is on the table in the vestibule. Please take a moment and see if you are available to help. Thank you and God bless. And thanks to all who have helped.

POLISH AMERICAN HERITAGE ASSOC. GOLF TOURNAMNET

The Polish American Heritage Assoc. will be holding their 16th annual Polish Open Golf Tournament on Saturday, June 21, 2025, at the Manor Golf Club, 153 Bran Rd., Sinking Spring. For questions, call Marilyn at 610-779-5523. Deadline for reservations is June 11, 2025. Please see the flyers on the table in the vestibule for more information.