



May 19, 2024

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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 – May 19<sup>th</sup>

**Solemnity - Pentecost**

8:00 AM – HOLY MASS

9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

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Sunday – May 26<sup>th</sup>

**Solemnity - Holy Trinity**

8:00 AM – HOLY MASS

9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

**Memorial Day**

**Remembrance Service at  
the Cemetery**

11:30 AM

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Sunday – June 2<sup>nd</sup>

**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.

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**Clergy Pension Fund  
Honor Our Fathers**

Once again this year we suggest that you honor father, grandfather, priest or other individual that has impacted your life with a donation to the PNCC Clergy Pension Fund. Your name and the name of the individual honored will be published in the June issue of Rola Boża. Please see the sheets on the table in the vestibule for details.

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## THE KNIGHTS CLOSET

Your help is still needed. Drinks are especially needed, water, Gatorade, etc. These items are expected to be delivered in the middle of May, so please try to get you're your donations in as soon as possible. Thank you and God bless.

## 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**

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## INTENTIONS:

### My Brothers and Sisters:

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, Dan Shaner, Nicole Dapp, Sharon Fitzwater, Isabella Mularczyk, Edward Czechowski, Patrice Czechowski, Donna Schalata, Tom Schalata, Bill and Bernice Biroszak, Geri Piotrowski, Janet Katinowsky, Julia Urban, Sandy Pfennig, Janice Elaine Casperson, Elizabeth McAlanis, Barbara Waszk, Jackie Weinhold, Jane and John Aldershoff, Father Senior Ed Ratajack, Eileen McCoury, Alexis, Matthew and Kristy Samsel, Janet Kelly, Laura Alfano, Scott Gaydos, Donald Barth, Kenneth Cerminara, John Freeman, Sr., Bob Price, Eleanor Kaczmarczyk, Mary Ann Bezek, Eric Meck, Darryl Weinhold, Scott Kallish, Damon Grossman, Joseph Grossman, Jr., Corby Beck, Skye Sadowski, Jeannine Dresh, Violet Hart, Nancy Ziolkowski, John Bennett, Alicia Bennett, David and Judy Wunderlich, Tammy Bolich, Berne Bloom, Marilyn Seiders, Larry Bagenstose, Peggy Smith and family, Chi Koch, Vicki Shoemaker, William Kutenits, Todd Shaffer, Cristin Burke, Kelly Wylezik Shawn Siedel, Father Carmen Bolock, Christine Mulutzie, Sarah Ludwig, Frederick Smith and David Metzger. **Our Father....**

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

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Today, May 19<sup>th</sup>;** The regular monthly meeting of the parish committee in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 AM.

**Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>;** Ladies Night Out at Doc and Bubba's, 6:00 PM until ?. All women of the parish and their lady friends are invited to a “Night Out” hosted by the Book Club. Meals and drink costs will be the responsibility of the attendees.

**Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>;** The ANS will meet in the library after the 9:30 AM Mass.

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

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## UPCOMING SUMMER PNCC EVENTS

**Men's Spiritual Retreat,** held at Spojnia Retreat Center, June 12 -15, 2024. The Theme is “Iron Sharpens Iron” Open to all men.

**Kurs Youth Encampment,** held at Spojnia Retreat Center, July 4 – 13, 2024. Open to all Youth 8 – 17 years of age.

**Youth Convocation (CONVO),** held at Mercyhurst University, Erie, PA, July 22 -26, 2024. Open to youth and young adults 13 – 27 years of age.

Subsidies are available to PNCC members for all of these events. Please contact Fr. Sr. Don for more information.