

# MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

Sunday, June 4, 2017  
Pentecost Sunday

4:00 PM  
7:30 AM  
11:00 AM

Gathering: Send Us Your Spirit BB 452

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 104)

*Lord send out your spirit, and  
renew the face of the earth.*

Sprinkling Rite: *God, you have moved upon the waters,  
you have sung in the rush of wind and  
flame; and in your love, you have called  
us sons and daughters, make us people  
of the water and your name*

Preparation Spirit, Come BB 451

Mass Parts Storrington Mass

Communion: I Am The Living Bread BB 356  
One Bread, One Body BB 339

Recessional: The Spirit Sends Us Forth BB 375

## 9:00 AM

Gathering: Send Us Your Spirit BB 452

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 104)

*Lord send out your spirit, and  
renew the face of the earth.*

Sprinkling Rite: *If we have died to ourselves in Jesus,  
then we shall arise to new life in Him,  
Alleluia, alleluia!*

Preparation Holy Spirit BB 447

Mass Parts Mass of God's Promise

Communion: One Bread, One Body BB 339

Recessional: Sing A Joyful Song BB 537

## ✠ PARISH TITHING ✠

Thank you for your generosity to our parish. Your weekly contribution helps ensure that the parish remains a vibrant community. Please remember to submit your weekly gift even if you will be away. We depend upon your support!

**OFFERTORY AMOUNTS FOR  
MAY 21, MAY 28, AND JUNE 4, 2017  
WILL APPEAR IN THE  
JUNE 11, 2017 BULLETIN**

Based on a weekly budget need of \$7,000.00, the top amount indicates where the Parish should be as of the current week. The bottom amount indicates the total offertory given so far this year.

### PARISH GIVING

Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish has engaged *Parish Giving* to provide parishioners with an opportunity to make your offertory and other contributions through Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). Parish Giving is a simple, secure, and convenient way to manage your stewardship without weekly envelopes and without worries. It allows you to select contribution amounts and special collections right from your own computer or smart phone. You can be a good steward for the Parish even when you are away from the area on a weekend. Parish Giving allows you to print out a report detailing your contributions for the year. This program is available to parishioners at no cost. Log on to the St. Luke the Evangelist Parish website at <http://stlukenh.org>, click on the Parish Giving logo, and follow the easy registration instructions.

### UPCOMING SECOND & SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

June 4, 2017	Property Management
June 11, 2017	No Second Collection
June 18, 2017	Fuel
June 25, 2017	Works of the Holy Father

### Suggested Weekly Contribution Based on Income

Annual Income	5% Commitment annually/ weekly	3% Commitment annually/ weekly
\$100,000	\$5,000/\$100	\$3,000/\$60
\$75,000	\$3,750/\$75	\$2,250/\$45
\$60,000	\$3,000/\$60	\$1,800/\$36
\$50,000	\$2,500/\$50	\$1,500/\$30
\$40,000	\$2,000/\$40	\$1,200/\$24
\$30,000	\$1,500/\$30	\$900/\$18
\$25,000	\$1,250/\$25	\$750/\$15
\$15,000	\$750/\$15	\$450/\$9

### Suggested Weekly Contribution Based on a Percentage Increase

Your Current Offertory Contribution	25% Increase	30% Increase	40% Increase
\$75.00	\$93.75	\$97.50	\$105.00
\$50.00	\$62.50	\$65.00	\$70.00
\$40.00	\$50.00	\$52.00	\$56.00
\$35.00	\$43.75	\$45.50	\$49.00
\$30.00	\$37.50	\$39.00	\$42.00
\$25.00	\$31.25	\$32.50	\$35.00
\$20.00	\$25.00	\$26.00	\$28.00
\$15.00	\$18.75	\$19.50	\$21.00
\$10.00	\$12.50	\$13.00	\$14.00
\$5.00	\$6.25	\$6.50	\$7.00

✠ PARISH NEWS ✠



**DON'T MISS THE FUN!**

It's time to register for Vacation Bible School which will take place at St. Luke the Evangelist Parish on **June 26, 27, 28, 29 & 30, 2017**. Come and explore the mighty love of God!!! Call Joyce at the parish office (382-8324, ext. 303) for more information.

**BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN**

We will host the annual "Baby Bottle Campaign" **beginning the weekend of June 17 & 18** for the Pregnancy care Center. The Pregnancy Care Center is a Christ-centered ministry offering life-affirming services designed to empower women and men to make informed decisions about unexpected pregnancy, abstinence education, and recover from post-abortion trauma. These services are free and confidential. Please pick up a bottle and fill it with coins, bills or checks (made payable to PPC). **Return them by the weekend of July 8 & 9.**

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

The Parish Office will be closed on **Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>**. The Office will reopen at 8:30 AM on Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup>.

**AMAZON SMILE DONATION**

St. Luke the Evangelist Parish has been issued a **\$22.17** donation from the AmazonSmile Foundation as a result of AmazonSmile activity between January 1 & March 31. Thank you for your participation in the program!

**AmazonSmile.com** is the same market platform as Amazon.com, but with the added benefit of allowing customers to donate 0.5% of the price of items purchased to a charitable organization. Please register today to start shopping and donating at [www.amazonsmile.com](http://www.amazonsmile.com). For questions, please call the Parish Office at 603-382-8324.

Be sure to choose:



**BLESSING OF FATHERS**

There will be a special blessing of fathers at all Masses on **Father's Day Weekend, June 17 & 18, 2015**

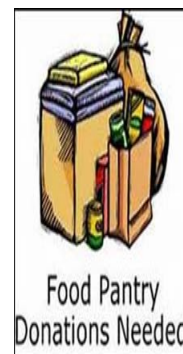


**SEEKING A UNIQUE HELPER**

Do you have \$13K-\$17K to give to St. Luke's? We didn't think so, but you **COULD** help St. Luke's make \$17,000 or more by volunteering to be a Lead Coordinator for the annual Christmas Craft Fair starting in early 2018! Each year the Christmas Fair proves to be an extremely profitable fund-raiser and friend-raiser for our parish. This would be a wonderful opportunity for YOU to get involved in a meaningful way with the Parish. The general organization of the Christmas Craft Fair requires a person, or persons, with a friendly manner and the ability to attend to details. The 2017 craft fair will be held on Saturday, November 4 and planning has already begun. Please give Elaine Kindler a call at 603-819-8691 or email her at [stlukenhfair@gmail.com](mailto:stlukenhfair@gmail.com) for more information or answers to questions regarding expectations. Thank you!

**ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST  
FOOD PANTRY**

Food or care items are always needed – donations can be dropped off at Church or are welcome at the Parish Office during regular business hours. Cash donations for food are always welcome – make checks payable to **St. Luke the Evangelist Food Pantry**. All donations to the Food Pantry go toward helping the needy of our communities.



**FOOD PANTRY HOURS**

**Wednesday from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon**

**Thursday from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM**

**Friday from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon**

For more information, call the St. Luke Food Pantry at **603-819-4949**.

**WHILE AWAY THIS SPRING / SUMMER...**

We appreciate all of you who remember to send in your Parish Offertory during the Spring / Summer even when on vacation or visiting other parishes. Thank you for remembering that our expenses also continue through the Spring / Summer months. We invite others to consider doing the same before or even after you return home.

## PENTECOST SUNDAY

### ✠ WEEKLY CALENDAR ✠

<u><b>Sunday, June 4</b></u>		
<b>12:00 PM</b>	Baptism Catechesis	<i>Plaistow</i>
<b>6:00 PM</b>	Vespers	<i>Plaistow</i>
<b>6:30 PM</b>	Pentecost Reception	<i>Plaistow</i>
<u><b>Monday, June 5</b></u>		
<b>7:00 PM</b>	Knights of Columbus Meeting	<i>Plaistow</i>
<u><b>Tuesday, June 6</b></u>		
<b>6:30 PM</b>	VBS Planning Meeting	<i>Plaistow</i>
<u><b>Wednesday, June 7</b></u>		
<b>9:30 AM</b>	Eucharistic Adoration Begins	<i>Plaistow</i>
<b>6:30 PM</b>	Eucharistic Adoration Ends	<i>Plaistow</i>
<u><b>Thursday, June 8</b></u>		
<b>8:30 AM</b>	Eucharistic Adoration Begins	<i>Newton</i>
<b>8:30 PM</b>	Eucharistic Adoration Ends	<i>Newton</i>
<u><b>Saturday, June 10</b></u>		
<b>3:00 PM</b>	Sacrament of Reconciliation	<i>Plaistow</i>

### PRAYER LINE

St. Luke's offers a prayer line as a resource for those seeking prayer assistance. To submit your prayer request please call Cathy Smith at 603-382-8324, ext. 314 or email her at [csmith@stluketheevangelist.net](mailto:csmith@stluketheevangelist.net).

ST. LUKE'S WEBSITE! <http://stlukenh.org>

## St. Vincent de Paul Society



### Your "Dropped Dollar" Hard At Work

Thank you for your continued support of the St. Vincent de Paul Society! Please know that your "dropped dollars" are being used wisely to help the poor in our area. Your generosity does not go unnoticed.

Drop-a-Dollar in the St. Vincent de Paul box  
on your way out of church.

Remember ~ 100% of your donation is used to help those who need a hand up, not a hand out.

Our next meeting on **Wednesday, June 21 at 7:00 PM**. We meet downstairs in the Church Hall in Plaistow. **New members are always welcome!**

If you seek assistance or need information about the St. Vincent de Paul Society, call 603-382-8324 x315.

**Hear, OH LORD, and answer me  
for I am poor and needy.**

### ✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

#### Saturday, June 3 ~ Vigil / Pentecost

*Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23*

**4:00 PM** Josie Chudzicki by Pat Zakiewicz  
*Plaistow*

#### Sunday, June 4 ~ Pentecost Sunday

*Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23*

**7:30 AM** Kathryn Sorriento by Frances & Don Harper  
*Newton*

**9:00 AM** Lillian Murphy (17<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)  
by her daughter, Carole Lueders  
*Newton*

**11:00 AM** Vincent J. Dowd by his family  
*Plaistow*

#### Monday, June 5 ~ Boniface, Bishop and Martyr

*Tb 1:3, 2:1b-8; Mk 12:1-12*

**8:00 AM** People of the Parish  
*Newton*

#### Tuesday, June 6 ~ Norbert, Bishop

*Tb 2:9-14; Mk 12:13-17*

**8:00 AM** People of the Parish  
*Plaistow*

#### Wednesday, June 7 ~ Weekday

*Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a; Mk 12:18-27*

**6:30 PM** Ryan McGrath by Conor Howley  
*Plaistow*

#### Thursday, June 8 ~ Weekday

*Tb 6:10-11, 7:1bcde, 9-17, 8:4-9a; Mk 12:28-34*

**8:00 AM** People of the Parish  
*Newton*

#### Friday, June 9 ~ Ephrem,

Deacon and Doctor of the Church

*Tb 11:5-17; Mk 12:35-37*

*No Mass*

#### Saturday, June 10 ~ Weekday

*Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20; Mk 12:38-44 (Day)*

*Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18 (Vigil)*

**4:00 PM** Mark A. Giarrusso by Chief Philip V. Consentino  
*Plaistow*

#### Sunday, June 11~ The Most Holy Trinity Sunday

*Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18*

**7:30 AM** Intentions of Barbara & Bill Lawrence  
(50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary)  
by Frances & Don Harper  
*Newton*

**9:00 AM** Lisa Mary Sliviak (Birthday Remembrance)  
by Peter Sullivan  
*Newton*

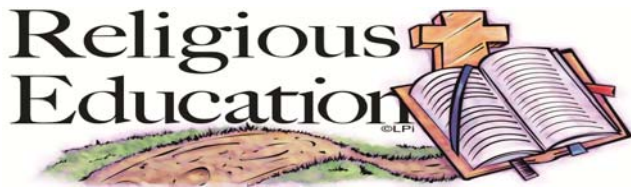
**11:00 AM** Sarah Delle Chiaie by her family  
*Plaistow*



**Out of respect, please remember  
to silence or turn off  
your cell phones during Mass.  
Thank you!**



## ✧ FAITH FORMATION & PARISH INFORMATION ✧



### **ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST** **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Religious Education Registration for the 2017-2018 Academic Year for Grades 1 to 10 has begun. If your child is currently enrolled, a registration form has been sent home. If your child is new to the Program, please call Joyce Szczapa in the Religious Education Office at 603-382-8324 for more information.

### **ADULT CONFIRMATION**

Are you an adult who has been Baptized and received Eucharist, but has not celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation? The adult Confirmation process is an opportunity to complete the Sacraments of Initiation. If you would like to prepare for Confirmation, or if you have questions, call Cathy Smith at 603-382-8324, ext. 305 or email her at [csmith@stluketheevangelist.net](mailto:csmith@stluketheevangelist.net).

### **ADORATION**

We are truly blessed to have times for Adoration of Our Lord in our Parish. This time of prayer and intercession is not only a source of great grace for the individual, but it is a great source of grace for us as a parish family, as well.

We have many who have made the commitment to spend an hour each week with our Eucharistic Lord, **but** we need more people so there will be at least two people at each hour. We are also looking for people who would be able to substitute.

#### **Plaistow – Wednesday**

9:30 AM – 6:30 PM

#### **Newton – Thursday**

8:30 AM – 8:30 PM

If you can commit to one hour a week in Adoration of our Lord, or if you can be a substitute, please contact Cathy Smith at 603-382-8324, ext. 305 or email her at [csmith@stluketheevangelist.net](mailto:csmith@stluketheevangelist.net).

### **GLUTEN INTOLERANT?**

The Parish now provides an option for receiving Holy Communion for anyone suffering from gluten intolerance or celiac disease. We have obtained special altar breads that are fully certified for use at Mass by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, and laboratory tested to contain only .001% gluten. Please see the Pastor or the Sacristan before Mass about receiving Communion using one of these special hosts.

### **RCIA**

The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** is the process by which people become members of the Roman Catholic Church. **RCIA** is intended to serve:

- Those not Baptized who would like to learn more about the Catholic religion.
- Those Baptized in another religion who think they might like to become Catholic.
- Those Baptized Catholic but have not been raised in the Faith.

If you or someone you know is interested in inquiring about becoming a member of the Roman Catholic Church, call Cathy Smith at 603-382-8324, ext. 305 or email her at [csmith@stluketheevangelist.net](mailto:csmith@stluketheevangelist.net).

### **PARENTS BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION**

The monthly preparation session for infant Baptism will be held after the 11:00 AM Liturgy on **Sunday, June 4, 2017** in the Parish Office living room. All parents planning to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism are welcome. Families wishing to celebrate Baptism in the Church must be registered (according to Church Canon Law) and practicing (attending Sunday Mass) for 3 full months before a Baptism can be scheduled. The use of the envelope system is always optional; however, it does guarantee a manner of accountability. For most families, the Pastor or staff can easily verify attendance during these three months. Church Canon Law also regulates baptismal sponsors (godparents). Sponsors must be at least 16, fully initiated (having received Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation), and be practicing Catholics living Christian lives consistent with the Church's teaching. Please see Fr. Albert with questions.

## ✧ PARISH DIRECTORY ✧

Parish Office	382-8324
Parish Prayer Line	382-8324 x 314
St. Vincent de Paul Society	382-8324 x 315
St. Luke's Food Pantry	819-4949
Preschool	382-9783
Presentation of Mary Convent	382-2744

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✠ Parish News ~ Youth News ~ Around The Diocese ✠

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Did you know that dates for Mass Intentions are available for 2017? If you would like to request a Mass for a deceased loved one or friend, or in thanksgiving for a significant life event, please contact the Parish Office. The suggested donation is \$10.00.

**MUSICAL TOUR OF AUSTRIA and CZECH REPUBLIC**

St. Anne's Music Ministry in Hampstead, NH invites you to perform & travel with them next April 2018 as they spend a week visiting Vienna, Salzburg, & Prague. They'll perform in each of the three cities as well as explore the culture and musical heritage of those countries. **They are forming a mixed chorus, so all voice parts are welcome and auditions are not necessary.** Rehearsals will begin this summer. They have a few spots available for non-singers who wish to travel with the group as well. The cost of the trip is \$3,539 per person which includes roundtrip airfare, hotel accommodations, daily breakfasts, three (3) dinners, local transportation, sightseeing, and more. For more information contact Michelle at [mmpdom@gmail.com](mailto:mmpdom@gmail.com).

**CREMATION & THE CHURCH**

On October 25, 2016, the Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith published a new instruction on the burial of the dead and on the conservation of the ashes in cases of cremation. The instruction reiterated the long held view that the Church is not opposed to the practice of cremation, though it continues to recommend that the bodies of the deceased be buried in cemeteries or other sacred places. **However the new document insists that ashes should not be kept in private homes, and that the scattering of ashes in the air, on land or at sea is not permitted.** The instruction also insisted that cremains may not be divided among various family members, nor may they be preserved in mementos, pieces of jewelry or other objects. Please contact Father Albert in the Parish Office with any questions. Brochures about the Rite of Christian Funerals are available at the Church entrances.

**SANCTUARY CANDLES**

The Sanctuary Candles in both Newton and Plaistow may be offered in memory or honor of a loved one.

**VIGIL LIGHT**

The Vigil Light in front of the Blessed Mother Icon in Newton may be also be offered in memory or honor of a loved one. The suggested offering for each is \$10.00. Please call the Parish Office at 382-8324.



**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES**

**ONE-DAY SPIRITUAL RETREAT FOR GRIEVING PARENTS**

Losing a child under any circumstance is horrific. Focusing on the spirituality of the grieving process can help tremendously. **This is a spiritual retreat for parents who have experienced the death of a child of any age, by any cause, and all are welcome.** Join Emmaus Parent Companions and a Franciscan Retreat Team in a warm and loving place: to think, to talk, to feel, and to pray. Find compassion, rest, and peace... at least for a time.

Come to this retreat and give yourself the gift of time to focus on your own individual spiritual journey, to focus on questions, such as... *Where is God in my pain... Where is my child now... How can faith help me through this horrible, new reality of life without my child?* Just as He comforted his grieving disciples on the road to Emmaus, Jesus comforts us and we comfort each other in this very special ministry.

**You are invited Saturday, June 17, 2017 from 9:30 AM- 7:30 PM at St. Matthew Parish, Windham, NH.** Space is limited. Pre-registration is required. There is a suggested donation of \$25/Individual or \$40/Couple which includes three meals and all retreat materials, but scholarships are available. For more information, call Peg Donahue-Turner at 603-898-4818 or Genevieve Baudin at 603-490-8049 or visit [www.emfgp.org](http://www.emfgp.org).

**BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY**

Catholic Charities New Hampshire and St. Anne's Parish, Hampstead offer a bereavement program for those who have lost a loved one. The group meets at St. Anne's Church in Hampstead, NH on **Thursdays from 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM on the following dates: June 15, June 29.** Registration is necessary. Contact Judy Nelson, Catholic Charities at 603-893-1971 or text at 978-427-3147 for more information.

**THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS**

The Compassionate Friends of Greater Newburyport provides support for bereaved families after the loss of a child, grandchild, or sibling – and age, any cause. Our monthly support meetings are held on **the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month from 7:30 PM –9:00 PM** in the Immaculate Conception Parish Conference Room 209, Newburyport, MA. **The next meeting is June 26.** Contact Barbara Hopkinson, founder & chapter leader at 617-410-6309 or [info@abutterflysjourney.org](mailto:info@abutterflysjourney.org).



# PENTECOST SUNDAY



## Renew Us

Lord our God,  
send down your Spirit upon us,  
and fill us with your love,  
as you filled those gathered in the  
Upper Room.  
Renew our hearts and renew the face  
of the earth,  
as your Spirit calls us forth to be witnesses  
of your love.  
Empower us to do your will,  
to fulfill the life of the Church in the world,  
and grace the lives of those we serve.  
Filled with your Holy Spirit,  
may our lives proclaim your love and mercy  
and our service show forth your  
varied graces  
as we seek to be Christ present as the  
one Body  
and we drink of the one Spirit.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

June 4, 2017

## Send Out Your Spirit



*Today's Readings: Acts 2:1–11; Psalm 104:1, 24, 29–30, 31, 34; 1 Corinthians 12:3b–7, 12–13; Sequence Veni, Sancte Spiritus; John 20:19–23.* “Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth,” we sing as the refrain for the Responsorial Psalm today. The Spirit sent and received at Pentecost is a spirit of renewal, unity, empowerment, and clarity. The description of being filled with the Spirit, and its lasting effects, is powerful. Those filled with the Holy Spirit can change the hearts of those they encounter. However, even in unity, there is a great array of spiritual gifts, as we hear from St. Paul in the Second Reading. The Spirit calls us to be one in Christ, but to participate in our different ministries and “activities.” The beauty of the Holy Spirit is described in the Sequence from today’s liturgy, in which we

call forth the Spirit to fill our inmost being, and to shed all seven gifts upon us.

Where are the Spirit’s gifts found in you? Are you called to serve others at prayer, or to teach? Perhaps you are given insight and understanding. On this Pentecost day, name your gift of the Spirit, and celebrate the manifestation of the Spirit and the benefit you are called to confer. We who are part of the one body are given the same Spirit, and joyfully unite in proclaiming—each in our own language and expression—that Jesus is Lord. May we take to heart the words of today’s Sequence, *Veni, Sancte Spiritus*, as we sing, “Give them virtue’s sure reward; / Give them your salvation, Lord; / Give them joys that never end. Amen. / Alleluia!”



## THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

**June 9**

### St. Ephrem

Called the “Harp of the Spirit,” Ephrem was a hymn writer and quite a poet for fourth-century Syria. He not only taught through his hymn texts, he created poetic phrases that captured beautiful meanings for the sacraments, the Church, Christ, and Mary. Find a favorite hymn today, and notice each text, each verse, and each image. What captures your religious imagination in that hymn? *Today’s Readings: Colossians 3:12–17; Psalm 37:3–4, 5–6, 30–31; Luke 6:43–45.*

**June 24**

### Nativity of St. John the Baptist

With humility, John understood his role as the forerunner of Christ. Anticipating the coming of Christ, he states, “He must increase, but I must decrease” (John 3:30). The date that we celebrate John’s birth coincides with John’s statement. After the birth of Jesus, which is near the winter solstice, the days lengthen. With the celebration of John’s birth on June 24, close to the summer solstice, the days become shorter. *Today’s Readings: Isaiah 49:1–6; Psalm 139:1b–3, 13–14ab, 14c–15; Acts 13:22–26; Luke 1:57–66, 80.*

**July 14**

### St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

The first Native American saint, Kateri Tekakwitha survived the loss of her parents, disfigurement by small pox, and ridicule and bullying from two tribes. Her faith was her solace. She would walk through the woods, picking up twigs and binding them together as a small cross, and then stick them in the ground. When she returned, she would stop at each twig cross to say a prayer. Make twig crosses and use them to mark prayer stations in your home or on your property. *Today’s Readings: Hosea 2:16bc, 17cd, 21–22; Psalm 148:1bc–2, 11–12, 13, 14; Luke 10:38–42.*

**July 18**

### St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest

Dedicated to caring for the sick, Camillus de Lellis (d. 1614) not only built hospitals and cared for the ill himself, he founded his own congregation, the Ministers of the Sick, whom he trained and inspired to care for those who are ill, and to treat them with great care and love. *Today’s Readings: 1 John 3:14–18; Psalm 112:1–2, 3–4, 5–6, 7–8, 9; John 15:9–17.*

**July 25**

### St. James, Apostle

Often referred to as St. James the Greater, and brother of John the evangelist, this Apostle is considered to have been part of Jesus’ inner circle. In Spain, his name has become well known as people travel the Camino de Santiago, also known as the Way of St. James, to the Shrine of St. James the Great in the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela. Pilgrims worldwide claim St. James as their patron. *Today’s Readings: 2 Corinthians 4:7–15; Psalm 126:1bc–2ab, 2cd–3, 4–5, 6; Matthew 20:20–28.*

**August 6**

### Transfiguration of the Lord

The Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord unites the Old and New Testaments in a particular way. Not only is Jesus truly transfigured but Moses and Elijah, the Law and the Prophets, are also transfigured. It is not lost on us that Jesus has given new meaning to all that Moses and the Law, or Elijah and all prophets, have supplied up to that time. We can be transfigured as well, as we find new meaning through Jesus Christ in what we say, learn, do, and offer today. *Today’s Readings: Daniel 7:9–10, 13–14; Psalm 97:1–2, 5–6, 9; 2 Peter 1:16–19; Matthew 17:1–9.*







# Bringing Home the Word

Pentecost Sunday | June 4, 2017

## Were They Still Afraid?

By Mary Katharine Deeley

**P**eople respond to fear in two instinctive ways: fight or flight. The disciples chose to flee—hiding in an upper room, waiting for the coast to clear. Of course they were afraid. Their teacher and Lord had been taken from them, and the religious authorities did not like them. Even though Jesus wanted them to go into the world, they didn't have the slightest idea what they would say and where they would go.

Jesus promised to send them an Advocate who would guide them and reveal the truth to them, but they didn't know what that would look like. And

into that locked room the Holy Spirit blew, bringing gifts of grace and strength they couldn't imagine.

Were they still afraid? Probably. Did they suddenly know what to do? Probably not. But they knew they could not be silent.

Something compelled them to go out, confident that they had a gift to share with the world. What they couldn't have realized was that the Spirit fell on the world that day as well—allowing those whose hearts were opened to hear the words of life preached by those who at one time didn't know what to say.

Pentecost is often referred to as the birthday of the Church. The Church remains what it was at the first—imperfect women and men gifted by the Spirit to speak the good news to other imperfect women and men who have been gifted to hear it.

The Spirit blows through the world even now—the presence of God, our Advocate, who invites us to proclaim Christ to all and gives us the grace to do so. †

***“As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ.”***  
**1 Corinthians 12:12**

## A Word From Pope Francis

Dear friends, Let us open the doors to the Spirit, let ourselves be guided by him, and allow God's constant help to make us new men and women, inspired by the love of God which the Holy Spirit bestows on us! How beautiful it would be if each of you, every evening, could say: Today at school, at home, at work, guided by God, I showed a sign of love towards one of my friends, my parents, an older person! How beautiful!

—Homily, conferral of the sacrament of confirmation, April 28, 2013



## Sunday Readings

### Acts 2:1–11

“And they were all filled with the holy Spirit.”

### 1 Corinthians 12:3b–7, 12–13

“For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, ...and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.”

### John 20:19–23

“[Jesus] said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’”

## REFLECTION QUESTIONS

## ONE QUESTION REFLECTION

- How can I encourage greater unity within my family and parish?
- Is there a way I can be more of a team player?





# Transformed by Easter

By Richard Rohr, OFM

**C**hristian history reaches its crescendo point in the resurrection of Jesus.

The risen Jesus is the final revelation of the heart of God—a God who teaches love rather than hate, forgiveness rather than blame, nonviolence rather than violence.

Recall Jesus' encounters with his disciples after his resurrection. He comes to the circle of followers with whom he had spent three years. These people, who

were closest to him, had nevertheless rejected, betrayed, and abandoned him. Following his resurrection, Jesus has the opportunity to chastise them. And yet in all four Gospel accounts of the risen Christ we see that Jesus neither berates nor blames his disciples. Indeed, Peter, who had betrayed him three times, is given three chances to say to his master, "I love you."

There is nothing to be afraid of in the risen Jesus. We have in him the perfect icon of a God who is safe and a universe

that is safe. We have a God who does not blame, does not punish, does not threaten, does not dominate. We have a God who breathes forgiveness. The whole biblical tradition has been moving to this moment where God is identified with universal forgiveness.

Once we have a personal experience in our own life of the risen Christ upholding us, naming us, loving us, freeing us, then we have nothing to fear. That's how secure Christ makes us—because we have a reference point, we have a center point. We have received the gift of the Spirit. †

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## Pentecost People

By Judith Dunlap

**W**e are a Pentecost people. Like the first disciples, we are gifted with the Holy Spirit so that we can share our faith with others. This is not always easy. Many of us were raised to believe that religion is a private matter. It can be difficult for us to talk about God or our faith. And yet, faith-sharing in families is crucial.

We live in a culture that in many ways no longer supports Judeo-Christian values. Thus, young people need to hear and see the people most important to them talking about and living the gospel message. If faith is going to be real in their lives, they need to see that faith is real in the lives of those closest to them.

Celebrate Pentecost this year with your family by reading or retelling the story from Acts 2:1–13. Talk about how you would have felt if you were in the upper room, and invite other family members to do the same. Discuss the Holy Spirit in your own life. How have you experienced the gifts of courage and understanding? When have you felt the Spirit's fruits of joy and peace? Finally, have fun with the symbols of fire and wind. Weather permitting, spend the afternoon flying a kite. Put together a wind chime. Have a special dinner with lots of candles. Talk about why you think fire and wind are symbols of the Holy Spirit.

Pentecost is the day the disciples were empowered by the Holy Spirit to leave the safety of the upper room and share their faith with a city of strangers. Why not take the risk this Pentecost and share

your faith with those closest to you? If you were one of the disciples on that first Christian Pentecost, what would you have wanted to share about your faith? Trust in the Spirit. Like those early disciples, you may be astonished at the results. †

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## PRAYER

Risen Lord, your Spirit fills the world with love and peace. Empower me to be an instrument of your peace, love, and forgiveness to all people.

From *Hopeful Meditations for Every Day of Easter Through Pentecost*  
Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney

## WEEKDAY READINGS

June 5–10

Mon. St. Boniface:  
Tb 1:3; 2:1b–8 / Mk 12:1–12  
Tue. Weekday:  
Tb 2:9–14 / Mk 12:13–17  
Wed. Weekday:  
Tb 3:1–11a, 16–17a / Mk 12:18–27

Thu. Weekday:  
Tb 6:10–11; 7:1bcde, 9–17; 8:4–9a / Mk 12:28–34  
Fri. Weekday:  
Tb 11:5–17 / Mk 12:35–37  
Sat. Weekday:  
Tb 12:1, 5–15, 20 / Mk 12:38–44

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