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PENTECOST



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Weekly Eucharists
Saturday 5 pm
Sunday, 9 am, 11 am, 7 pm
Monday – Saturday: 8:15 am
Reconciliation
Saturday 3:30 pm or by appt.
Holy Days
8:15 am, 12:10 pm, 7 pm

Parish Office Hours
Mon. - Wed, 9:30–2 pm

*Other times & days,
call to see if office
is open.*

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What's Happening?

Wednesday
Women's Luncheon
Next Sunday
Pound A Week



Stewardship of Treasure

Easter Collection: \$ 5159
Sign up for electronic giving at
stthommore.weshareonline.org



Rest in Peace

Gloria Charette and Helen Enright entered eternal life last week and this week. May God hold them in love.

Thom's Supper Club

Celebrate Summer with Thom's Supper Club on June 21 at Charlie Brown's. (Separate Checks available.) Please call Joan Cummings at 973-377-6708 so reservations can be made at 5 pm. *What is Thom's Supper Club?* A time for single and re-single adults to eat together. All welcome.

Women's Guild

The Women's Luncheon is June 7, 12:30 at the Serenade in Chatham. \$40. All welcome. Contact Pat Briscoe 973 267-8276 or Bridie Murphy 973 539-5008. Open to all women.

Ice Cream

We're still looking for a few more who can help with Ice Cream Sundays this summer. A great way for parents and kids to work together.

Parishioner Input

Parishioners overwhelmingly chose to save money for a quick fix and to replace the air conditioning system as soon as possible. We are in the process of doing that now. We will try to make it as comfortable as possible, with things like available cold water.

If we had a parish hall, we could have moved there for the summer.



WELCOME

To all our visitors this weekend

As a faith community, we keep in mind who have asked us to pray for them, that they may experience the healing power of our gracious God.

Special requests for prayers at liturgy and donations made in honor of loved ones. These intentions and names of our sick are noted on the Gifts Table in the Remembrance Book and on the Weekly Sheet.



Ministry to the Homebound

If you know a homebound person who would like communion and/or on a regular basis, if you are ministering in that way OR if you can visit and/or bring communion

**PREPARING FOR
NEXT WEEK'S LITURGY
Trinity Sunday**

First Reading: Exodus 34:4-9

When Moses saw the Israelite people worshipping the golden calf, he angrily threw down and broke the tablets containing the commandments. Later, God instructed him to cut two new tablets. Today's passage begins at that point, and offsets the mistaken notion that the Old Testament always presents a stern and angry God.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

This passage is the ending of Paul's second letter to the Corinthians. The Church chose this passage for Trinity Sunday because the final sentence mentions all three persons of the Trinity. That sentence is also used as one of the greetings at the beginning of Mass.

God's Grace is Young Enough

Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3-13; John 20:19-23

Peace be with you

- In the Second Reading we hear the Spirit bestows "spiritual gifts," calls us to "different forms of service," and manifests "different workings" such as forgiveness. All this for the benefit of the Body of Christ.
- One fruit of the Holy Spirit is peace. This peace is not passive tranquility, but an empowering force that allays fears, urges us to take up Jesus' mission, and instills in us forgiving hearts. This peace transforms how we see ourselves, how we pursue discipleship, and how we relate to the world and one another. This peace is life encompassing and enduring. How much more so is Jesus' gift of the Holy Spirit!

This Week's Question

For Adults:

What important work does Jesus ask of you at this time in your life?

For Children:

How would Jesus want you to treat your friends and family this week?



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

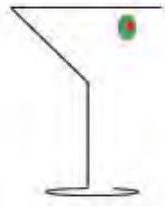
Today's Readings: Acts 2:1–11; Psalm 104:1, 24, 29–30, 31, 34; 1 Corinthians 12:3b–7, 12–13; Sequence Veni, Sancte Spiritus; John 20:19–23. “Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth,” we sing as the refrain for the Responsorial Psalm today. The Spirit sent and received at Pentecost 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!”



**ANNIVERSARY
COCKTAIL PARTY
MOVED
TO MADISON HOTEL
FRIDAY JUNE 16, 6-9 PM**



Tickets are \$60 which is less than the cost to make it as affordable as possible and to celebrate with a majority of our parish family.

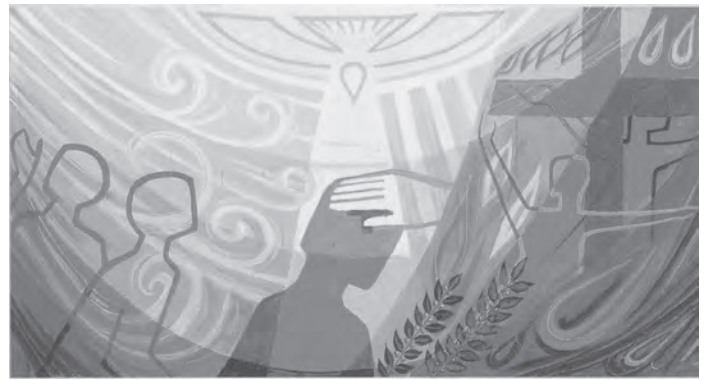
Tickets will be sold after masses and in the parish office. You can also send an email to secretary@stmnj.org to reserve a place and then place payment in the next week's collection in an envelope with your name and marked "Cocktail Party."



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| 3 | Evelyn Codd |
| 4 | DonClark |
| 5 | John Abbondanzo |
| 7 | Jerry Hoffman |
| 8 | Toto Arenas |
| 8 | Donna Buchner |
| 8 | Eileen O'Brien |
| 9 | Alejandro Arenas |
| 9 | Milli Tuminello |
| 10 | Gale Carlin |
| 11 | Janet Bobbin |
| 11 | Arthur Pappas |
| 11 | Michelle Sandjaja |
| 12 | Jim O'Kane |
| 13 | Victoria Helmer |
| 16 | Lauren Kohl |
| 17 | Larry Bobbin |
| 18 | Daniel Basile |
| 19 | Margaret Deysher |
| 20 | Santino Garolfalo |
| 21 | Joan Hoffman |
| 24 | Giandomenico Sarolli |
| 25 | Richard Anthony |
| 25 | Sarah O'Neil |
| 26 | Dan Carey |
| 29 | Jim Forgione |
| 29 | Maureen Rhatigan |



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| 3 | Alice & Carmen Galdieri 66 |
| 4 | Joan & Jerry Hoffman 57 |
| 12 | Thuy & Piotr Politowicz 3 |
| 19 | Lisa & Jason Jordan 18 |
| 21 | Margaret & Robert Drozd 56 |
| 22 | Rosemarie Tony Raiola 54 |
| 25 | Elisabeth Tony Olivo 45 |
| 27 | Karen & Dave De Nooyer 47 |



Christmas and Easter are family moments that call for gathering and feasting. Pentecost is not that kind of feast. Pentecost is the Feast of God's Spirit, a Spirit too wild and free to be domesticated even if we were to try.

We first encounter God's Spirit in the opening words of Genesis: "In the Beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was a formless void; there was darkness over the deep; and God's Spirit hovered over the water."

God's Spirit changed that void into the order and beauty of creation. Today the Spirit does the same for us. We humans have a way of reducing things to rubble, even our lives. The wreckage leaves God's Spirit undaunted. He waits for us to invite him into our private world, our personal history. Then he plunges into the chaos we have fashioned to bring out of it the order and beauty of a new creation. Even as he does so, he invites us to join him as co creators of the world around us.

In other words, he calls us to use the gifts that are uniquely ours to remake our world. For some this call is a summons to leadership in the Christian community. For most of us it means witnessing to the Gospel in subtler ways.

In the 30's a young traveler was exploring the French Alps. He came upon a vast stretch of barren land, desolate, forbidding, not a tree in sight. In the Middle of this wasteland was a stooped old man. He carried a sack on his back and an iron pipe in his hand. While the young man watched, the old fellow punched a hole in the ground, took an acorn from his sack and planted it. The old man told the traveler that he was a childless widower. He had determined to do something useful with his remaining years.

Thirty years later, the traveler returned to the same spot and found the land covered with a beautiful forest two miles wide and five miles long. Birds were singing, wild flowers blooming and animals busy everywhere.

Each of us has a sack of acorns on our back, the gifts that are uniquely ours. God's Spirit invites us to use them to reshape our world. Pentecost!