



Holy Spirit Catholic Church

May 12th & 13th

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Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 5p.m.

Sunday: 7:30 & 10:15 a.m.

Liturgy of the Word for Children; Sundays at the 10:15 a.m. Mass

Weekdays: Mon.-Thurs. & First Friday & First Saturdays 9a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Every Thursday, First Fridays and First Saturdays following the 9a.m. Mass or at the Rectory with an appointment

For other Sacraments:

Please call the Parish Office

6 months in advance for Marriage

3 months in advance for Baptism

5th Sunday of Easter May 12th & 13th

... from the Pastor's desk...

Parting messages have their own impact. The last words said by someone moving away or even going away for a long time hold special places in our hearts. I've shared with you in homilies the last few things my mother said before she died. Many of you have related similar experiences with family and friends. A final word of encouragement and a blessing at these times often mean more to us and have a lasting impact on our lives than the accumulation of all words spoken before.

I can still remember the last thing my first grade teacher (Sr. Mary Concheta) said to me in 1960, as well as a few other inspirational teachers in my life. But sometimes last words are not encouraging or healing.

Marriage breakups can leave lifelong painful memories of hurtful things said. An employer can frequently recall the parting outbursts of a fired employee. Final words have the power to make or to break, to challenge or to crush , to inspire or to inhibit, to energize or to deflate.

This is by no means intended to be the beginning of a farewell address. Although priest re-assignments and changes come up in June, I do not think that I will be one of them this time around. It is more about the feast we celebrate today. Christ's words as He left his disciples on Ascension Day are no exception. His command is clear-cut, "*Go out to the whole world and proclaim the good news to every creature.*"

Important as our own individual salvation is, the focus of Christ's parting is on the worldwide proclamation of the Gospel. Of course, it is through living the Gospel values that we best bring Christ's message to others, but the wider missionary task is ever present. Ascension Day is a reminder of what we are called to do. It is a duty in which we all share and must not shirk. No matter where God sends us or where we find ourselves.

Father Ron



Happy Ascension Thursday -Sunday

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord. This Feast actually happened a few days ago, but certain diocese in the United States, including ours, have moved it to this Sunday. As for why - let me ask you this – how many of you would have been able to come to Mass if we did celebrate it on Thursday? This feast is a Holy Day of Obligation - which means a day that all Roman Catholics must attend Mass. Unfortunately, and for various reasons why, that is often not the case. The church recognizes this and realizes that since this is such an important Feast - it is better to move it to a Sunday so it's message will be heard. As to why it is so important – you'll see at Mass! (Or you already have if you're reading this later.)



COME HELP DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR PENTECOST!! Saturday, May 19th at 10am



Dear People of Holy Spirit Parish,

It is with great sadness I must inform you of my resignation as Office Manager of our wonderful parish. If it were up to me, I would happily retire here with this parish as I adore the people, Megan, and Fr. Ron with my whole heart. I love my position here and it is with a very heavy heart I must let it go. While my husband will be keeping his same job, we will be relocating out of state this summer and must quickly get a move on this process as the school semester will be starting in August.

If you have interest in applying for my part-time position or have questions, please call me at the Parish Office and I will answer any questions you have and will be accepting resume's for the next couple of weeks.

It has been an honor and a pleasure to work with you all. Thank you for your prayers as we embark on a new family journey.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Tara Kowalski



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS:

The intentions of the Holy Spirit Prayer Chain, Steve Straessler, Tristan Humble, Mauro DeTrizio, Helen Hubbard, Joey Benjamin, Karen D'Ambrogi, Bonnie Clark, Renee Dierckx, Jackson Langdon, Nina Cantacessi, Debbie Sickma, Lisa Adams, Margaret Potchatek, Charlotte Facchini, Anne Benjamin, Erasmo Roque, Ken Davis, Marilyn Lechuga, Chuck Fritch, George Fannuci, Ed Antonio, Pat LaRussa, and George Gooding

FOR THE SOULS OF: Bruce Campbell, Dennis DeCota, Charlie Rogers, Frank Mantellina, Ray Hill, Alice Puruggannan, Howard Furlong, Al Pisenti, Richard Marson, Margaret Winrich, Carmen Leon-Guerrero, Rose Mary Bernstein, Barbara Bobrowski and Virginia Marson



Our Altar Flowers are in loving memory of Matt & Leon Lenney.



The Mass Schedule May 12th-20th

05/12	Sat	5:00pm	Int. of Scott Neal
05/13	Sun	7:30am	Mass for the People
05/13	Sun	10:15am	†Matt Lenney
05/14	Mon	9:00am	Int. of Kristen Neal
05/15	Tues	9:00am	Int. of Justin Gonzales
05/16	Wed	9:00am	Covel-De Bruin Families
05/17	Thurs	9:00am	†Daniel Venages
05/18	Fri	9:00am	Communion Service
05/19	Sat	5:00pm	Int. of Bill McElroy Jr.
05/20	Sun	7:30am	†Linda Escobar
05/20	Sun	10:15am	Mass for the People

LAST WEEK'S PLATE COLLECTION: \$8,040.33

LAST WEEK'S BUILDING MAINT: \$2,271.00

A Mother's Day Prayer

I thank you God for my mother. I thank you that she gave me life and nurtured me all those years. She gave me my faith, helping me to know you and to know Jesus and his ways. She taught me how to love and how to sacrifice for others. She taught me that it was okay to cry and that I should always tell the truth. Bless her with the graces she needs and which you want to give her today. Help her to feel precious in your eyes today and to know that I love her. Give her strength and courage, compassion and peace. Bless her this day with your love.



May 19th & 20th Pentecost Sunday

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Greeters	Servers
Sat, May 19th 5 pm	#1-C. Charbonnier #2-M. Davis	Cheryl Dudley, Joanne Landen, Martha Johnson, Ed Mattingly, Judith Mattingly	As Available	As Available.
Sun., May 20th 7:30 am	#1.P. Edson #2-B. Antoniuc	Patti Mazur, Brian Connolly, Kathy Castro	As Available	Elizabeth McDonnell.
Sun, May 20th 10:15 am	#1-L. Johnson #2-D. Bowers	Griff & Gloria McKay, Loyde & Sharry Johnson, Tim & Shirley Sullivan, Kathy Stevens Dennis Krempeley, Michael Wagner	As Available	Jerome Salvador
Children's Liturgy of the Word – Mother's Day—No Dismissal				
Homebound Week of May 16th—D. Boito, E. Manfredi, M. Hoeft				

FAITH FORMATION INFORMATION

Faith Formation Grades 1-6

May 12th & 13th

Faith Formation Gatherings at Holy Spirit Parish

*In this Sunday's Gospel for the Ascension of the Lord, Jesus tells his disciples,
"Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature."*

REGISTRATION 2018-19

*We Thank you for giving us the opportunity to walk beside you and your children
in faith this year and proclaim the Good News!
Your family is a blessing to our parish!*

We have begun registration for Faith Formation classes for 2018-19.

All those registered this year will have priority in the month of May!

Full registration (for all) will begin on June 4th

We will take registrations through June 25th or until classes are full.

Any parent wishing to enroll an older child (4th grade to high school) wanting to receive further Sacraments (i.e. Baptism, First Communion or First Reconciliation), may contact Megan O'Neill for more information. You and your child are invited to a period of Inquiry!



"Where do I go from here? THE JOURNEY CONTINUES!!!!!" Confirmation candidates will gather this Monday (5/14) from 6:30PM -8:30PM in the Holy Family Room.

Don't forget to bring your book

Please pray for our Confirmation candidates who are preparing to be confirmed on May 30th at 7PM here at Holy Spirit Parish with Bishop Vasa.



Wednesday, May 16th 7 -8:30PM in the Holy Family Room

ALL HIGH SCHOOL TEENS ARE WELCOME to join us for Breaking Open the Word and an episode of Joan of Arcadia! " God asks Joan to perform certain tasks which ultimately have moral and philosophical consequences. This week *"The Devil Made Me Do It"* Join us for a great show, discussion and prayer. **BRING A FRIEND!**

Questions contact Megan O'Neill (m.oneill-hsc@outlook.com) .

Newly initiated Catholics will gather on Thursday, May 17th at 6:30PM in the Holy Family Room for our final Mystagogy Session. This week we will be concluding our sessions on *"The 7 Themes of Catholic Social Teaching."*

Anyone wishing to become Catholic or wanting to receive further Sacraments, i.e., First Communion or Confirmation, may contact Megan O'Neill for more information. You are invited to a period of Inquiry!



Each night before bed, say the following Holy Spirit prayer together in preparation for Pentecost Sunday:

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Send forth your Spirit, O Lord,
and our hearts shall be created.

And you shall renew the face of the world. Amen.

