

May 15, 2016

Pentecost Sunday Solemnity



“Receive The Holy Spirit”

Pentecost, the descent of the Holy Spirit, like the empty tomb of Easter, is hard for us to get our heads around. The Spirit’s presence is evidenced by faith in action – the faith of the early Church and our faith today. We know the Spirit is with us today because the Church continues to journey together in spite of our human frailty. There are still heroes among us who pay the prophet’s price. Like the disciples we are living in the days beyond the victory. We live the hope and the joy of the empty tomb here and now.

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, May 21

4:30 p.m. Robert R. Schaefer

Sunday, May 22

8:00 a.m. Marcella & Ernest Chaloupka

Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the Liturgy



Next weekend is *The Most Holy Trinity*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.

First Reading: Proverbs 8:22-31

Responsorial Psalm: 8

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-5

Gospel: John 16:12-15

No Bible Study Wednesday, May 18

Pray for the repose of the souls of

Robert E. Benys, Jr.

Charlene Krupala

and the comfort of their loved ones.

May they rest in peace.



2016 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

2016 Assessment	\$7,618.00
Contributions So Far	\$1,985.00
Amount Yet to be Contributed	\$5,633.00

We thank the following for their recent contributions:

Helen Schaefer

Helen Wiedemann

Denise & Gary Greive

Consider at making a contribution.

Restoring Maticka Praha



We thank the following for their recent donations:

In Memory of John Kubena

C. M. Butschek, Austin, TX - \$50

St. Joseph’s Altar Society, Moulton, TX - \$100

A Book of Memory with the names of Donors will be on display. To make a donation to the project contact Fr. Gabriel at 361-596-4674 or send an email to st_joe@sbcglobal.net.

ST. MARY’S CHURCH REDEDICATION JUNE 12, 2106

The Church Rededication Celebration Planning Committee met Monday evening to discuss the Rededication Day. Invitations were mailed this week to registered parishioners and benefactors of the restoration project. Look out for more details.

VOTIVE CANDLE INTENTIONS

The Catholic custom of lighting candles is rooted in Church teaching that Christ is the Light of the World. Candles serve as an outward sign of the light of faith burning in our hearts. They are our silent sentinels lifting up our prayer intentions to the Lord.



Remember to pray for the following intentions:

For Healing

For Health

For World Peace

For Margaret Petter

Prayers For Stan & Kay

Eleanore Hull in Heaven

Blessings of Peace, Health & Happiness for our Family

Extra Mother’s Day Spiritual Boquets

Lousie Patek

Mary Ann Lev

Louise Machalec

REFLECTION

Witnesses of Christ with The Holy Spirit

When we hear the gospel reading of today, it is not uncommon to think “What I wouldn’t give to have been there! Such a momentous event would have certainly enlivened my faith and strengthened my resolve to serve others.” St. Paul however assures that we did not have to be there to receive the power of the Spirit. We have all been baptized into the body of Christ. As members of the body, we proclaim that Jesus, not any human power, is Lord. This is a real challenge in a world that holds up wealth and comfort, fame and power as idols to be worshiped. The Spirit has come to us not through a mighty wind or the breath of the Risen Lord, but through the waters of baptism and the oils of anointing. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit. What is it for you?

Veni Sancte Spiritus Come Holy Spirit



*Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of thy faithful
and kindle in them the fire of thy love.
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.
And thou shall renew the face of the earth.*

*O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit,
did instruct the hearts of the faithful,
grant that by the same Holy Spirit
we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolation,
Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.*

Vacation Bible School at St. Joseph’s July 11-15, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.



This year’s theme is **Barnyard Roundup**. The program is open to young people of our community, age 4 through Fourth Grade. The fee for the VBS students will be \$10 per child to help cover the cost of craft

materials, T-shirts and other incidentals. The program is subsidized by St. Joseph’s and supported by parish societies. *Praha Parish youth are invited to come, experience the farm-tastic fun where kids learn that Jesus is better than a BFF! He is there Savior, he knows them by name, rounds them up and brings them home. He is with us always and forever no matter what.*

To register contact the Parish Office in Moulton (361-596-4674). Registration deadline is June 13th.

Pentecost is the celebration of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Church. The Paschal candle, which has been prominent in Church by the ambo since Holy Saturday, will now stand by the baptismal font.

After the intensity of Lent, Triduum and Easter, we return to Ordinary Time. We begin the Ordinary Time liturgies by celebrating the Feast of the Holy Trinity next Sunday.

Everyday Pentecost

The Church views the mystery of salvation in its entirety. As the fifty days of celebrating Christ’s Resurrection comes to a close today, Easter is fulfilled when Jesus breathed on his disciples and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit” in the first light of dawn “on the first day of the week.” This is the story of God’s re-creation, of God’s establishing a new spiritual order through Jesus Christ.

The Pentecost is not simply a commemoration of a past event. It is the celebration of a mystery which happened once and for all time, but which also unfolds throughout time. It proclaims the permanence of the Holy Spirit. How else were the disciples to have the power to carry on Jesus’ mission in the world? This ministry could only be carried out in and through the Spirit. This Spirit continues to build the Body of Christ, of which we become members by baptism and the Eucharist. Pentecost, then, is not merely a feast we celebrate in red vestments at Mass.

Has the face of the earth been renewed? The Spirit has been poured forth and it works wonders wherever human hearts are open to its promptings. The earth is renewed, each time human distinctions are recognized as merely human expressions of diversity, peace is restored and forgiveness is granted. We are immersed in the vigor of the Spirit of God; all we do is to open ourselves to it and the Kingdom of God is born in our midst.

Praha Picnic

MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 2016

Picnic Update

Picnic Raffle donations are coming in. To make a donation contact Thomas Petru (512-751-6191) and Liz Janak (361-596-8206) or the Parish Office (361-596-4674).

Bands For Picnic: Jason Bartos has secured the bands for the Picnic.

Ennis Czech Boys – 11 a.m. - 1p.m. and 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Praha Bros. – 1 p.m.- 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

The All Around Czech – 7 p.m.-10 p.m.

Picnic Chairpersons letters will be mailed soon.