

COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 05/24 (Solemnity of Pentecost) Solemn **Holy Mass** at 10am. Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary at the "Shrine of Mary" - outside (if weather permits). Coffee hour (fellowship hour) in the church hall. *Mass Intention: For + RENA GERVAIS.*
- 05/31 (Solemnity of the Holy Trinity) **Holy Mass** at 10am. Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary at the "Shrine of Mary" - outside (if weather permits). Coffee hour (fellowship hour) in the church hall. *No Mass Intention so far!*
- 06/04 (Thursday - Solemnity of Corpus Christi) **Holy Mass with Eucharistic Procession** in Plaintsville, CT at 6pm with a repast to follow for all who wish to stay after the service. Let Fr. Adam know if you plan to attend.

- **Mass Intentions Announcement:** If you have a particular date in mind for a Mass Intention, please be sure to book it in advance, as we are able to schedule only one intention per Sunday. At this time, the first available Sunday with no intention is May 31, 2026. Please contact the parish office to reserve your date.

CHURCH MEMBERS

- Upcoming birthdays & anniversaries: TIMOTHY & CORI WROBEL (05/29). Happy anniversary! Happy birthday!

If you have any information for the „Church News Column“, please inform Fr. Adam by email or phone no later than Friday afternoon.

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May 24, 2026

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PARISH BULLETIN

PENTECOST SUNDAY

MASS INTENTION

For + RENA GERVAIS (req. by Linda & family)

INTROIT

C: 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.

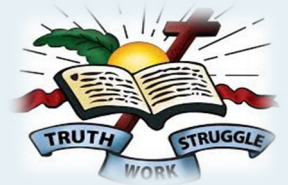
C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

R: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.



HOLY MASS

10.00 am



MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like to have a Mass said for a particular intention, you must stop by the Parish Office or the sacristy in the Church before/after Sunday mass. Masses can be said for a deceased person or as a special intention for the living. You may reserve a Sunday of your choice, and your intention will be published in the parish bulletin.

We encourage you to offer a Mass on the occasion of a birthday, anniversary or special personal (family) need.

READING 1

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven staying in Jerusalem. At this sound, they gathered in a large crowd, but they were confused because

ACTS 2:1-11

each one heard them speaking in his own language. They were astounded, and in amazement they asked, "Are not all these people who are speaking Galileans? Then how does each of us hear them in his native language? We are Parthians, Medes, and Elamites, inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya near Cyrene, as well as travelers from Rome, both Jews and converts to Judaism, Cretans and Arabs, yet we hear them speaking in our own tongues of the mighty acts of God."

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

GOSPEL

JN 20:19-23

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory be to You, Lord.

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."

The Gospel of the Lord. *Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 104

„Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.“

READING 2

A reading from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

Brothers and sisters:
No one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit. There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.

1 COR 12:3B-7, 12-13

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. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Pentecost Sunday celebrates the great gift of the Holy Spirit poured out upon the Church. In today's Gospel from the Gospel of John, the disciples are gathered behind locked doors, fearful and uncertain after the death of Jesus. Into that fear and confusion, the Risen Christ suddenly comes and stands among them with the words: "Peace be with you." He does not rebuke them for their weakness or abandonment. Instead, He brings peace, reassurance, and mission. Then He breathes upon them and says, "Receive the Holy Spirit." Just as God breathed life into Adam at creation, Christ now breathes new spiritual life into His disciples, empowering them to continue His work in the world. Pentecost reminds us that the Church was not built on human strength or courage, but on the transforming power of the Holy Spirit.

Today, we, the faithful of St. John's Church, are reminded that the same Holy Spirit is alive and active among us. The Spirit still enters locked hearts, brings peace to anxious souls, strengthens families, renews parishes, and calls ordinary people to become witnesses of Christ. In a world often filled with fear, division, and uncertainty, we are called to be people of Pentecost - people who carry peace, forgiveness, faith, and hope to others. The Holy Spirit does not only comfort us; He also sends us out. As Jesus told His disciples, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." May we open our hearts more fully to the Holy Spirit, allowing Him to guide our parish, our families, and our daily lives so that through us, others may encounter the living presence of Christ.