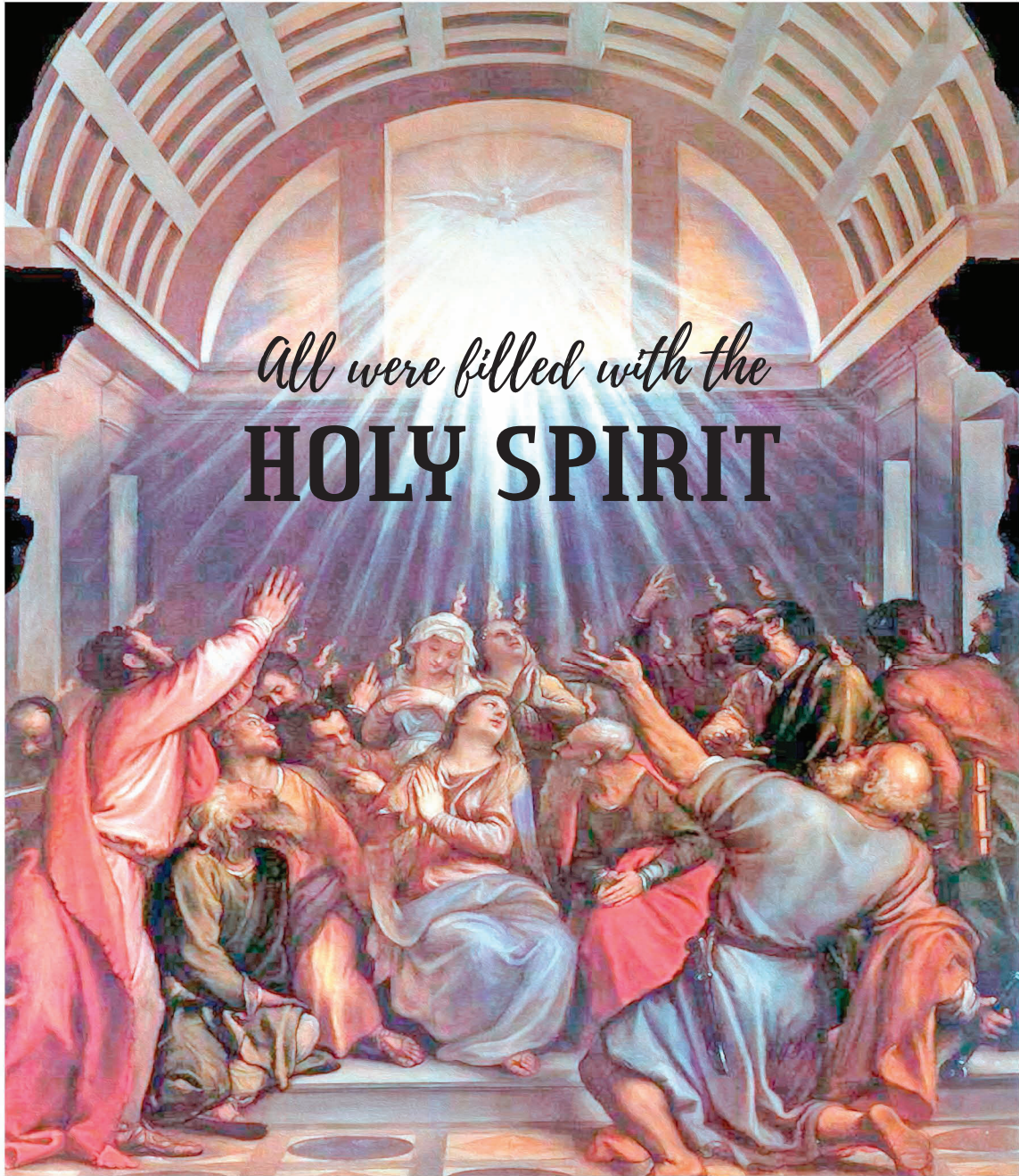


PENTECOST



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May 28, 2023

CHOIR

We are fortunate enough to have a Parish Choir that has a full multi-lingual repertoire; English, Polish and Spanish. The Choir rehearses on Thursday at 7:30 PM. Instrumentalists are welcomed, either to play solo or with our choir. A parish orchestra made up of children and adults rehearses and performs several times during the year. If you are interested in joining or for more information or just to volunteer, contact the office at (908) 756-3393.

PARISH REGISTRATION

New parishioners are most welcome and are encouraged to call the parish office and make an appointment to register. When you are moving from the parish, please notify the parish office.

SPONSOR CERTIFICATES

Call the Office during regular hours.

STEWARDSHIP AND TITHING

Stewardship calls us to freely give of our time, talent, and treasure for the good of our parish family and community. God gives us everything! I give Him back my tithe. Tithing is God's plan to support His Church. Full tithing means 10% of gross income to God – 5% for your parish church and 5 % for other charities.

VOCATIONS

Those who are recognizing the call to the priesthood, diaconate, or the religious life are invited to speak to a priest or contact the Archdiocesan Vocations Office at 973-497-4365, or at www.rcan.org/vocation/index.htm

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Mass Intentions

Saturday – May 27...St. Augustine

9:00AM...+ Robert Richardson, req. Macknowsky Family
5:00PM...+ Peter Price, req. Bob and Mary Ellen Chanda

Sunday – May 28...Pentecost Sunday

(Birthday of the Church)

9:00AM... + Ruth and Jack Dwyer, req. Family
11:00AM...+ Anna Gracka (30th Anniversary) , req. Mother
1:00PM....+ Veronica King,
req. Cheryl Russell and Camille Sands

Monday – May 29...Blessed Virgin Mary **Mother of the Church**

9:00AM...+ Janet Fioravanti, req. Pat Whipkey

Tuesday – May 30... Easter Weekday

9:00AM...+ William Garner, req. Mike and Frankie Parise

Wednesday – May 31... The Visitation **of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

9:00AM...+ In Honor of Our Blessed Mother

Thursday – June 1... St. Justin

9:00AM... + Lillian Albecker, req. Johanna Merkle

Friday – June 2... St. Marcellinus and St. Peter

9:00AM...+ Rev. Al Carney, req. Johanna Merkle
7:00PM... (Pol.) + Maria Sipos, req. Olga Skolka

Saturday – June 3...St. Charles Lwanga

9:00AM...+ Marie Komorowski, req. Linda Scheidemann
5:00PM...+ Vincent Tramontano, Jr., req. Morano Family

Sunday – June 4...Pentecost Sunday

(Birthday of the Church)

9:00AM... + Albert Carella, req. Kathy Merklinger
11:00AM...+ Krystyna and Roman Kucinski,
req. Daughter and Family
1:00PM....+ Dolores Bently, req. Family

The Tabernacle Candle will burn during **the month of May** for **Rosita Imperial at the request of the Wong Family.**

The Bread and Wine used at Mass for the month of **June is in memory of Jovita Imperial the request of the Wong Family.**

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED for those whose health is challenged in any way especially **Ray Van Haute, Lisa Motos, Nancy Toth, Yvonne Thomas and Gloria DeMatteo.**

OUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED for all the **Faithful Departed.**

PENTECOST SUNDAY

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11

On the feast of Pentecost, the disciples were gathered together when suddenly tongues of fire rested upon them, and they were filled with the Holy Spirit. They began to speak in many tongues; those who heard them were filled with amazement.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

Paul tells the Corinthians that each possesses different gifts and performs different ministries, but each works for the common good in Christ Jesus.

Gospel: Jn 20:19-23

Jesus appears to the apostles after his resurrection and bestows upon them the power to forgive sins.

Please Pray for our Parishioners in the Military

SSG Katarzyna Czajka, US Army

Ryan Percy, USN

Declan Cassidy, US Army

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SACRAMENTS

Baptism

Contact Rectory for appointment.

Reconciliation

After all daily Masses and Saturday,
4:30m to 5:00pm, or by appointment.

Marriage

Arrangements should be made one year in
advance. Contact Office for
appointment.

Anointing of the Sick

Contact Office for appointment for
home bound or infirmed.

How to Report Abuse

Archdiocese takes very seriously any and all allegations of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, Religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform us so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse. Call the Archdiocesan Office of Youth Protection at 201-407-3256.

The 2023 Annual Appeal is underway!

We have **\$24,215** already pledged. This is approximately **80%** of our goal of **\$30,242**. We are still missing **\$6,027**

The outpouring of support from many parishioners like you helps sustain the important ministries across the Archdiocese of Newark. These programs help to make our own parish a more vibrant place of worship.

If you have yet to give, please pick up a pledge envelope at the back of the church or visit www.rcan.org/sharing.

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Mass Schedule:

Monday - Saturday

9:00 AM

Saturday: 5:00 PM Mass

In English

Sunday: 9:00 AM Mass

In English

11:00 AM Mass in Polish

1:00 PM in English

Office Hours:

Monday – Friday

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Polskie Duszpasterstwo w Parafii św. Bernarda i św. Stanisława Kostki



Uroczystość Zesłania Ducha Świętego

W końcowym zdaniu usłyszanej przez nas Ewangelii Jezus mówi do uczniów: „Duch Święty, którego Ojciec pośle w moim imieniu, On was wszystkiego nauczy i przypomni wam wszystko, co Ja wam powiedziałem”. Uderza nas to „wszystkiego”, i to „wszystko”. Pytamy się: w jakim sensie Duch Święty daje tym, którzy Go przyjmują, to nowe i pełne zrozumienie? Nie chodzi tu o ilość, nie jest to kwestia akademicka: Bóg nie chce uczynić z nas encyklopedii ani uczonych. Nie. Jest to kwestia jakości, perspektywy, nosa. Duch Święty sprawia, że widzimy wszystko w nowy sposób, według spojrzenia Jezusa. Wyraziłbym to tak: w wielkiej wędrówce życia On nas uczy, od czego wyjść, jakimi drogami podążać i jak iść. Istnieje Duch Święty, który mówi nam skąd wyruszyć, jaką drogę obrać i jak podążać, wskazuje nam styl pielgrzymowania.

Jezus mówi o tym w dzisiejszym pierwszym wersecie, gdzie stwierdza: „Jeżeli Mnie miłujecie, będziecie zachowywać moje przykazania” (w. 15). Jeśli mnie miłujecie, będziecie zachowywać: oto logika Ducha. Często myślimy odwrotnie: jeśli zachowujemy przykazania, miłujemy. Przyzwyczailiśmy się myśleć, że miłość wynika zasadniczo z naszego przestrzegania przykazań, naszych umiejętności i naszej pobożności. Duch Święty przypomina nam natomiast, że bez miłości u podstaw, wszystko pozostałe jest daremne. I że ta miłość rodzi się nie tyle z naszych zdolności, ale jest Jego darem. On nas uczy miłowania i winniśmy prosić o ta miłość jest Jego darem. To Duch miłości wlewa w nas miłość, to On sprawia, że czujemy się miłowani i uczy nas kochać.

On sam nam to przypomina, ponieważ jest pamięcią Boga, jest Tym, który przypomina nam wszystkie słowa Jezusa. To Duch Święty jest pamięcią aktywną, która zapala i rozpala na nowo w sercu miłość Boga. Doświadczaliśmy Jego obecności w przebaczeniu grzechów, gdy zostaliśmy napełnieni Jego pokojem, Jego wolnością i Jego pocieszeniem. Istotne jest podtrzymywać duchową pamięć. Zawsze pamiętamy o tym, co się nie udaje: często rozbrzmiewa w nas głos, przypominający nam porażki i niedoskonałości, który nam mówi: „Zobacz, kolejny upadek, kolejne rozczarowanie, nigdy ci się nie uda, nie potrafisz”. To refren okropny i zły. Duch Święty natomiast przypomina

nam o czymś zupełnie innym: „Upadłeś, ale jesteś synem, Upadłeś, czy upadłaś? Jesteś córką Boga, jesteś stworzeniem jedynym, wybranym, cennym: upadłeś czy upadłaś, ale jesteś zawsze kochanym i kochaną: nawet jeśli straciłeś zaufanie do siebie, Bóg ufa ci!”. To jest pamięć Ducha, to, o czym Duch nieustannie nam przypomina: Bóg o tobie pamięta.

Duch Święty oprócz przypominania nam o punkcie wyjścia, uczy nas także, jakimi drogami podążać. Przypomina nam o punkcie wyjścia, ale teraz uczy nas, jaką drogę obrać. Dowiadujemy się tego z drugiego czytania, gdzie św. Paweł wyjaśnia, że ci, „których prowadzi Duch Boży”, „nie postępują według ciała, lecz według Ducha”. Innymi słowy, Duch Święty, w obliczu rozdroży życiowych podpowiada najlepszą drogę do wzięcia. Dlatego ważne jest, aby umieć odróżnić Jego głos od głosu złego ducha.

Bracia i siostry, stańmy w szkole Ducha Świętego, aby On nas wszystkiego nauczył. Wzywajmy Go każdego dnia, aby przypominał nam zaczynać zawsze od spojrzenia Boga na nas, w naszych wyborach kierować się słuchaniem Jego głosu, że idziemy razem, jako Kościół, ulegli Jemu i otwarci na świat. Niech się tak stanie.

Franciszek, 5 czerwca 2022

Szkoła Polska Doksztalająca

Zajęcia w Polskiej Szkole działającej przy naszej Parafii odbywają się w każdy poniedziałek w okresie roku szkolnego od godz. 5:30 do 8:00PM.

Kontakt:

polskaszkolaplainfield@outlook.com
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Tel. 732-266-4310

PIERWSZY PIĄTEK MIESIĄCA

2 CZERWCA 2023

O godzinie 7PM zapraszamy na naszą pierwszą piątkową mszę św.

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3 CZERWCA 2023

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WORD

STEWARDSHIP “To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.” (1 CORINTHIANS 12:7)

Cardinal Joseph Tobin, CSs. R.

To receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit you must open your heart and invite Him in! Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your thoughts, words and actions every day! Be grateful for all the gifts God has given you! Regardless of our individual circumstances, God has given us many blessings. What we do with those gifts is our gift back to God. By generously sharing everything we have and everything we are, we become more “God-centered” and less “self-centered” and our lives truly reflect God’s light, love and mercy.



WORSHIP

ROSARY DEVOTION

The Rosary is prayed on a regular basis every day before the 9:00AM Mass, and will also be prayed during the Month of May on Tuesdays at 1PM in Church.

The Living Rosary will be prayed Tuesday, May 30, at 7:00PM in any language you prefer. Please call the office to let us know what language you are requesting.

The Blessed Sacrament is exposed after the Mass on Thursdays followed by **Benediction at 11:00AM.**

Rosary “pot luck dinner” is Thursday, June 8th at 6:00PM in the Parish Commons.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

We are still in need of a few more Eucharistic Ministers (EM’s) for the 5:00PM Saturday and 1:00PM Sunday Masses. If you are an EM and would be able to help out occasionally at these Masses, or if you are interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister, please contact Bill Shlala at wgshlala@gmail.com or call (908) 755-8560.



In Observance of Memorial Day, the Office will be closed on Monday May 29th

What, Me Holy?



RENEW INTERNATIONAL

In his exhortation *Rejoice and Be Glad* Pope Francis calls all Catholics to live a life of holiness.

But, what does holiness really mean? In his exhortation *Rejoice and Be Glad* Pope Francis calls all Catholics to live a life of holiness. But, what does holiness really mean? How do we answer that call in today’s world in our work and the day-to-day of our busy lives? Renowned author Chris Lowney helps unpack Pope Francis’ words, inviting us to re-examine our ideas about holiness and how we answer the call to live a holy life.

What “small stuff” are you doing well, and what stuff can you do, that will lead you closer to holiness? What everyday opportunities to take small steps toward greater holiness have come up in your life recently?

“Let us rethink our usual way of doing things; let us open our eyes and ears, and above all our hearts, so as not to be complacent about things as they are, but unsettled by the living and effective word of the risen Lord.” -Pope Francis *Rejoice and Be Glad*, 137

Our next session is Thursday, June 1st 6:00PM in the Parish Commons.



NEWARK ARCHDIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE
Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception
Washington, DC

Saturday, September 16, 2023

Once again after a rather long pandemic era, we will be going to the Basilica in Washington, DC. The cost will be approximately 30.00 pp. If you are interested in going, please contact the office for more information.

COMMUNITY BUILDING

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to help in the Parish.

Whatever time or day you can offer will be appreciated. **We need help with:**

Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Office Assistance, Religious Education Teachers, Class Assistants and Hall Monitors.

Please contact Fr. Marcin if you are interested or for further information on becoming a volunteer in the Parish.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



3'x5' American Flags for 15.00 will be available to purchase after every Mass this weekend.

If you have any old flags to dispose of, The Knights of Columbus is willing to dispose of it properly,

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The Knights of Columbus is open to all men of the parish. If you are interested in joining the Knights, please contact John Beckman at jabeckman111@gmail.com



BESTCHURCH SENIORS

The Seniors have only one more meeting for this season

June 15th at 12:30PM

in the Parish Commons.

Lunch will be provided, so bring your appetite!

Please call the office to let us know if you will be attending, in order to prepare adequately.

The Seniors will be taking a summer break. Our monthly meetings will resume in October.

If you are a senior or almost a senior why not consider joining the BestChurch Seniors?

Meetings are the third Thursday of the month except for January and February which is our winter break. Seniors get together for socialization, interesting programs, laughs and sharing, along with some tasty desserts. For more information contact Karole in the Parish Office.

YOUTH

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Re-registration materials will be forthcoming in June by e-mail. You may register online or by calling the office. Please make every effort to complete the forms as soon as possible so we can begin the process preparing for our first class in October. New registrations can also be found online, or call the office for more information. If you have any questions, please contact Iveth Parada at:

BESTRELIGIOUSED@gmail.com

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FINANCE



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Faith Giving for St. Bernard and St. Stanislaus

Collection for May 21

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Total for May 21....\$ 3,834.00

Calendar of Events

SUNDAYS:

May 28...Pentecost Sunday
The Birthday of the Church

9:00AM.... Mass in English

11:00AM..Mass in Polish

1:00PM.....Mass in English

June 4...The Most Holy Trinity

9:00AM.... Mass in English

11:00AM..Mass in Polish

1:00PM.....Mass in English

**June 11...The Most Holy Body
and Blood of Christ - Corpus Christi**

9:00AM.... Mass in English

11:00AM..Mass in Polish

1:00PM.....Mass in English

MONDAYS:

TUESDAYS:

May 23, 30

1:00PM...Rosary prayed in Church

May 30

7:00PM...Living Rosary

WEDNESDAYS:

THURSDAYS:

June 1, (Last Class)

6:00PM...Renew International

What, Me Holy? Continues

FRIDAYS:

June 2

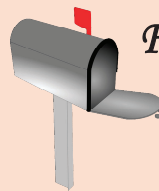
7:00PM...(Pol.) First Friday Mass

SATURDAYS:

May 27; June 3, 10, 17, 24

4:30PM...Confession

5:00PM...Mass



From the Desk of Fr. Marcin

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

Today is the Solemnity of Pentecost, when we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the disciples and their sharing of the Good News of Jesus Christ with the world. This day is acknowledged as the birth of the Church, since it is the day when the frightened and confused disciples emerged from the upper room, boldly proclaiming the mighty acts of God through the crucified and Risen Lord.

A miracle of languages takes place when the Holy Spirit descends on the church. The real miracle is the birth of the church. Disciples who were afraid, in hiding and doubting, received the Spirit of the Risen Lord, the Holy Spirit. The Spirit moved the disciples to go out announcing the Good News without fear and with boldness.

We come to the end of Easter Season, but we are beginning the new life that is given to us through the mission of the church. The church is the place where we are able to receive the Word of God, his sacraments, and the life that comes through the Holy Spirit. In the same way as the disciples gathered in the upper room, we are waiting for the same gift of the Holy Spirit that may transform our lives.

In Christ,

Fr. Marcin Fuks

Phone: 908 756 3393 ext. 33

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available on a regular basis on Saturdays at 4:30PM and on Sunday mornings after Masses as well as after weekday Masses simply by requesting a celebration of the sacrament.

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