

# St. Francis of Assisi Parish

May 20, 2018



## PENTECOST SUNDAY

"But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth. He will not speak on his own, but he will speak what he hears, and will declare to you the things that are coming." - Jn 16:13

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### Liturgical Celebrations

Saturday Vigil: 4 p.m.  
Sundays: 8, 9:30 & 11 a.m.  
Monday – Thursday: 9 a.m.  
Civic Holidays: 9 a.m. only

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### Parish Staff

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270 Ocean Grove Avenue  
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Office hours: 9:30 a.m. — 4 p.m. or by appointment



**Parish Mission Statement:** In the spirit of our patron, St. Francis of Assisi, we dedicate ourselves as living stones to building our parish family with Christ as our foundation. Enlivened by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves by sharing God's transforming love with our families, our community and our world.

### Sacraments:

**Baptism:** Arrangements must be made in advance. Please call the Parish Office to arrange a date and supply pertinent information. Individual Baptismal preparation is required.

**Sponsors:** must receive from their respective Catholic pastors a "sponsor certificate," which is the signed word of one priest to another that the proposed godparent is a Confirmed, fully-practicing Catholic who is qualified to be a godparent by living in harmony with our faith.

**Reconciliation:** Saturday from 3:15PM to 3:40PM or call the rectory for an appointment.

**First Eucharist & Confirmation:** Preparation – two years prior to receiving each Sacrament is mandatory as a registered student in the Faith Formation Program.

**Matrimony:** Couples are asked to consult with our priest at least six months in advance of the intended date to allow time for marriage preparation, including the Diocesan Program.

**Ministry to the Sick:** Please notify us if someone you know is homebound and would like to be added to our Communion call list, or would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick.

**Low gluten hosts available:** Please let us know before Mass if you have a need to receive this type of host.

### WELCOME

If you are a new parishioner please introduce yourself to the pastor after Mass and call the parish office to register. Attend our monthly coffee & donut social to meet your new parish family. We are so pleased you're here!

### Saint Francis of Assisi Memorial Fund

In making funeral arrangements, you may wish to consider enrolling the deceased in the Saint Francis of Assisi Memorial Fund. Relatives and friends who donate to the fund in memory of the deceased receive a thank you card from the parish, and another card is sent notifying the bereaved of the gift. The gifts are charitable contributions and may be a supplement or a substitute for flowers. Those whose names are enrolled in the Saint Francis of Assisi Memorial Fund are remembered in the Masses and prayers of the parish. A special Mass is celebrated once a year for all the souls enrolled. All the monies of this Fund are used to purchase materials needed to make our church more inspiring and beautiful for community prayer and celebrations of the sacraments.

Thank you for considering this beautiful tribute.

## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Sat., May 19 - Pentecost**

**4:00 p.m. Robert Turcotte** by Joe & Diane Gauvin

**Sun., May 20 - Pentecost**

**8:00 a.m. Elena Colucciello, Consolata Colucciello & Angelo Colucciello** by family

**9:30 a.m. John Reis** by children, grandchildren and Ellie

**11:00 a.m. Deceased loved ones of the First Holy Communion children and their families.**

**Mon., May 21 - St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest & Companion Martyrs**

**9:00 a.m.**

**Tues., May 22 - St. Rita of Cascia, Religious**

**9:00 a.m. Virginia E. Harrington** by Margaret Kolakowski

**Wed., May 23**

**9:00 a.m. Joseph & Jean Ciryak**

**Thurs., May 24**

**9:00 a.m.**

**Sat., May 26 - The Feast of the Most Holy Trinity**

**4:00 p.m. George & Irene Fairhurst** by family

**Sun., May 27 - The Feast of the Most Holy Trinity**

**8:00 a.m. Biagio Del Toro** by family

**9:30 a.m.**

**11:00 a.m. Conrad P. Fortier** by Mary Callahan

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK  
 "Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth!"  
 We only know that the wind exists because of what it does. A gentle breeze felt on our face or watching a tree swaying or swirling snowflakes all prove the existence of "something" causing these things to happen. But, apart from its effects, we cannot see the origin or substance of wind. The Holy Spirit is the wind of God. Watching an early Church emerge, people coming to believe, disciples of Jesus change the way they live and conduct their affairs-all give witness to the presence of the Holy Spirit. Observing the courage and conviction of those who have found faith, working for justice, feeding the poor, seeing how wounds are healed-all point to something greater than ourselves working and living among us. How do our lives give witness to the Spirit?



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## In Loving Memory

**Our memorial candles burn in May in remembrance of:**

**Sanctuary Lamp:**  
Chad Gray by family

**Altar Candles:**  
Richard Michael Dantino  
by wife

**Tabernacle Candles:**  
George & Irene Fairhurst  
by family

**Crucifix Candles:**  
Vincent & Stella Penkala  
by daughter



## Parish Support

**Collected May 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>**

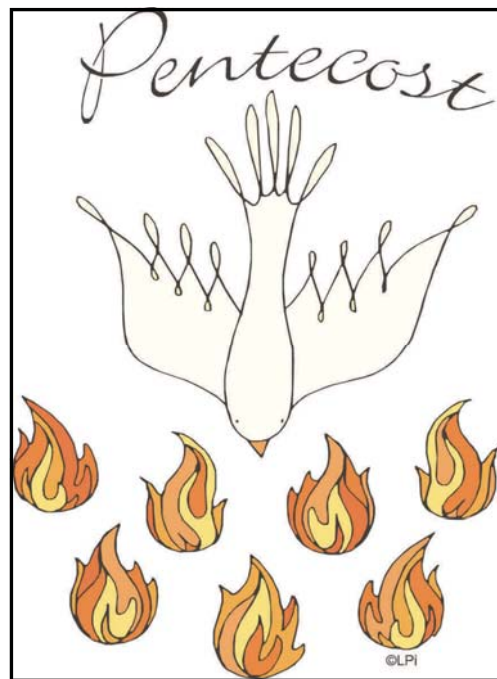
**Budget: \$3,427.00**  
**Diocesan Assessment: \$1,199.00**

**Collected for Ascension Thursday: \$500.00**

**Roses: \$.385.00**

*Next weekend, May 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> the second collection is for the repairs and restoration fund..*

*Thank You*



**GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

May 20, 2018 Pentecost Sunday

Today we celebrate the "birthday of the Church!" Pentecost is described in the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles. But before the great driving wind and tongues of fire empowering the Disciples, the Holy Spirit had already arrived. The Gospel for today's Mass during the day is from John 20. Jesus appears to the fearful disciples after his resurrection. He first speaks a message of calm. "Peace be with you." The apostles "rejoiced when they saw the Lord." When the enthusiastic response settles down, Jesus "breathed on them and said to them 'Receive the Holy Spirit.'"

This action is Trinitarian, and it has happened before. If you turn your Bible back to the beginning, you'll read: "The Lord God formed man out of the clay of the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life, and so many became a living being" (Genesis 2:7). In the Garden of Eden, we see God's first, original covenant with man. The breath of life signifies that original indwelling of grace, the special state of likeness and friendship with God before the Fall. Here now, in this locked room, the Apostles receive the long-awaited promise: the very breath of God, new life, a new covenant.

In the pairing of these two readings-the Pentecost experience in Acts and the breath of Jesus in John's Gospel -we see that the coming of the Holy Spirit is not only an empowering, it is an indwelling. We have each received the breath

of grace in our baptism. It is confirmed, strengthened, and deepened in each reception of the sacraments. If we persevere in virtue, the Spirit of God is alive in us, inspiring our actions of love. This Pentecost Sunday, how is the breath of God alive in you?

**There is no such thing as a gift too small!** Every contribution to the Catholic Charities Appeal is greatly appreciated and is an affirmation of the programs that concretely express the belief in the inherent value of every human life and the dignity of every individual.

Please give as generously as you can to the 2018 Catholic Charities Appeal! Tens of thousands of people in southeastern Massachusetts, Cape Cod, and the Islands are ministered to by programs supported by the Appeal. 94 cents of every dollar donated goes directly to the agencies and apostolates funded by the Annual Appeal.



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**Thank you to all who have responded so far!**







### May God Bless our First Communicants!

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| Elijah Adao     | Dylan Morris       |
| Ciera Araujo    | Valentina Naumenko |
| Trevor Candido  | Khloe Ponte        |
| Adam Correia    | Gavin Sale         |
| Adrian Dantino  | Austin Silva       |
| Matthew DeCoste | Aubrey Tekippe     |
| Marissa Lema    | Samantha Wajda     |



2017-2018  
Catechists



These members of our St. Francis community deserve so much thanks! These are OUR catechists, who tirelessly devote themselves to educating our young parishioners. Their commitment is beyond measure! Make it your business to THANK THEM!  
 Grade 1: Sue & Barry Borden and Sarah Cabral. Grade 2: Karen LaCroix, Justin La Croix and Suzanne Correia. Grade 3: Kelly Plante and Annette Silva. Grade 4: Mary Anne Tuttle and Tyler Clark. Grade 5: Ann Keshura and Gilda Oliveira. Grade 6: Kathy Sullivan and Meg Sullivan. Grade 7: Al Sardinha.