

Pentecost Sunday *May 15, 2016*



Come, Holy Spirit, Come!

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OUR LADY OF VICTORY PARISH OFFICE

Monday-Friday: 8:30am-5:00pm

ST. ANDREW'S PARISH OFFICE

Monday-Friday: 9:00am-5:00pm

**The Catholic Faith Community
of
Our Lady of Victory
and the
Church of St. Andrew**
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OUR LADY OF VICTORY

MASSES

Saturday for Sunday obligation: 5:15pm

Sunday: 7:30, 10:00am, 12:15pm

Mon. - Fri.: 7:15, 8:00am

12:15, 1:05 (lower Chapel), 5:15pm

Saturday & Holidays: 7:30am

Holy Day Vigil: 4:30, 5:15pm

Holy Days: 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 11:30am

12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 4:30, 5:15pm

CONFESSIONS

**Mon. - Fri.: 8:00-8:30am, 12:45-1:30pm,
5:00-5:30pm**

DEVOTIONS

SERVICES: Each day at 12:45pm

Monday: Miraculous Medal

Tuesday: St. Anthony

Wednesday: St. Jude

Thursday: The Holy Spirit

Friday: The Rosary

1st Friday: Sacred Heart Novena

Fridays of Lent: Stations of the Cross

ALL DEVOTIONS FOLLOWED BY:

**Benediction & Exposition of the Most Blessed
Sacrament until 5:00pm.**

BAPTISMS Sundays 1:00pm

ST. ANDREW'S

MASSES

Sunday: 12:00pm, 5:00pm

Mon. - Fri.: 12:10pm, 1:05pm

CONFESSIONS

15 minutes after each Mass

DEVOTIONS

Rosary and Devotions after the noon weekday Masses

PARISH ACTIVITIES

**Monday: 5:45pm – Legion of Mary
(Our Lady of Victory)**

**4th Friday: 5:45pm – Patrician Catholic Discussion
Group (Our Lady of Victory)**

As Announced: FiDi Catholic Young Adults

THE SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST

MAY 15, 2016



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How do we celebrate Pentecost? Does the celebration of the Holy Eucharist today and perhaps with much focus and emphasis on the liturgy of the word suffice to say that we “celebrate” Pentecost? The Gospel today gives us vivid account how the Holy Spirit comes about. It is of this coming of the Holy Spirit that the Church solely based the celebration of the Feast of Pentecost.

Liturgically we can say that “YES” we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost today. We remember the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and recognize God’s loving care by giving the Church the Spirit of truth as its sanctifier and guide. But a big fat “NO” if we fail to recognize the gifts given to the Apostles that propels them to go as God’s instrument of salvation and become sharers of the Good News set forth in their mouth (gift of tongues) by the Spirit of truth.

In the second reading today, St. Paul clearly explains that the Holy Spirit gives each individual gifts for its benefit and collectively as the one community shares these gifts to perpetually form as one body in Christ fit to live the divine life. The indwelling of the Holy Spirit/Pentecost can also be celebrated then every day in our lives as long as we consciously recognize the gifts and share them with one another.

We are all vessels of God’s goodness. For the Holy Scripture testifies that when God created the world, everything flowed from his goodness. Therefore, goodness must reflect in how we live our lives. Share the gifts that God has given you. It is only in this way that we can truly say we celebrate Pentecost in our lives.

Come O Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of thy faithful and continue to lead, guide and sanctify our lives. Amen

Father Teodoro A. Cortezano



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With your gift in 2016, we can touch even more. Our Parish will now receive a share of all new gifts for the our Parish use. Please consider a gift today.

Our Lady of Victory Goal \$41,000.
Gifts & Pledges to Date:
\$40,176.

Sacrificial Giving

“How shall I make a return to the Lord for all the good He has done for me?”
(Psalm 116:12)

Our Lady of Victory

Sunday, May 8th: \$1,394.
Last Year: \$1,432.

Week of May 2nd: **\$1,456.
Last Year: \$1,512.

**Week of Ascension Thursday.
Ascension Thursday is a Special Collection

ParishPay: (add to Sunday May 8th)
\$1,320.

Church of St. Andrew
Sunday, May 8th: \$412.





Memorials
For The Week
SAINT ANDREW 'S

Bread & Wine
In Memory of
Marie Alice Bourdeau
OUR LADY OF VICTORY
Church Sanctuary Lamp
In Memory of
Bartone & Parisi Families

FATHER'S DAY MASS CARDS AND ENVELOPES

Father's Day Mass Cards and envelopes are available throughout the Church.

Beginning on Father's Day, Our Lady of Victory Parish has scheduled a Novena of Masses at different times each day for the intentions of our fathers, step-fathers, grandfathers, and anyone we wish to remember this Father's Day. Envelopes may be placed in the white boxes specially marked "Father's Day Novena" or placed in the offering basket.



CONFIRMATION CLASSES COMING THIS FALL

This coming Fall we will be hosting in cooperation with the Archdiocese of New York Catechetical Office and the

Cluster of Lower Manhattan Parishes Confirmation Classes for those Adults who never made the Sacrament of Confirmation. There will be approximately nine classes on Tuesday evening at Our Lady of Victory and Confirmation will be celebrated on Tuesday evening November 22nd. If interested please call the Parish Office.

ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

On Saturday, May 29, 2016 Cardinal Dolan will Ordain eight men to the Priesthood in Saint Patrick's Cathedral. Congratulations and God Bless our new priests.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)



RCIA - You have seen these initials or heard them, and I would bet many of you do not know what they stand for. They are an outcome of the Second Vatican Council and they stand for: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.

The Vatican Council set in motion a great movement of Reform and Renewal which has been going on ever since it closed in 1965. Much of this has been in the area of Liturgy. Step by step ever since 1965 the Liturgy of the Mass and of the Sacraments has been restored to the beauty it had in the early days of the Church, with of course adaptation to modern times.

RCIA is the restoration (with appropriate adaptation) of the ancient way in which converts came into the Church. They did not become Catholics simply by taking individual instruction from a priest and being privately baptized when they finished their instruction. They went through what was called the catechumenate, a somewhat lengthy formal process which introduced them, as a group, to the community of the Church. They received not simply information but formation. They were formed by the Church they were joining and they were integrated into the community of believers and made to feel welcome by them.

The Catechumenate had stages which were spaced out over the year. RCIA has restored the Catechumenate and has established four stages through which converts should pass on their way to becoming full-fledged Catholics.

This is to be done publicly, in the full view of the parish community. All in the parish are asked to pray for the new converts, to welcome them warmly and to rejoice in the enrichment which these new members bring to the parish and to the entire Catholic Church by their conversion.

RCIA (the Rite (or method) of the Christian Initiation of Adults) is now the method by which converts are to be prepared and received in every Parish.

The Church hopes that this instrumentality will contribute greatly to Parish Life, will make us all aware of how open and welcoming we all should be to those whom the grace of God attracts to the Church, and will make those who enter the Church feel very much at home in their new-found faith.

We have been working as a Parish very close with the Parish of Saint Peter and Our Lady of the Rosary and more information will shortly be available on RCIA.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Jas 3:13-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 9:14-29
- Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10; Ps 55:7-11a, 23; Mk 9:30-37
- Wednesday: Jas 4:13-17; Ps 49:2-3, 6-11; Mk 9:38-40
- Thursday: Jas 5:1-6; Ps 49:14-20; Mk 9:41-50
- Friday: Jas 5:9-12; Ps 103:1-4, 8-9, 11-12; Mk 10:1-12
- Saturday: Jas 5:13-20; Ps 141:1-3, 8; Mk 10:13-16
- Sunday: Prv 8:22-31; Ps 8:4-9; Rom 5:1-5; Jn 16:12-15

A PRAYER TO THE SPIRIT

Spirit of Jesus,
poured out in flames of fire upon your disciples
on the day of Pentecost, we pray to you:
Set afire the hearts of your faithful
so that they will announce
in all the languages of the world
the wonders of the salvation of God.

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