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PENTECOST SUNDAY

By the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost, Christ's Paschal Mystery was brought to its completion. The Holy Spirit prepares us with his grace in order to draw us to Christ. He manifests the risen Lord to us, opening our minds. He makes present the mystery of Christ. And he reconciles us, bringing us into communion with God. Saint Thomas Aquinas says that the Holy Spirit interiorly perfects our spirit, communicating to it a new dynamism so that it refrains from evil for love. With the Holy Spirit within us, "it is quite natural for people who had been absorbed by the things of this world to become entirely other-worldly in outlook, and for cowards to become people of great courage" (Saint Cyril of Alexandria).

PASTOR:
Rev. Peter M. Colapietro

ASSOCIATES:
Rev. Joe A. Francis
Rev. Joby Mathew

IN SUNDAY SERVICE:
Rev. Richard Arold

ORGANIST & DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:
Mr. David Schaefer

CANTOR & LEADER OF SONG:
Mr. Joseph Neal

BAPTISMS & MARRIAGES:
By Appointment only.
Please contact a member of the parish staff well in advance.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:
5:00 PM on Saturdays
Anytime by appointment

COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND:
Anyone who cannot attend church because of illness or age, please contact the parish office, so that arrangements can be made to bring communion to you.

MASSES

Sundays: 7:30 AM; 9:00 AM; 10:30 AM & 12 NOON (Principal Liturgy & Choir)
Weekdays: 7:30 AM & 12 NOON
Saturdays: 12:00 PM & 5:30 PM (Vigil)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Our Annual Baby Shower will continue thru to the end of the month, May 31, 2015

Please bring a **NEW** unwrapped gift and place them at the altar of St. Joseph.

OFFICE HOURS

WEEKDAYS:
9:00 AM - 7:45 PM

SATURDAYS:
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

SUNDAYS:
10:30 AM - 2:30 PM

SPECIAL DEVOTIONS

Rosary
Weekdays after the Noon Mass and on Saturday after the 12:00 NOON mass

Holy Hour
First Friday of each month after the Noon Mass

Devotions
Miraculous Medal on Mondays after each Mass



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading—They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak in different tongues (Acts 2:1-11).

Pslam—Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth (Psalm 104).

Second Reading—There are different kinds of spiritual gift but the same Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13) *or Galatians 5:16-25*.

Gospel—As the Father has sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit (John 20: 19-23) *or John 15:26-27; 16:12-15*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23; Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Mk 10:32-45

Thursday: Sir 42:15-25; Ps 33:2-9; Mk 10:46-52

Friday: Sir 44:1, 9-13; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Mk 11:11-26

Saturday: Sir 51:12cd-20; Ps 19:8-11; Mk 11:27-33

Sunday: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40; Ps 33:4-6, 9, 18-20, 22; Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20

Remember your loved ones by dedicating in their honor this week's

Bread and Wine
dedicated in loving memory of
Maria Encarnacion Litrents
Requested by
Dr. Maria Litrenta

SATURDAY (MAY 23): EASTER WEEKDAY
5:30 PM Robert Burke

SUNDAY (MAY 24) : PENTECOST SUNDAY
7:30 AM Josephine and Vincent Napolitano
9:00 AM Mae and Rudolph Havelka
10:30 AM Emily and Joseph Coleman
12:00 NOON St Monica's Parishioners

MONDAY (MAY 25): MEMORIAL DAY!

12:00 NOON Nicholai Schreiber (living)

TUESDAY (MAY 26): EASTER WEEKDAY
7:30 AM Anne Spicer
12:00 NOON Christine Polydorou

WEDNESDAY (MAY 27): EASTER WEEKDAY
7:30 AM The Frazzetta Family
12:00 NOON Virginia Lubrano

THURSDAY (MAY 28): EASTER WEEKDAY
7:30 AM Alex Bujaki, Sr (2nd Anniv)
12:00 NOON Edward Fredo (8th Anniv)

FRIDAY (MAY 29): EASTER WEEKDAY
7:30 AM Hoka Mihaly (40th ann)
12:00 NOON Maria Encanacion Litrenta

SATURDAY (MAY 30): EASTER WEEKDAY
12:00 NOON Herman Taub

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please remember in your prayers:

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Gabrielle Colapietro, Jeff Isaacs,
Monica Gunn, Loretta Ponticello, Dina Connallon
Carole Hayes, Kathleen Reddington, Stan Tice

and those wounded in Military Action.

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

"I've gone to prepare a place for you."

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Please pray for our deceased parishioners and friends.

If you wish to add the names of your loved one to the prayer list, please notify the rectory: (212) 288-6250.

TODAY'S HYMNS

PENTECOST

Welcome to St. Monica's!

The music for today's Eucharist can be found in our hymnal on the following pages:

Introit

*Hymn to the Holy Spirit (D. Schaefer)
sung by Joseph Neal*

Opening Hymn 373
Here I Am, Lord

Penitential Rite *

Gloria *

Responsorial Psalm 570
*Lord send out your spirit
and renew the face of the earth.*

The Pentecost sequence follows the 2nd reading.

Gospel Acclamation 168

Offertory Hymn 297
I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

*at noon: Cantate Domino (Pitoni)
sung by the choir*

Sanctus *

Memorial Acclamation *

Great Amen *

The Lord's Prayer 120

Lamb of God *

Communion Meditation

*Ave Maria (Sampson)
sung by Joseph Neal*

*at noon: Ave Maria (Schubert)
sung by the choir*

Recessional Hymn 309
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

**from the Mass for New Era
(at noon: from the Mass of Celebration)
for texts, see pew card*

REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

Sighs allow us to sit there for a moment or two without breathing— just being there at peace and without whatever it is that we just exhaled, without our worry or our confusion or maybe even our inner pain. It's almost as if a sigh is a prayer for new spirit. On the other hand, hiccups are almost like breathing with potholes and speed bumps, like gulps of roughage to keep the good air flowing—or maybe they're gulps of spirit to get the body into balance when it's quite content to stay out of balance, a kind of forced prayer. Lately I've been thinking about sighing and hiccupping. Maybe it's because I've grown older and sigh more often. Now when I sigh, I find myself deciding to live with life the way it is and saying to myself that it's got to be okay, because like it or not, it's all I've got. I've begun to realize that after fighting with some of my sins for sixty-some years without much ever seeming to change, maybe I just need to let God do whatever God is going to do. And so the Spirit sighs, which is another way of saying, "*Jesus is Lord.*" On the other hand, after sixty-plus years of living I also keep discovering new sinfulness in my life, little corners that I've allowed to get dusty by staying out of them. Like greed that I had labeled "*being practical.*" Like protecting myself from being used, which turns out to be no more than selfishness. And every once in a while, in a moment of honesty, I'll come across one of those dusty corners, and it's a bit like trying to swallow a peanut butter sandwich without any milk. It's hard to get down, and then you start to hiccup.

LIVING GOD'S WORD

We pay much more attention to hiccups because they are disruptive. Sighing comes easily. It settles us and heals. There's good in both of them: hiccups direct our thoughts to what may need attention, sighing provides a moment of peace.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Marriage is ideally a parish event today, but in the first three centuries of the church's history, it was a household celebration guided by civil law and pagan customs. Changes happened quickly after the Peace of Constantine in 312, and the fresh air after long persecution brought some creativity. The speech that the father of the groom's family gave before dinner or the veiling or crowning of the bride (or even the spouse's arrival at the honeymoon suite) attracted a prayer of blessing. With amazing rapidity, worship was propelled out of the intimate setting of house churches to large public gathering spaces, and some parts of the marriage ceremony began to migrate with the growing with the growing community top the new spaces. In Rome, the veiling of the bride with the customary daily headgear of a married woman became the central liturgical act, accompanied by a biblical prayer for her integrity and fruitfulness. There were no vows as such (just as there are no vows to this day in the Orthodox marriage rite). In the liturgy, after hearing John's Gospel account of the wedding at Cana, the bride was veiled and blessed, and the priest gave the kiss of peace to the husband, who then gave it to his bride. The liturgy of Rome traveled far, and everywhere it went, marriage became a church celebration.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Monica is once again happy to host four seminarians attending clinical, pastoral training during the months of June, July and August at New York Presbyterian and Veteran Administration Hospitals.

Michael Jack Byrne—I am a twenty four year old seminarian for the Archdiocese of Dublin in Ireland, currently in my fifth year of studies for the priesthood in St. Patrick's Seminary in Maynooth, Co. Kildare. I will be training at New York-Presbyterian Hospital/Weil Cornell Medical Center for the next three months. Please keep me and my fellow seminarian in Ireland in your prayers. I look forward to meeting everyone.

Gustavo Barros—I studied at St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary in Boynton Beach, Florida, and just completed my 2nd year theological studies for the Archdiocese of Miami. I am studying to be a hospital chaplain in the CPE program at New York Presbyterian Hospital, the Allen Pavilion. I look forward to meeting everyone.

Ion Chamorro—I am a twenty-four year old, native of Miami, Florida. I have just finished my sixth year in my studies towards ordination to the priesthood at St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary in Boynton Beach Florida. I will be attending a hospital chaplaincy training program over the summer at the local VA. I look forward to meeting everyone.

Matthew Gomez—A seminarian for the Archdiocese of Miami, will also be training at the VA Hospital to become a chaplain. I ask you for your prayers for me and my classmates as we encounter Christ in these difficult situations. I look forward to seeing and speaking with you during the next few weeks.

A very hearty welcome, to our dear Brothers !

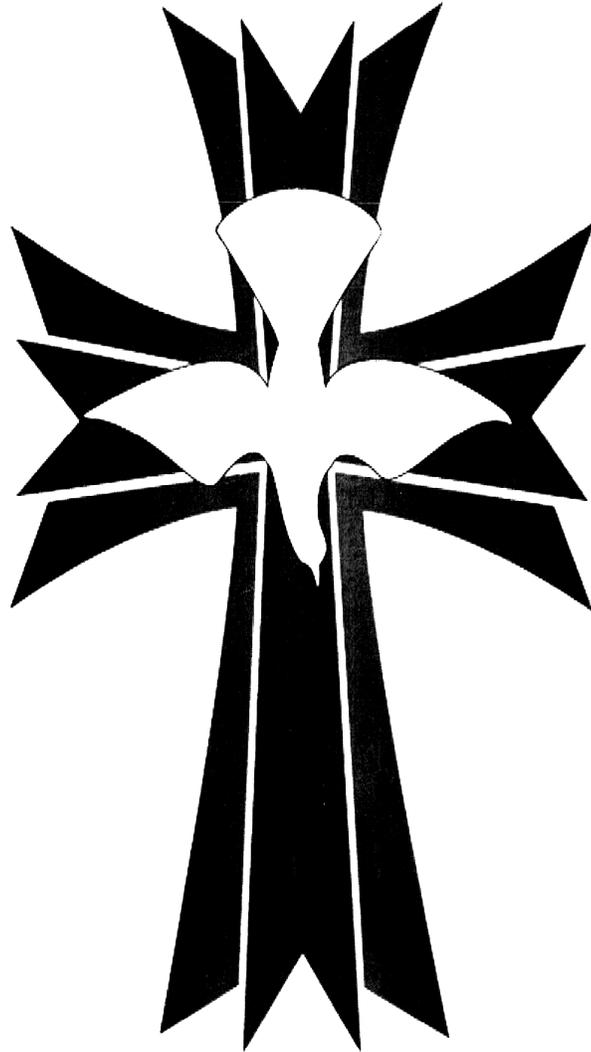
CELEBRATION

Fr Joby Mathew, a member of the religious order, Society of St Paul, was serving us for the past 3 and half years. During this time he also completed his Masters in Publishing: Print and Digital from the New York University.

Now that he has completed his studies, he will soon be returning to India to take up his new assignment as the Chief Editor of ST PAULS Publishing, India.

Please join us on **May 31st at the 12Noon Mass**, as we say celebrate his graduation and wish him well for his future ministry in India.

And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a mighty wind coming, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them parted tongues as it were of fire, and it sat upon every one of them: And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they began to speak with divers tongues, according as the Holy Ghost gave them to speak. [Acts 2:2-4]



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