

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE

A Samaritan Church with a Missionary Heart

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Sunday, May 28, 2023
Pentecost Sunday



Parish Office Hours:

Monday thru Friday: 9 AM to 4 PM
Saturday: 9 AM to 4 PM
Sunday: 9 AM to 2 PM

Community Cupboard and Closet:

Wednesdays: 5 PM to 7 PM
Saturdays: 11 AM to 2 PM

Mass Schedule:

Monday thru Friday: 5:30 PM
(Civic holidays at 10 AM)

Saturday: 4:15 PM*
Sunday: 8:30 AM* and 11 AM*

*Interpreted for the Deaf

Confession: Saturdays 3:30 PM – 4 PM or by appointment

Staff and Ministry Directory

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Parish Registration – Welcome new members! Please register by calling the parish office. Parishioners who are moving are asked to contact the office to update their information

Baptism – Baptisms may be scheduled at any time. Please call the parish office to make baptismal arrangements.

Funerals – Please call the parish office to schedule funerals prior to publishing any information.

Matrimony – Call the parish office to meet with a priest. Diocesan regulations require a minimum of 6 months preparation time.

Care of the Sick – Notify the parish office of those who are hospitalized or homebound. Arrangements can be made for pastoral visits, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. We can also bring Holy Communion to the homebound.



Pentecost Sunday

Fifty days ago, we began this Easter season with the Easter vigil Mass, when on the eve of Easter Sunday, we were given our first opportunity to celebrate Jesus' victory over the grave. We recall that now as we gather for this Mass of the Pentecost Vigil, our first opportunity to celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the people of God. May the power of the Holy Spirit continually renew our hearts and our world.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, May 27th- 4:15 PM † Paul and Ann Dyllyn
Fr. Ben Jimenez, SJ

Sunday, May 28th- 8:30 AM † Lance Fisher
Fr. Bill O'Donnell, C.P.P.S

Sunday, May 28th- 11 AM † Mary's Rosary Guild
Fr. Ben Jimenez, SJ of the Deaf

Monday, May 29th- **10 AM** Special Intention
Memorial Day
Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

Tuesday, May 30th- 5:30 PM † Charles Johnson
World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Wednesday, May 31st- 5:30 PM † Lillian Mihalik
Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday, June 1st- 5:30 PM † Howard Flower
St. Justin, Martyr

Friday, June 2nd- 5:30 PM † Beverly Jarrett
Saints Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs

Saturday, June 3rd- 4:15 PM † Sr. Pat Finn, CSJ
Fr. Joe McNulty

Sunday, June 4th- 8:30 AM † Rebecca Crolley
Fr. Ben Jimenez, SJ

Sunday, June 4th- 11 AM † Jack McMarlin
Fr. Bill O'Donnell, C.P.P.S

The Pope's Intention for May: Church movements and groups.

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.



Come Holy Spirit

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16- 20b
or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2,
24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn
7:37-39

Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30,
31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13;
Jn 20:19-23

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14; Ps 87:
1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7; Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14, 23;
Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16;
Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Lk 1:39-56

Thursday: Sir 42:15-25; Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8- 9;
Mk 10:46-52 Friday: Sir 44:1, 9-13;
Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a, 9b;
Mk 11:11-26

Saturday: Sir 51:12cd-20; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11;
Mk 11:27-33

Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55,
56; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18

Welcome!

No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church, no matter your personal history, age, income, background, gender, disability, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity or spirituality, or marital situation. No matter your own self-image of holiness or virtue. You are invited, accepted, and respected here at St.

Augustine Parish.

*Loving God,
For all who feel on the margins,
but who are at the center of your heart,
we ask you to open our hearts.
Help us to become a church and a nation where:*

***All lives have dignity,
All people are loved
And all are welcome.***

Amen

Love Without Measure

Today's gospel in which Jesus appears to his disciples on the evening of the Resurrection is one of the most famous passages in the New Testament. Jesus greets his disciples with peace, shows them his hands and his side, and then sends them out to continue his work. But what is often overlooked in this passage is the work that Jesus sends his disciples to do. He does not send them out to preach, or heal or teach. He sends them out to forgive. And there is a very specific way of forgiveness that Jesus has in mind.

God is always working in our lives, but in most things human effort is necessary. I don't say always but most of the time. This is close to Jesus' understanding of forgiveness in today's gospel. He first of all gives the Holy Spirit to his disciples, because he knows that true forgiveness is only possible through God's grace. But he then places the work of forgiveness into our hands: "Whose sins you forgive will be forgiven. Jesus understands that forgiveness involves human action.

Forgiveness is a collaborative effort, an action in which the Spirit and we work together. We need the Spirit because the Spirit has the power to soften our hearts, change our minds, and empower us with love. But along with the Spirit we must take up the hard work of forgiving.

Who is it in your life and mine that we need to forgive. Do we need to forgive a family member, who has let us down repeatedly, made promises they have never kept, made judgments that create enduring wounds? A friend who has betrayed you? A coworker who has insulted you? A spouse who has rejected you? We all can find ourselves somewhere in this litany. The Risen Christ challenges us to take up the hard work of admitting that we have been hurt but refusing to allow that hurt to determine our future. Jesus calls us to recognize that we have pain but not play that pain over and over again in our minds so that healing is impossible. The hard work of forgiveness is knowing that the hurt which attacked us is real but insisting that the pain will not rule our lives.

Forgiveness is letting go of the past; letting go of things we cannot change. That is hard work. But when we become exhausted with the hard work of forgiving, it is then that we cant trust upon God's Spirit to revive us and lead us forward. Forgiveness is a work that the Spirit and we do together.



Memorial Day Mass and Office Schedule



Monday, May 29, 2023, our nation pauses to celebrate Memorial Day, a day when we remember and honor those who have served our nation and have made the ultimate sacrifice. These brave men and women of our Armed Forces gave their lives to preserve our freedom and the freedom of people

throughout the world. What better way can we show our thanks than to attend **Mass on Memorial Day at 10 AM** and pray for and give thanks to God for these American heroes.

In observance of Memorial Day, the **Parish Office will be closed** and will open again at 9 AM on Tuesday, May 30, 2023.

Vacation Bible School



Get "Ready, Set, Move!" to follow Jesus Here, There, and Everywhere. We are excited to announce that Vacation Bible School will run from Monday June 5th through June 9th from

10 AM until 1 PM for grades K-6.

We are looking for volunteers to help us run this ministry. If interested in registering a child or volunteering, please contact Jessica Neuhart at JNeuhart@staugustinecleveland.org. Registrations can also be found on our parish website, www.staugustinecleveland.org.

Augustine Rainbow Camp

Registration for Rainbow Camp is still open and our groups are filling up quickly! If you have not yet registered your child (ages 5-13), please do so soon!



We have also begun the interview process for new hires. We are looking for hardworking, responsible, and fun-loving individuals, ages 16 and older, to help us create an outstanding experience for our campers this summer!

Working at camp is a great opportunity to have fun while building leadership skills, adding quality work experience to a resume, and to give back to the community!

Camper and Staff applications are now available online at www.StAugustineCleveland.org/augustine-rainbow-camp. If you do not have access to a computer or need help completing the online application, please contact the parish office at (216) 781-5530.

Please contact Jessica at JNeuhart@StAugustineCleveland.org for more information.

Congratulations Henry!



At a recent Tremont residents and stakeholder meeting several residents were honored for their service to the community. Our very own, Henry Senyak, received the Gail Long Lifetime Achievement Award for his many years of exceptional service to the community. Henry has been a fighter for the rights of those on the margins and seeks to build a community that welcomes and

respects all peoples.

Congratulations Henry. Thanks for being the voice for the voiceless and a supporter of all that is good!

How Can I Become More Involved?

There are many ways for Catholics to get more involved in their faith and in the ministry of the Church. Those include liturgical ministries (choir member, lector, altar server, usher, or Eucharistic Minister), various parish ministries, as well as volunteer roles as collection counters, church decorators, gardeners, etc. Please speak with a parish staff member to discern your gifts, your time, and your opportunities to serve.

Thomas Merton Presentation

A presentation on the life and death of Thomas Merton will be held on Friday, June 2, 2023 at 7 PM in Walsh Hall. Thomas Merton was an influential voice for peace and non-violence. He was slain in Thailand in 1968. For more information, please contact Fr. Ben at (216) 781-5530 or BJimenez@staugustinecleveland.org

Organ Restoration Update

Leek Organ Company is making great progress. As you look into the choir loft you will notice that the case is installed (with the exception of the side doors and rear panels). All wind chests and bellows are in place. The major components have been installed with the exception of the pipes. The pipes are currently being checked over one more time on the voicing organ at Leek Organ Company.

The mechanical action is currently being installed and regulated.



Since our organ is a mechanical organ, this process is very slow as parts are delicate and the space to work in is minimal.

If you would like to see the work in progress, please feel free to carefully climb the steps up to the choir loft before or after mass. We do ask that you do not touch anything as

many of the parts are fragile and methodically attached.

We ask for and appreciate your patience and understanding as seating in the rear of the church will be disrupted on St. Joseph's side during this time.

We are expecting the restoration to be completed around June 12th.

Sunday Thought

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost. As we come to Mass this weekend on what is called the "Birthday of the Church," we are called to become more conscious of the gifts we each possess as members of the Church. Jesus promised us that the Holy Spirit would reside within us as a temple. We see Him working through us when we see concrete expressions of love and forgiveness shown to each other. In the world we now live in, it is imperative that we do not hide the Holy Spirit's presence within us. In so many ways our world is getting worse instead of better. We should be reminded therefore of the famous adage that all it takes for evil to triumph is for good people to do nothing. We cannot allow this to be said of us as followers of the Lord, Jesus. For all too long, the Church has been relying upon only a few people to exercise her ministers while most sit on the sidelines and watch. With this celebration of Pentecost, we should contemplate a change. The gifts the Spirit has given each of us are both unique and needed. Let us use them to continue to extend and make present Jesus's Kingdom here on earth.

Stewardship of Treasure

We are deeply grateful for your generosity in your weekly contribution to St. Augustine Parish. Your kindness and support enable us to provide for the needs of our parish and community. The collection for the weekend of May 21, 2023 was \$1,704.00. Thank you for your generosity.

Counter Team C is scheduled for TUESDAY (Counting will take place on Tuesday due to the Memorial Day holiday)

St. Augustine Buckeye Deaf Seniors

St. Augustine Buckeye Deaf Seniors will gather in the Deaf Center on Tuesday, June 6th at 10 AM for their regular meeting. New members are always welcome.

Pray the Rosary



We invite you to join us **every Monday through Friday at 6 PM** in Church as we pray the rosary. If you are unable to join us in person, we encourage you to join us on livestream.

Due to the Memorial Day holiday we will not pray the rosary as a parish family.

Ushers Needed

We are in need of ushers at each mass to welcome and assist parishioners and guests as they enter church and to take up the collection during Mass. If you are willing to join this important ministry, please contact Bob Duda in the parish office or by email, bduda@staugustinecleveland.org.

The Fest



Be sure to participate in our annual Memorial Day Contest! Tune into 95.5 the fish for your chance to win a great prize package including meet & greet passes to the top Christian artists in the country! Katy Nichole, Big Daddy Weave, Jeremy Camp, and Chris Tomlin will all perform at The FEST on Sunday, August 6! Mark your calendar and plan to join us. www.theFEST.us for details!

Prayer for the Synod

In anticipation of the first General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops taking place in October, the Holy See's General Secretariat of the Synod has asked Catholics to observe a moment of prayer on Wednesday, May 31, 2023, the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, placing the Synod under her protection.

*We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.
With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.
We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.
Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth
and what is right.
All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever. Amen.*



Cursillistas will gather for Ultreya on **Saturday, June 10th at 10 AM** in Walsh Hall. Cursillistas are invited to gather, pray, and share personal stories about living a life in God's Grace on the second

Saturday of every month.

Family Perspectives

The Apostles did not recognize Jesus until they saw his wounds. Don't look for God's presence only in the joyful moments of family life. Expect to find God in the evening of the day, when you are exhausted and cranky or when you are most aware of your family's failures and shortcomings. Today's gospel reminds us that the wounded Christ is standing among us through the Holy Spirit, urging us to forgive and offering us peace.

Catholic Charities Follow-Up Appeal

This year's Appeal, "A Time to Heal, A Time to Help" began in mid-February. Our parish goal is \$24,828. The latest figures from the Diocese indicate that our parish has reached 61% of our goal (\$14,610 pledged/ donated). Next weekend (June 3 and 4) another opportunity to support Catholic Charities will be offered at our Masses. All donations to the follow-up appeal will be invested in expanding programs that promote the sanctity of life services that care for women and children. Also, all new, increased or additional gifts to Catholic Charities returned in the appeal envelopes will be matched, dollar for dollar, up to \$100,000.

St. Augustine Signing Choir

The St. Augustine Signing Choir will be resuming their weekly practice soon. Anyone interested in joining the choir, with or without signing experience, is invited to join. For more information, please contact the parish office.

The Holy Spirit is at work in your life; But do you see?

The Holy Spirit, the Helper is quietly at work: in the sincere concern of a friend for our health; in the generosity of those who give us so much help; in the inner strength we discover in times of crisis; in those moments when we admit that we have been wrong; in making a tough choice; in the resilience of people who face one bad thing after another; in times when we have dared to love even though it was hard to do so. The Holy Spirit, the Helper is quietly at work: in our taking on responsibilities that we once thought beyond us; in our refusing to let the greed of society take over our soul; in our giving thanks always even though times have been hard; In our rising above past failures and putting past hurts behind us; in our finding a central core of peace in the midst of turmoil; in an adult patiently teaching a child self-esteem and self-control; in the person sitting quietly beside a hospital bed; in a parent praying for a troubled son or daughter. The Spirit calls us to repentance, to turn our lives around; He calls us to Faith and to take up our cross and follow Jesus. However, we look at the Holy Spirit, He is always our Helper, always helping us to be what God made us to be. He helps us to be truly great, namely, to be servants to one another. Likewise, the Spirit promotes Jesus in our lives; He gathers us around the cross of Jesus; He changes our lives, helping us to be more patient and forgiving, to seek new beginnings in our relationships with one another and to let the power of God's love have the final say over the conflicts we get into. He is available to us every moment of every day as we face the choices between self-centeredness or being the God-centered people, the Spirit has called us to be in Christ.

The Power of Prayer

The St. Augustine Prayer Chain is an email request line for prayers. Many parishioners are already a part of this chain. If you would like to be on the Prayer Chain, please email Bob at bduda@staugustinecleveland.org to be added to the Prayer Chain. You will then get emails from others requesting prayers, and you will be able to ask others for prayers for your needs. Your email address will not be shared with those asking for prayers.

Theology on the Rocks- West For Adults 40 and Over

*Coming Closer to God!
From busy chef to parish priest!*

Join us Monday, June 12 at Copper Cup (Ironwood Café) at 680 Dover Center in Westlake.

Fr. Ron Wearsch will share the journey that led him to continuing to feed the body (can we say Fish Fry?) while also feeding the soul through Ignatian Spirituality.

Cost is \$15.00 per person which includes light appetizers & refreshments. Cash Bar is also available.

Advance tickets highly recommended as space is limited. Register in advance at:
www.theologyontherocks.wixsite.com/west.

Doors open at 6:30pm. Program begins at 7pm.

St. Augustine Seniors 50 and over

The St. Augustine Seniors will meet on Thursday, June 8th at 12 Noon in Walsh Hall. New members are always welcome.

On the Lighter Side

Four-year-old Amanda was taken to the doctor's office with a fever. The doctor looked in her ears and asked, "Who's in there? Donald Duck?" She said, "No." He looked in her open mouth, "Who's in there? Mickey Mouse?" Again she said, "No." He put his stethoscope on her heart and asked, "Who's in there? Barney?" Amanda replied, "No, Jesus is in my heart. Barney is in the pocket of my underwear." ☺

"Did you ever get into any fights?"

A little girl asked her grandfather, "Did you and grandma ever get into any fights?" The grandfather replied: "We don't talk about it very often, but there was a time when we were not getting along very well. We seemed to be picking on each a lot and finding all kinds of things to argue about and really getting on one another's nerves. Well, one day I came in from the garden and I heard a voice upstairs. I went to the stairs and heard your grandmother telling God what she could not bring herself to tell me." "Well, what did you do?" asked the granddaughter. "I quietly walked up the stairs," he replied, "and knelt down beside her and told God my side of the story. And from that day to this, we have never had a problem which we couldn't resolve by talking it over with each other and with God."

Do you think the Holy Spirit was active in that couples' marriage? There can be no doubt. Conflict will always remain part of every relationship. The fruits of the Spirit – love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness, and self-control – will always remain critical for happy relationships with others.

"A Closer Walk with Thee"

Catholic Cemeteries Association Monthly Grief Support

Our monthly grief support e-newsletter, provides much of the same helpful grief support information that is presented at the monthly meetings but can be enjoyed from the comfort of your home and from any device where you can access your email. This e-newsletter is emailed the first Tuesday of each month to any family/individual who has expressed an interest in our bereavement programs. To subscribe to this valued grief support resource, go to the sign up form at <https://bit.ly/ccabereavementbulletin> or contact Rhonda at (216) 930-4866 or you can email her at: rabrams@clecem.org

Parenting Tune-Up



(Memorial Day) To serve country, others, or God is to give your life because of your love. Dying for a good cause is a great sacrifice, but sacrificing time and spending energy in the service of your family counts too. How do you instill in your children this sense of sacrifice and service?



The St. Augustine Community Cupboard and Closet is open on Saturdays from 11 AM - 2 PM and Wednesdays from 5 PM - 7 PM.

As we continue to serve the needs of our neighbors, **we are seeking volunteers to assist in restocking shelves and assisting shoppers on the days we are open.** In addition, we are in need of the following items:

Toilet Paper
Paper Towels
Laundry Detergent
Dish Soap
Coffee
Tea
Sugar
Creamer
Flour
Kleenex

Canned Meat
Ketchup
Mustard
Mayo
Dog Food
Deodorant (Men and Women)
Hand Soap (Pump Bottles)
Body Wash (Men and Women)
Shampoo
Boxed Potatoes



Community Closet

Our Community Closet allows individuals to come and "shop" for clothing, bedding, and footwear items.

Thank you for your generous support of our clothing ministry, due to the overwhelming support of the community, we ask that you temporarily refrain from donating clothing until further notice to allow our volunteers to work through the current backlog we have. Please continue to support our cupboard ministry by donating food, household cleaning, and personal hygiene items. Your financial support is always appreciated as well.)



Community Closet and Cupboard Highlights by the Numbers

- ◆ Served over 777 families in the month of March and 935 families in the month of April.
- ◆ 127 new families came to shop during the month of March and 207 new families in the month of April
- ◆ On April 27th we set a record of 134 in one day (two hours)!
- ◆ It takes at least 12-14 volunteers just to open the doors.

As you can see the need is great and volunteers are greatly needed while we are open and during our closed hours to help sort and stock.

We have also created an Amazon Wish List which can be found on our parish website, www.StAugustineCleveland.org.

For more information or to volunteer please contact the Parish Office at (216) 781-5530 or email, outreach@staugustinecleveland.org.

The Christian Pentecost

Pentecost marks the end and the goal of the Easter season. For Christians, it is a memorial of the day the Holy Spirit descended on the apostles and the Virgin Mary in the form of fiery tongues, an event that took place fifty days after the resurrection of Jesus. The Paschal mystery of the Passion, the Death, the Resurrection, and the Ascension of Jesus culminates in the sending of the Holy Spirit by the Father at the request of His Son on Jesus' disciples. The feast also commemorates the official inauguration of the Christian Church by the apostolic preaching of St. Peter which resulted in the conversion of 3000 Jews to the Christian faith. Pentecost is, thus, the official birthday of the Church. But years ago, This Rock Magazine reported that there are now 34,000 Protestant denominations which means that, on the average, more than sixty-nine new denominations had sprung up every year since the Reformation began in 1517. So whose birthday is it anyway? You could say, Pentecost is the birthday of the Church Jesus established nearly 2,000 years ago. Today's Scripture readings remind us that Pentecost is an event of both the past and the present. The main theme of today's readings is that the gift of the Holy Spirit is something to be shared with others. In other words, the readings remind us that the gift of the Holy Spirit moves its recipients to action and inspires them to share this gift with others.

Observe Pentecost Every day!

"It will always be Pentecost in the church," affirmed Oscar Romero, Archbishop of El Salvador, on Pentecost Sunday 1978, "provided the Church lets the beauty of the Holy Spirit shine forth from her countenance. When the Church ceases to let her strength rest on the Power from above which Christ promised her and which he gave her on that day, and when the Church leans rather on the weak forces of the power or wealth of this earth, then the Church ceases to be newsworthy. The Church will be fair to see, perennially young, attractive in every age, as long as she is faithful to the Spirit that floods her and she reflects that Spirit through her communities, through her pastors, through her very life" (The Violence of Love, The Plough Pub. Co., Farmington, PA: 1998).

Archbishop Romero's declaration reminds us -- as does today's Gospel -- that Pentecost is not just one day, but every day. Without breath, there is no life. Without the Spirit, the Church is a field of dry, dead bones. Fulton J. Sheen once said about the Church, "Even though we are God's chosen people, we often behave more like God's frozen people--frozen in our prayer life, frozen in the way we relate with one another, frozen in the way we celebrate our faith." Today is a great day to ask the Holy Spirit to rekindle in us the spirit of new life and enthusiasm, the fire of God's love. Let us repeat Cardinal Newman's favorite little prayer,

"Come Holy Spirit:"

"All Quiet on the Western Front"

*"Are not all these people who are speaking Galileans?
Then how does each of us hear them in his native language?"
Acts of the Apostles 2: 1-11*

The new film All Quiet on the Western Front is a powerful adaptation of Erich Maria Remarque's classic 1929 novel. The film is eloquent and poetic - and brutal and unsparing in its portrayal of the horrors of war. The story centers on Paul Baumer, a teenager who is caught up in the naïve patriotic fervor of Germany at the height of World War I. Paul and his friends enlist in the German army to fight the French. They arrogantly look forward to an easy, victory march into Paris — but they never get beyond the carnage of the trenches on the French countryside. Paul's preconceptions about the enemy and the righteousness of the conflict soon crumble.

In an indelible scene, Paul is suddenly confronted by a French soldier in a bomb crater. In the struggle that ensues, Paul stabs the enemy combatant. The French soldier dies slowly and painfully; Paul cannot help, only watch. Paul morphs from the raw hate with which he's been taught to regard the enemy to the natural compassion he feels for the suffering of a fellow human being. As he tries to clean the mud and grime off the dead soldier's face, Paul finds the soldier's wallet, which holds a picture of his young bride and family and his identification card: "Gerard Duval, Typographer." Paul's tears turn the dried dirt on his face into more mud. Devastated with remorse, Paul begs for forgiveness from the French soldier's dead body. "Comrade. Comrade, comrade," Paul says in French. "I am so sorry. I am so sorry." Gathering up Duval's papers and few personal effects, Paul stammers "I promise . . . I promise . . . I promise . . ." Paul hopes to return the possessions to Duval's family. But it's a promise he will not be able to keep.

In a moment of compassion in the midst of horror, Paul sees beyond his own fear to "see" his hated enemy in a new light: as a husband, a father, a craftsman, a human being. Paul now sees the world as envisioned by God: not a divided world of boundaries and borders and flags and uniforms, but of sisters and brothers who share the dignity of being made in the Creator's image. That's the miracle we celebrate today. What happens in the story of Pentecost is more than a miracle of instantaneous translation: the Spirit of God breaks through the barriers of language and culture to create a community of empathy and respect, bringing different peoples together as the one people of God. It's the Spirit of God that enables us to listen as well as speak, to see from the perspective of another in order to find a common path to travel together, to find solutions to problems that incorporate the gifts of all for the good of all.

Relationship Tune-Up



(Pentecost) "There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit." (1 Cor. 12:4) What is one of your beloved's strengths? OK, so we all have different sacred strengths, BUT do you have the "same Spirit"? Unite yourselves in the spirit of Forgiveness. Is there anything you find difficult to forgive?

Saints Marcellinus and Peter

Feast Day: June 2

Sts. and Marcellinus and Peter were both martyrs from the early Church who are still honored today in the Eucharistic prayer that we offer at Mass.

Marcellinus was a well-known priest, and Peter was an exorcist—they lived during the persecution of Christians under the Roman emperor Diocletian at the start of the fourth century. They were arrested and jailed for being Christians.

In prison, they continued to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ, which converted some of the prisoners, and even their guard (along with his wife and daughter). They were condemned to death by beheading, and were killed and buried in an unmarked place in the forest so that the Christian community could not honor their remains. Their executioner, who later became Christian himself, told of their location, however, and their bodies were found and placed in the catacombs.

The wall painting pictured here stood above their remains in the Roman catacombs—it shows Christ with the apostles, Peter and Paul, and below stand four saints. The middle of those four figures are inscribed with the names of the martyrs, Marcellinus and Peter.

[Pope St. Damasus](#) heard the story of their death from this executioner, and created an inscription for their tombs. Later, Constantine built a basilica over their remains—it is where his mother, [St. Helen](#), was buried. These two saints are honored in the Eucharistic prayer, and there is strong evidence that they were very important saints for the early Christian Church.

Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, your imprisonment and death sentence did not dampen your zeal—pray for us!

This Week's Events of the Parish

Monday: Mass: **10 AM** (Church)
NO Rosary:
AA Meeting: 7:30 PM (Mylott Hall)

Tuesday: AA Meeting: 9:30 AM (Walsh Hall)
Mass: 5:30 PM (Church)
Rosary: 6 PM (Church)
AA Meeting: 7:30 PM (Mylott Hall)

Wednesday: Links: 3 PM (Walsh)
Community Cupboard and Closet: 5 PM-7PM
Mass: 5:30 PM (Church)
Rosary: 6 PM (Church)
Signing Hands: 6:30 PM
AA Meeting: 6 PM (Mylott Hall)

Thursday: Mass: 5:30 PM (Church)
Rosary: 6 PM (Church)
AA Meeting: 7 PM (Mylott Hall)

Friday: Links: 3 PM (Walsh)
Mass: 5:30 PM (Church)
Rosary: 6 PM (Church)
Ignatian Spirituality Group: 6 PM
Merton Presentation: 7 PM (Walsh)
AA Meeting: 7:30 PM (Mylott Hall)

Saturday: Community Cupboard and Closet: 11 AM – 2 PM
Mass: 4:15 PM (Church)

Sunday: Mass: 8:30 AM (Church)
Mass: 11 AM (Church)

May 27th and 28th			
	Saturday 4:15 PM	Sunday 8:30 AM	Sunday 11 AM
Priest Deacon	Fr. Ben Jimenez, SJ (H)	Fr. Bill O'Donnell, C.PP.S (H) Deacon Chris DePenti	Fr. Ben Jimenez, SJ (H)
Lectors	Michelle Rivera	Fran DiDonato	Karen Halupnik Pat Takacs
Extraordinary Ministers of the Blessed Sacrament	Helen Bencic Magdaleno Rivera	Pat Abraham David Murray	Christina Howard Jean Mendis Alana Ortiz
June 3rd and 4th			
	Saturday 4:15 PM	Sunday 8:30 AM	Sunday 11 AM
Priest Deacon	Fr. Joe McNulty Deacon Chris DePenti (H)	Fr. Ben Jimenez, SJ Deacon Chris DePenti (H)	Fr. Bill O'Donnell, C.PP.S Deacon Chris DePenti (H)
Lectors	Ann Ertle	Peggy Gerovac	Kate Slosar Priscilla Treska
Extraordinary Ministers of the Blessed Sacrament	Migdalia Santiago-White Michelle Rivera Bonnie Robertson	Bob Duda Eddie Reyes	Jeannie Rawlings Sue Scialabba

H: Homilist