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June 8, 2025 • Pentecost Sunday

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Celebration of the Eucharist

Masks are optional at all Masses

Saturday Evening Mass of Anticipation

4:00 PM Public

Sunday Masses

8:00 AM Public

10:00 AM Public & Livestream

11:45 AM Public

5:00 PM Public

Weekday Masses

7:30 AM Public

12:05 PM Public & Livestream

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 11:15 to 11:45 AM

Saturday 3:15 to 3:45 PM

Daily Mass Readings



Monday, June 9	Genesis 3:9-15, 20; John 19:25-34
Tuesday, June 10	2 Cor 1:18-22; Mt 5:13-16
Wednesday, June 11	Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday, June 12	2 Cor 3:15 - 4:1, 3-6; Mt 5:20-26
Friday, June 13	2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 5:27-32
Sunday, June 15	Proverbs 8:22-31; Psalm 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15

Go to <http://www.usccb.org/> for readings online.



Rainbows of Hope: LGBTQ+ Families Share Their Stories



Featuring Parents and their LGBTQ+ children

Sunday, June 8th, 2025, 2-4 pm

All Are Welcome!

Registration Required - Scan this QR Code or go to <https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-OH-June-8>
Join in person or on zoom. This is a hybrid event.

Sponsored by the Open Hearts LGBTQ+ Support Ministry and Family and Friends of LGBTQ+ Support Ministry

Join us for 5 pm Mass after the event and at 6 pm for The Open Hearts and Family and Friends
Summer Picnic, Food and Drink Provided

Go to www.SPSACT.org for more info on Open Hearts and Family and Friends Ministry's or Contact the Office at 860-756-4034 or email info@spsact.org



The Pastor's Corner

June 8, 2025

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

This weekend we celebrate the conclusion of the Great Fifty Days of Easter with the Solemnity of Pentecost and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples gathered in the upper room in Jerusalem, about ten days after the Lord's ascension into heaven.

Some of the Church's major feasts include a Vigil Mass with separate texts and readings from the actual day of the feast. These days include Christmas, Easter, Pentecost, the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, Saints Peter and Paul, and the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. What we usually refer to as a Vigil Mass on Saturday is really a Mass of anticipation for the celebration of Sunday. That is why the readings are normally from the Mass of Sunday.

Like the Easter Vigil, which has numerous readings taken from the Old Testament (Genesis, Exodus, Isaiah, Baruch and Ezekiel), the Vigil Mass for Pentecost also includes several readings before the Gospel (Genesis, Exodus, Ezekiel, Joel and Romans). The Gospel for the Vigil is taken from the 7th chapter of John which ends with these words: "On the last and greatest day of the feast, Jesus stood up and exclaimed, 'Let anyone who thirsts come to me and drink' ... he said this in reference to the Spirit that those who came to believe in him were to receive. There was, of course, no Spirit yet, because Jesus had not yet been glorified."

The feast mentioned at the start of this passage refers to Sukkot, also called the Feast of Tabernacles or Booths. It began as a one-day fall harvest festival, but over time it became linked with a celebration of the dedication of Solomon's temple in Jerusalem. Also, because it was a pilgrimage festival and the massive crowds of visitors to Jerusalem were housed in tents, it became a reminder of Exodus, when the Israelites dwelt in tents. By the first century AD, the feast lasted seven or eight days. It was a time of great celebration, including thanksgiving for the harvest and prayers for God's blessing of rain for the coming year. Every morning during Sukkot, priests and Levites of the temple would go to the Pool of Shiloah (or Siloam), just south of the temple mount, to draw water, which was then poured on the altar of the temple, accompanied by trumpets and singing crowds.

* 2025 *Sourcebook for Sundays, Seasons, and Weekdays*; Liturgy Training Publications, Chicago, IL © 2024, p. 222.



Sukkot and its water-drawing ceremony provide the back-drop for the Gospel at the Vigil Mass for Pentecost. This is the last day, described as the 'greatest day.' This is when Jesus stands and proclaims himself to be the giver of water. Most likely, his audience would have been shocked by this announcement, after all the excitement of the feast. Living water is a metaphor for the Holy Spirit, and Jesus promises the sending of the Holy Spirit when he is crucified and exalted.*

The readings for the Vigil of Pentecost offer us numerous opportunities for further reflection on the meaning of this great feast. I invite to read them and think about how the words of Scripture, from the earliest times, have led to the revelation of the Holy Spirit.

Genesis 11: 1-9.

"This is why [the tower] is called Babel, because there the Lord confused the speech of all the world."

Exodus 19: 3-8a, 16-20b.

"Moses led the people out of the camp to meet God, and they stationed themselves at the foot of the mountain."

Ezekiel 37: 1-14.

"Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord! Thus says the Lord God to these bones: See! I will bring spirit into you, that you may come to life."

Joel 3: 1-5.

"Your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions; even upon the servants and the handmaids, in those days, I will pour out my spirit."

Romans 8: 22-27.

"We, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved."

May you be filled with the joy, peace and power of the Spirit on this Solemnity of Pentecost! Blessings on your week ahead!

Fr. Tim Shreenan, OFM
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Pastor

Adult Faith Formation

For full program descriptions and more information on other programs, please go to <https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-AFF>.

Group Spiritual Reflection:

Zoom Meetings: Every Tuesdays. Next meeting: June 10, 2025 from 12:30 to 1:30 PM. All are welcome! Please go to <https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-Tues-Spirit-Grp> to register and receive the Zoom Link.

In Quiet Prayer:

Every Wednesday. Next meeting: June 11, 2025. We enter into a contemplative prayer practice for compassion on Wednesday mornings, from 7:30 to 8:00AM on Zoom. One Participant reflects: *"There's something elevating about beginning the day, mid-week, in silent prayerful community with others. I find it deeply personal and communal, reflective and supportive, subtle and powerful in ways that enhance my overall spiritual practice. Thank you for offering this unique opportunity."*

Please go to <https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-In-Quiet-Prayer> to register.

People of Hope: "The Flowing Grace of Now"

Next meeting: June 11, 2025, from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM on Zoom.

Attend when your schedule allows to receive the gifts of spiritual nourishment and growth. Join us: <https://tinyurl.com/SPSACT-POH-Fall24> to receive Zoom link. Free Will Offering

Divine Reading: Wednesday, June 18, 2025 at 7:00 pm at the Franciscan Center. Please consider joining us for "lectio divina" (divine reading.) If you haven't tried it yet, please do! The process is simple and will be explained each time, and sharing is welcome, but optional.

June Creation Care Corner!

Did You Know...

that a nuclear exchange using as few as 100 weapons anywhere in the world would disrupt the global climate and agricultural production, causing mass starvation?



St. Francis crossed enemy lines in Egypt to speak with the Caliph. He didn't prevent war, but he did establish common ground between enemies. Pope Francis⁺ voiced his opposition to nuclear weapons and called for their abolition, emphasizing that their use is a crime against humanity and the environment. The U.S. Catholic Bishops have numerous statements and resources about the issues of nuclear weapons. Read more here: [USCCB Statements on Nuclear Weapons \(https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-USCCB-NW\)](https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-USCCB-NW).

The International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War has also provided a report that agrees with our Catholic faith. Read more here: [Scientific Report \(https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-Sci-Rpt\)](https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-Sci-Rpt).

There is a proposal in Congress, H.Res 317, that addresses this situation. It urges the United States to lead the world back from the brink of nuclear war and halt and reverse the nuclear arms race. Read and take action here: [U.S. Nuclear Weapons Policy \(https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-H-Res-3-17\)](https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-H-Res-3-17).



Community Sunday



Come and Enjoy a Taste of Haiti
Featuring Our Sister Parish Committee

Sunday, June 8, 2025
after the 8 and 10 am Masses

Sister Parish Committee: In-person Meeting



Tuesday, June 10, 2025 from 12:50 to 2:00 PM. Consider joining the dynamic group working to support the teachers and students at the St. Genevieve Parish school in Zoranje, Haiti. Please go to [https://ti-](https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-St-Genevieve)

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2025-26 **YOUTH FAITH FORMATION AT ST. PATRICK - ST. ANTHONY** **REGISTER NOW**
Children ages 3 through Confirmation
 Scan the QR code or go to <https://bit.ly/SPSA-FF-registration-2025-26>



Christmas in July is coming!!

In support of St. Genevieve Parish School



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Prayer Shawl Ministry

It's called a prayer shawl because it came from the prayers of the shawl maker holding the person receiving the shawl in her or his prayers. .

Next Meeting is June 9 at 7:00 pm on Zoom



For more information, please contact Janet Bristow at janetbristow@sbcglobal.net



THE **DIGNITY** INDEX

Do You Want to be Part of an Experiment? Building a Culture of Dignity

Thursday, June 19 at 12:45-1:45 p.m. and 6:30-7:30 PM.

Thursday, July 10 at 12:45-1:45 p.m. and 6:30-7:30 PM.

Over the past year, have YOU experienced first-hand or witnessed within our culture, the use of language which divides us one from another? Perhaps within your school, workplace, community, or even our own country, you've seen up close the divisions created when people are treated harshly, sometimes with contempt. One attempt to reverse this negative impact upon our lives involves adopting "The Dignity Index." Placing DIGNITY at the heart of our conversations, in-person or on social media, can be a choice to build back our humanity.

Join Us in an experiment! On Thursday, June 19, select a time to gather at the Franciscan Center with others.

Receive the details about this effort. Use the following three weeks to "try it out" within your circles at home, work, and on social media.

Come Back on Thursday, July 10 to share your experience! Even if you just want to learn about this tool and hear the results of this experiment, we invite you to join either or both gatherings!

Together let's make this **Choice** away from judgment and dehumanizing language.

Let us **respond to the Call** to a different way. . . one which affirms the humanity of all.

Co-facilitators: Elaine Wiatr and Pat Curtis

A Novel Idea Book Club

Our June book selection is *Absolution* by Alice McDermott.

Kirkusreviews.com says, "This transporting, piercing, profound novel is McDermott's masterpiece."

Consider joining the discussion on **June 19, 2025 at 7:00 PM at the Franciscan Center.**

For more information and a list of upcoming books, please [CLICK Here](#). Contact the office at 860-756-4034 or email info@spsact.org if you need the Zoom Link.

Saturday Morning Centering Yoga

Centering Yoga is taking a summer break. Look for a return to Saturdays in September. Happy summer everyone.

The Emmaus Grieving Parent Ministry



We meet at the Franciscan Center at 3:30 on the third Sunday of the month. Next meeting is June 15, 2025.

Please call the church office for more information at 860-756-4034.

Women of Hope Ministry

Over the course of this summer and Fall, Women of Hope have planned several opportunities to reflect, reach out, celebrate, and rekindle our spirits in hope. Please join us!



We begin with inspirational words from the **Leadership Conference of Women Religious** who truly are women of hope. In January of this year, a statement was published by LCWR in response to the difficult and challenging realities of today. The statement witnesses to the convictions of faith and the advocacy to which Sisters have committed themselves. It is an inspiring statement which holds out hope for all.

For the next few weeks, Women of Hope Ministry will highlight sections of the statement so that we begin to see that what the Sisters have discerned for themselves, actually stands at the core of Baptismal promises for ALL of US.

Yet again, the Women Religious among us lead the way, set the example, are our teachers and inspire us to walk with them!

Here is the first section from the LCWR's Statement for your own reflection:

"Over the course of the last several years, we have watched with grave concern a global and national shift in values and priorities that is negatively impacting the health of the planet and the lives of millions of its most vulnerable inhabitants. Policies enacted by many governments, including our own in the United States, as well as choices being made by citizens, point to a rapid dismantling of values that we consider bedrock for the future of the global community.

During these years, we have continuously discerned how we, as women religious, can most effectively respond to these shifts. Recent changes in this nation point to a need for us to consider this question with great seriousness and to live our vocational call as women religious with a depth that may have never been required of us previously. The public proclamation each of us made at our profession of vows reminds us of our responsibility to be women of God living amid the deep challenges of the world – fearless of embracing and embodying the priorities of the Gospel."

THANK YOU

Weekly Offering Update

5/18/2025: \$16,799.84
5/25/2025: \$21,816.73

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, June 7, 2025

4:00 PM Orazio Romano, 1st Anniversary

Sunday, June 8, 2025

8:00 AM Ruth Buckley

10:00 AM Joseph Kelliher

11:45 AM In thanksgiving to St. Lucy

5:00 PM Michael O'Donnell

Monday, June 9, 2025

7:30 AM Prayer intentions for Edward Sullivan

12:05 PM Vicente Luna, 5th Anniversary

Tuesday, June 10, 2025

7:30 AM Prayer intentions for the parishioners of St. Genevieve

12:05 PM Leopoldina Vanegas

Wednesday, June 11, 2025

7:30 AM Prayer intentions for our parishioners

12:05 PM Sebastian Kolodziej

Thursday, June 12, 2025

7:30 AM Antonio Almeida Alves

12:05 PM Gladone Family

Friday, June 13, 2025

7:30 AM Celso Dos Santos

12:05 PM Prayer intentions for Maria & Anthony Rosal

Saturday, June 14, 2025

4:00 PM Teresa Melzen

Sunday, June 15, 2025

8:00 AM William, Angie & Joanne Speziale

10:00 AM Frank Joseph Libro, 5th Anniversary

11:45 AM Thomas L. Sataro

5:00 PM Maggie Kelly

Please Pray for the Sick

Paula Molitar, Joseph Shertick, Greg Reed, Kathryn Eagers, Tommie Henry, Syl Ciraulo, Mary Ertel, Mary Joyce Castafero, Bobby Lombardo, Rosemarie Perkoski, Fran Rago, Patricia Dressler, Susan Degennaro, and Deborah Godin.

Sanctuary Lamps

Week of June 8, 2025

In memory of Jim & Carol Curtis

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Watch 10:00 AM Mass Online:



<https://www.facebook.com/St-Patrick-St-Anthony-Church-109359789104825/>



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