

Our Lady Of Peace Parish

June 8th, 2025
Pentecost Sunday

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Holy Mass

Saturday
5:00 p.m.

Sunday
10:00 a.m. (Children's Liturgy) &
11:30 a.m.

Tuesday to Friday
9:00 a.m.

Confession

Saturday
4:15 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Adoration & Benediction

First Friday
following 9:00 a.m. Mass

Baptisms, Weddings & Funerals

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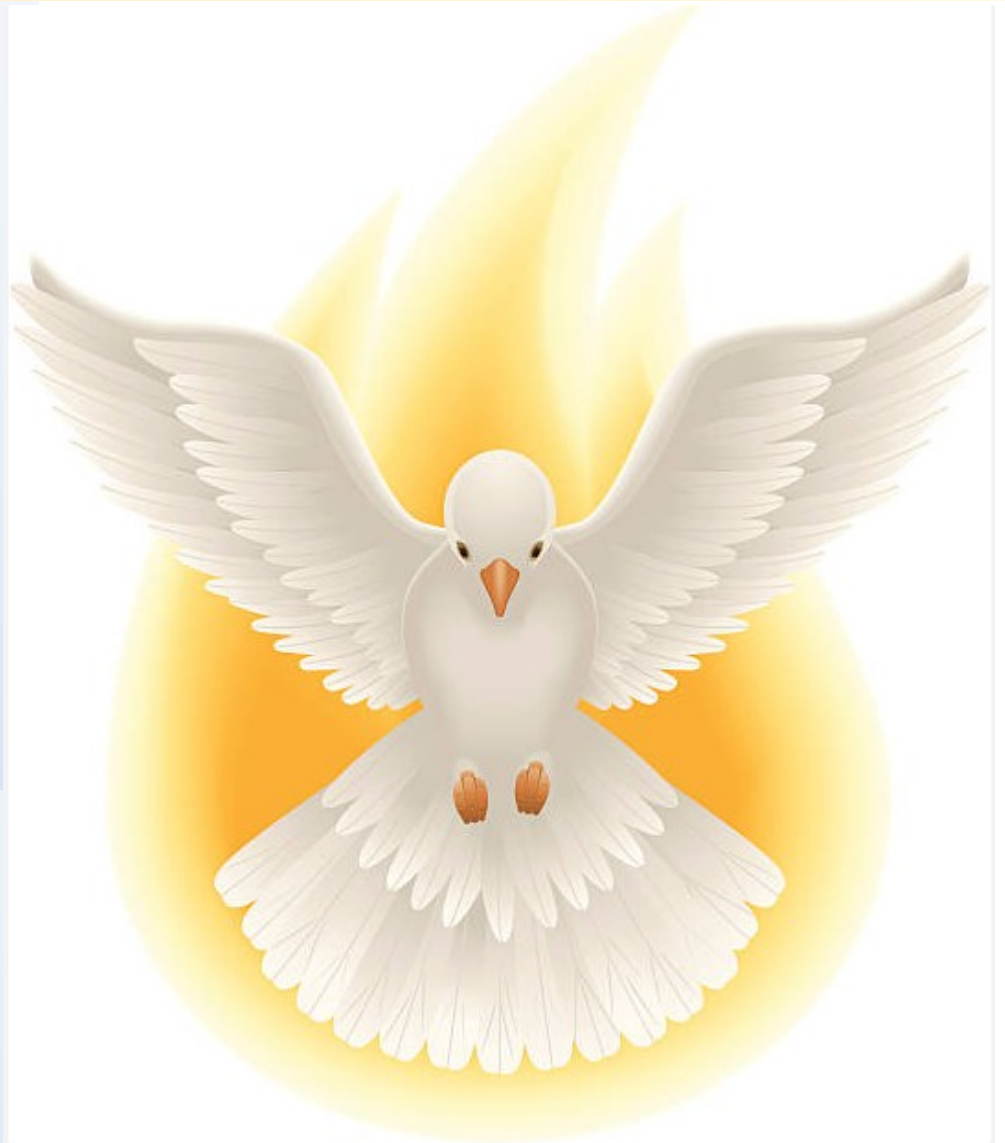
Youth Minister

Arnold Samson
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Office Hours

Monday to Friday
9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Our catholic faith has been passed down from generation to generation. Please ensure our faith lives on for generations to come by remembering your parish in your Will.



Our Mission

Guided by the love of God and the teachings of Jesus Christ, we the parish community of Our Lady of Peace come together embracing diversity and unity, to celebrate the Sacraments, to study the Word of God, and to provide unwavering support for one another. Through dynamic liturgical celebrations, meaningful fellowship, and continuous education, we strive to nurture each person's unique relationship with God and empower them to live out their faith in the world.

Pentecost: A New Fire for a New Life

Pentecost literally means "50th" and marks the 50th day after Easter Sunday, the glorious Resurrection of Jesus. Today we celebrate not only a historical event but also a living reality—the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and the Blessed Virgin Mary. With the sound of a mighty wind and tongues of fire, God fulfilled His promise to send the Holy Spirit, filling the once-frightened disciples with courage, passion, and power. It was the birth of the Church, the beginning of a new mission to bring Christ to the world.

On that first Pentecost, the apostles went out and preached boldly—and people from all nations heard the Gospel in their own languages. The miracle of Pentecost reverses the confusion of Babel and begins a new unity in the Spirit. That same Spirit is alive and active in us today. As the Psalmist sings, *"Lord, send out Your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth."*

St. Paul reminds us that the Holy Spirit gives a variety of gifts—wisdom, healing, service, faith, and more—all for the building up of the Body of Christ. And the fruits of the Spirit—*love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control*—are the visible signs of a Spirit-filled life.

In today's Gospel, Jesus breathes on the Apostles and says, "Receive the Holy Spirit." He gives them the power to forgive sins, a power that continues today in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This Pentecost message is also about forgiveness: in a world so quick to condemn, the Holy Spirit calls us to be agents of mercy and reconciliation.

The Holy Spirit is not a distant mystery. He is within us. St. Paul tells us, *"Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?"* The Spirit is our Comforter, Advocate, and Guide. He teaches us to pray, fills us with divine love, and empowers us to witness Christ in our daily lives. Through Baptism and Confirmation, we are sealed with the Spirit. Through the Eucharist, we are united in Christ by the Spirit. Through Holy Orders and the forgiveness of sins, the Spirit continues the work of Christ in the world.

The Holy Spirit is quietly at work all around us— in a parent praying for their child, in the strength to forgive someone who hurt us, in the courage to do what's right even when it's hard. He speaks in the silence of our hearts, challenges us to grow in holiness, and comforts us in trials.

Today, we are called not just to remember Pentecost but to live it. As Archbishop Oscar Romero said, *"It will always be Pentecost in the Church—provided the Church lets the beauty of the Holy Spirit shine forth."* The Spirit makes the Church young, vibrant, and alive.

We must be Spirit-filled Christians: people who pray daily, forgive freely, live joyfully, and act justly. Let us ask the Holy Spirit to awaken our hearts and renew our lives. May we become instruments of peace, voices of truth, and bearers of Christ's light in the world.

So, this Pentecost, let us pray with Saint John Henry Newman: **"Come, Holy Spirit.** Make our ears to hear. Make our eyes to see. Make our mouths to speak. Make our hearts to seek. Make our hands to reach out. And touch the world with Your love. Amen."

Come, Holy Spirit! Renew us. Empower us. Set us on fire again.

Children's Liturgy 10:00 AM Mass on Sundays



Liturgy of the Word with Children is suitably adapted to be made relevant to the lives and experiences of young children preparing them for full participation in the Liturgy. It gives them an opportunity to receive and respond to the Sunday readings.

Parents, Please bring your child/children to the Parish Hall before Mass and look for a volunteer with a name tag.

Wool & Yarn Donations Needed

If you have any spare wool or yarn at home, please consider donating it to the Parish Office.

Our wonderful volunteers use these materials to knit items for those in need — including the homeless, premature babies, and others who could use a little warmth and care. Your donation, big or small, would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your kindness!



Mass Intentions

Saturday 7th June - 5:00pm

† Steve Castrucci *Requested by Joan Kennedy*
 † Frank Kennedy *Requested by Kennedy Family*

Sunday 8th June 2025

10:00am

For the 1975 Graduates of Michael Power/St Joseph High School
 On the occasion of their 50th Reunion

11:30am

† Kazimierz Tomaszewski *Requested by Tomaszewski Family*
 For Healing Vanessa Bairos-Franch *Requested by Dina Micco*
 † Jose Demelo

Tuesday 10th June - 9:00am

† Maria Lista *Requested by Rosanne Lista*

Wednesday 11th June - 9:00am

Thursday 12th June - 9:00am

† Ross Gagliardi *Requested by Susan Gagliardi*

Friday 14th June - 9:00am

† Jaroslav Kimar *Requested by Barb Ziolkowski*

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 celebrated by His Excellency, Most Rev. Ivan Camilleri, and concelebrated by Rev. Fr. Biju.
 May the gift of the Holy Spirit remain with you always.*

Andrea Dietrich

Geronimo Palacios

Lily Blazik

Orlando Neri

Aria Costa

Gianluca Ventura

Lucas Lopes

Raelin Gorman

Benjamin Smith

Hailey MacDonald

Lucia Rojas

Riley Sy

Charles Cimicata

Hailey Iveson

Lukas Smith

Roman Borgia

Charlotte Ingle

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