

# Pentecost

## SUNDAY

MAY 31, 2020



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Jesus breathed on them and said to them,  
“Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are  
forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.”

John 20:22-23

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# PENTECOST SUNDAY

## Come Holy Spirit Come!

Today we celebrate a very great occasion of the Pentecost Sunday, celebrating and commemorating that moment when the Lord sent the Helper and Advocate which He has promised to His disciples and servants, the Holy Spirit of God that empowered them and gave them the courage and strength to carry out the mission which has been entrusted to them.

On that day, the Apostles received the Holy Spirit that appeared to them as the tongues of flames coming down from heaven and settled on each of their heads. This is the baptism of the Holy Spirit, which Jesus had promised to them, when He said that while John baptized with water, He shall baptize them with fire and the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit dwelled in them, and became in them the source of unquenchable flame, the passion and desire to go forth and courageously testify for the faith that they had in God.

Pentecost, then, is the day when we commemorate the spectacular eruption in which the Church came to birth. Secondly, it is the day when we remember the countless ways in which the Holy Spirit shapes the Church as an institution and ourselves as individuals (much as it has changed since St. Paul's time). Finally, it is the day when once again we are reminded that, having received the Holy Spirit, we are required and enabled, in whatever circumstances we find

ourselves, to take a stand for good and against evil.

So what is Pentecost all about? One of the major things it is about, of course, the Holy Spirit. We often pray - *"Come Holy Spirit Come! Fill the hearts of they faithful..."*

As Christians, we are called to be prophets. This, by virtue of our baptism when we received the gift of faith and by our confirmation when, like the disciples at Pentecost, we too received the Holy Spirit.

Now is the time of the Holy Spirit. He is at work in the world in and through us. Let us cooperate with Him by opening our minds and hearts to Him. Then we can speak out to others about the wonderful and mighty works God has done in and for us so that they, too, will accept Jesus as Lord of their hearts.

The Holy Spirit speaks to us in many ways both individually and when we as a people are gathered in Christ's name. In a particular and solemn way the Holy Spirit speaks to us in His Church, in the Mystical Body of Christ, in Sacred Scripture, in inspired words we hear in sermons or from the mouths of people we know of that are close to God.

In each and every Mass the Holy Spirit speaks to us in the words of the prayers that are offered. We ought to ponder over what we hear in those instances.



Without the Holy Spirit we have no life in us. With the Holy Spirit we have the life of Jesus. Without the Holy Spirit we become closed in but with the Holy Spirit we reach out in mission to others. Let us pray today for ourselves and the entire Church that we may all be renewed by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Today let us ask God to send His Spirit into our hearts. Filled with that Spirit, may we each individually make our contribution to the community to which we belong. And, as a community, may we give clear and unmistakable witness to the Truth and Love of God, revealed to us in Jesus our Lord. And this is the Good News of Today.

~Fr. Idzi





### Parish Staff

Rev. Idzi Stacherczak  
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### Parish Office Hours

Monday through Friday  
9:00 am—7:00 pm

Saturday  
9:00 am—12:00 pm

### Schedule of Masses

Sunday  
7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am

Saturday Evening Mass  
5:00 pm

Weekdays: 8:00 am  
Monday through Saturday

Holy Days:  
7:30am, 9:30 am and  
7:00 pm

### Sacrament of Penance

Monday - Saturday  
after the 8am Mass

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## St. Symphorosa Church Reopening Plan

At this time we are very happy to announce that with the help of our Reopening Leadership Team and volunteers who have stepped forward, our beloved church will be reopening for Baptisms, Confessions, Weddings and Funerals. We will also be opening for private prayer 2 times a week.

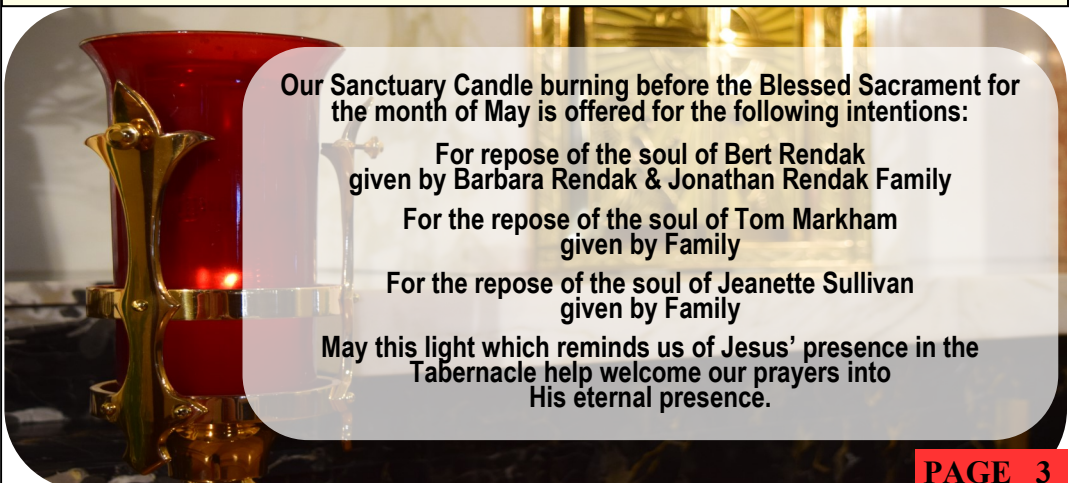
Confessions will be offered on Saturdays beginning with **Saturday, June 6th from 8:45am-9:30am**. The church will be open during this time for private prayer from 8:45am-10am. We will also have our church open on Wednesdays beginning **Wednesday, June 10th from 8:45am-10am**. Our plan is to add more dates for confession based on demand and more information will be shared in the near future.

As we move through this process, we have been given strict guidelines that must be followed from the Archdiocese of Chicago. The guidelines briefly listed below are for confessions and private prayer. Please contact the parish office (773.767.1523) for more information about Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals, or if you have any questions in regards to the guidelines listed below. Also, please contact the parish office if you or someone you know are interested in volunteering to join our Reopening Team.

### Guidelines for Confession & Private Prayer

- All persons entering the church must wear face masks the entire time, whether receiving confession or just coming in for private prayer. Hand sanitizer provided by the parish must be used upon entering the church.
- Greeters will be on site to meet those entering. They will maintain social distancing as well as help direct all within the building to do the same.
- The pews and floor will have tape marks designating where penitents are to wait in line and where those coming for private prayer can sit, thus maintaining social distancing.
- Only 10 worshippers will be allowed within the church at any given time. Please be respectful of others who may be waiting to enter the church.
- If you have come in only for private prayer and not confession, we ask that once a greeter has guided you to your seat that you do not move about the church.

Once again, we ask everyone to please be mindful of these guidelines for the safety of yourself and all those around you. If you are feeling ill or have a temperature please do not come to church. We look forward to this opportunity, not only to see some familiar faces again, but to have a chance to partake in the sacramental life of our Catholic Faith tradition once again.



Our Sanctuary Candle burning before the Blessed Sacrament for the month of May is offered for the following intentions:

For repose of the soul of Bert Rendak  
given by Barbara Rendak & Jonathan Rendak Family

For the repose of the soul of Tom Markham  
given by Family

For the repose of the soul of Jeanette Sullivan  
given by Family

May this light which reminds us of Jesus' presence in the  
Tabernacle help welcome our prayers into  
His eternal presence.



# RED RIBBON PROJECT

## Show Your Support!

To say that these are trying times would be a tremendous understatement. However, the Transformation Team is coordinating a project for all of our community to work together, while still observing all of the social

distancing restrictions!

Accordingly, you are invited to show your love and support for our Parish Faith Community by participating in our new "I Love St. Sym's Red Ribbon Project". Each Parish family can receive and secure a red plastic bow to a tree, post or front porch! The goal will be to color our neighborhood with this symbol to express the love we all have for our Church!

To obtain a "no cost" ribbon, please contact the Transformation Team at (773) 814-6116 or send an email request to:

[symribbonproject@gmail.com](mailto:symribbonproject@gmail.com).

Upon notification, a red ribbon will be delivered to your mailbox within four (4) days. If you need assistance in displaying your ribbon, we will be glad to help.

**Now the best part...** Once displayed, we invite you to take a picture of yourself and family next to the ribbon. Be creative! Then forward a copy of the photo to the email above or simply drop a copy of your "Cool" picture of Sym's support into the mail slot of the Parish Office. Photos will be posted on social media, our website or included in the Parish Bulletin...

**Thank you to those who have shared their St. Sym's pride by displaying a Red Ribbon and sending in their photos!**





*St. Symphorosa School*  
**Graduate Spotlight**  
**Daniel Hernandez**



Years at St. Syms: 10

Future High School: •  
Brother Rice High School

**Favorite School Memory:** Meeting my best friends in Kindergarten and being able to grow up with them!

**Clubs, Sports, and Activities:** Basketball, football, soccer, floor hockey, Alter server, first-grade helper, patrol, honor roll student, two-time Geography Bee gold medalist, and Patriot Penn Essay finalist

**Final Words of Wisdom:** "Strive to be your best every day no matter what the circumstances are, with hard work and dedication you will achieve anything!"

*St. Symphorosa School*  
**Graduate Spotlight**  
**Julie Marrella**



Years at St. Syms: 9

Future High School: •  
St. Laurence High School

**Favorite School Memory:** Crowning Mary, Mrs. Fank always giving us snacks, Mrs. Garza's science experiments, after school art, and winning the Halloween costume contest with my best friend Dolce.

**Clubs, Sports, and Activities:** First grade helper, choir, cheer, volleyball, basketball and softball. Honors: high honors and Lipinski All American Girl finalist

**Final Words of Wisdom:** "Always believe in yourself! And to the Class of 2020-we did it!"

*St. Symphorosa School*  
**Graduate Spotlight**  
**Leah Vazquez**



Years at St. Syms: 7

Future High School: •  
Curie High School International  
Baccalaureate Program

**Favorite School Memory:** I will always remember the fun field trips, especially our visit to Milwaukee, and the homecoming dances.

**Clubs, Sports, and Activities:** volleyball, art and painting, student council, safety patrol, altar serving, cheer, basketball

**Final Words of Wisdom:** "Look for the rainbow after the storm. Thank you for so many great years!"

*St. Symphorosa School*  
**Graduate Spotlight**  
**Ryan O'Connell**



Years at St. Syms: 10

Future High School: •  
Nazareth Academy

**Favorite School Memory:** The Halloween costume contest and the all school party on that day.

**Clubs, Sports, and Activities:** basketball, soccer, chess club, band, tutor, honor roll, geography bee, bowling.

**Final Words of Wisdom:** "Keep exploring, keep dreaming, keep asking Why. Don't settle for what you already know, never stop believing in the power of ideas, your imagination, your hard work will change the world. "- Barack Obama-

## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Saturday, May 30, 2020**

5:00pm †Mary Hecke (*Mary Trendle*)  
†Janet & Steve Molnar (*Hohm Family*)

**Sunday, May 31, 2020**

**Pentecost Sunday**

7:30am †Janet & Steve Molnar (*Hohm Family*)  
9:30am Health & all the Lord's blessings for the DeVan Family  
(*Fr. Idzi*)  
11:30am For all Parishioners, Living and Deceased (33)

**Monday, June 1, 2020**

**The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church**

8:00am For all Parishioners, Living and Deceased (34)

**Tuesday, June 2, 2020**

**Saint Marcellinus**

**Saint Peter**

8:00am For all Parishioners, Living and Deceased (35)

**Wednesday, June 3, 2020**

**Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions**

8:00am For all Parishioners, Living and Deceased (36)

**Thursday, June 4, 2020**

8:00am For all Parishioners, Living and Deceased (37)

**Friday, June 5, 2020**

**Saint Boniface, Bishop**

8:00am †Rosa Cicchino (*Rosa Rodriguez*)  
†Mary Gleason (*Bob & Barb Mikulecky*)

**Saturday, June 6, 2020**

**Saint Norbert, Bishop**

8:00am For all Parishioners, Living and Deceased (38)  
5:00pm †Patricia Crotty (*Cherie Berndt*)  
†Janet & Steve Molnar (*Hohm Family*)

**Sunday, June 7, 2020**

**The Most Holy Trinity**

7:30am †Janet & Steve Molnar (*Hohm Family*)  
9:30am †Richard Siepka (*Lorraine Siepka*)  
†Betty Villanova (*Terri & Dan Domarsky*)  
11:30am Health & all the Lord's blessings for the DeVan Family  
(*Fr. Idzi*)

Let us pray...

Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Ernest Konie



The faithful all around the world are invited to join with Pope Francis for his special intention. Won't you join in? The intention for the month of May is for Deacons.

**We pray that deacons, faithful to their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.**



*There are in the end three things that last: Faith, Hope, and Love, and the greatest of these is LOVE.*

Kim Argires  
Ignatius Battiatto  
Mary Bieser  
Fr. Ted Bojczuk  
Lydia Brown  
Pat Carmody  
Michael Clifford  
Norma De Stefano  
Chris Doherty  
Juan Figueroa  
Carol Gress  
Suzann Gunter  
Kathy Haars  
Catherine Hier  
Megan High  
Heather Hradek  
Denise M. Jandura  
Rich S. Jandura  
Joan Juris  
Pete Kats  
Lee Karpinski  
Dennis Kline  
Walter Kokoszka, Sr.  
Claudia Kwilosz  
Norman Kwilosz  
James Lapsansky  
Maryann Larson

Donna Lauritzen  
Domenico Lepore  
Debbie Lipien  
Maria & Martinez Family  
John Martini  
Thomas Minnich  
Christine Mosqueda  
Genevieve Nagle  
Florence Panzarella  
Baby Alexander J Pentz  
Gi Gi Picciolini  
Marilyn Polit  
Marie Pratt  
Ann Robertson  
Edward Robertson  
Fr. John Rudnik  
Joseph Rudnik  
Coltyn Schmidt  
Kristyn Schmidt  
Elliana Sterk  
Brian Styka  
Terry Styka  
Mary Thorpe  
George Trendle  
Judith Webber  
Barb Ziegler  
Michelle

Due to privacy laws, names may only be added to our prayer list by immediate family. Please let us know when to remove a name.

## SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

Sgt. Jaime A. Acosta, USMC  
Sgt. Ted Bartelmey  
CS-1 Joel Battung  
1st Sgt. Chas. Berglund, USMC  
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Sgt. Arthur A. Boruch, National Guard  
Hospitalman Blythe A. Cisneros, USN  
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Lance Corp. Tim Lisenko, USMC  
Trevor Lutz, US Army  
Corporal Zachary Maderak, USMC  
Private Joseph M. Mikutis, USMC  
Pvt 1st Class Daniel Morales, US Army  
SPC Alex Ramos  
Staff Sgt. Abel Sandoval, USMC  
WO-1 Richard Sabeske, US Army  
Sgt. 1st Class Kristina Stuhlmacher  
1LT Zachary White, IL Army NG



Today as we celebrate Pentecost, Jesus says to his disciples: *"Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."*

**This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brought the love and care of Jesus to the poor by assisting families, providing food, help with utilities and rent, etc. Thank you!**

St. Vincent de Paul phone number: (773) 682-3342



Lord Jesus, you healed those who were sick and cared for any who were suffering. Be with us now as we pray for all those who may be affected by the Coronavirus.