



PENTECOST SUNDAY

MAY 20, 2018



† MASS INTENTIONS †

Sat.	5/19	4:00 PM	Pentecost Vigil Elsie Norman and Cheryl Kleckner by Marla and Family
Sun.	5/20	7:30 AM	Pentecost Sunday John B. Capozzelli by His Family
		10:30 AM	Pentecost Sunday For the People
Mon.	5/21	7:00 PM	Helen and Adam Kisatsky by Bernadine and Robert Kisatsky
Tue.	5/22	7:00 AM	Elaine Gazick by Her Family
Wed.	5/23	7:00 AM	NO MASS
Thur.	5/24	7:00 AM	Thomas Chuckra, Jr. by His Wife Mary Fran
Fri.	5/25	7:00 AM	Deceased Members of the Feschuk and Banyas Families by John and Kathy Feschuk
Sat.	5/26	4:00 PM	Alexander Mason by Toni and Family
Sun.	5/27	7:30 AM	Edward and Mary Carter by Their Daughter Anna Marie and Children
		10:30 AM	For the People

Last Weekend:



Sunday \$4,292.20; Dues \$600.00; Care and Education of Priests \$84.00; Easter \$20.00; Catholic Communications \$586.00; Catholic Home Missions \$30.00; Feast of the Ascension \$701.00; Poor Box \$303.89

CANDLES ON THE ALTAR are in Memory of the Deceased Members of the Batcha and Ceriani Families by JoAnne and Barbara



MEMORIAL DAY MASS will be celebrated on **Monday, May 28th, at 10:00 AM** in St. Ann's Cemetery. Please bring chairs as the seating is limited. In case of inclement weather, Mass will be celebrated in the church. There will be **NO 7:00 PM MASS.**



There will be a Youth Teen Meeting **this Sunday** from 12:00 to 1:30 PM in St. Patrick's parish.



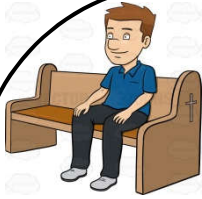
FOOD PANTRY donation for May is coffee. The next distribution will be Tuesday, May 22nd. Volunteers are needed to help unload the truck at 1 PM. Packing bags is at 1:30 PM and distribution is 3:30 PM.



Happy Birthday, Church! It was my first year as a priest and the Feast of Pentecost. I was an assistant in a parish - one of three priests in the rectory. I was assigned one Mass on Saturday and one on Sunday. At the Saturday evening Liturgy I had a cake with a candle and asked everyone to sing Happy Birthday, Church! We had a great time. When I got back to the rectory, the pastor told me it was not liturgically correct to sing happy birthday to the church, especially with a cake. As a dutiful and lowly assistant, I did what I was told (and

gave the cake away to a family with lots of children). Fast forward to the present.....

It **IS** the birthday of the church and it **IS** appropriate to have a cake and sing the song (I found out later, the pastor just didn't like the idea). So to the Church I now dutifully sing "Happy Birthday" and encourage you all to celebrate this most special day.



A VIEW FROM THE PEW, MYSTICAL ROSE

The Litany of Mary is a powerful prayer written in the Middle Ages. In it are many names attributed to Mary, one is the "Mystical Rose." Laura Hensley of EpicPew explains "Mary has shown us that the rose is Her favorite flower, through the mysterious roses that Juan Diego picked before giving him Her image on his tilma (cloak)." St. Juan Diego was born in 1474 a native to Mexico. He became the first Roman Catholic indigenous saint from the Americas. Juan and his wife converted to Catholicism and were among the first to be baptized in the region. Juan was known for his devotion to the Blessed Mother, and while on his way to church, she appeared to him requesting that he ask the bishop to build a chapel in her honor. Juan approached the bishop, but he doubted his story. Mary appeared a second time and again he confronted the bishop, this time the bishop requested proof. The Virgin Mary appeared a third time, Juan explained what transpired and the Blessed Mother told him she would provide proof the next day. Unfortunately, Juan's sick uncle required care and he missed the meeting with Mary. Embarrassed, but needing a priest for his uncle, he set out and did not want to face Mary. Mary was persistent and found Juan anyway. Juan explained the situation and Mary asked him "am I not here, I who am your mother?" She cured his uncle and provided proof of the apparition. Mary asked him to climb a hill and collect flowers growing there. He obeyed and found many flowers blooming in December on the rocky land. He collected them in his cloak and presented them to the Blessed Mother who arranged the flowers within the cloak and told him to present it to the bishop. The bishop opened it and found a miraculous imprinted image of the Virgin Mary on the inside of the flower-filled cloak. This cloak from 1531 remains perfectly preserved at the "Basilica of Guadalupe" and has become one of the most visited Catholic shrines. Mary, The Mystical Rose!

PARISH HAPPENINGS



OUR ANNUAL OLD-FASHIONED SUNDAY AFTERNOON CHURCH PICNIC will be held **Sunday, June 10th**, in the public park. Mass begins at **12:00 PM** and the picnic begins immediately after. There will be hot dogs, hamburgers, two roasted pigs, plus all the wonderful foods you are bringing. **Please let us know what you are bringing and how many are coming. Please call the parish office at 570-636-3035 or drop your forms into the collection basket.**

THESE ARE THE DONATIONS WE HAVE SO FAR:

6 dozen deviled eggs	Lemon Supreme Cake	Spinach Dip	Cucumber Salad
2 lb. Tri-Colored Pasta	Devil's Food Cake	Pierogis	Broccoli Salad
Macaroni Salad	Choc. P/B Fudge	Sheet Cake	Fruit Salad
Halushki	Peanut Butter Fudge	Potatoes w/Bacon, Butter, & Onion	
Peanut Butter Tandy Cakes	Calico Beans	Italian Cannolis	3 Bean Casserole



PARISH CEMETARIES - Volunteers for the parish cemeteries ask parishioners to please remove Christmas and Easter decorations as soon as possible from family plots in order to prepare for the upcoming Memorial Day and summer season.



PETITION BOOK - Within the next few weeks, a stand will be placed in the vestibule of the church with a book where you will be able to write your personal petitions. These petitions will then be prayed for during every mass at Immaculate Conception during our Intercessory Prayer with the statement: "For those petitions we hold within the silence of our hearts and those listed in our Petition Book." It is also asked that you remember these petitions in your own daily personal prayer.



Although the book is intended for your personal petitions, we do ask that since this book is available to the public that you use proper judgment when listing a petition in order to keep individuals' privacy intact. For example, instead of saying: "I pray for John Smith to get a job", you could say: "I pray for my friend to find employment." This allows individuals the dignity of their privacy while giving them the opportunity to have the community pray for them.

We hope that this will help to foster a greater community of prayer for each other within our Immaculate Conception Parish Family.