

St. Jane Frances de Chantal Parish

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PENTECOST



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FR. TONY SULKOWSKI This weekend, the Church celebrates the feast of Pentecost—the birth of the Church. We observe the fulfillment of the Lord's promise to his disciples: "I will send you the paraclete. The Holy Spirit will instruct you on what you should do."

> We read in the Catechism of the Catholic Church: "On the day of Pentecost when the seven weeks of Easter have come to an end, Christ's Passover is fulfilled in the

outpouring of the Holy Spirit, manifested, given, and communicated as a divine person: of His fullness, Christ, the Lord, pours out the Spirit in abundance." There are many titles that are used to refer to the Spirit—the wind, the fire, the comforter—but there is one title that sums up what we are called to be as people who have been gifted by the Spirit: the **Divine Architect.** The Holy Spirit is the architect, and we are the coworkers in the building process. In the essay *Digging the* Foundation, I believe one section is the core of what we must do as people who are empowered by the spirit. It states that:

"[T]o fulfill God's plan for us, we must dig deep into the foundation of who we are; to do that, we must plow into the very depth of our being. God created us in His image and likeness, bestowing upon us gifts and talents that are unique to us and us alone. The challenge for us is to become aware of those talents and gifts, and to use them to enhance and to build up the body of Christ, the Church. As coworkers in the building process, we are called to work as one team with one common aoal—namely, to proclaim the Gospel message, knowing at all times and at the core of our being that it is God's work that we are doing, and not our own.

Some question to reflect upon:

What signs of growth can you detect in our Church?

How do we encourage individuals to share their gifts and talents with the parish community?

What particular gifts of the Spirit provide the foundation of St. Jane Frances de Chantal Parish?

We celebrate 43 years as a parish community in the city of Sterling Heights. May the Spirit that empowered our founders and forbearers continue to empower us to build up the Body of Christ. As we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, may we reflect upon the prayer of the Holy Spirit. Come, Holy Spirit; fill the hearts and minds of your faithful servants. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us."

Bon Mot: "The more difficult the task, the more the Spirit will be given." —John Cardinal Dearden.

Carpe Diem,

Fr. Tony

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"Nourished by God's Word & the Eucharist, St. Jane Frances de Chantal Parish is a welcoming Catholic community dedicated to living and proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

NEW TO THE PARISH?

Would you like to join the St. Jane Frances de Chantal Parish family? Become a Parishioner! You may register anytime in the Parish Office or online at sjfparish.org. We would love to have you!

MASS SCHEDULE

| Weekend Masses Saturday Sunday | 4:00pm 9:00am & 11:30am | |
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| Weekday Masses Tuesday Wednesday & Thu | 7:00pm Irsday 8:00am | |
| Holy Day Masses | As Announced | |
| Confession Tuesday | 5:30pm | |
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OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday,

| & Thursday | 9:00am—1:00pm |
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| Tuesday | 2:00pm—8:00pm |
| Saturday | 3:00pm—5:00pm |
| Sunday | 10:00am—12:30pm |
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PRAYER LIST

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Names added to the Prayer List will remain for four weeks. If additional prayers are needed after that time, please call the Parish Office.



LAURIE HALL Pastoral Associate Ext. 104

Today, we celebrate the great solemnity of Pentecost, remembering the gift of the Holy LHall@sjfparish.org Spirit, the Advocate. Recorded in the Gospel of Luke, Jesus tells His disciples, "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit whom the Father

will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you." The Holy Spirit dwells within us, strengthening us and guiding us to live out our baptismal call. The gifts of the Holy Spirit help us fulfill our mission to spread the Good News to all the corners of the earth. This week, spend some time reflecting on these gifts and pray the prayer to the Holy Spirit!

GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

WISDOM: With the gift of Wisdom, we see God at work in our lives and in the world. We are directed in matters of judgment about the truth and about being able to see the whole image of God. Wisdom helps us understand the purpose of God's plan for us and the world and to see the world through God's eyes.

UNDERSTANDING: With the gift of understanding, we comprehend how we need to live as a follower of Jesus Christ. A person with understanding is not confused by our culture's conflicting messages about the right way to live. Understanding helps us learn about ourselves and how to grow in knowing God. Understanding clears away obstacles to true faith.

KNOWLEDGE: With the gift of knowledge, we understand the meaning of God's Revelation, especially as expressed in the life and words of Jesus Christ. A person with knowledge is always learning more about the Scriptures and tradition. This gift enables us to judge what must and must not be believed.

FORTITUDE: With the gift of courage, we overcome our fear and are willing to take risks as a follower of Jesus Christ. A person with courage will stand up for what is right in the sight of God, even if it means rejection, verbal abuse, or physical harm and death. Courage allows people the firmness of mind that is required to do good and stand up to evil, especially for Jesus and his teaching.

COUNSEL: With the gift of right judgment, we know the difference between right and wrong, and we choose to do what is right—we make better moral decisions. The Holy Spirit points us to the most important considerations as we make decisions in life, always choosing good as a means to an end.

PIETY: With the gift of reverence, we have a deep sense of respect for God and the Church. A person with reverence recognizes our total reliance on God and comes before God with humility, trust, and love. In piety, we pay worship and duty to God as our Father and have immense trust in God's fatherly love.

FEAR OF THE LORD: With the gift of wonder and awe, we are aware of the glory and majesty of God and the grateful wonder of His love for us. Fear of the Lord is like a child's fear of offending his father, not a fear of punishment. The worst thing that could happen to us is separation from the God that we love.

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT:

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful And kindle in them the fire of Your love. Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created And You shall renew the face of the earth. O God, Who instructed the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, Grant us in the same Spirit to be truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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🖉 DEBBIE MAZUR

Christian Service & Adult Formation Coordinator DMazur@sjfparish.org Ext. 107 Pentecost is celebrated on the seventh Sunday following Easter. Pentecost (Greek for 50th day) marks the day that the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles. Did you know that the feast of

Pentecost is often referred to as the birthday of the Church?

HOW CAN YOU CELEBRATE PENTECOST?

(Adapted from Franciscan Media; post by Susan Hine-Brigger)

- Celebrate with cake and ice cream, but rather than singing *Happy Birthday*, recite a prayer for Pentecost.
- Wear something red to symbolize the love of the Holy Spirit or the tongues of fire. Use a red table cloth, eat off red paper plates, and incorporate red into the day or week.
- Read aloud the story of Pentecost in the second chapter of Acts.
- Make an effort to try to overcome differences. Try to converse with people you have previously avoided or not understood.
- Go fly a kite or make a pinwheel with a child and watch what the wind does; talk about the Holy Spirit with them.

The Prayer for the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit, from *ourcatholicprayers.com*, touches on all of the gifts of the Confirmation rite. This may be a great prayer to reflect on today:

O Lord Jesus Christ, who, before ascending into heaven, did promise to send the Holy Spirit to finish your work in the souls of your Apostles and disciples, deign to grant the same Holy Spirit to me, that He may perfect in my soul the work of your grace and your love. Grant me the Spirit of Wisdom that I may despise the perishable things of this world and aspire only after the things that are eternal, The Spirit of Understanding to enlighten my mind with the light of your divine truth, The Spirit of Counsel that I may ever choose the surest way of pleasing God and gaining Heaven, The Spirit of Fortitude that I may bear my cross with you, and that I may overcome with courage all the obstacles that oppose my salvation, The Spirit of Knowledge that I may know God and know myself, and grow perfect in the science of the Saints, The Spirit of Piety that I may find the service of God sweet and amiable, and The Spirit of Fear that I may be filled with a loving reverence toward God, and may dread in any way to displease Him. Mark me, dear Lord, with the sign of your true disciples and animate me in all things with your Spirit. Amen.

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT LINE

(Courtesy of cdc.gov)

Outbreaks can be stressful. We are here to provide help and give hope!

The outbreak of Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) may be stressful for people. Fear and anxiety about a disease can be overwhelming and cause strong emotions in adults and children.

Coping with stress will make you, the people you care about, and your community, stronger. Stress during a disease outbreak can include:

Fear and worry about your health and the health of your loved ones.

Changes in sleep or eating patterns.

Difficulty sleeping or concentrating.

Worsening of chronic health problems or mental health conditions.

Increased use of alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs.

Everyone reacts differently to stressful situations. How you respond to the outbreak can depend on your background, the things that make you different from other people, and the community you live in. People who may respond more strongly to the stress of a crisis include:

Older people and people with chronic diseases who are at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19.

Children and teens.

People who are helping with the response to COVID-19, like doctors, other health care providers, and first responders.

People who have mental health conditions, including problems with substance use.

Our qualified mental health professions are here to listen! Call us at 888-271-2350. Our FREE hotline is open from 8:00am—8:00pm daily.

For more info go to ccsem.org.

NEW VIRTUAL CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUPS

Henry Ford Health System's family caregiver support groups are going virtual every Tuesday throughout the summer.

Support groups will be held:

Tuesdays from 11:00am—12:00pm and 6:00pm—7:00pm

Support groups begin starting on Tuesday, May 26th.

Participants can join by telephone, computer, tablet, or iPad to connect with other caregivers and Henry Ford's C.A.R.E. Program staff.

For more specific information about our support groups, please email CaregiverResources@hfhs.org or call us at 313-874-4838.

COMING SOON: ONLINE ART THERAPY

Join Kelly Darke, C.A.R.E. Program Art Therapist, for FREE online art therapy support groups starting in mid-June 2020!

These sessions are for caregivers of all types, and are open to non-caregivers as well.

Adults, children, patients, friends, and families are welcome to join. Visit henryford.com/familycaregivers for updates regarding art therapy.

WATCH LIVE MASS At home!

Live Mass available every Sunday at noon at aod.org/LiveMasses.



SAINTS MARCELLINUS AND PETER

(Article and image courtesy of catholiccurrent.org)

Died circa 304. Feast Day: June 2nd.

Marcellinus was a priest and Peter an exorcist in Rome's Christian community. They were arrested and imprisoned during a persecution by Emperor Diocletian. In prison, they converted many people, including their jailer and his

family. They were condemned to death and beheaded, supposedly in secret, in a nearby wood. But their executioner disclosed the deaths after his conversion.

Pope St. Damasus I wrote an epitaph for their tomb, over which Emperor Constantine later built a church in which he buried his mother. This pope also reported that he learned the details of their martyrdom from the executioner himself. Marcellinus and Peter are among the saints named in the Roman Canon of the Mass.



SOCIAL TEACHING: GLOBAL SOLIDARITY

(Courtesy of catholiccurrent.org)

By Fr. Larry Rice

Catholic social teaching consists of a wide range of principles, from the dignity of the human person, to economic justice, environmental stewardship, and the rights and responsibilities of each person. The final principle looks at social justice from the most macro level: Global Solidarity and Development.

The principle teaches that the common good we work toward must transcend national and global boundaries. We must ultimately see ourselves connected to every human being and working with them for the good of all. This is, admittedly, a lofty goal that's hard to achieve. But, as the Church taught in the sacred constitution on the Church in the modern world at the second Vatican Council:

All must consider it their sacred duty to count social obligations among their chief duties today and observe them as such. For the more closely the world comes together, the more widely do people's obligations transcend particular groups and extend to the whole world. This will be realized only if individuals and groups practice moral and social virtues and foster them in social living. Then, under the necessary help of divine grace, there will arise a generation of new women and men, the molders of a new humanity (GeS #30).

A lofty goal indeed. But remember, the purpose of all the principles of Catholic social teaching is not to describe the world as it is, but to guide us toward the world as we wish it to be. Short of the Kingdom of God, these principles may seem idealistic. But it remains a crucial part of the Church's mission to encourage us all to work towards a more just, more peaceful world.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 31, 2020

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

Monday, *Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary*, *Mother of the Church*: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14; Ps 87: 1-2,3 and 5, 6-7; Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday, Saints Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs: 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18; Ps 90:2, 3-4, 10, 14 and 16; Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday, *Memorial of Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs*: 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12; Ps 123:1b-2ab, 2cdef; Mk 12:18-27

Thursday: 2 Tm 2:8-15; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14; Mk 12:28-34

Friday, Memorial of Saint Boniface, Bishop and Martyr: 2 Tm 3:10-17; Ps 119:157, 160, 161, 165, 166, 168; Mk 12:35-37

Saturday: Saint Norbert, Bishop: 2 Tm 4:1-8; Ps 71:8-9, 14-15ab, 16-17, 22; Mk 12:38-44

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

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, JUNE 1: NO MASS

TUESDAY, JUNE 2

7:00pm Liv. Richard Lanier (Dorothy Weglarz)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

8:00am For the Parishioners

THURSDAY, JUNE 4

8:00am Dec. Marsha Olson (Family) Dec. Gloria Wiseman (Judy Taylor)

FRIDAY, JUNE 5: NO MASS

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

| 4:00pm | Dec. Arnold & Shirley Putrycus (Purtrycus Family) |
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| | Dec. Gabriel Durante (Durante Family) |
| | Dec. Pauline Gronowski (Gronowski Family) |
| | Dec. Marcia Frontier (Debi & Daniel Teran, Jr.) |

SUNDAY, JUNE 7

| 9:00am | First Sunday Monthly Memorial Members |
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| | For the Parishioners |
| | Dec. Deanna Norkiewicz (Vera Pellerito) |
| 11:30am | Dec. Teresa, Agostina & Maria Gasperoni (Rosa Maiani) |
| | Liv. Lily Pajulas (93 rd Birthday) |
| | (Rhylin, Rene, Jr., Teresa, & Rhea) |

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SACRAMENTS

Children's Baptism

Do you have a child you would like to be baptized? Please call the Parish Office to discuss options and make arrangements.

Reconciliation

Available Tuesdays at 5:30pm.

Marriage

Congratulations! Please contact the Parish Office at least six months prior to your desired wedding date to begin preparations. Couples should stop by the office and fill out the Request for Celebration of Marriage form. Fr. Tony will call the couple and answer any questions regarding marriage.

Anointing of the Sick

Contact the Parish Office to schedule regular or one-time visits.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Are you interested in joining the Catholic Church? We are thrilled to have you! Contact Laurie Hall to begin the process. Welcome home!

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