



The reading from Acts of the Apostles today is Luke's account of the first Pentecost. It presents the Spirit as the source of power for witness.

The first manifestations of the Spirit are a "noise like a strong driving wind: and "tongues of fire" resting on each of the disciples (Acts 2:2-3). They are then able to speak in other languages so that all present could understand them (2:4-12).

Immediately their speech takes the form of preaching to the thousands of people who are in the city. Peter speaks to the crowd and testifies to Jesus (2:14-36,38-40). What they are hearing is prophecy that results from the Spirit being poured out upon people (2:17-18). Thus, the witness is said to be a message from God. This is important because it makes the message all the more cutting to its auditors when Peter says that they killed Jesus. What is worse, he says that they used "lawless men to crucify him" (2:23). The message leads to a crescendo of condemnation as Peter culminates: "Therefore, let the whole house of Israel know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified" (2:36).

It is evident that this is a power that allows Peter to witness courageously before such a large throng. The effectiveness of this power is shown through the three thousand people who accept Peter's message and become Christians (2:41). This power remains effective through witness as "every day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved" (2:47).

For Luke, Pentecost is the celebration of the Spirit as the force for Christian growth. The force expresses itself through the willingness of Christians to stand up and witness to their faith. This growth is always the product of courageously moving beyond ourselves toward others with the message of life that we have been given.



The Holy Spirit, who came on Pentecost, gave voice to the apostles to proclaim the truth of the Gospel. The Spirit, the Soul of the Church, continues to enable the Church to speak, and enables us to speak in our individual capacity. As Bishop Elio Sgreccia, former President of the Vatican's Pontifical Academy for Life has said, "The Church must speak out in today's context on fundamental rights, the right to justice, the right to peace, but above all and in the first place, the right to life. If the Church did not speak, did not proclaim the truth, it would be abandoning its duty; it would be unfaithful to society, to the good of society. Therefore, its precise duty is the very liberty to intervene with word, and also with example, the example of promoting human life, of intervening for the salvation of mankind."



During the month of May, with the exceptions of Wednesdays and Saturdays, the **Rosary will be led each evening at 7:00pm in front of the shrine outside church** by a parishioner. Prayer leaders are needed for each session. There is a sign up sheet posted by the front doors. Please join us!

May Altar - Many of you have beautiful flowers in your yard, please feel free to place them or purchased flowers on the Mary Altar. Mark your vases and they will be returned to you. Hope many of you will share your flowers with Mary.



The Best Gift you can give to your children....

is a marriage rooted in love. Make your good marriage warmer and happier with a Marriage Encounter Weekend! The next Marriage Encounter weekend in this area is July 16-18 at the Holiday Inn Eastgate in Cincinnati OH. Weekends fill up quickly, so a prompt response is encouraged to avoid the waiting list. For more details or reservations call Keith & Lori Maurmeier at 1-800-547-1251/code 00 or www.esharing.org.

MEMORIAL BRICKS

If you would like to purchase a memorial brick to add to the ones behind the outside Mary Shrine, now is the time. We would like to order them soon but need to order in groups of 20-25 bricks. Each brick costs \$40 and are personalized to your specifications. Order forms are in the back of church, or you can download a form from our website. Questions call the Parish Center at 863-4963.

Thanks!

"You Too Go Into My Vineyard." The Athenaeum of Ohio's Lay Pastoral Ministry Program has been educating Catholic men and women for over 35 years. Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, this program is grounded in Catholic doctrine and forms faithful disciples to be engaged in the mission of the Church. Classes are now forming for the Fall of 2010. Call 513-231-1200 or email kboss@athenaeum.edu for more information.

Hey, Kids!

Cub Scout Pack 907 is currently recruiting K-4th grade boys. Join by **June 1st** and take part in summer events such as raingutter regatta, day camps, 4th of July parade, and pack camping. If interested please attend a meeting on **Thursday May 27th at 6:30pm**. If you cannot make the meeting, you may call Dan Hongell at 860-5134 for more information. Pack 907 recruits boys from St. Ann, Hayes and Linden Elementary Schools. Home schooled boys are also invited to join!

Pentecost Sunday



The Week Ahead

Sunday, May 23rd, 2010

7:40 a.m. Rosary before Mass
 9:00 a.m. CCD Classes
 10:10 a.m. Rosary before Mass

Tuesday, May 25th, 2010

Kindergarten Zoo Trip!

Wednesday, May 26th, 2010

School Picnic!

8 a.m.-6:30 p.m. *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction*

Thursday, May 27th, 2010

Walk a Thon!

6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Meeting

Friday, May 28th, 2010

8:00 a.m. Appreciation Mass & Reception

Saturday, May 29th, 2010

7:30 a.m. Mass
 3:30 -4:40 p.m. Confessions
 4:40 p.m. Rosary before Mass

Sunday, May 30th, 2010

7:40 a.m. Rosary before Mass
 9:00 a.m. CCD Classes
 10:10 a.m. Rosary before Mass



We are STILL looking for volunteers to help out with St. Ann's festival. We need workers for food, variety of booths, and kids games. Work shifts are 6-8pm and 8-10pm on Friday and Saturday nights.

Also looking for set up and take down and security workers.

Let's get involved and work together to make our parish festival a success! Please call Geri at the Parish Office or email her at gerismith@live.com to find out what's available and sign up! It's important to pull together as a Parish and have some fun while doing it!

We are also looking for anyone who would like to donate merchandise for our silent auction (new only please) and people to bake for our bake sale. If you can't volunteer your time, see if you can volunteer an item!

****Pringles Can Call Out! Please donate your used or full Pringles cans and drop them off at the Parish Office to Geri. A big thank you to those who have donated already!**

Badin High School will be offering their Laffalot Summer Camp the week of July 19-23 this summer. The camp is for children ages 6-12. For more information or to register online, visit www.laffalotcamps.com, or call Pat at 313-2076. Don't miss the fun!!!



Saturday, May 22nd

5:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 23rd

8:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Monday, May 24th

7:15 a.m.

Tuesday, May 25th

7:15 a.m.

Wednesday, May 26th

7:15 a.m.

Thursday, May 27th

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Intentions of St. Ann People

Jim Vogt (Family)

Weekday

Leroy Renner (Family)

Weekday

Don Hingsbergen (Dr. & Mrs. Malnofski)

Weekday

Margherita Moretti (Women's American Italian Society)

Weekday

Communion Service

Mass at St. Joseph Church in Hamilton

Weekday

Elvira Vitale

The Most Holy Trinity

Margherita Moretti (Women's American Italian Society)

Robert & Loraine Mergy (Julia)

The Most Holy Trinity

Betty Vidquirek (Dick & Claire)

For the Intentions of St. Ann People

Readings for the Week of May 23, 2010

Sunday: Pentecost Sunday
 Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17; Jn 20:19-23 or 14:15-16, 23b-26 or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-15

Monday: 1 Pt 1:3-9; Ps 111; Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday: Saints Bede the Venerable, priest, doctor; Gregory VII, pope; Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi, virgin
 1 Pt 1:10-16; Ps 98; Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Saint Philip Neri, priest
 1 Pt 1:18-25; Ps 147; Mk 10:32-45

Thursday: Saint Augustine of Canterbury, bishop
 1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12; Ps 100; Mk 10:46-52

Friday: 1 Pt 4:7-13; Ps 96; Mk 11:11-26

Saturday: Jude 17:20b-25; Ps 63; Mk 11:27-33

Sunday: The Most Holy Trinity
 Prv 8:22-31; Ps 8; Rom 5:1-5; Jn 16:12-15

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