

# Church of the Assumption

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***Pentecost Sunday***

***May 23, 2021***



## Pentecost Sunday

***May You Find Christ Here...May You Bring Christ to the World!***

**Mass Schedule:**

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, 12 noon

Friday, 6:00 p.m.

*Registration suggested  
for weekend Masses.*

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**Office Hours:**

Monday - Thursday

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Bulletin Deadline:**

Wednesday, 12 noon

## Sunday Reflection – Pentecost Sunday

Do we know and experience in our own life the gift and power of the Holy Spirit? After his death and resurrection Jesus promised to give his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit. He said to them, Receive the Holy Spirit! (John 20:22) Jesus knew that his disciples would need the power of the Holy Spirit to carry out the mission entrusted to them. The gift of the Holy Spirit was conditional upon the ascension of Jesus to the right hand of the Father. That is why Jesus instructed the apostles to wait in Jerusalem until you are clothed with power from on high (Luke 24:49).

The Holy Spirit is given to all who are baptized into Jesus Christ to enable us to live a new way of life - a life of love, peace, joy, and righteousness (Romans 14:17). The Holy Spirit fills our hearts with the love of God (Romans 5:7), and he gives us the strength and courage we need in order to live as faith-filled disciples of the Lord Jesus. The Spirit helps us in our weakness (Romans 8:26), and enables us to grow in spiritual freedom - freedom from doubt, fear, and from slavery to our unruly desires (2 Corinthians 3:17). Isaiah foretold the seven-fold gifts that the Spirit would give: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord (Isaiah 11:2). Let us pray: Lord Jesus, we thank you for the gift of Pentecost and for the new life you offer in the Holy Spirit. Fill us with your Holy Spirit and set our heart ablaze with the fire of your love that we may serve you in joy and freedom.

### Readings for Sunday,

May 30, 2021

Deuteronomy 4:32-34,39-40

Romans 8:14-17

Matthew 28:16-20



## Saint of the Week ... St. Philip Neri

St. Philip Neri was a Christian missionary, priest, and founder of the Congregation of the Oratory, a community of Catholic priests and lay brothers. He was born in Florence on July 21, 1515.

From a very young age, Philip was known for being cheerful and obedient. He was affectionately referred to as "good little Phil." At age 18, Philip went off to live with a wealthy family member in San Germano to assist with - and possibly inherit - the family business. Soon after his arrival, Philip experienced a mystical vision, which he eventually spoke of as his Christian conversion. He soon lost interest in owning property or participating in the business. He felt a call from the Holy Spirit to radically live for and serve the Lord Jesus Christ and His Church. So he set out for Rome.

Philip, compared to Socrates, had a knack for starting up conversations and leading his listeners to consider a new and better way of life. He easily caught others' attention with his warm personality and incredible sense of humor. His customary question was always, "Well, brothers, when shall we begin to do good?"

In short, Philip was an evangelist. He loved to share the Gospel and help people to find or rediscover their faith in Jesus Christ. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1551.

At age 80, after spending a day hearing confessions and receiving visitors, Philip Neri suffered a hemorrhage and died on the feast of Corpus Christi. He was beatified in 1615 and canonized in 1622. He is the patron saint of Rome, US Special Forces, humor and joy.



Feast Day: May 26



Lord, look kindly on our Confirmation candidates as they prepare to receive their sacrament this week. Open their hearts to your Spirit and bring to fulfillment the good work that you have begun in them.

*Amaya Grace Bartlett*

St. Joan

*Celia Anne Cole*

St. Marianne Cope

*Abigail Rose Del Signore*

St. Anthony

*Cameron Scott Fraley Jr.*

St. Francis

*Connor Miles Graves*

St. Christopher

*Michael Evans Hardy*

St. Michael the Archangel

*Gwyneth Elizabeth Hatfield*

St. Rita

*Joshua Dennis Shoemaker*

St. Jude

*Austin Charles Smith*

St. Servatius

*Jack Ernest Stanislawczyk*

St. Sebastian

*Emerald Shay Welch*

St. Rita of Cascia

*Kerri Lin Wittman*

St. Patrick

## Deacon Phillip Ordination on May 29



Deacon Phillip Szabo will be ordained to the priesthood at St. James Catholic Church in Charles Town next Saturday, May 29, at 11 a.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

He will celebrate a special Mass at our church on Memorial Day, Monday, May 31, at 6 p.m. You can register for this Mass as normal.

If you would like to contribute toward a monetary gift for Deacon from our parish, please drop it in the offertory basket marked for Deacon Phillip, or mail it to or drop it off at the Parish Office by May 25. Checks can be made payable to the Church of the Assumption.



### Parish Council Vote

***Please cast your vote for new Parish Council members today!***

All adult parishioners are eligible to vote for three (3) persons. Please see one of the ushers for a ballot.

Completed ballots can be dropped in one of the offertory baskets.

## Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, May 22	4:00 p.m.	Souls of John & Hazel Coffman.....	Jim & Cindy Alt
Sunday, May 23	8:30 a.m.	Our CCD Graduates.....	Assumption Parish
Monday, May 24	No Mass		
Tuesday, May 25	No Mass		
Wednesday, May 26	6:00 p.m.	Confirmation Candidates .....	Assumption Parish
Thursday, May 27	12 noon	Soul of James DeMasi .....	Mary Shannon
		Deceased Members of the Harber family .....	The Harber Family
Friday, May 28	9:00 a.m.	Soul of Bonnie Whetzel .....	Mike & Rosie Landis
Saturday, May 29	4:00 p.m.	Deceased Members of the Alt, Cobb and Kuh families .....	Dean Alt
Sunday, May 30	8:30 a.m.	Julie Alt's intentions .....	Mike & Joanne Stickleby



**Collections & Attendance:  
May 15-16, 2021**

**Offertory**

Offertory Envelopes .....	\$2,555
Loose Donations .....	\$1,132
Repairs & Maintenance .....	\$30
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$3,717</b>

Peter's Pence .....	\$50
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**Attendance**

Saturday Attendance .....	49
Sunday Attendance .....	89
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>138</b>

**Peter's Pence Collection**

A Diocesan appeal is taking place today to benefit the Peter's Pence collection. There is a separate basket next to the bulletins for this collection.

*Thank you!*

**Liturgical Minister Schedule**

Saturday, May 29.....	Doug Minnich (L) Anita Tetreault (C) Tom & Kathy Finnell (U)
Sunday, May 30.....	Paul Bogdan (L) Julie Alt (C) Doug & Jane Placka (U)
Saturday, June 5.....	Sue Harber (L) Linda Marsh (C) Dena Turner (U) Mary Shannon (U)
Sunday, June 6.....	John Bogdan (L) Nancy Starcher (C) Mike & Rosie Landis (U)



**Prayer List**

- Bobby Dorsey
- Barbara Gratto
- Sue Greco
- Helen Holder
- Aaron Martin
- Paul Miller
- Esther Shockey
- Sue Spotts
- Bill Stine
- Maleigha Taylor

*To have a name added to the prayer list, please call or email the Parish Office, or drop a note in the offertory basket.*



It's been observed that people need a mission, a sense of purpose, in life. In fact, the sense of emptiness so many experience today is a by-product of not "being on mission."

As Christians, we are always on mission. And we've been on mission ever since that first Pentecost. A mission of love, to share the Good News with a world in need. What a powerful source of purpose and meaning in our lives! To realize that we're part of the same mission that inspired the likes of St. Teresa of Calcutta, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Thomas Aquinas, all the saints throughout the ages, reaching all the way back to that Upper Room where the Risen Lord appeared to the disciples and first gave them the Holy Spirit.

As we rejoice in our reception of the Holy Spirit this Pentecost, let us prayerfully consider how He might be prompting us to contribute to this mission!

