

June 9 – Pentecost Sunday

[Jesus] breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit." - John 20: 19-23

The Threshold Choir

In June 1990, Kate's friend Larry lay in a coma, dying of HIV/AIDS. When she came to visit, she didn't know what to say or do, so she found herself doing what she did when faced with any difficult situation.

She sang.

For two and half hours she sang for her friend. Her music was a comfort both to Larry and to Kate herself. That was the beginning of the Threshold Choir: singers who gather to sing for the dying. The first Threshold Choir was formed by Kate and 14 friends in El Cerrito, California. Within the next year, Kate had established four other choirs. Today, there are over 200 Threshold Choirs in the United States and around the world.

Threshold Choirs are made up of three or four singers who go to hospices and hospitals to sing for the chronically ill and dying. Sometimes the singers find themselves singing a soul into eternity. Their acapella repertoire includes songs like Amazing Grace and Simple Gifts, but also includes short, uncomplicated pieces written especially for the choir, like "Hold this family in your heart" and "Rest easy, let every trouble drift away."

A music therapist at a hospice in Nashville believes that the choir's music is a transformative experience for the dying: "Music has the power to reach people on a deeper level than any type of verbalization or even sometimes touch can . . . Whether the patient has dementia and can't remember his or her own name or their daughter's name, they may remember the song their mother used to sing to them as a child. Taking memories from your past life and being able to experience them as you're dying is a wonderful thing."

Singing in such an emotional environment takes practice and the sensitivity to realize that this is a service, not a performance. While their soft harmonies can be very comforting to the dying, the Threshold Choir's very presence can bring the immediacy of death to struggling families sitting nearby. As one veteran Threshold Singer says of their work, "We sing in a circle of love. In music we are joined."

This is "holy ground," another singer notes. "The music literally puts its arms around you."

[**The Boston Globe**, April 18, 2019; **The Washington Post**, May 5, 2018; NPR, August 14, 2014.]

In moments of such transforming peace, in simple melodies expressing compassion and care, the Spirit of God is present. The Spirit of God is that love that enables us to do for others what we don't believe we can do, that love that inspires the courage and generosity to endure what terrifies us, that love that reveals the strength and hope we possess to move stones to open tombs of despair and fear. May the Spirit of God lift our hearts and voices to "sing" compassion and care, whether our song be a song of peace for the dying or outreach to the lost, the vulnerable, the despairing.

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Sacred Heart Parish

A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ



Parish Information

Pastor: Monsignor Jim Robertson

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Office Hours: Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 am-5:00 pm

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Weekend Masses: Saturday 4:30 pm, Sunday 11:00 am

Reconciliation: By request

Mass During the Week: Tues & Thurs at 7:00 pm
Wed & Fri at 10:00 am
First Fridays - 2:00 pm at the Lohnes Complex

Holy Hour of Adoration: Third Sunday of the Month at 2 p.m.

Marriages: Six months' notice is required. A year's notice is recommended.

Baptisms: Please call the Parish Office to schedule preparation session.

St. Vincent de Paul: To assist those in need. Call 638-9010.

RECEIVED WITH THANKS

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Regular Collection	1,587.85
Building Fund	155.00
Parish Insurance	20.00
Cemetery Fund	155.00
Votive Candles	47.00
Mass Stipends	90.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon, June 10	No Mass
Tues, June 11	Special Intention
Wed, June 12	Late Bill Boland
Thur, June 13	Late Ferdinand McCarthy
Fri, June 14	Late Isabelle Kaj
Sat, June 15	Late Laura Wells
Sun, June 9	Parish Community

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

June 15	
Gen Quigley Art Hall	Marie Byrne Eileen Moore Joe Byrne
June 16	
Wayne Dicks Amelia Dicks	Margaret Dalley Doreen Jones Brian Sparkes
Communion to the Lohnes Complex	
Eileen Moore	

NOTE OF SYMPATHY: Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Bill (John) Boland, and Joey Ryles. May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

The Sacred Heart Spring Concert will be held on Friday, June 14th, at 7:30 PM at Sacred Heart Auditorium. Admission is \$5.00. We hope to see you there!



THANK YOU: Thank you for the great work done by our Ladies Group over this last year.

QUILT TICKET UPDATE: Please return all quilt tickets as soon as possible. They can be returned to Veronica or dropped off at the Parish Office.

PARISH COUNCIL: Three council members will be finishing their terms this September. We will need new members to have a full slate. If you know someone who would be a good member, please speak with them and put their name forward for election.

AUGUSTINIAN HEALING MINISTRY: Father Albert Macpherson O.S.A., will be visiting different parishes across NL this July. He has given healing missions and healing Masses throughout the United States, Canada, South America, Europe, Asia, and the Caribbean Islands. Many have been healed physically, spiritually, and psychologically through his ministry. Father Macpherson will be celebrating a healing mass at Holy Redeemer Cathedral on July 22nd, at 7:00 PM. We have been given a wonderful opportunity to experience the healing love of our heavenly Father!

BINGO THANKS: It is only with the support of parishioners that our Parish Bingos can be the success that they are. This is fundraising that is vital to our ongoing operations as a Parish. Thank you to Barbara Neville, Barbara O’Blenis, Valerie O’Connor, Brian Park, Patricia Payne, Veronica Payne, Jack Pennell, Margie Pennell, Mary Jo Perett, Kim Preston, Agatha Poole, Rita Pye, Gerry Quigley, John Hayes, Linda Randell, Carol Reid, Assumpta Roche, Karen Roche, Annette Rowsell, Bernice Rowsell, Brian Sparkes, Mona Specker, Jennifer Stone, Veronica Stone, Maxine Staples, Linda Tarbett, Lynette Taylor, Derm Traverse, Danielle Troy, Rita Woodman, Peggy Young and Patsy Hall

GARBAGE CLEAN UP: Many thanks to the Men’s Group for cleaning up the Parish properties. There are a number of bags of yard waste left by the church and we ask your help with cleaning it up. Saturdays are free days at the city dump during the month of June. If you are going to the dump, could you take some of the bags with you.

4YOUTH: Today is the Feast of Pentecost, which marks the end of the Easter Season. On Pentecost, the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles and gave them the courage and the abilities needed to preach the Gospel of Jesus and to baptise those who believed. On that first Pentecost Sunday “about three thousand were added” (Acts 2:41). These people went on to share their new faith in Christ with others. That is why this Feast is often referred to as the birthday of the Catholic Church. On Pentecost Sunday, when the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles, they were granted the gifts of the Holy Spirit, which helped them to fulfill their mission to preach

the Gospel to all nations. Those gifts – which we receive in the Sacrament of Confirmation – also help us to live a Christian life. To find out a little bit more about Pentecost, check out “Pentecost in 2 Minutes” on YouTube.



MEMORIAL OF MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH:

This week we celebrate the Memorial of Mary, Mother of the Church, which became a new fixed celebration in the Roman Catholic calendar, by a decree published by the Vatican on Saturday, March 3, 2018. This feast is to be celebrated on the

Monday following Pentecost, which this year falls on June 10. The decree, said Pope Francis, wanted the devotion to “encourage growth of the maternal sense of the Church in the pastors, religious, and faithful, as well as a growth of genuine Marian piety”.

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR POSITION – SACRED HEART PARISH:

We are offering a position of Office Administrator for Sacred Heart Parish. This is a 20 hour per week position. Schedule of office hours to be agreed upon between the parish priest and the applicant. Information on duties, rate of pay, etc. available at the Parish Office. Resumes may be dropped off at the Parish Office, 465 Curling Street, or emailed to curlingparish@hotmail.com

HUMOUR: A grasshopper walks into a bar and sits down. The bartender says to him “Hey! We have a drink named after you!” The grasshopper is puzzled, but then says “Why would you name a drink Steve?”