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SOLEMNITY of PENTECOST
May 24, 2026

Holy Mass at 9:00 AM
Pastor Fr. Paul Dudek



Mass Intention for this Sunday is available. If you have your own, please see Father Paul before the Mass.



Pentecost: A Living Gift

Pentecost is the fulfillment of the Paschal Mystery, the moment when the risen Lord sends the Holy Spirit upon His disciples. Pentecost is not simply an event from the past. It is a **living reality** that continues to touch and transform our lives today. **The Holy Spirit dwells within every**

believer. In moments of fear, the Spirit gives courage. In times of confusion, the Spirit brings wisdom and peace. When we feel tired, discouraged, or burdened by life, the Holy Spirit renews us with hope.

The same Spirit that united the first disciples into one community continues to unite us today as one Body in Christ. Though we come from different backgrounds, experiences, and struggles, **we are bound together by the one Spirit received in Baptism.**

The Spirit is guiding, healing, strengthening, and calling us to live as witnesses of God's love in today's world. May this feast renew in each of us a deeper openness to the gifts of the Holy Spirit, so that our lives may reflect the joy, unity, and peace of Christ. - Fr. Paul

We are Catholic community called to serve God and others through Eucharist, prayer, education, and daily living of the Gospel values. Everyone is always welcome to worship with us in our beautiful church. It is a house of prayer for all, who with sincere heart desire to praise the only God, our Father in heaven.



For those who are new to our church (and even those who aren't!) To follow along with the Mass, begin on page 63 in the Mass booklet. Father will announce which page to turn to for the Canon at the appropriate time.

Reception of the Holy Eucharist - Baptized Christians who believe in the Real Presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist and are in a state of grace, free from mortal sin, are invited to partake of this Holy Sacrament with us. - If you are unable to receive the Precious Blood, please alert Father before Mass so that he is aware of the situation. If you would like to receive only a blessing from Father instead of Communion, come to the altar rail with your arms crossed, palms on shoulders. **Come and let us be one with our Lord.**



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



➔ **The month of MAY** within the Catholic Church is traditionally dedicated to our Lady. Therefore, as it was in the past years, on each Sunday of this month, right after Holy Mass, we will pray the **Litany to Our Lady.**

➔ **"Wine of the Month" raffle.** We'd like to thank Ken Krasko for donating a bottle of his exquisite homemade wine for this raffle. The NEXT drawing will take place on the last Sunday of this month, **May 31st.** Tickets are **\$2 each, or 3 for \$5** and are on sale during coffee hour each Sunday.

➔ **FROM THE PASTOR.** Between June 8th to July 10th, my wife, Aneta, and I will be away on vacation. During my absence - on Sundays, June 14th and 21st - Sunday services will be held at **9:00 AM, led by Deacon Jon Johnson.** Subsequently, on Sundays, June 28th and July 5th, there will be a lay service (without a deacon or priest), also at **9:00 AM.** - For your information, surroundings PNCC parishes are offering Sunday Masses: **St Casimir in Wallingford, CT at 8.00 AM & Holy Trinity in Plantsville, CT at 10.00 AM.** During my absence all phone calls will be forwarded to our Chairman Henry Zapatka. **In emergencies, please call Fr. Justin Daviault 860-628-0736.** Thank you.

If you feel that you have experienced in some ways God's blessing in your life, maybe it is important to share with others what you have received from Him. - In your generosity, please consider a donation or bequest to Holy Saviour Parish. **Thank you. May God continue His blessing upon you. -**



➔ **This month BIRTHDAYS** celebrate:

Patricia Squezello – May 4 **Rory Carlson** – May 10

Laurie Rogers – May 21 **Tessa Rogers** – May 25



➔ **CONVO 2026 - The National Youth Convention** – Is being hosted by the Eastern Diocese this year. The topic is: “Jesus said What? - The Parables and Teachings of Jesus”. **Convo will take place August 3-7, 2026, at Camp Monadnock in Jaffrey, NH.** Participation is open to all youth eight and older (into your twenties, even!). **Register before the end of May, (\$250/person).** Registration forms are available from Fr. Paul. No applications will be accepted after June 1st.

Pentecost – is one of the most ancient feasts of the Church. The word Pentecost is Greek for ‘pentecostes’ which means ‘fiftieth’, because it was celebrated fifty days after the Feast of the Passover.



Please remember in your prayer those who are suffering, sick or confined at home, hospitals and nursing homes, especially our parishioners and friends: **Bp. Paul Sobiechowski, Fr. Henry Smilonski, Sarah Squezello, Logan, Debbie & Emil Caruso, Aiden Klein and John Huggins.**

Pastoral Care Visit. The two great Sacraments: Eucharist & Holy Anointing may be a source of grace and health for a sick person. So, if you are confined at home or have a family member at hospital or nursing home unable to take part in Sunday Mass and Sacraments, please notify the father to set the day and time for pastoral visit.

In emergency call directly Fr. Paul @ 475-208-4455.

Our Eastern Diocese newsletter, ‘The Messenger’ is available on the diocesan website. Please find the link to the latest issue (and archived issue) at the following address: [Newsletters - Eastern Diocese of the PNCC](#)



Can't get to Mass? The National Cathedral in Scranton and the Eastern Diocesan Cathedral have YouTube channels to which you can subscribe. Both channels archive the weekly Mass for later viewing. So, if you're away from home, or shut-in at home, you can still see a Mass from our Church.

Check them out – <https://www.youtube.com/@ststanislauscathedral> or <https://www.youtube.com/@bishoppaulsobiechowski9743>



PENTECOST – Questions & Answers

1. Why is Pentecost important in the Church?

Pentecost fulfills Jesus' promise to send the Holy Spirit. It marks the beginning of the Church's mission to spread the Gospel to all nations.

2. Who is the Holy Spirit?

The Holy Spirit is the Third Person of the Holy Trinity, true God, equal with the Father and the Son. The Holy Spirit guides, strengthens, and sanctifies the Church.

3. Why are fire and wind important symbols at Pentecost?

- **Wind** symbolizes the power and presence of God.
- **Fire** symbolizes purification, light, zeal, and the transforming action of the Holy Spirit.

4. Why could the Apostles suddenly speak different languages?

This miracle showed that the Gospel is meant for all people and nations. The Holy Spirit united people through faith in Christ.

5. Why is Pentecost called the “birthday of the Church”?

Before Pentecost, the Apostles were fearful and hidden. After receiving the Holy Spirit, they courageously preached Christ publicly. From that moment, the Church began its mission openly.

6. When do we receive the Holy Spirit in a special way?

We receive the Holy Spirit: for the first time at Baptism, then more fully strengthened in Confirmation, and continually through the Sacraments of the Church.

7. What are the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit?

The seven gifts are: **Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, Fear of the Lord.** – These gifts help Christians live faithful and holy lives.

8. Why do priests wear red on Pentecost?

Red symbolizes the fire of the Holy Spirit and also the courage and testimony of the martyrs who gave their lives for the faith.

9. What does Pentecost teach us today?

Pentecost reminds us that we are not alone. The Holy Spirit gives us strength to live our faith, serve others, forgive, pray, and witness to Christ in everyday life.

10. What fruits does the Holy Spirit produce in our lives?

In the letter of St. Paul to Galatians (5:22–23) we read: the fruits of the Holy Spirit are: **love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.**