



Pentecost Sunday
News You Can Use...from Fr. Steve

The Feast of Pentecost

A prayer for the Gifts of the Holy Spirit

O Lord Jesus Christ, Who,
before ascending into heaven,
promised to send the Holy Ghost
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 Thy 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 Thee,
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,

the **Spirit of Fear**
that I may be filled with a loving reverence towards 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.

Welcome Mr. Doug Owens

We are fortunate to have Mr. Doug Owens living with us for the Summer. Doug is a Seminarian studying for the Diocese of Knoxville, Tennessee, at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. When classes resume in August, Doug will begin his third year of theological studies with the expectation of being ordained a transitional deacon in May of 2010. He is living here at St. Agatha-St. James so that he can complete a course in C.P.E. (Clinical Pastoral Education) at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. The diocese of Knoxville wants its priests to have some background in C.P.E. before they receive Major Orders. Doug is already familiar with St. AJ since he was assigned here last year by the Seminary for his field education assignment. During the past Fall and Summer, Doug ministered at CHOP and at the Penn Newman Center. You will usually be able to find him in the back of Church on Sunday after Masses. Please make him feel at home and pray that he may continue to be strengthened in his vocational calling to priesthood.

This Week at St. AJ

Saturday, May 30

9:00AM Mass *In Honor of WW II Veterans*

Sunday, May 31

Pentecost Sunday

10:00AM Mass *Paul Watson*

11:30AM Mass *Intentions of the Stone Family*

5:00PM Mass *The Quigley-Knecht Families*

Monday, June 1

No 7:30AM Mass until Tuesday, September 8

Tuesday, June 2

12:05PM Mass *Kimiko Dardis*

Wednesday, June 3

12:30PM to 2:00PM Church will be open today.

Friday, June 5

12:05PM Mass *Holy Souls in Purgatory*

1:00PM Mass *Perpetual Memorial Society of St. AJ*

4:45PM Wedding Rehearsal *Gordon/Connors*

6:00PM Wedding Rehearsal *McGinley/Gerner*

Saturday, June 6

9:00AM Mass *Holy Souls in Purgatory*

2:30PM Wedding *McGinley/Gerner*

4:30PM Wedding *Gordon/Connors*



Help Clean the Blessed Mother & St. Joseph

An anonymous donor has offered to have the statue of St. Joseph cleaned if someone will sponsor the cleaning of the Blessed Mother statue. An expert in cleaning statues has given St. AJ an estimate of \$350 per statue. Doris and Paul Brown, parishioners of St. AJ, have pledged \$100 and Fr. Steve has also pledged \$100. Please contact the Rectory if you would like to help complete this special project.

Summer

Reminder: Summer Schedule Changes

7:30 AM Daily Mass: Discontinued for Summer

7:30 AM Daily Mass at Penn Newman is discontinued for the Summer and will resume Tuesday, September 8.

5:30 PM Saturday Vigil Mass: Discontinued

5:30 PM Saturday Vigil Mass is discontinued for the Summer will resume on Saturday, September 5.

10:00 PM Sunday Mass: Discontinued for Summer

The 10:00 PM Sunday Mass is discontinued for the Summer and will resume Saturday, September 5.

Confessions:

Regular 4 PM Saturday Confessions are discontinued for the Summer and will resume on Saturday, September 5. Those who desire to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation can do so by making an appointment.

Sunday Collections

4/05/09 Palm Sunday 1st Collection: \$2449.00

2nd Collection: \$ 585.00 Heritage of Faith - Vision of Hope

4/09/09 Holy Thursday One Collection: \$ 485.00

4/10/09 Good Friday One Collection: \$ 766.00
(Collection for the Holy Land)

