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St. Patrick Church



Up Front with Mary Hendricks

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Office Hours: Mon. - Fri. 9am - 4pm

Mass Schedule:

Monday: 8am (St. Joseph Chapel)

Tuesday: NO MASS Wednesday: 6pm (church)

Thursday: 8am (St. Joseph Chapel)

Friday: 8:15am (church) Saturday: 6pm (church) Sunday: 9:30am (church)

The Sacraments:

Baptism - By arrangement

Marriage - At least nine months' notice. Reconciliation - Wednesday: 5:00 - 5:45

Saturday: 5:00 - 5:45pm Sunday: 9:00 - 9:20am

Anytime by request (304-269-3048)

Pastoral Care of the Sick - Please notify the parish office (304-269-3048) of parishioners who are hospitalized or homebound and wish to receive Eucharist or the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults):

RCIA: Wed, 6:30 in the parish meeting room. For more info, contact Mary Hendricks at 304-269-1244.

"Like" on Facebook: St. Pat's RCIA

Counseling: Contact Valerie Corley at 304-476-6009.

Rosary: Weekly: Wed 5:35pm & Thurs: 7:35am

(no Mass = no Rosary)

Oct. and May: Saturday: 5:30pm, Sunday: 9am

Miraculous Medal Novena: Wed: 5:55pm

Prayer Line: Micki Snyder 304-269-3688 or 304 476-6516

Mission Contact Info: Kim Derico 304 884-6984 or hshcrafts1@yahoo.com.

> St. Patrick School "An Excellent Beginning"

Pre-School – 6th Grade 224 Center Ave. Weston, WV 26452 304-269-5547

Principal: Maureen Gildein Secretary: Regina Frazier email: st.pats@stpatswv.org website: stpatswv.org

Luke 24:46-53

Fr. Greg Boyle, who works with gang members in the roughest areas of Los Angeles, has buried nearly 200 young people—"Kids I loved, killed by

But his mission is not to save people.

"The Coast Guard saves people," he says. "God saves people. My job isn't to fix or rescue or to save. It's to accompany, see people, listen to them. I can point them in the right direction. I can say, 'There's that door. I think if you walked through it, you'd be happier than you are."

Fr. Greg was convinced, after a stay in Bolivia, that he wanted to devote his life to helping the poor. He was appointed to Dolores Mission, the poorest parish in Los Angeles, in 1986. In between two housing projects were numerous gangs, more gang members per capita than in any other area of the county. The Jesuit priest put all his energy into changing lives, providing education and jobs as alternatives to gangs and violence. Within two years, Jobs for the Future was doing just that, and by 2001, Homeboy Industries was born.

The program assists high-risk youth, former gang members, and the recently incarcerated/released with a variety of free programs, such as mental health counseling, legal services, tattoo removal, curriculum and education classes, work-readiness training, and employment services. Homeboy Industries started as a bakery and has since added silkscreening and embroidery, Homegirl Café, a farmers market, catering, a grocery, Homeboy merchandise, and a diner. The motto is: "Nothing stops a bullet like a job."

According to the Homeboy website, "Each year over 10,000 former gang members from across Los Angeles come through Homeboy Industries' doors in an effort to make a positive change. They are welcomed into a community of mutual kinship [and] love. Full-time employment is offered for more than 200 men and women at a time through an 18-month program that helps them re-identify who they are in the world, offers job training so they can move on from Homeboy Industries and become contributing members of the community, knowing they count!"

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells his apostles, just before he is taken up to heaven, that they will preach his name to all the nations. The apostles were mostly fishermen who had never left their home country. Until they met Jesus, their lives consisted of rowing out into deep water and rowing back to shore, casting their fishing nets.

The homeboys in Los Angeles knew only one way of life before Fr. Greg moved into the neighborhood. They settled disputes with guns and knifes, with violence and death. With this priest's gentle, persistent guidance, thousands of young people went through a different door.

You just read the story of how one man preaches Christ's name. How will we preach it this week?

WELCOME TO THE BLUE MASS! First Responders Prayer

Dear Lord Jesus Christ, we give you praise and thanksgiving for all the first responders and military personnel in our communities around the world who bravely serve to protect us from harm. Be with them tonight and protect them always as they continue their diligence on the streets and battlefields. We ask Our Blessed Mother to always be their Mother ready to protect them. For those who have given their lives, we ask that their families are healed and protected from more harm. Amen.

Mass Attendance					Electronic	Total	Goal	Over/Short	Over/Short	School	Debt Reduction		
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	Day	Date	Time	Intention	Requested By			
MASS	S 5/7/16		6:00 PM	Par	ishioners			
Ś	S	5/8/16	9:30 AM	Mothers				
S =	М	M 5/9/16 8:00 AM		†Kenny Hamiliton	Karp Family			
Z	T 5/10/16		No Mass	No Mass	No Mass			
呵	W	5/11/16	6:00 PM	Zakhar Zimin	Judy Foster			
ENTI	Т	5/12/16	8:00 AM	†Betty Feeney	Junior and Ronnie Brumley			
SNOI	F	5/13/16	8:15 AM	Alyvia Lynn Hammond	Parish			
S	S	S 5/14/16 6:00 PM		†Marjorie Ruppert Family				
	S	5/15/16	9:30 AM	Par	ishioners			

SPECIAL & SECOND COLLECTION:

May 14 & 15: Peter's Pence

Rosary Leaders for weekends and Wednesdays in May.

5/7/2016	Rudy Pascasio
5/8/2016	Joe Derico
5/11/2016	Gary Riley
5/14/2016	Mary Hendricks
5/15/2016	Erin Turner
5/18/2016	Veronica Brumley
5/21/2016	Valerie Corley
5/22/2016	Brooklyn Queen
5/25/2016	Micki Snyder
5/28/2016	Daniel Pascasio
5/29/2016	Micki Snyder

COME PRAY WITH US!							
Tues., 11 am - Scripture study of the Mass readings	Tierney house, 2319 Gee Lick Rd.						
Tues., 1pm - Scripture study of the Mass readings	Parish Meeting Room						
THURSDAY., 6pm - Scripture Study and prayer service	Criss Manor						

The Rosary will be prayed 30 minutes prior to every weekend Mass in May and 25 minutes prior to Wed. Mass.

Schedules

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DAY	DATE TIME	Greeters	Altar Servers		Readers		Gifts	Eucharistic Ministers		Cantor
	<i>- - - - - - - - - -</i>		Α	Lucas Mulloolly	1	Jim Myers		1	John Weber	
SAT	5/7	Mike and Nancy Gissy	В	Hunter Blake	2	Teresa Angotti	Blake family	2	Margaret Blake	Rudy Pascasio
	6 PM	Gissy						3	Valerie Corley	r ascasio
40	E/0	_	Α	Erin Turner	1	Mary Walker		1	Butch Cain	
NUS	5/8	Morgan Turner & Michael Riley	В	Allia Shaver	2	Danielle Mick	Lynne Shaver, Sandy Mick	2	Judy Foster	Joe Derico
	9:30	& Michael Miey						3	Danielle Mick	
	E/4.4	Karen and	Α	Briana Franklin	1	Debbie Rittenhouse	Bill and Brenda Riley	1	A. L. Determan	K. Sims
SAT	5/14	Deanna	В	Madison Hall	2	Debbie Queen		2	Mike Determan	
	6 PM	Pascasio						3	Barbara King	
40	5/15	Larry and Carol Dodson	Α	Brayden Carder	1	Michele Turner	Kelley family	1	Betty Hill	John Collins
NUS			В	Caden Kelley	2	Judy Jerden		2	Paul Derico	
	9:30	Douson						3	Marissa Aman	Collins
			Α	Zoe Skinner	1	GL Shearer	Kelley Skinner and family	1	John Weber	Brenda Reed
SAT		T. J. and Mindy Hall	В	Garrett Skinner	2	Teresa Angotti		2	Micki Snyder	
	6 PM	- Hall					and fairing	3	Pam Thompson	Necu
40	5/22	M. and E. Paugh, Meagan Walker	Α	Kami Franklin	1	Katie Clem	Kids	1	Mitchell Queen	Kids
NUS			В	Jolee Snyder	2	Brandon Queen		2	Brooklyn Queen	
_	9:30	and Anna Naim							Tyler Mehr	
SAT	5/28		Α	Drew Bailey	1	Nancy Law	Gary and Donna Lake	1	Luanne Bowers	Donna Lake
		Lynne and Allia Shaver	В	Lucas Mulloolly	2	Daniel Pascasio		2	Larry Bowers	
	6 PM	Silavei					Lane	3	Rock Garton	Lane
4.0	F/00	Butch Cain and Judy Foster	Α	M. Empoules	1	Judy Jerden	Brannon Garton and family	1	Betty Hill	Lisa Marlow
NUS	5/29		В	Lily Davis	2	Sandy Mick		2	Marissa Aman	
	9:30						and failing		Paul Derico	IVIAIIUW

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

- ◆ Those who are sick: Jane Taylor (SJMH), Alyvia Lynn Hammond (Patty Moody's great-granddaughter), Jim Arsenault, Susan Bailey, Joe Boggs, Rose Determan, Robert Fealy, Ed Hubbs, Sarah Jane Huntz, Keith Marshall, Shirley Mason, Mary Ann Murray, Jane Myers. Burke Riley, Jack Rollins, Tom Ruppert, Lori Saltis, Mike Shaver, Bob Swiger, Clarence Weber.
- Those who are homebound or in nursing homes!
- Those who have died: Fr. John Fahey, Connie Lantz (Anita Droppleman' sister), Gary Henry (Cortney Gissy's grandfather), May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.
- Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life
- Those in RCIA: Brad Curtis, Jenny Delgado, Michelle Droppleman, Ray Jones, Alex Romero, Tammy Stalnaker
- ◆ All Military Personnel: Ryan Faulkner

Pope Francis, May 7, 2016

"Love, by its nature, is communication; it leads to openness and sharing."

THANK YOU

A very special THANK YOU to EVERYONE who helped with the First Communion Brunch! Not only was the food delicious, and the decorations beautiful but the feeling of family was unmistakable! The brunch is hosted by the first grade parents. This year, the chair persons were Armando and Hanah Almase. On Sunday, they were assisted by Mary Kathy Atchison, Kathy Boyle, Sheila McCartney, and Mary Hendricks!

THANK YOU LANDSCAPING CREW

Recently, a groups of dedicated parishioners came together to beautify our landscaping! They do this every year and do it without any flourish or fanfare! We truly appreciate your hard work and are blessed to have such talented parishioners!



FLOWERS NEEDED FOR ANNUAL MAY PROCESSION

Our annual May procession and Crowning of Mary, our Blessed Mother. this year will NOT be on Mother's Day, but on Sunday, May 22. Please bring flowers to present to our Blessed Mother. If you do not have flowers, don't worry, we have you covered. If you have flowers you would like to donate, please call Jim Weber at 304 269-4307. All parishioners are asked to participate in this procession (if they are physically able).



ATTENTION FIRST COMMUNICANTS

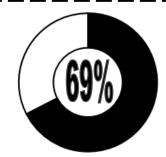
Please joins us on Sunday, May 22 in your First Communion Attire to lead our annual May procession. The May gueen this Crowning year is Lily Gregory and the crown Bearer is Lucas Clem.

PRINCIPAL PAID IN 2015: \$84,452.36 Interest Paid in 2015: \$12591.12

I'M IN! CAMPAIGN UPDATE Goal: 345,000.00

123 Pledges to Date: \$236,018.00

12 Other gifts: \$1385.00 Total: \$237,403.00 Needed: \$107,597



Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

It's not to late to participate! You can make a one-time gift or pledge for any I number of months, make a one-time gift, or give when you have a little extra cash, whatever works best for your situation.

> "For it is in giving that we receive." Francis of Assisi

NOTEWORTHY EVENTS

May - Dish Soap

LCFRN— Cereal (hot or cold) Linens - Emma Pascasio Funeral Greeters - Shirley Hubbs and Jim

> Adoration: May 13, 20, 27 9am til noon, church

Bell Choir Practice: Sundays after Mass or after GIFT; each Wednesday after 6pm Mass

8 Sun: Blue Mass, 9:30am, honoring police and all first responders

11 Wed: Science Fair

11 Wed: 1pm, Spring Music Concert 12 Thu: 6:30, PTO mtg., cafeteria

15 Sun: Pentecost Sunday, WEAR RED

15 Sun: Parent Tea, 10:30am, cafeteria 19 Thu: 2pm, Student Rosary, church

22 Sun: May Procession and honoring high school graduates at 9:30am Mass

22 Sun: GIFT, 10:30am, cafeteria

26 Thu: School picnic 27 Fri: Last day of school

29 Sun: Parish Picnic, noon, Lewis

County Park

30 Mon: 9:30, Mass at St. Bridget

Church, Goosepen

June - Dish Towels

LCFRN— Jams and Jellies Linens - Melissa Allison Funeral Greeters - Shirley Hubbs and Jim Bohan

> Adoration: June 3, 10, 17, 24 9am til noon, church

3 Fri: 8am, Mass time changes while school is not in session

4 Sat: 11am, Priesthood Ordination, Wheeling

5 Sun: 2pm, Confirmation

5 Sun: 3pm, Confirmation reception,

25 & 26: Mission priest at Mass, more info to follow

Alcoholics Anonymous

AA - Tues., Thurs., & Sat., 8pm school l basement.

Narcotics Anonymous

NA - Mon., 8pm school basement Use the door on the side of the school building facing the rectory for AA and NA I meetings.



WELCOME TO OUR ANNUAL BLUE MASS

A Blue Mass is a Mass celebrated annually in the Catholic Church for

those employed in the "public safety field" (i.e. police officers, firefighters, correctional officers, 911 operators and EMS Personnel). The color blue relates to the bluecolored uniforms predominantly used by these services. A special blessing will be given for those attending.

LATIN MASS

The next Latin Mass (Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite) will be at St. Patrick Church, 210 Center Ave, Weston, WV on Sunday, May 8th, 2016 at 4:00p.m. Our celebrant will be Fr. Timothy Grassi of St Thomas Aquinas Parish in Thomas, WV.

We celebrate this Mass once a month on the 2nd Sunday at 4:00p.m. This is a High (Sung) Mass with Choir. Fr Grassi will also hear confessions beginning at 3:15p.m.

WE STILL NEED WORKERS FOR THE SECOND SHIFT!



St. Pat's will host the American Red Cross Blood Drive on Tuesday, May 10, from 12-5:30pm at the 1st Baptist Church. Two people are needed to work from 2:30—5:30. Duties are: register donors, assist with snacks. Would you spare a few hours? Contact Mary at 304-269-1244. You can donate blood, too!

SAVE A LIFE, GIVE BLOOD!

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS IMPORTANT PLANNING MEETING All members are urged to attend!

The Catholic Daughters will meet on Monday, May 9 at 7pm in the cafeteria.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

The Confirmation Class will meet on Sun., May 15 at 10:30 in the upstairs parish meeting room.

SCHOOL MASS COLLECTIONS

April 22 - \$86 April 29 - \$88 May - 6 \$126.51

Collections will be to used to support the backpack food program.

PICTURES NEEDED

If anyone has picture of the old stained glass church doors, even if they are just in the background of the picture, please contact Tom Felt of the Glass Museum at 301 269-5006. He wants to display in the same order in which they were on the church.

MEALPROVIDERS NEEDED FOR RCIA NEEDED

If you would like to provide an RCIA meal, a sign-up sheet is in the vestibule or you may call Danielle at 304 517-0269. You do not have to cook to provide the meal— take-out is always an option! We need enough food for 12 - 14 people. Thank you for your generosity and kindness!

RCIA	RCIA MEAL PROVIDERS							
5/11	Chris and Jesse Cunningham							
5/18	Call to volunteer!							
5/25	Call to volunteer!							

WHO WANTS TO HELP WITH OUR ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC?

We need volunteers to help with organizing games, set up, clean up, and anything else that might need taken care of for our annual picnic on May 29 at noon. We will be there to assist, but we need our wonderful parishioners to get the ball rolling! The picnic will be held in the big pavilion at Lewis County Park. Call the parish office to volunteer!

2016 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES HONORED

Parishioners who are graduating from high school this year will be honored at Mass on Sun., May, 22. If your son or daughter is graduating, please call the parish office so we can add them to our list, 304 269-3048. The list so far is Connor Avington!



RCIC, GOING ON NOW

Sessions are: May 15, 10:30am May 22, 10:30am (GIFT, cafeteria) June 1, 6:30pm June 12, 10:30am July 6, 6:30pm July 17, 10:30am

Rite of Christian Initiation of Children (RCIC) is ON! If you are over the age of 7 and under 18, are unbaptized, and want to know more, tell your parents to call 304-269-3048.

RCIC sessions are held in the parish meeting room, unless otherwise noted. (Interested adults can join RCIA any time on any Wednesday, 6:30pm in the parish meeting room!)

ADORATION

We offer adoration of the Blessed Sacrament EVERY Friday from 9 til noon. Make a visit this week.

BELL CONCERT CDs ON SALE NOW!

The St. Patrick Bell Ensemble's concert CDs are available before and after the weekend Masses or by contacting Jim Weber at 304-269-4307 or by seeing John Collins or Marilyn Bean for your copy. The price of the CD is \$12 per disc. The Year of Mercy Concert CD includes inspirational words from Fr. Steve about God's mercy for us as we mark this special opportunity for grace.

BENEFACTOR(S) NEEDED

Would you like to make a generous donation to pay for mileage and gas for Sr. Mary Irene, when she travels to our parish for Spiritual Direction? Make check payable to: WV Institute for Spirituality. Any amount is welcome. Please contact the parish office to find out more.

ACCEPTING SCHOOL ENROLLMENT APPLICATIONS FOR 2016-2017 & 2017-2018

St Patrick School is accepting applications for Pre-School 7th grade for 2016-2017 school year and Pre-School through 8th grade 2017-2018 school year. You may access paperwork in the school office or on the school website at www.stpatswv.org.

Not all grades have openings for the upcoming school year, but most do!

TEACHERS NEEDED

St Patrick School is accepting applications for teaching positions for 2016-2017 school year for the following positions, Pre-School, 7th grade Math and English and Spanish and Latin. You may stop by the school office or call 304-269-5547.



SAINT OF THE WEEK St. Servatus Feast Day: May 13

Death: 384

Patron of Maastricht; invoked against foot troubles, lameness, rheumatism, rats, and mice

Bishop of Tongres (in the modern Low Countries), best known for having been the host of St. Athanasius during the latter's exile from his see of Alexandria, Egypt. He was probably an Armenian. Servatus was active at the Council of Rimini in 359. He prophesied the Hun invasion of France in the mid-fifth century.



A Prayer for Mothers

All-loving God, we give you thanks and praise for mothers young and old.

We pray for young mothers, who give life and count toes and tend to our every need; May they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families and themselves with great joy.

We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us; May they continue to guide us in strong and gentle ways.

We remember mothers who are separated from their children because of war, poverty, or conflict; May they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes every tear away.

We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion.

We remember mothers. grandmothers, and great-grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love.

Amen.

Exploring our Irish Roots THE BEST OF IRELAND 11 DAYS: SEPTEMBER 12—22, 2016

Visiting

Dublin * Waterford * Blarney Castle * Killarney * Galway * Ring of Kerry * Connemara * Knock * Hills of Donegal

\$2759 from Washington, D. C. (Air/land tour price is only \$2419 plus \$336 government taxes/airline imposed surcharges)

Brochures are in the church vestibule, online, and in the parish office!

dearPadre

May 8, 2016

Pay heed at Mass

Should I read the bulletin at Mass? And should the priest make announcements during his homily?

The Mass is the high point of Christ's work to sanctify us and of the worship that we offer to the Father through his Son (General

Monday MAY 9

Easter Weekday Acts 19:1–8 Jn 16:29–33

Tuesday MAY 10

Easter Weekday Acts 20:17–27 Jn 17:1–11a

Wednesday MAY 11

Easter Weekday Acts 20:28–38 Jn 17:11b–19 Thursday MAY 12

Easter Weekday Acts 22:30; 23:6 –11

Jn 17:20–26

Friday MAY 13

Easter Weekday Acts 25:13b–21 Jn 21:15–19

Saturday MAY 14

St. Matthias, Apostle Acts 1:15–17, 20–26 Jn 15:9–17

Sunday MAY 15

Pentecost Acts 2:1–11 1 Cor 12:3b–7, 12–13 or Rom 8:8–17 Jn 20:19–23 or Jn 14:15–16, 23b–26

2.27).

Instruction of the Roman *Missal*, 1). Therefore, it is of greatest importance that the celebration "be so arranged that the ministers and the faithful who take their own proper part in it may more fully receive its good effects"; this is best accomplished when Mass "brings about in the faithful a participation in body and spirit that is conscious, active, full, and motivated by faith, hope, and charity" (GIRM 2, 3).

Reading the bulletin—or even praying the rosary or breviary—during Mass would prevent this highest participation that the Church desires, the nature of the celebration demands, and the duty for the Christian people dictates. Brief commentaries on the Scripture readings that assist the faithful are better read before M ass. T he h omily a lso assists the faithful in their participation. In explaining the Word of God, the homily "must always lead community of the faithful to celebrate the **Eucharist** actively, 'so that they may hold fast in their lives to what they have grasped by their faith" (Lectionary 2 .24). T hus, " any n ecessary announcements are be kept completely separate from the homily; place they must take following the prayer after Communion" (Lectionary

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The Creation of Mother's Day

By Catholic Online (NEWS CONSORTIUM) 5/9/2012 (3 years ago) Published in Marriage & Family Catholic Online (www.catholic.org)

The origin of Mother's Day goes back to the time of the ancient Greeks and Romans. However the roots of Mother's Day can also be traced back in the United Kingdom where a Mothering Sunday was celebrated before it reached the United States.

LOS ANGELES, CA (Catholic Online) - The celebration of Mother's Day today reaches roughly 46 countries, on different dates, and has become an extremely popular day. Millions and millions of people across the world take the day to honor their mothers, to thank them for giving them life, for raising them, for being their constant support, and for being their mother.

The earliest known history of Mother's Day dates back to the ancient annual spring festival that the Greeks dedicated to maternal goddesses. The occasion was to honor Rhea, wife of Cronus and the mother of many gods of Greek mythology.

Ancient Romans also celebrated a spring festival, called Hilaria, dedicated to Cybele, a mother goddess. Ceremonies in honor of Cybele began approximately 250 years before Jesus Christ was born. Celebrated on the Ides of March, offerings in the Temple of Cybele lasted for three days and included parades and games.

Early Christians celebrated a day to honor mothers during a festival on the fourth Sunday of Lent. Originally the celebration was to honor the Virgin Mary, the Mother of Christ, however the holiday was later expanded in England to include all mothers. Thus the celebration was called Mothering Sunday.

More recent history of Mother's Day dates back to the 1600s in England. A Mothering Sunday was celebrated every year on the fourth Sunday of Lent to honor every mother. Children brought gifts and flowers for their mothers after a prayer service in church, to honor Virgin Mary. Servants, apprentices, and other employees who were away from home were actually encouraged by their employers to visit and honor their mothers.

The annual custom of celebrating Mothering Sunday almost died out by the 19th century. The day came to be celebrated again, however, after World War II, when American servicemen brought back the custom and used it as an occasion for increasing sales.

Activist and social worker Mrs. Anna Marie Reeves Jarvis inspired her daughter Anna Jarvis to express her desire that someday all mothers should be recognized and celebrated. Anna Jarvis is recognized as the initial founder of Mother's Day in the United States, although she never married nor had any children. She is known as the Mother of Mother's Day, an appropriate title for someone who worked so hard to see the day of honoring mothers being celebrated.

When her mother died in 1905, she made a pact with herself to fulfill her mother's wish of having a celebrated day for mothers around the world. Anna sent carnation flowers to honor her mother, as they were her mother's favorite flower and felt that they symbolized a mother's pure love. Anna, along with supporters, wrote letters to people who had the power to make the official declaration of a Mother's Day holiday. By 1911, Mother's Day was celebrated in almost every state and on May 8, 1914, President Wilson signed a Joint Resolution which designated the second Sunday of May as Mother's Day.

Today, Mother's Day is celebrated in several countries including US, UK, India, Denmark, Finland, Italy, Turkey, Australia, Mexico, Canada, China, Japan and Belgium. The celebration has become commercialized to a great extent. The day has become so popular that, in several countries, phone lines experience maximum traffic. Also the tradition of giving flowers, cards, chocolates, and other gifts has been adopted for Mother's Day. Florists, card manufacturers, and gift sellers see huge business potential on this holiday to make money through advertising campaigns.

Whatever you give, the day is not meant for commercialism or to make money. The day is meant as a day to thank all mothers. To thank them for their love, their support, and for, quite simply, being a mother. So this Sunday, on Mother's Day, show your mother the love she deserves.

WEAR RED TO MASS NEXT WEEKEND

You are cordially invited to a birthday party!
When: Pentecost (Next Weekend)
Where: Your Parish
Why: To Celebrate the Church's Birthday

Are you confused by this invitation? Did you know that the feast of Pentecost is often referred to as the birthday of the Church? It is called that because Pentecost is when the apostles went out among the people and began spreading Jesus' message, thus establishing the beginning of the Church.

Pentecost (Greek for "50th day") is celebrated by Christians 50 days after Easter, and marks the day that the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles while they were cowering and hiding behind locked doors following Jesus' resurrection. After receiving the power and gifts of the Holy Spirit, the apostles immediately went out and preached Jesus' message to everyone—even those who spoke other languages.

Actually, Pentecost was originally a Jewish feast that concluded the 50 days of Passover and celebrated the end of the barley harvest, plus the beginning of the wheat harvest. The Jewish people at Pentecost also celebrate the gift of the law to Moses at Mt. Sinai.

Symbols of Pentecost: The symbols of Pentecost are wind, fire and a dove.

The first symbol—wind—is taken from the noise the apostles heard as the Spirit descended upon them (Acts 2:2).

After the wind, flames appeared and rested upon the heads of each of the apostles (Acts 2:3).

A dove serves as a symbol of the Holy Spirit. There is no mention of a dove in Acts, but we associate a dove with the Holy Spirit because of the story about Jesus' baptism: "After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened [for him], and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove [and] coming upon him" (Matthew 3:16).

Celebrating Pentecost

Pentecost is probably one of the most important days on the Church calendar, but it often gets overlooked. Here are some ways that your family can help celebrate this very important day:

- •Because Pentecost is the birthday of the Church, celebrate it just as you would any other birthday in your home—break out the cake and ice cream. Rather than singing "Happy Birthday," recite a prayer for Pentecost. Most prayer books contain special prayers for this special day.
- •Wear something red. The color of the vestments worn by priests on Pentecost is red, to symbolize the love of the Holy Spirit, or the tongues of fire that appeared over the heads of the apostles on Pentecost. And don't just stop at wearing red. Use a red tablecloth for dinner, eat off red paper plates, eat red foods, etc. See how many ways you can incorporate the color red in your celebration.
- •Read aloud the story of Pentecost in the second chapter of Acts.

http://www.americancatholic.org/messenger/jun2003/Family.asp



LEAVE A LEGACY...

Your Church has been there for you throughout your lifetime; you can be there for your Church's future. Leaving a bequest in your will to the Church, your Parish, or School allows you to leave your legacy to an institution that means so much to you and thousands of others.

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