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### ***5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost***

- \***Weekend Masses:** Saturdays: Mass at 4:00 p.m. and Sundays: Mass at 10:30 a.m.
  - \***Weekday Masses:** Mondays and Wednesdays and Fridays: No Mass. Pastor's office work.  
Tuesdays and Thursdays Mass at 12:00 Noon
  - \***Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament:** Every 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday and Sunday of the month after Mass.
  - \***Confession:** Saturday: 3:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. or any other time by appointment.
  - \***Baptism:** Please call the Pastor as soon as baby is born; at least one Godparent must be Catholic.
  - \***Weddings:** Please make arrangements at least six months in advance before any other plans are made.
  - \***Sick Calls & Anointing of the Sick:** Please notify the Pastor at 304-233-1688
  - \***Parish Council:** Lou Khourey, Susan (John) Burns, Mark McLaughlin, Liz Murad, Gary Weisner.
  - \***Choir Members:** Lou Khourey, Robert Harris, Joe Simon, Shelly Hancher, Holly Stahl.
  - \***Bulletin Coordinator:** Thomasina Geimer
  - \***Altar Servers:** Joe Roxby and Christopher AlKhouri
  - \***Cedar Club:** Linda Duffy, President
  - \***Women's Society:** Jeannette Wakim, President
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- \***Bulletin Announcements:**  
Submit all Bulletin Information to Msgr. Bakhos by Noon on Tuesday every week.
  - \***New Parishioners:**  
We welcome you with great joy & invite you to officially register as one of our parishioners.
  - \***Remember the Church in your Last Will & Testament:** Her prayers will accompany you to heaven.

## *5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost*

Readings: Ex 1:1-17; Phil 3:7-14 and Mt 10:1-7

The apostolic mission was no light-hearted holiday affair. It was a venture born of deep faith and trust. By the sending of his disciples Jesus, while remaining in retreat, looks to the spreading of his messianic influence: sharing his task and destiny, they too are engaged in the prophetic proclamation of the kingdom. It is true that like the prophet Amos, a simple herdsman, nothing has prepared these galilean fishermen for such a mission. But what matters is not the brilliance of their intelligence, the allure of their words, their noble birth. Getting rid of useless baggage and merely human assurances, they must let Christ speak through their mouths, and act through their hands. And no doubt, since the kingdom of God does not satisfy the superficial expectations of men, the success of the mission is not guaranteed; the welcome of the crowds could be half-hearted, or ephemeral, or even hostile. That does not hinder them: seized by God, chosen by his Son, the disciples should go forward and proclaim that the kingdom is at hand.

And so, far from being the time when the prophetic word would have ceased to make itself heard, the time of the sending (the time of the Church) is that of the eleventh hour when, with all urgency, the gospel should be proclaimed, spread abroad manifold. In fidelity to the Spirit, it is by our words as men, stammering though they may be, and by our liberating actions, that we must awaken the times we live in to the mystery of Jesus and his kingdom.

### ***This Weekend, Sat-Sun. July 5-6: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost***

#### **Saturday, July 5 Mass at 4:00 p.m.: Benediction will follow Mass**

- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by Dave and Debbie Sengewalt
- ✠ Tom & Mary K. Ferris by their daughter Denise
- ✠ Judy Ghaphery by Mrs. Jean Weisner

#### **Sunday, July 6 Mass at 10:30 a.m.: Benediction will follow Mass**

- ✠ Living & Deceased of the Duffy, Fadoul and Shedeed Families by Mickey & Linda Duffy
- ✠ Mary Zaid Stees, Elizabeth A. Magnone, Tom Ferris by Libby G. Magnone
- ✠ Bill Blazier by Kathleen Sokol & Family

### ***Weekdays Mass Schedule***

**Monday, July 7:** No Mass. Pastor's day off.

#### **Tuesday, July 8, Mass at Noon:**

- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her last Will
- ✠ Janis & George Thomas (Ohio) by their last will
- ✠ Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, & her son Mark by her last will

**Wednesday, July 9:** No Mass. Office works.

#### **Thursday, July 10, Mass at Noon:**

- ✠ Judy Ghaphery by Mrs. Jean Weisner
- ✠ Bill Blazier by the Weisner Family
- ✠ Noel Foreman by his wife Anne and Family

**Friday, July 11:** No Mass.

### ***Next Weekend, Sat-Sun. July 12-13: 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost***

#### **Saturday, July 12 Mass at 4:00 p.m.:**

- ✠ Judy Ghaphery by Mrs. Jean Weisner
- ✠ Bill Blazier by the Weisner Family
- ✠ Deceased Members of the Roxby Family by Joe Roxby

#### **Sunday, July 13 Mass at 10:30 a.m.:**

- ✠ Rose Olinski 9(Birthday) by Mary ragase

✠ Tom and Mary K. Ferris by their daughter Denise

✠ Virginia Khourey Bryan by Lou, Charlotte, Emmalena and Louie Khourey

## ***Coming Parish Events***

Food Handling Classes	Thursday, July 17 at 5:30 pm at our Cedar Hall. (Please call Jeannette 304-551-3934 for information)
Fall Bake Sale	???????

## ***Festival (Mahrajan) News (Sunday, August 10 from 11 to 6pm)***

--**Outdoor Mass** at Oglebay at 10:00 a.m. Booths open after Mass. No Mass at the church on August 10th.

--**Table Reservations** (ready to be reserved):

1-Under the Tent = \$130. One (1) table and eight (8) chairs under the tent.

2-Open-air = \$65. One (1) wooden picnic table in open-air (under the trees).

Reservation due date: May 15, 2025. Please call Msgr. Bakhos at 304-233-1688 to reserve a table.

--**50/50 RAFFLE Tickets \$10,000 Prize** (Ready for sale):

...The festival 50/50 Raffle tickets are now ready for sale for \$20 per ticket! We have only printed 1,000 tickets. If all tickets are sold, there is an opportunity to win \$10,000 Cash! Tickets can be purchased from Monsignor Bakhos at 304-233-1688. Once received, Monsignor will fill-out the raffle ticket and mail the stub to the buyer. THANK YOU for helping us defraying the expenses of the Festival.

--**Youth Dance Troupe:** We are calling all parish youth interested in the OLOL Dance Troup practices for the Festival will begin on Sunday, June 1, immediately following 10:30 a.m, Mass. Please contact Mariana Alkhouri at 304-231-6234. If you are interested. Yalla!

## ***Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month***

July 10:	Andee Ferrera
July 11:	Allison Duffy-Totterdale, Justin Wilson
July 12:	Shaun Hancher, Deana Ferrera
July 14:	Chloe Imer
July 15:	Denny Albaugh
July 16:	Payton Wilson, Pam Obyc
July 20:	Shirley George
July 22:	Grace Klein, Mark Boehm
July 25:	Ma'lia Shia
July 26:	Anna Marie Duymich
July 30:	Dee Shiben, Susan John Burns
August 1:	Anthony Ferrera
August 2:	Rosella C. DeMuth

## ***Your Church Support Last Week***

\$1,908.00	Sunday Collection
340.00	2 <sup>nd</sup> collection: peter's Pence
42.00	Candles
50.00	Coffee hour
25.00	Donation to the church
1,010.00	Mahrajan
25.00	Bake sale
880.00	Rummage sale
\$4,280.00	Total Deposits: May God reward you abundantly for supporting your spiritual home! Finance Committee: Lou Khourey, Susan Burns, Liz Murad, Mark McLaughlin

## *Please Pray for Those on Our Prayer List*

(Note: Please call Msgr. Bakhos if you need your name added to our Prayer List. HIPPA regulations), Earl & Linda Duffy, Julia Schiess (daughter of Leo Bleifus), Mary Ragase, Becky Ferrera, Gavin Hancher, Monroe DeLuca, Sally Sengewalt, Mary Zigler (sister of Lillian Siebieda), Dolores Oser, Anthony Wakim, Fran Saseen, Sandra DeMuth, Justin Frenn, Elia Frenn, Patty Fahey, Patty Olinsky, Fred Schweizer (brother of our organist Mary Lee Porter), Denny Albaugh, Rita Rae Sage,

### *Around Us*

#### *Lebanese FunFest*

Where: St. Maron church at 1555 S. Meridian Road in Youngstown, OH 44511

When: Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, July 13<sup>th</sup>.

-Entertainment: live music featuring two popular bands, The Vegas Band on Saturday, and RDNA on Sunday,

-Menu: Lebanese foods and a full premium bar including rare, crafted bourbons.

-Games, a \$3000 raffle, and a Kids' area with bounce houses and games. Admission and parking are free.

### *Question & Answer (#23)*

**Question #23: “How do we know the Bible is the written Word of God?”**

**Answer # 23:** We know the Bible is inspired because the Catholic Church has constantly taught that it is, and we have Jesus’ promise that He won’t allow the Church to err on such a basic issue (Matt. 16:18-19). But, someone might ask, how do we know, apart from the Bible, that Jesus promised He would preserve the Church from erring on such things? And if we have to rely on the Bible to know that, isn’t this circular reasoning: using the Bible to support the Church and the Church to justify the Bible?

No, it isn’t a circular argument to rely on the Bible here, but a “spiral” one. Let me explain: We start with the Bible as a purely historical record (the general reliability of which we can defend on historical grounds without appealing to revelation) to show who Jesus is -the Son of God. Then we show that He told His followers He would guide them and that He even chose apostles to do so. In other words, He established a teaching authority in the Church and endowed it with His special guidance. Again, at this point, we’re using the Bible as a simple historical record of what happened, not as the inspired Word of God.

Next, we show that the Church Christ promised to guide has declared certain writings to be inspired. The list of inspired books which the Church put together is called the Canon of Scripture, (“canon” with one “n,” which means a standard of measure, not something you shoot).

Because Christ is the Son of God, when He promises something, He has the power to make sure it happens. He promised to guide His followers and to do it through the apostles. The apostles in turn passed along a share in their authority to the bishops, who eventually officially declared the biblical books to be inspired. Their declaration didn’t, of course, make the Bible inspired; God did that when He moved men to write the various books. What the Church did was to settle once and for all which books are divinely inspired. And she did it with the authority of Christ, Who promised to be with her.

This argument is based on faith that Christ is Who He claimed and that He will do as he promised. Believing these things isn’t blind faith -faith opposed to reason or without reason. True, we can’t fully “see” from reason alone that Christ is the Son of God, but this doesn’t make faith in such things unreasonable. Faith is supra-rational (above reason), not irrational (against reason).

There’s another approach to the Bible’s inspiration we can take. We can show how certain things are best explained on the premise the Bible is the inspired, written Word of God. The fulfillment of biblical prophecy, for example. Doesn’t that suggest the Scripture has a more than human origin? Of course, this approach doesn’t absolutely prove the inspiration of the Bible, but it does strongly support the idea.

## *Spirituality: Up to God*

Politics has become so all-possessive of life, that by impertinence it thinks the only philosophy a person can hold is the right or the left. This question puts out all the lights of religion so they can call all the cats gray. It assumes that man lives on a purely horizontal plane, and can move only to the right or the left. Had we eyes less material, we would see that there are two other directions where a man with a soul may look: the vertical directions of “up” or “down”.

Both figured in the crucifixion of our Lord. Even those cruel men who crucified knew that these were the directions that counted. So they shouted to Him: “Come down,” and we will believe. Somehow or other that echo has been caught up and it is being bruited about the world today. “Down with religion!” “Down with capital!” “Down with labor!” “Down with reactionaries!” “Down with progressives!”

Have we not been tearing down long enough? Can one build a world with the word “down”? Is there no other cry in our vocabulary? Did not the Captain Christ give another: “If I be lifted up, I will draw all things to myself.”

Lifted up! Who shall lift us up? Crucifying dictators? Maybe! But where shall we be lifted? To the cross, the prelude of the empty tomb, the cross of Christ our Redeemer. Hear that word “up.” Shout it abroad! “Up from class hatred; up from envy; up from avarice; up from war; up beyond the margin of the world; up beyond the ‘troubled gateways of the stars’ UP...UP...UP to God!”

*Bishop Fulton Sheen, Lessons on Faith & Truth, 1947, pp.46-47.*

## *Wisdom: Warm water after meal*

For those who like to drink cold water, this article is applicable to you. It is nice to have a cup of cold drink after a meal. However, the cold water will solidify the oily stuff that you have just consumed. It will slow down the digestion. Once this "sludge" reacts with the acid, it will break down and be absorbed by the intestine faster than the solid food. It will line the intestine. Very soon, this will turn into fats and lead to cancer. It is best to drink hot soup or warm water after a meal.

A serious note about heart attacks - You should know that not every heart attack symptom is going to be the left arm hurting. Be aware of intense pain in the jaw line.

You may never have the first chest pain during the course of a heart attack. Nausea and intense sweating are also common symptoms. 60% of people who have a heart attack while they are asleep do not wake up. Pain in the jaw can wake you from a sound sleep. Let's be careful and be aware. The more we know the better chance we could survive.

A cardiologist says if everyone who reads this message sends it to 10 people, you can be sure that we'll save at least one life.

## *Story*

A woman in a village was surprised to find a fairly well-dressed stranger at her door asking for something to eat. “I’m sorry,” she said. “I have nothing in the house right now.”

“Not to worry,” said the amiable stranger. “I have a soup stone in this satchel of mine; if you will let me put it in a pot of boiling water I’ll make the most delicious soup in the world. A very large pot, please.”

The woman was curious. She put the pot on the fire and whispered the secret of the soup stone to a neighbor. By the time the water began to boil all the neighbors had gathered to see the stranger and his soup stone. The stranger dropped the stone into the water then tasted a teaspoonful with relish and exclaimed, “Ah, delicious! All it needs is some potatoes.”

“I have potatoes in my kitchen,” shouted one woman. In a few minutes she was back with a large quantity of sliced potatoes that were thrown into the pot. Then the stranger tasted the brew again. “Excellent!” he said. But added wistfully, “If we only had some meat, this would become a tasty stew.”

Another housewife rushed home to bring some meat that the stranger accepted graciously and flung into the pot. When he tasted the broth again he rolled his eyes heavenwards and said, “Ah, tasty! If we had some

*vegetables it would be perfect, absolutely perfect.”*

One of the neighbors rushed off home and returned with a basketful of carrots and onions. After these had been thrown in too and the stranger tasted the mixture, he said in a voice of command, *“Salt and sauce.”* *“Right here”*, said the housewife. Then came another command, *“Bowls for everyone.”* People rushed to their homes in search of bowls. Some even brought back bread and fruit.

Then they all set down to a delicious meal while the stranger handed out large helpings of his incredible soup. Everyone felt strangely happy as they laughed and talked and shared their very first common meal. In the middle of the merriment the stranger quietly slipped away, leaving behind the miraculous soup stone that they could use any time they wanted to make the loveliest soup in the world.

## *Jokes (174)*

### ***Religion***

In Belfast, Ireland, a Catholic priest, a Protestant minister and a Jewish Rabbi were engaged in a heated theological discussion. Suddenly an angel appeared in their midst and said to them, *“God sends you His blessings. Make one wish for peace and your wish will be fulfilled by the Almighty.”*

The minister said, *“Let every Catholic disappear from our lovely island. Then peace will reign supreme.”*

The priest said, *“Let there not be a single Protestant left on our sacred Irish soil. That will bring peace to this island.”*

*“And what about you, Rabbi?”* said the Angel. *“Do you have no wish of your own?”*

*“No,”* said the Rabbi. *“Just attend to the wishes of these two gentlemen and I shall be well pleased.”*

### ***An old priest lay dying in the hospital.***

For years, he had faithfully served the people of Morgantown, WV, the home of West Virginia University. He motioned for his nurse to come near.

'Yes, Father?' asked the nurse.

'I would really like to see former WVU coaches Rich Rodriguez and John Beilein before I die.'

'I'll see what I can do father,' replied the nurse.

The nurse sent the request to the coaches, in care of the University of Michigan, and waited for a response.

Soon the word arrived: Both would be delighted to visit the priest.

As they went to the hospital, followed by a large contingency of the press, Rich leaned over and whispered to John, 'I don't know why the old priest wants to see us, but it will certainly help our images.' John couldn't help but agree.

When they arrived at the priest's room, the press crowded around and the priest took Rich's hand in his right hand and John's hand in his left. There was silence and a look of serenity on the old priest's face.

Finally Rich, smiling and looking at all the press, spoke.

'Father, of all the people you could have chosen, why did you choose us to be with you as you near the end?'

The old priest slowly replied, 'I have always tried to pattern my life after our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.'

'Amen' said Rich.

'Amen' said John.

The old priest continued, 'He died between two lying thieves. I would like to do the same.'

### ***Missionary Tale***

Dennis Moorman wrote: “One of our local Brazilian priests recently joined us for lunch. While talking about how priests often are invited to join families for a home-cooked meal, he told us that he once was visiting a family when it got close to supper time. He could smell the delicious food cooking in the kitchen and asked one of the children, “What time do you eat supper?” The youngster replied with stark honesty, “Mom says we’re going to eat just as soon as you leave.”

## Famous Quotes (64)

- “If you love me, let it appear.” (Saint Augustine)
- “Talk not of wasted affection! Affection never was wasted.” (Henry Wadsworth Longfellow)
- “Associate yourself with men of good quality if you esteem your own reputation for it is better to be alone than in bad company.” (George Washington)
- “Forsake not an old friend; for the new is not comparable to him: a new friend is as new wine; when it is old, you shall drink it with pleasure.” (Old Testament)
- “Better fare hard with good men than feast it with bad.” (Thomas Fuller)
- If you can’t win, make the fellow ahead of you break the record.
- Always imitate the behavior of the winners when you lose.
- No pain, no palm; no thorns, no throne; no gall, no glory; no cross, no crown. (W. Penn)
- Complain to one who can help you. (Yugoslav proverb)
- Learn to accept in silence the minor aggravations, cultivate the gift of taciturnity, and consume your own smoke with an extra draft of hard work, so that those about you may not be annoyed with the dust and soot of your complaints. (Sir William Osler)
- “Complaining is good for you as long as you’re not complaining to the person you’re complaining about.” (Lynn Johnston)
- “Don’t tell your problems to people: 80% don’t care and the other 20% are glad you have them.” (Former football coach Lou Holtz)
- Learn how to pay compliments. Start with the members of your family, and you will find it will become easier later in life to compliment others. It’s a great asset. (Letitia Baldrige)
- Don’t tell a woman she’s pretty; tell her there’s no other woman like her, and all roads will open to you. (Jules Renard)
- When you cannot get a compliment any other way pay yourself one. (Mark Twain)
- The best way to turn a woman’s head is to tell her she has a beautiful profile. (Sacha Guitry)
- When you don’t know much about a subject you’re explaining, compliment the person you are explaining to on knowing all about it and he will think that you do, too. (Don Marquis)
- See not evil in others and good in yourself, but the good in the other and the failings in yourself.
- If you would be pope, you must think of nothing else. (Spanish proverb)
- Don’t try to do two or more things at once. Set priorities so that you are not worrying about something else while you are attending to the task at hand.
- Arrange your work space so that your eyes aren’t drawn to other jobs that need to be done. The time you invest to organize your space will be paid back with improved efficiency. Don’t put unreasonable demands on your attention span.
- Tact is the art of making a point without making an enemy.
- Art is poetry without words. (Horace)
- The man who does not read is not better off than the man who cannot.
- If you were on trial for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?
- The common argument that crime is caused by poverty is a kind of slander on the poor.
- To stay angry with anyone is to punish yourself for his faults.
- Your WORST days are never so bad, that you are beyond the reach of GOD.!
- Your BEST days are never so good that you are beyond the need of GOD’s Grace!
- A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty.
- However good or bad a situation is, it will change.