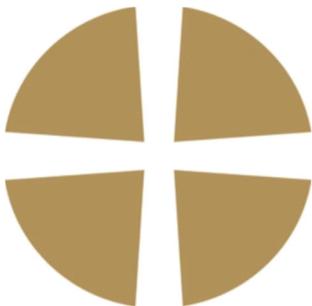


JUNE 9, 2019

Pentecost Sunday



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Dear Friends,

This weekend at the Sunday (6/9) 8:30am Mass we will be welcoming James Bielamowicz to the Table of the Lord for his First Communion. Congratulations to his very proud parents, his CCE teachers and the community that gathers here every weekend to celebrate the Eucharist; thank you for your support and encouragement of James on his faith journey. Likewise, of course, we welcome his extended family and friends who are with him this weekend to be part of this big event not only in his life, but also in the life of the Church community here at Saint Catherine of Siena.

Now that the dogdays of summer have started in earnest, we will see many vacationing visitors among us. Last Saturday evening it was a delight to see those families join us for Mass with their children who had baseball matches in the park just north of us; they were slightly worried about their sports attire, but I told them to have a good look around them when they went into the church, and they would see they would fit in without any worries! Let's always make room for those who want to participate with us in the Eucharist. Smiling and moving over in the pew to make others feel welcome always work wonders! Keep up the good work, holy ones, and do your best to enjoy your summer too.

God bless and take care,

MASS TIMES

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM
Sunday 8:30 AM and 11:15 AM

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday - Friday, 12:15 PM

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00 - 4:30 PM

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday
10:00 AM-4:00 PM



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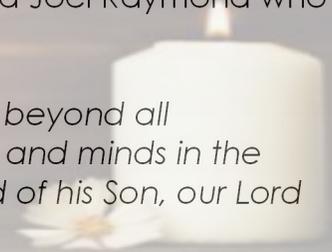
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Condolences

The community of Saint Catherine of Siena extends its heartfelt condolences to the families and friends of Baby Connor Nathaniel Clark and Joel Raymond who both died last week.

May the peace of God, which is beyond all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.



June 9, 2019

Treasures from Our Tradition

Today we are at the fiftieth day of the Easter celebration: seven weeks of seven days, a week of weeks, now culminating in a festival fiftieth day. While the liturgical color of the Easter season is gold, on this last day we have red. For the first thousand years of the church, there were no firm rules for using colors. Only wealthy churches could afford a full array of colors, and most places used the best vestments, no matter the color, for the greatest feasts. The Church spelled out an exact plan for color, including red for Pentecost, only in 1570, but local differences held on until the 1800s.

Color experts tell us that red is a hot color, best used for fast-paced, upbeat, active experiences. It is hard to be neutral before red, as any matador will tell you. It invites commitment, draws you in. It is a stimulating color, engaging the eye, stirring hunger. It is the most fitting color for this day when we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit into our lives, a dynamic presence overturning neutrality in favor of passion and commitment.

Reconciled Diversity

A few years ago, during Rome's quiet summer, Pope Francis took a day off to visit privately with some old friends, whose identity took Catholic Italy by surprise: Evangelical Protestants. They welcomed Francis to their Pentecostal Church of Reconciliation, where Francis asked pardon for Catholic persecutions and celebrated the Holy Spirit's "pentecostal work." Unlike Satan, declared Francis, who creates division among God's children, the Holy Spirit creates a diversity rich and beautiful. And unity; not uniformity, Francis specified, but unity in diversity. Francis named the Spirit's gift "reconciled diversity." Pentecost's rich treasury of scriptural readings, for Saturday's vigil and Sunday's morning liturgy, traces the Holy Spirit's work from creation's beginning, through Jesus' resurrection, into the

PARISH CALENDAR

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Pentecost Sunday

- SAT 8** 5:00 PM Sunday Vigil Mass
† Edwin De Souza
- SUN 9** 8:30 AM Sunday Mass
First Communion -
James Weldon Bielamowicz
11:15 AM Sunday Mass
- MON 10** OFFICE HOURS: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
- TUES 11** 12:15 Weekday Mass
OFFICE HOURS: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
- WED 12** 12:15 Weekday Mass
OFFICE HOURS: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Home-Group EMHC Meeting
- THURS 13** 12:15 Weekday Mass
OFFICE HOURS: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
- FRI 14** 12:15 Weekday Mass
OFFICE HOURS: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

- SAT 15** 5:00 PM Sunday Vigil Mass
First Communion -
Jackson Whistler
- SUN 16** 8:30 AM Sunday Mass
11:15 AM Sunday Mass

church's earliest days, now into our days. Kindled in our hearts, the Spirit's gentle fire is ours to share generously, even with those most strikingly different from us. All hearts are Spirit-warmed by reconciled diversity.

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