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There is Life in the Church because in the Church is the Spirit

My brothers and sisters, if you want the Holy Spirit to dwell in you, listen carefully. Our spirit, by means of which each individual lives, is called the soul. And look what the soul does in the body. It gives life to all the limbs. It sees with the eyes, hears with the ears, smells with the nose, speaks with the tongue, works with the hands, walks with the feet. It is present at one and the same time in all the limbs to make them live. It gives life to all the limbs and to each limb its function. It is not the eye that hears, not the ear that sees, not the eye or the ear that speaks. Yet they are nonetheless alive. The ear is alive, the tongue is alive. Their functions are different, the life is the same.

The Church of God is like that. By means of some believers she performs miracles, by means

of others she teaches the truth; by means of some she keeps virginity, by means of others she respects marital fidelity. The tasks are different, the life is the same. What the soul is to the body of a human being, the Holy Spirit is to the Body of Christ, the Church. The Holy Spirit does for the whole Church what the soul does for the body of the individual. Look then and see what you ought to fear and what you ought to avoid. If the body suffers an amputation (for example of a finger or a hand or a foot) does the soul go with the limb that has been cut off? While it was in the body, that limb was alive; when it is cut off it loses its life. It is like that with Christians. They are alive only while they are in the Body. If they are cut off from the Body, the Holy Spirit is no longer with them.

St. Augustine of Hippo

SUNDAY OF PENTECOST



Icon of Pentecost

*The Holy Spirit
Has Descended!
Receive Him
With Love!*



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May 25 – Cathleen Smail
May 28 – Karen Penwell

Church Attendance

Saturday 5/16 – **38** (6:00 pm)
Sunday 5/17 – **53** (11:00 am)
Friday 5/22 (All souls) – **5** (5:00 pm)

Pray for the Homebound, Sick, Hospitalized, & in Recovery updated: May 22, 2026

RESIDING AT HOME – Andy Arendas, Bonnie Cohn, Michael Drotar, Geraldine Dubos, Ted Fesz, Kathi Klimis, Paul Kotch, Atty. Brian Macala, Greta Marks, Frank Phillips, Martha Swantek.
The Inn at Ironwood (6699 Ironwood Blvd., Canfield, OH 44406) – Dorothy Leone.
Windsor House at St. Mary's (1899 W. Garfield Rd., Columbiana, OH 44408) – Anne Thomas.



May 17th TOTAL:
\$220.00

Church offerings from May 16 & 17, 2026

Sunday Offering....\$2,080.00
Loose Currency....\$93.00
Candles....\$95.00
Holyday (Ascension)....\$310.00
TOTAL: \$2,578.00



SAT., MAY 23

6:00 p.m.

(Vigil Pentecost Sunday Divine Liturgy)

+Anna P. Drotar

requested by: Family

SUN., MAY 24

11:00 a.m.

PENTECOST SUNDAY – The Descent of the Most Holy Spirit – Kneeling Prayers – Mirovanije

Thanksgiving: 22nd Anniversary of Priesthood Ordination (May 23, 2004)

12:30 p.m.

Panachida & Blessing of Graves at our St. Michael Cemetery

**Mon., May 25 -
Fri., May 29**

No Divine Services scheduled

SAT., MAY 30

6:00 p.m.

(Vigil Sunday Divine Liturgy)

+Walter Shabella

(14th anniversary of passing today)

requested by: Family

SUN., MAY 31

11:00 a.m.

The Sunday of All Saints

+Msgr. Victor G. Romza

(72nd anniversary of priesthood ordination today)

requested by: Jeanni Chance

12:30 p.m.

Baptism, Chrismation & First Eucharist of Vivienne Joan Vasilchek



Teacher:
"Where is your homework?"

Me:
**"I lost it fighting some kid
who said you weren't the
best teacher in school."**

Quote of the Week

"Our flag does not fly because the wind moves it. It flies with the last breath of each soldier who died protecting it."

— Unknown

| Weekly Requirement to Meet Yearly Expenses | | | |
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| Date | Collection | Required | (Shortage) Overage |
| May 17 | \$2,578 | \$2,950 | (\$372) |
| YTD | \$59,943 | \$59,000 | \$943 |

MEMORIAL DAY

Remember & Honor



- AMERICAN
- ANTHEM
- CEMETERY
- CEREMONY
- COMMEMORATE
- DECORATION
- FALLEN
- FLAGS
- FLOWERS
- FREEDOM
- GRAVE
- HALF MAST
- HEROES
- HOLIDAY
- HONOR
- MAY
- MEMORIAL
- OBSERVANCE
- PATRIOTIC
- REMEMBRANCE
- SACRIFICE
- SALUTE
- SERVICE
- SOLDIERS
- TAPS
- VETERANS
- WAR

DIRECTIONS: Find and circle the vocabulary words in the grid. Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally.

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Happy Pentecost Sunday



On the fiftieth day after the Resurrection, we celebrate Pentecost, one of the major feasts in the Church, both East & West. On this day the Church had begun. Christ founded the Church & is the invisible Head of the Church. He instructed and prepared His Apostles for this day. In Acts 1:4, Jesus tells them to remain in Jerusalem "to wait for the promise of the Father, about which you have heard Me speak." St. Luke writes about the twelve apostles along with the Blessed Virgin Mary were at prayer in the upper room. (Acts 1:13-14) In Acts 2:3, we read: "Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. The Holy Spirit, the Third Divine Person of the Most Blessed Trinity, enlivens us and gives us strength, a new face (outlook) and make us a new creation...Having received the Holy Spirit, St. Peter is able to go out & begin preaching the Good News with fullness of power, filled with the Holy Spirit. Peter had begun to preach about the joyous news of salvation. How Our Lord redeemed mankind by His death and Resurrection. For Christ had conquered death by His death and granted us new life.

The Holy Spirit gives witness to Christ. The Lord tells His Apostles: "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit that the Father will send in My name—He will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you." (John 14:26) In the Catechism, "Christ - Our Pascha", His Beatitude Sviatoslav teaches us that the Holy Spirit is necessary for the salvation of the human race (humanity). Man has both an intellect and a (free) will. However, without the grace of the Holy Spirit, we are only body and soul, and thus do not truly understand the Spirit of God.

We Christians, faithful and dedicated followers of Christ, are to grow and develop with the grace of the Holy Spirit, so that we might liken ourselves to Christ Himself. And as such we are able to withstand the temptations of the evil one, the devil, and to stay away from sin and remain faithful to Christ and His teaching. We have put on Christ. We have welcomed the Holy Spirit into our hearts and act in the spirit of Christ so as to prepare oneself for eternal life with God in the eternal Kingdom of Heaven. A devout spiritual life keeps us on the straight and narrow path leading to the Kingdom of God. May the Holy Spirit come to live within us and to guide and protect us all the days of our earthly life. And this we pray that all of us faithful may be deemed one day worthy of entry into the Kingdom of God, where we shall meet the Lord face-to-face.

Why the color green for Pentecost?

In our Faith, we symbolize a great deal to help bring understanding of why we have gathered together to pray and how to better participate during certain feasts throughout the Life of the Church. One such way of symbolism is the use of color to recognize certain features of a feast in the Liturgical Life of our Faith. The color "green" is used during the Great Feast of Pentecost (50 days after the Resurrection of our Lord) - the Descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles.



The clergy vestments, altar cloths, candle holders, etc. during the Pentecostal season are green. At Pentecost, we decorate our churches with flowers and green branches, for the Church "never grows old, but is always young." It is an evergreen, ever-living Tree of grace and life, of joy and comfort. For the Holy Spirit - "the Treasury of Blessings and Giver of Life - comes and abides in us, and cleanses us from all impurity," and fills our life with meaning: faith, hope, and love.

In recognition of this, the faithful wear green as well to celebrate this Sunday. Remember, in our Church, each feast is a LIVING commemoration; it is not something that has happened in the past, but rather an event that occurs in the present in our lives. Let us dawn our green for Divine Services this weekend proudly and faithfully as we express the true living nature of our faith! What a great way to commemorate the liveliness and strength of our faith in God and the NEW LIFE the Spirit brings.

Blessing of Graves this afternoon

The annual blessing of graves at our St. Michael Cemetery will take place **TODAY, May 24th at 12:30 p.m.** A Panachida will be offered followed by the blessing of graves of any loved ones you request. If it rains heavy, another date will be scheduled.



Reaching 22 years of priesthood this weekend

Our Pastor is observing his **22nd Anniversary of Priesthood Ordination**. He was ordained a priest by the late +Archbishop Basil M. Schott on May 23, 2004 at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Munhall, PA. Congrats on your 22nd anniversary Very Rev. Kev!

No fasting any day this week

For all Byzantine Catholics, Pentecost Week is a celebration of the coming of the Holy Spirit. Because of this, there is **NO FASTING** this whole week, especially on Friday. Enjoy God's bountiful gifts. You can eat meat this Friday, May 29th.

Final week to submit scholarship application

The St. Michael's Civic Club is pleased to offer two \$1,000 scholarships to parishioner students attending either a college or trade school. Application forms in the Narthex or church website. **The deadline to apply is May 31st.** For any questions or more info, contact Silvia DuBos at 412-452-8707.

Last Sunday's dinner

TOTAL PROFIT: \$1,005.00.

Special thanks to workers

A very special THANK YOU to ALL workers who helped with the breaded chicken dinner. Marge & Phil Ford, Annette & Dave Hospodar, Marge Puhak, Regina Rovnyak, Diana Vrabel, Alice Watkins, Carol Bukovac, Terry Tirpack, Marge Arendas, Agnes Ihnat, Terri Katula, & Sue Rappach.

Thanks for donations: Marge Arendas, Marge Ford, Marge Puhak, & Regina Rovnyak,

Wreath gift card raffle

A Patriotic wreath raffle is in the narthex. \$5 a chance. At least \$250 worth of gift cards.



Congratulations to **Deacons Mark LeRoy & Nicholas Krivacs** on graduating with a Masters in Divinity from our Byzantine Catholic Seminary. They will be ordained to the priesthood on Sunday, June 7th.

Sympathy extended

+DUANE JOHN VANSUCH, 77, of Struthers, fell asleep in the Lord on Saturday, May 2, 2026. He is the brother of parishioners Denise (Dominic) Cutrone and David (Sandy) Van Such. May the Lord God grant to His departed servant +Duane, blessed repose and eternal memory, vicnaja jemu pamjat.

Memorial Day tomorrow



Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day to remember those who have died in our nation's service. After the Civil war many people in the North and South decorated graves of fallen soldiers with flowers. In the Spring of 1866, Henry C. Welles, a druggist in the village of Waterloo, NY, suggested that the patriots who had died in the Civil War should be honored by decorating their graves. General John B. Murray, Seneca County Clerk, embraced the idea and a committee was formed to plan a day devoted to honoring the dead. Towns people made wreaths, crosses and bouquets for each veteran's grave. The village was decorated with flags at half mast. On May 5th of that year, a processional was held to the town's cemeteries, led by veterans. The town observed this day of remembrance on May 5 of the following year as well. Decoration Day was officially proclaimed on May 5, 1868 by General John Logan in his General Order No. 11, and was first observed officially on May 30, 1868. The South did not observe Decoration Day, preferring to honor their dead on separate days until after World War I. In 1882, the name was changed to Memorial Day, and soldiers who had died in other wars were also honored. In 1971, Memorial Day was declared a national holiday to be held on the last Monday in May.

Monday will be the most expensive holiday on the calendar. Every hot dog, every burger, every spin around the lake, or drink with friends and family...is a debt...purchased by others. This is not about all who've served...that day comes in the fall. This one is in honor of those who paid in life and blood; whose moms never saw them again, whose dads wept in private, whose wives raised kids alone, and whose kids only remembered them from pictures. This isn't simply a day off. This is a day to remember - that others paid for every free breath you ever get to take. Freedom.



Flag Raising Ceremony

Sunday, June 14 ~ Noon

Join us after the ceremony for an all-American picnic featuring hot dogs, fried chicken, potato salad, and apple pie.

Please add your name to sign up sheet if you'd like to attend.

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