

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

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Fr. Juan Areiza, Pastor

Pentecost Sunday
May 20, 2018

A SIGNIFICANT DAY

“And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were” (Acts 2:2). The Holy Spirit’s arrival on that first Pentecost was signaled by a rush of wind. We all know what it’s like when our windows are open just as a summer storm rises up. Curtains fly, papers become airborne, house plants shudder, dust is scattered. A rush of wind disrupts the orderliness of our home. The coming of the Holy Spirit, as celebrated each year at Pentecost, can also disrupt ways that have become comfortable and orderly. The Church always needs Pentecost. We need the breath of God’s Spirit to blow away any complacency or malaise that has settled into our faith. Jesus breathes on his disciples and they receive the Holy Spirit. With that reception comes the power to share the Good News of salvation. Today, this is no less true for us.

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Masses / Sacraments

Sat: 4:30 pm

Sun: 8:30 a, 11:00 a, 1:00 p Span.

Daily Mass: Mon to Sat: 9:00 a

Adoration: Mon to Fri: 9:45 – 12

Reconciliation: Sat: 3:30 - 4:15

or by appointment

Baptism/Marriage

Please contact the parish office.

Clergy

Pastor

Rev. Juan Areiza

Deacons

Dcn. Larry Casey

Dcn. Paul Dietz

Dcn. JP McGuire, OFS

Dcn. John Barone

OUR GRADUATING SENIORS 2018



From Top L-R:
Ally Horinek
Bethany Anderson
Elena Griggs
Cliff Herr
Sean Dobbins
Megan Woody
Thomas Cothren
RJ Banton

Just look at these beautiful young faces. Some you may recognize as altar servers. Others you may see in the communion line each week. You may sit next to one at Mass. This is an amazing group of teens about to hit the adult world. All are going to college. Many have scholarships. There are athletes, academic all-stars, musicians and mostly importantly, sons and daughters. Five of them are the youngest child in their family. Empty nest ahead. All have been raised in the Catholic faith.

Take a few moments to read about each senior in the parish email called *flocknote*. They share their high school successes and what Catholicism means to them. Honor them with your prayers. Congratulations graduates!

Mass Intentions

Pentecost/Seventh Week in Ordinary Time

(May 20 – May 26, 2018)

Sat	4:30 p	L	Mel French & Family <i>by Debi Spriggs</i>
Sun	8:30 a	†	Barbara Chandler <i>by Al & Cheryl Damon</i>
Sun	11:00 a	L	People of St. Francis <i>by Fr. Juan Areiza</i>
Sun	1:00 p	L	Frank Uhle <i>by Elizabeth Uhle</i>
9a	Mon	†	Kay Sawyer <i>by Cathy Frosini</i>
9a	Tue	†	Gertrude Joules <i>by Cathy Frosini, Lisa St. James</i>
9a	Wed	†	Zell Miller <i>by Colleen Orchanian</i>
9a	Thu	†	Gregg Kopp <i>by Lucas Family</i>
9a	Fri	†	Edeltraud Gruensteidl <i>by Grizio Family</i>
9 a	Sat	†	Ed O'Donnell <i>by Joanne Barron</i>
4:30 p	Sat	†	David Brown <i>by Mike & Ann Brown</i>



Living Flame of the Sanctuary Light

burns this week for the repose of the soul of

Gertrude Joules

requested by

Cathy Frosini and Lisa Ann St. James

First Collection

\$7629.50

Second Collection

\$3260

St. Vincent de Paul

May 13, 2018



Next Week Second Collection:

Debt Reduction

Thank you for your generosity!



Sr. Mary Francis Relocating

Sr. Mary Francis, founder of our prison ministry and active member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society is relocating to Canton, GA. She has purchased a home and will continue

ministering in the Canton area. Come for *Coffee with Sr. Mary Francis* Tuesday, June 5th after the 9 am Mass to say good-bye. Her move date is June 16, 2018.

New Feast Day Added to Church Calendar

Starting Monday, May 21st and the Monday after Pentecost henceforth, we will celebrate a new feast day, *Mary, Mother of the Church*. The pope approved the celebration because he thought it might "encourage the growth of the maternal sense of the church in the pastors, religious and faithful, as well as a growth of genuine Marian piety." We like the idea!

Couples Celebrating 50th and 60th Anniversary in 2018

Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory would like to honor couples married in 1968 and 1958 with an invitation to a Golden/Diamond Wedding Anniversary Mass on Saturday October 6th, 2018, at 12:00 Noon at Saint Brigid Catholic Church. A reception will follow the Mass for the anniversary couples and their families. Space is limited.

Please go to <http://tiny.cc/anniversarymass> to RSVP for this event and for additional information.

Please Pray For

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| ✓ Jo Schilling | ✓ Roger Grewe |
| ✓ Janice Barlotta | ✓ Betty Mendenhall |
| ✓ Mathew Manzo | ✓ Louvelle Hoffman |
| ✓ Dcn. Paul Dietz | ✓ Joan Tufford |
| ✓ Barbara Lewis | ✓ Lorene Glenn |
| ✓ Kathy Wheeler | ✓ Bob Wilson |
| ✓ Joe Muir | ✓ Jerry Smoot |
| ✓ Ray Kelly | ✓ Maureen Wilson |
| ✓ Andrea Jensen Tesh | ✓ Com. Tom Van Scoten |
| ✓ Your Spiritually | ✓ Rita Casey |
| ✓ Adopted Baby | ✓ Myron Grizio |

Like the disciples, we, too, have a mission. And like them, the Holy Spirit is with us.

In his new pastoral exhortation on the call to holiness in today's world, Pope Francis challenges us to live our mission with purpose through the power of the Holy Spirit: "You too need to see the entirety of your life as a mission. Try to do so by listening to God in prayer and recognizing the signs that he gives you. **Always ask the Spirit what Jesus expects from you at every moment of your life and in every decision you must make**, so as to discern its place in the mission you have received. Allow the Spirit to forge in you the personal mystery that can reflect Jesus Christ in today's world." (GE, 23) ©Catholic Life and Faith, 2018

Big Stuff Going On – For Everyone

Anniversary Mass & Party for Fr. Juan – We are all excited about the 10th Anniversary Party for Fr. Juan. His parents arrive a few days before the party! (If only we spoke Spanish.) Reception is from 3-5pm on Thursday, May 31st. Mass is at 6pm. Those who have tickets for the dinner, dinner is at 7pm (or 7:15, 7:20).

Parish Picnic – Three days after the party, we will have a parish picnic at 2 pm - June 3, 2018 at the church. Yes, we said "at the church." We have never had the picnic on the grounds but mother nature has consistently misbehaved on picnic day. **NO MORE**. Bring a couple of chairs, a football, guitar, and **A SIDE DISH**. We will make it fun, whether you like it or not.

Eucharistic Congress – June 2, a Saturday in Atlanta. Every year the archdiocese has a Eucharistic Congress at the Georgia International Convention Center. It is GREAT! Over 30,000 people came last year. Why? Well, the Mass is powerful. The presenters are well known Catholic speakers who share a powerful message. The music is heavenly. There is an English track, Spanish track, Vietnamese track, a teen track, lots of Catholic vendors, and more Catholics than you'll see anywhere in Georgia. This year Bishop Robert Barron is coming from Los Angeles. Cardinal Sean O'Malley from Boston will be there. Our own Jerry Aull, our guitarist, is doing music. Call the office (706-745-6400) to sign up. We'll carpool.

UN DÍA SIGNIFICATIVO

"De repente se oyó un gran ruido que venía del cielo, como cuando sopla un viento fuerte, que resonó por toda la casa donde se encontraban" (Hechos 2:2). La llegada del Espíritu Santo en ese primer Pentecostés fue marcada por un viento fuerte. Todos sabemos lo que se siente cuando abrimos las ventanas en el momento en que se levanta una tormenta de verano. Las cortinas vuelan, los papeles se elevan, las plantas tiemblan y el polvo se revuelve. Un ventarrón que perturba el orden de nuestro hogar. La venida del Espíritu Santo, que celebramos cada año durante Pentecostés, también puede perturbar hábitos que se han vuelto cómodos y organizados. La Iglesia siempre necesita de Pentecostés. Necesitamos el soplo del Espíritu de Dios para que disperse nuestras autocomplacencias o cualquier malestar que ha penetrado nuestra fe. Jesús sopla en sus discípulos y reciben el Espíritu Santo. Con esa recepción viene el poder de compartir la Buena Nueva de la salvación. Hoy esa realidad no es diferente a lo que se espera de nosotros. © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.



June 11-14, 2018

9:30 – 12 Grades 1-6

Help needed from parents, teens, grandmothers. Contact Joe K.



May 26, 12-5 pm in Marian Hall
Go to: redcrossblood.org to sign up or call the Red Cross at: 800-733-2767. You can save a life with your donation.

Bible Study on Mary – it's not too late to join - at 10 am and 7 pm Mondays.

June Book Club selection is *Eucharist* by Bishop Robert Barron. Pick up a copy of the book and plan to join the discussion on Tuesday, June 5 at 10:00.

ONLINEgiving

<https://www.churchgiving.com/?pc=ynvrsi89>