

OUR 2018 POLISH FEST, as was announced in last week's bulletin, will be on the weekend of July 14th and 15th. Although the festival will be a month later this year, it is not too early to begin looking for nice sales on prize items for the booths. How helpful it will be if every parish household donates a new gift or two and/or a gift certificate—something that you would be happy to win. All gift items may be dropped off at the rectory.

AND THE PIEROGI-MAKING PROCESS CONTINUES with ever-faithful mixers, rollers, scoopers, pinchers, boilers, and packers producing the very large numbers of these much-sought-after Polish favorites for our upcoming Polish Fest. May God bless and reward these wonderful volunteers for so generously sharing their time and talent for the good of the Parish and, most importantly, for God.

If you have some time to share this Tuesday morning beginning around 8-8:30, your helping hands as part of the pierogi crew will be appreciated.

SHARING FAITH AND HOPE... Every contribution to the Catholic Charities Appeal is appreciated. Our generous response affirms the belief in the value of every human life and the dignity of every person.

Tens of thousand of people on the South Coast, Cape Cod and the Islands are assisted by ministries supported by the Appeal. Ninety-four cents of every dollar donated goes directly to the apostolates funded by the annual Appeal.



Please prayerfully consider giving as generously as possible to help our brothers and sisters in need, spiritually, materially, or both. A pledge will allow you to contribute more generously and satisfy the pledge over as many as ten months, with no first payment until July. So, again, only \$10 a month will result in a substantial \$100 gift.

FATHER'S DAY MASS CARDS are now available at the church entrances. Beginning on Father's Day, nine Masses will be celebrated for the special intentions of the living Fathers and other men (husbands, sons, brothers, uncles, grandfathers, godfather, friends) whose names you will have submitted—and for the happy repose of the souls of the deceased. On Father's Day, give the gift that really counts—the gift of Masses.

CHOOSE LIFE!... Susan B. Anthony, an early leader of the women's suffrage movement, opposed abortion, saying, "*Sweeter even than to have had the joy of caring for children of my own has it been for me to help bring about a better state of things for mothers generally, so their unborn little ones could not be killed away from them.*"

HYMN FEST FOR OUR LADY will be conducted this Sunday afternoon, May 20th, at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption (320 Second Street in Fall River) at 4 o'clock. Favorite traditional Marian hymns will be played on the cathedral organ, and attendees will be invited to join in the sing-along "down memory lane" while honoring our Blessed Mother. Go to pmeggison@aol.com for further information.

SPRING OPEN HOUSE & ARTS FESTIVAL at All Saints Catholic School (115 Illinois Street) will begin this Thursday, May 24th, at 6 pm. See great educational opportunities for your child or grandchild. Now accepting applications for the 2018-19 school year for pre-K through grade 8. E-mail smassoud@ascs.dfrcs.org or call 508-995-3696 for more information.

LAKE SIDE FAMILY FESTIVAL at St John Neumann Church (Route 18-157 Middleboro Road, East Freetown) Memorial Day weekend, will feature a huge barn sale, live entertainment, midway rides, food, games, bike blessing on Saturday, and classic car show on Sunday. Friday 6-11 pm.; Saturday & Sunday noon-11pm; Monday noon-5pm. For more info: sjnfreetown.org/lakeside-family-festival

**Sat. - May 19 - Pentecost Sunday**

4:00 PM Mother's Day Novena #8

Sun. - May 20 - Pentecost Sunday

10:00 AM Mother's Day Novena #9

**Mon. - May 21 - St. Christopher Magallanes
& Companions**7:30 AM OLPH Parishioners,
Living & Deceased**Tues. - May 22 - St. Rita of Cascia**

7:30 AM In Thanksgiving

Wed. - May 23 - Weekday7:30 AM Healing
Req. Jack Chmiel**Thurs. - May 24 - Dedication of the
Basilica of St. Francis**7:30 AM Etelvino & Antonia Conterno
(66th Wedding Anniversary)
Req. Family**Fri. - May 25 - St. Bede**7:30 AM Health & Return to Sobriety
Req. Gus S.**Sat. - May 26 - St. Philip Neri**

7:30 AM In Thanksgiving for Blessings

Sat. - May 26 - Most Holy Trinity4:00 PM +Norman Bourque
Req. Bourque Family**Sun. - May 27 - Most Holy Trinity**10:00 AM +Walter Palys (Anniversary)
Req. Family**A MESSAGE FROM FATHER CONRAD**

Brothers and Sisters of Our Parish Family,

This weekend, the Church observes one of the most important feast days of the year: Pentecost, which celebrates the Coming of the Holy Spirit to the apostles and the beginning of the Catholic Church. It also brings the Easter Season to a close.

We read in the Acts of the Apostles: *"And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim"* (2.2-4).

The Holy Spirit also gave the apostles the other gifts and fruits necessary to satisfy the great commission to preach the Gospel to all nations, fulfilling Christ's promise that the apostles would be *"clothed with power from on high"* before they taught beyond the city.

Now inspired by the Holy Spirit, Peter preached his first homily, opening the Old Testament scriptures and showing how the prophet Joel had prophesied the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. He also explained to the people that Jesus is the Lord, and, although they had crucified Him, He rose again from the dead. Hearing Peter, they were *"cut to the heart"* and asked what they were to do.

Peter replied, *"Repent and be baptized...in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the Holy Spirit"* (Acts 2.37-38). Following Peter's sermon, three-thousand were baptized that day! For this reason, Pentecost is considered the Birthday of the Church.

Peace and Blessings,
Father Conrad