



# Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

Catholic Church serving in Eastern Kentucky since 1913

## Our Parish COMMUNITY

May 28, 2023

**Pentecost (A)**

Acts 2:1-11 / 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 / John 20:19-23



### **Eucharistic Services:**

- 7:00 pm Wednesday -  
Word & Communion Service
- 5:00 pm Saturday - Holy Cross in Jackson,  
Vigil Mass
- 11:30 am Sunday - Mass

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Sunday after Mass; other times by appointment.

### **Office Hours: Wed - Friday 10 am to 5 pm**

### **Ministers for next Sunday, June 4, 2023**

Sacramental Minister : Rev. Livinus Uba

Lector: Luke Glaser

### **Ministers at MGC**

Lori Helfrich, Parish Life Director

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### **Mother of Good Counsel Prayer by B.J. Ewen**

Holy Mary, our heavenly mother,  
keep us in your care.

Give us your good counsel

as we strive to be disciples of your son Jesus  
and help us to grow in faith and in our love for God.

Bless our parish which is named in your honor.

Help us in our lives as we humbly pray and help  
us be attentive to the needs of our families and our  
community.

Amen

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### **Parish Mission Statement**

Inspired and sustained in our Catholic faith through life-giving worship, we Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community, have as our mission to bring Christ and the teachings of the Catholic faith to one another and the larger community in a ways that draw us together as a supportive family, yet reaches out with a genuine concern for all people, so that we can be authentic witnesses in an area where Catholics are few in number.

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### Parish Survey

The parish will be conducting a survey about parishioner talents, interests and ways parishioners would like to be involved in the parish. The surveys will be mailed June 14 and available in person at the Mass beginning June 18.

### Eucharistic Revival

Mother of Good Counsel will be hosting a small faith sharing group from June to October to discuss the Eucharist. If you are interested in this group please sign up at the back of the church so we can have enough materials. This small faith sharing group will meet following Sunday Mass on the following dates : 6/25, 7/30, 8/27, 9/24, 10/29.

### Becoming Catholic

Becoming Catholic group will meet this Tuesday May 23 from 7 to 9 pm to continue our period of mystagogy. All are welcome to join us in this conversation.

### Monthly Eucharistic Adoration

Beginning on June 7 the parish will host Eucharistic Adoration on the first Wednesday of the month following our regular Word & Communion Service from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Come and join our community in prayer.

### Appalachian Immersion Program

The Laudato Si Commission resumed the Appalachian Immersion Pilgrimage this Spring. Nine participants stayed with the Benedictine Sisters in Martin, KY. They traveled around the mountains of Eastern Kentucky, listening, learning, and experiencing the beauty and hardships of Appalachia. The next Immersion Experience Pilgrimage is scheduled for October 8-11, please contact the Lori Helfrich for information and to register.



### Ireland Trip 2024

If you are interested in going on the Ireland pilgrimage in July 2024. Please sign up on the list of interest. It will be limited to 24 spots.

### Summer Outing

The parish planners is planning an outing to Gestheme to 24 spots.



### Perry County Famers Market

The Perry County Famers Market regular maket is back. Beginning June 1 the market hours are Thursdays from 4 pm to 7 pm and Saturdays from 8 am to 1 pm at the Farmers Market Pavilion at Triangle Park.

### Camp Noah

A camp for children grades K-5 in communities affected by disaster will take place July 10-14 from 9:00 am tro 3:00 pm. Camp Noah is looking for volunteers ages 16 and older to help lead actitivities for children affected by laste year's flooding in Eastern Kentucky. Email slindsay@perrylib.org or see the poster located in the gathering space.



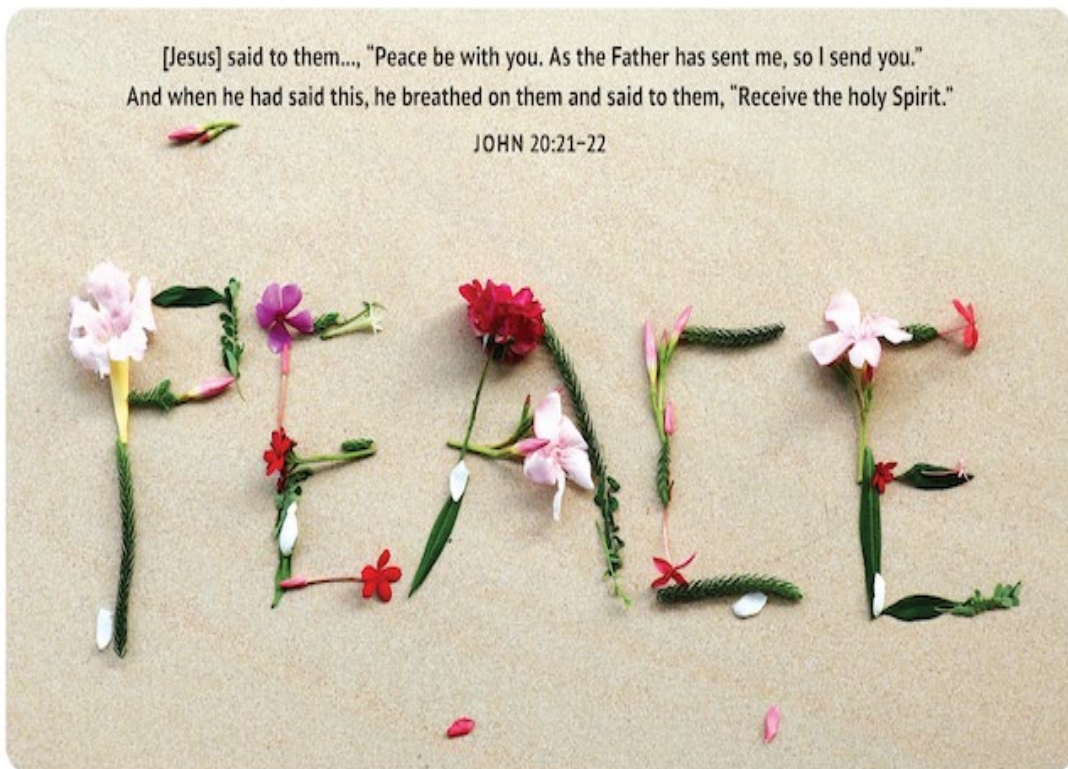
### Upcoming Events

- 5/28 : Feast of Pentacost  
Hospitality following Mass
- 5/31 : Rosary (6:40),  
Word & Communion Service

- 6/7 : Eucharistic Adoration 7:30 - 8:30 pm
- 6/14 : Parish Survey Mailed Out

[Jesus] said to them..., "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."  
And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the holy Spirit."

JOHN 20:21-22



## Freed by the Spirit

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**F**ear can be a most powerful imprisoning force. Like the apostles who locked themselves behind closed doors after the resurrection for fear of the local leaders, there are times when our own fears lock us out of the future and into our past.

We find ourselves choosing not to be generous for fear that if we are, we will find ourselves empty-handed with no one to care for us because all of our resources have been used up. And so, because of our fear, we lock ourselves into our own selfishness. At other times, we hesitate to be kind for fear that our care will be misconstrued or, worse, will be taken advantage of and abused. And so, for fear of continual demands upon our kindness, we lock ourselves into indifference. At other times, we find ourselves too cautious to speak out in the face of injustice because of a misguided respect

for "someone else's business" or because we are afraid anger or rejection will come down upon us. So, we lock ourselves into silence.

It is always the Spirit, however, that enables us to unlock those doors once locked by our fear. While that new power enables us to venture into a sometimes-shattering world, it does not promise we won't be shattered in the process. All that Jesus promised is that the Spirit would bring us peace. Such peace happens to us whenever we choose not to succumb to our fears. It is indeed a new creation taking place in us, even now. ●

### Reflect

*Has fear ever paralyzed you,  
keeping you from doing good?*

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### A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*On the day of Pentecost, Jesus' disciples were still disoriented and fearful. They did not yet have the courage to go out in the open. We too, at times, prefer to remain within the protective walls of our surroundings. But the Lord...sends upon us the Holy Spirit who envelops us and overpowers all our hesitations.*

REGINA CAELI, ST. PETER'S SQUARE, MAY 25, 2021  
A VIGIL LED BY POPE FRANCIS AHEAD OF PENTECOST SUNDAY AT THE VATICAN IN JUNE 2019  
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## Readings for the Week

### Monday

May 29  
*Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church*  
Gn 3:9-15, 20  
or Acts 1:12-14  
Jn 19:25-34

### Tuesday

May 30  
*Weekday*  
Sir 35:1-12  
Mk 10:28-31

### Wednesday

May 31  
*Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
Zep 3:14-18a  
or Rom 12:9-16  
Lk 1:39-56

### Thursday

June 1  
*St. Justin, Martyr*  
Sir 42:15-25  
Mk 10:46-52

### Friday

June 2  
*Weekday*  
Sir 44:1, 9-13  
Mk 11:11-26

### Saturday

June 3  
*St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs*  
Sir 51:12cd-20  
Mk 11:27-33

### Sunday

June 4  
*Most Holy Trinity*  
Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9  
2 Cor 13:11-13  
Jn 3:16-18



# Dear Padre,

*I am a practicing Catholic and I don't remember being confirmed. Is it too late for me to be confirmed?*

The sacrament of confirmation usually happens when a person is older, and therefore you would likely remember the occasion. It could be that you were not confirmed. You can check with the parish you lived in during your school years to be sure. They keep records of confirmations done in the parish.

Confirmation is the final sacrament of initiation. Baptism ushers us into our life with God by giving us new life. Confirmation seals us with the spirit so we can follow Jesus and live out our particular vocation. And the Eucharist gives us strength for the journey and keeps us in union with God.

If you discover you have not been confirmed or if you can't find out for certain, talk with your pastor. You would not be the first adult seeking confirmation. Your pastor can tell you how your diocese handles confirmation for adults. There might be a program of adult instruction for confirmation to ensure you understand the sacrament and the teachings of the Church.

Today is Pentecost, the day when we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit into the lives of the apostles. The Spirit gave them strength for what they had to do. The Spirit can do the same for you. ●

*The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org*



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## Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

## Our Weekly Offering

5/21/2023

Loose: \$60

Envelopes : \$550

Online: \$75

Catholic Communications: \$40

Total Weekly Offering: \$725



### Stay Connected to MGC on Social Media



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## Prayer List

Joey Napier, John Meehan, Roy Varghese, Brian Campbell, Matt Tuttle, Willie Gomez, Joe Fehribach, Louise Ayres, Charles McDaniel, Jon Latunik, Deb Night, Harvey Richardson, Delois McIntosh, Karen Davis, Zachary Hollan, Deedee Wells, Sherrian Noble, Stephanie Welch, David Napier, Martha Huggins, Roger Noyes, Christina Askew, Charles Brotherton, Willow Brockman, Tina Dawhare Fields, Valarie Maggard Dye, Marleen Combs, Robert Caldwell, Monica Spare, Don Davis, The Rice Family, Maria Hall, Neal Boggs, Jackson Varela, Cecilia & Lucia Cory, Julie And Jonah Spencer, Jace Combs, Mandi Dishner, Brandon Robinson, Michael Whitaker, Thomas Stidham, Chris Pulliam, Roy Pulliam Quentin Davis and Abby Turk.

If you know of someone who needs a pastoral visit or is in the hospital and would appreciate a visit contact the parish and let Lori know about the request.

## Prayer Family Neph & Annie Catameo

### Birthdays

5/29 - Deb Combs & Susan Hull, Angelina Lozan Sanchez

5/30 - Fr. Bob Damron

6/1 - Neph & Annie Catameo

6/2 - Sharon Townsend

6/4 - Judy Combs & Billy Elsoueidi

### Pope Francis Prayer Intention

Intention for May

**For church movements and groups**

**We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.**

Intention for June

**For the abolition of torture**

**We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.**