

**PENTECOST SUNDAY****May 31, 2020**

**PENTECOST**, celebrated fifty days after the Resurrection of Jesus, is considered the birthday of the Church. There are a number of parallels between some of the great Jewish Feasts and our Christian Feasts, which should be expected because Jesus is the fulfillment of the Jewish Law and the prophets. Jewish **PASSOVER** commemorates the sacrifice of the lamb whose blood on the doorposts allowed the angel of death to pass over their homes and spare their lives as all of Egypt suffered the death of its first born. The Passover is the remembrance of Israel's deliverance from the slavery of Egypt to freedom. Easter, more correctly called **PASCHA** commemorates the death of Jesus on the cross, and holy resurrection, the innocent lamb of God who died to set us free from our sins. Rightly we are saved by the Blood of the Lamb poured out for us. The day after Passover was called the **FEAST OF FIRST FRUITS** when the barley harvest began. On the first day of the Feast of Fruits, Jesus rose from the dead. Rightly, St. Paul referred to Jesus as the first fruits of the resurrection, putting the resurrection in the context of this feast. 50 days after the Passover is the Jewish feast of **SHAVUOT**, the Feast of Weeks, commemorating the 7 weeks after Israel left Egypt, and on the 50th day, God appearing to Moses on Mt. Sinai with smoke and fire and the trembling of the earth to give his Chosen People the Law, the Torah. 50 days after the resurrection of Jesus, **PENTECOST**, as his mother Mary and the disciples gathered in prayer in the upper room, the room shook with a powerful wind and tongues of fire appeared above them, as they received the gift of God's Holy Spirit. It was customary for the Jewish people to visit the Temple in Jerusalem for these great feasts, which explains why so many people from other nations were in that city at the time when the apostles, speaking in tongues preached the Good News of Jesus, and all the people heard the message in their own language. Some might think these to be coincidences. As people of faith, we see the hand of God faithfully fulfilling his promise of salvation.

**FEAST OF MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH**, is celebrated the day after Pentecost, this year, June 1st. We pray especially for her protection, guidance and example of faithfulness as members of the Body of Christ, the Church.

"Mary, Mother of the Church, you are enthroned as queen at your Son's right hand. We ask your intercession for the needs of our country, that every desire for good may be blessed and strengthened, that faith may be revived and nourished, hope sustained and enlightened, charity awakened and animated. Guide us, we pray, along the path of holiness."

**WELCOME BACK!!!** It's great to have our parish family gathered together once more around the Lord's altar after these weeks of separation and home confinement because of the Covid-19 epidemic. We ask you to use common sense and maintain 6 ft. social distance from each other in the church pews and when standing in line for Holy Communion, and to please use hand sanitizer before coming to Mass and wear masks when in church. You have shown a remarkable spirit of adaptability and good will during these trying times. We pray that if it be God's will, this virus and its terrible disruption of our society will soon be ended that we may return to a "new" normal.

**Last Sunday's Offering: \$3,161.00****Online Donations: \$246.39****Feast of the Ascension; \$815.00**

**Church Needs:** \$1,000 from Mark & Loretta Erickson; \$47 from Gerald & Theresa Babuder on the occasion of their 47th wedding anniversary; \$30 in memory of John Kozina and \$25 in memory of Paula Hauptman from John Nemeec; \$100 from Joakin & Brigita Mejak

The Following in Memory of Martina Stepec: \$25 from John Nemeec, \$100 from Frank & Margie Zalar, \$20 from Martha & Scott Colangelo

**Pew Refurbishing:** \$100 from Frank Zupancic; \$200 from Kristopher & Jamie Hocevar

**Your generosity to the Parish is appreciated!**

**WITH HEARTFELT GRATITUDE.** During the time of church closures in the dioceses of the State of Ohio, we were truly blessed at St. Mary's with the technological ingenuity and selfless giving of a number of our parishioners who came forward to volunteer their time and talent to live-stream our Sunday Masses for the duration of the shutdown. Our special thank you to Nevio Prosen for spearheading this special ministry to our homebound, assisted by Marty Marsic and our Finance Council President, Zachary Bruner, who took care of broadcasting our Masses every Sunday and making it possible to make online contributions to the parish. We are truly grateful and deeply indebted for all of their help and support. We also wish to thank our organist, Ed Ferrazzoli, and a few of our singers who provided music for our online liturgies while still keeping the necessary social distance in the choir loft. It is somewhat bittersweet that we have ended our live-streamed Masses, but it is so very wonderful to have our people back in church with us.

**AD MULTOS ANNOS!** We extend our prayers, congratulations, best wishes and gratitude to two priests of the Diocese of Cleveland and members of our Cleveland Slovenian Community who today observe their 50th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood: Rev. Frank Kosem, a son of St. Mary's parish and now retired pastor of St. Jude's in Elyria, and Rev. Joseph Boznar, still very active pastor of St. Vitus in Cleveland. We ask God to bless them with many happy healthy years and reward them abundantly for their years of dedicated and faithful service to the people of the Diocese of Cleveland, and especially to our Greater Cleveland Slovenian Community. God grant you many years!!

**PATRIOTIC ROSARY** will be prayed in church on Wednesday, June 3rd at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to pray for the good of our nation, especially as we continue to suffer the effects of this pandemic.

**FIRST FRIDAY** is this Friday, June 5th. We have the opportunity for the Sacrament of Confession from 7:00 to 7:30 a.m.

**TODAY'S PSALM RESPONSE:****"Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth."**

**Masses for the Week of June 1-7, 2020**

<b>Monday:</b>	<b>(6/1) THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH</b>
7:45 a.m.	Frida Grčar (Husband, Frank)
<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>(6/2) STS. MARCELLINUS &amp; PETER (Martyrs)</b>
7:45 a.m.	No Mass
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>(6/3) ST. CHARLES LWANGA &amp; COMPANIONS (Martyrs)</b>
7:45 a.m.	Lojze, Marija and Marica Zorenč (Knez Family)
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>(6/4) WEEKDAY</b>
7:45 a.m.	Frances Mole (Daughter, Arlene)
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>(6/5) ST. BONIFACE (Bishop &amp; Martyr)</b>
7:45 a.m.	Katica Dreu
<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>(6/6) ST. NORBERT (Bishop); BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b>
7:45 a.m.	Deceased Members of John & Mary Petric Family (Daughter, Veronica)
5:00 p.m.	Alojz Fortuna & Family (Slava Fortuna)
<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>(6/7) THE MOST HOLY TRINITY</b>
8:00 a.m.	Minka Kmetich (Family)
10:00 a.m.	Altar Society
12:00 noon	Parishioners

**Please Pray for Our Sick:** Fr. William Jerse, Chris Chermely, Josephine Strle, Robert Klancher

**SLOVENSKA PRISTAVA UPDATE.** The opening day picnic that was scheduled for today, May 31st, is cancelled, but members and their families can still visit Pristava grounds. There will be limited food and refreshments available from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Of course, social distancing rules apply. The pool is targeted to be open on Saturday, June 6th, depending on weather and pool filtration requirements.

**PRISTAVA PICNICS.** Spominska Maša will still be celebrated at the chapel on Sunday, June 21st. Afterwards, there will be limited bar and food service.

The following picnics have been **CANCELLED**: June 14th, St. Mary Slovenian School, July 12th MZA Catholic Mission, July 19th St. Vitus Parish Picnic, August 22nd. Kres Picnic. All other picnics are pending at this time and will be updated via radio, e-mail, facebook and [www.SlovenskaPristava.org](http://www.SlovenskaPristava.org).

**PRISRČNA HVALA.** Med časom zaprtih cerkva v škofijah v državi Ohio smo bili res blagoslovljeni pri Mariji vnebovzeti z tehnologično duhovitostjo in nesebičnostjo je nekaj naših župljanov ki, so prostovoljno dalo svoj čas in talent za live streaming našo nedeljsko mašo v času zaprtosti. Naša iskrena hvala Neviju Prosen, ki je bil na čelu te posebne službe z asistenco Martina Maršič in našega predsednika Finančnega odbora Zachary Bruner, ki so skrbeli, da so oddajali naše maše vsako nedeljo in naredil, da prispevke za župnijo lahko pošljete online. Res smo jim hvaležni za njihovo pomoč in podporo. Hvala tudi Edu Ferrazzoli in nekaj naših pevcev, ki so poskrbeli za petje na online liturgijo, in še vedno držali razdaljo med drug drugim. Iskrena hvala vsem!

**DANES JE BINKOŠTNA NEDELJA.**

**BINKOŠTI,** praznujemo 50 dni po Jezusovem vstajenju in se smatra za rojstni dan Cerkev. Imamo število vzporednih med judovskimi in našimi krščanskimi prazniki, kar je pričakovano zato ker Jezus je popolnost judovske postave in prerokov. JUDOVSKA VELIKA NOČ spominja žrtve jagnjeta katerega kri na podboju je dovolila angelu smrti, da gre mimo njihovih domov in prizanese njihovo življenje, ko je ves Egipt trpel smrt njihovih prvo rojencev. Judovska Velika noč spominja Izraelovi svobodi suženjstva iz Egipta. Krščanska Velika noč, spominja na Jezusovo smrt na križu in sveto vstajenje, nedolžno jagnje božje, ki je umrlo, da nas odreši iz naših grehov. Resnično vsi smo odrešeni s krvjo jagnjeta izlito za nas. Dan po judovski Veliki noči je imenovan praznik PRVIH SADOV, ko se začne žetev ječmena. Na prvi dan praznika sadov je Jezus vstal od mrtvih. Upravičeno Sv. Pavel nanaša Jezusa kot prvi sad vstajenja, ki postavi vstajenje v zvezo tega praznika. 50 dni po judovski Veliki noči je judovski praznik ŠAVUOT, praznik tednov, ki spominja 7 tednov po Izraelovem odhodu iz Egipta, in na 50 dan ko se Bog prikaže Mojzesu na gori Sinaj z dimom, ognjem in potresom zemlje, da njegovemu izvoljenemu ljudstvu da postavo Torah. 50 dni po vstajenju Jezusa BINKOŠTI, ko so njegova mati Marija in učenci zberejo k molitvi v gornji sobi, se soba stresa v močnem vetru in jeziki ognja se prikažejo nad njimi, ko oni prejmejo dar Božjega Sv. Duha. Bil je v navadi za judovsko ljudstvo, da so obiskali tempelj v Jeruzalemu za te velike praznike, kar pojasni zakaj je bilo toliko ljudi drugih narodov v tem mestu, ko so apostoli začeli govoriti v vseh jezikih oznanjali so Jezusov nauk, in vsi ljudje so slišali v svojem jeziku. Nekateri bodo mislili da je to naključje. Kot ljudje vere, vidimo Božjo roko, ki zvesto izpopolnjuje njegovo obljubo odrešenja.

**PRAZNIK MARIJE, MATERE CERKVE,** praznujemo na dan po Binkošti, letos 1. junija. Molimo posebno za njeno varstvo, vodstvo in zgled zvestobe kot člani Kristusovega Telesa, Cerkev. "Marija, Mati Cerkev, ti sedi kot kraljica na tvojega Sina desnici, Mi te prosimo za tvoje priprošnje za potrebe naše dežele, da bo vsaka dobra želja blagoslovljena in ojačena, da bi se vera oživela in okrepila, da bo upanje vztrajno in razsvetljeno, ljubezen vzbujena in oživljena. Molimo, vodi nas po poti svetosti. **PRVI PETEK** je v petek 5. junija. Imamo priložnost za zakrament spovedi od 7:00 do 7:30 zjutraj.

**AD MULTOS ANNOS!** Naše molitve in čestitke ter hvaležnost dvema duhovnikoma Clevelandske škofije in člana Slovenske skupnosti, ki danes obhajata njuno 50. obletnico duhovniškega posvečenja. g. Frank Kosem, sin naše župnije Marije vnebovzete in sedaj upokojeni župnik St. Jude v Elyria, in g. Jože Božnar, še vedno zelo aktiven župnik Sv. Vida v Clevelandu. Prosimo Boga naj jih blagoslovi z mnogo zdravja in veselih let in bogato nagradi za njihova leta posvetitve in zvestobe v služanju ljudem Clevelandske škofije in posebno naši Slovenski skupnosti. **PRISRČNO DOBRODOŠLI!** Lepo je imeti našo župnijsko družino spet zbrano okrog Gospodovega oltarja po tednih ločitve in omejenosti zaradi Covid-19 pandemije. Prosimo, uporabite zdravo pamet, da držite 6 ft, razdaljo v klopih in v vrsti za obhajilo in prosimo uporabite sanitizer za roke, imejte masko ko ste v cerkvi. Molimo, da če je Božja volja, ta virus in ta grozna razbitost naše družbe bo končana, da se lahko vrnemo v "novo" normalnost.

**ODPEV DANAŠNJEGA PSALMA JE:**

**Pošlji svojega Duha in prenovi obličje zemlje.**