

# Pentecost Sunday

June 4, 2017

**Bakers and Buyers needed for a Father's Day Bake Sale that will take place following Mass in Walton on both **Saturday, 6/17, & Sunday, 6/18.** The proceeds of the bake sale will go toward the Youth trip to Indianapolis this coming fall.**

## Bible Journey

Bible Journey Sunday 3 to 5 pm at St. John.

## St. John Coffee Hour

June 25 coffee hour celebrating our graduates.

## Singles

There is an upcoming Catholic singles weekend June 16 to 18 at Pyramid Life Center in Paradox. This is an all-inclusive social weekend in a beautiful setting at a great price! em: cathsing@yahoo.com.

## Visits

Do you know a Catholic friend, neighbor, or relative, who is homebound, in the hospital, or nursing home? Call the office to arrange for someone to bring Eucharist or just visit for a spell.

"True strength is not found in being stubborn or arrogant. It is found in allowing the Holy Spirit to dwell in one's heart so that one might be open to the Spirit's promptings. It is that Spirit Who frees us from our selfishness, for the Spirit reminds us that God is supposed to be the center of who we are and what we do."

~ Rev. Jude Winkler, OFM

## Alzheimer's Association Caregiver Forum

The Leatherstocking Alzheimer Association will be holding a caregiver forum on Wednesday, June 14, from 9:30 am to 4 pm at the Holiday Inn in Oneonta. It will be an inspiring day full of education, support, and motivation with workshops, information on local resources and support services along with exhibits and lunch.

Topics to be discussed:

- What We Need to Know about Dementias
- Planning for Long-Term Cost, and
- Understanding Your Family Dynamics

The cost for the day: \$15.

Register: [alz.org/northeasternny](http://alz.org/northeasternny) or 518.867.4999, extension 200

## Family Perspective Bud Ozar

Like the disciples, there are times we shut the doors of our hearts to people or events. It is how we create emotional distance. Permanent distancing is lethal and prevents the *Peace* Jesus offers you today.

## Vocations

Don't forget to pick up your copy of the new Spring Vocations brochure in Church.

## Upcoming Vocation Discernments

St. Scholastica Priory: Listen to conferences and experience the sisters' monastic lives of prayer. Hear the stories of their own journeys. Women 18 to 40 are invited June 9 - 11. 978.724.3213

Dominican Sisters: Join the sisters for a weekend of sharing in their lives of prayer and apostolate July 21-23 in Hawthorne, NY. Their love of God extends to nursing cancer patients and service to the sick poor. 845.745.1319

## Marriage Moments Susan Vogt

"There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit." 1 Cor. 12:4

What is one of your beloved's strengths? OK, so we all have different sacred strengths, BUT do you have the "same Spirit"? Unite yourselves in the spirit of Forgiveness. Is there anything you find difficult to forgive?

## RCIA Class

*Would you like to learn more about Catholicism or as a Catholic you did not receive all of your sacraments . . . RCIA is the answer.*

*Call either office or speak to Deacon Michael Freeman.*

## Technology Safety

Check out [faithandsafey.org/home](http://faithandsafey.org/home) to view technology through the eyes of faith and learn how families can stay safe online. The website offers information on Facebook safety and privacy, safe web browsing, devices to look out for, family media agreements, etc.

## Neighbor to Neighbor Food Drive

Please drop these requested items at Holy Family: cans of pasta, tuna, stew, chili, pasta sauce; fruit, jelly, graham crackers, spaghetti, peanut, boxed mashed potatoes, stuffing; soap, toilet paper, personal care items. Food Bank open Weds. 1-2:30 pm.

## Parenting Pointers Susan Vogt

In June we celebrate National Barefoot Week. Go barefoot with your child this weekend for an hour or even a whole day. Feel the grass, dirt, stones, or pavement under your feet and delight in it together. Remember those who don't have shoes. Soles 4 Souls ([soles4souls.org](http://soles4souls.org)) can help you help others.

## A Mighty Wind

The giving of the Spirit to the new people of God crowns the mighty acts of the Father in salvation history.

The Jewish feast of Pentecost called all devout Jews to Jerusalem to celebrate their birth as God's chosen people, in the covenant Law given to Moses at Sinai (Leviticus 23:15-21; Deuteronomy 16:9-11).

The mysteries prefigured in that feast are fulfilled in the pouring out of the Spirit on Mary and the Apostles (Acts 1:14). The Spirit seals the new law and new covenant brought by Jesus, written not on stone tablets but on the hearts of believers, as the prophets promised (2 Corinthians 3:2-8; Romans 8:2).

The Spirit is revealed as the life-giving breath of the Father, the Wisdom by which He made all things (Psalm 104). In the beginning, the Spirit came as a "mighty wind" sweeping over the face of the earth (Genesis 1:2), and in the new creation of Pentecost, the Spirit again comes as "a strong, driving wind" to renew the face of the earth.

As God fashioned the first man out of dust and filled him with His Spirit, the New Adam become a life-giving Spirit, breathing new life into the Apostles (1 Corinthians 15:45,47). Like a river of living water, for all ages He will pour out His Spirit on His body, the Church (also John 7:37-39).

We receive that Spirit in the sacraments, being made a "new creation" in Baptism (2 Corinthians 5:17; Galatians 6:15). Drinking of the one Spirit in the Eucharist, we are the first fruits of a new humanity - fashioned from out of every nation under heaven, with no distinctions of wealth or language or race, a people born of the Spirit.

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