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**Sunday, June 9, 2019**

**Pentecost**

Today's first reading recounts how at Pentecost **"They were all in one place together. 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..."** Each of us received this same Holy Spirit in Baptism and Confirmation. Fr. Raniero Cantalamessa, the preacher to the papal household, recounts the story of a family from Italy which was emigrating to the United States at the beginning of the twentieth century. Not having enough money to pay for meals on the ship they took bread and cheese with them for the journey. As the days passed the food became stale and moldy. At a certain point their child was so sad by this all he could do was cry. The parents took the last bit of their money and gave it to him so he could get a meal on board. When the child returned he told his parents through tears that he had learned that meals were included in the price of the passage but the whole time they had been limited to bread and cheese. Fr. Cantalamessa concludes that many Christians go through life with only "bread and cheese" without the joy, enthusiasm, and power the Lord offers us through the Holy Spirit. If the Spirit does not seem to be very active in your life pray insistently "Come Holy Spirit". Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit would be given to those who asked. (Lk. 11:13)

**CONFIRMATION – Congratulations to: Nelly Alcantara, Erwin Alvarado, Esmerelda Alvarado, Edgar Arias, Laisha Baez, Rachelly Diaz, Rafael Diaz, Julio Diaz Pinales, Leyda Encarnacion, Eddie Guerrero, Merely Johnson, Unices Martinez De Los Reyes, Altagracia Moscat, Manuel Jose Rosado Mateo, Magnolia Sealy, Bryan Villafane Torres, who received Confirmation on June 7.** We also thank their family members, friends and all those who have supported them in their journey of faith. Special thanks to **Ms. Mercedes Vasquez and Ms. Nazareth Ugarte** for all that they did to prepare the candidates. Thanks also to their **sponsors, as well as Ms. Zobeida Diaz, Mr. Jose Villalta, Ms. Regla Soto and everyone who assisted in the arrangements for the Confirmation Mass.** We also thank **Fr. James Flavin, the Episcopal Vicar for the Central Region of the Archdiocese** for celebrating the Confirmation Mass. Congratulations!

**ORDINARY MASS SCHEDULE:**

**Saturday - 4:00 PM,**

**Sunday - 10:00 AM (Spanish) 12:00 (English)**

**Monday thru Friday - 12:05PM**

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

**Saturday, June 8, 4:00 PM – For the repose of the souls of PFC Brian Kelly, USMC, PFC Robert Cunningham, USMC, PFC Ed Stone, USMC, and CPL Gary Guest, USMC, 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, requested by American Legion Lt. Willis N. Penny Post 399**

**Sunday, June 9, 10:00 AM - For the repose of Dolores Moscat, requested by Francia Moscat**

**Sunday, June 9, 12:00 PM - For the Lord's blessing on Efosa Osaro-Iguodala on the two-month anniversary of his birth and on his baptismal day, requested by his parents and family.**

**Tuesday, June 11-Friday, June 14, 12:05 PM – For the repose of John R. Riley, requested by Fr. Ed Riley**

**Saturday, June 15, 4:00 PM – For the University Parish of St. Christopher**

**CONFESSIONS** – Saturday 3:15-3:45, ordinarily after the 10:00 AM Sunday Mass, and by request.

**SECOND COLLECTION** – This week's Second Collection assists with the education and support of seminarians studying for the priesthood. Thank you for your generosity in helping these men as they prepare to help renew the Church of our times and into the future.

**BIENVENIDO P. PETER:** Le extendemos una cálida acogida al P. Peter de los franciscanos de la observancia primitiva. El Padre Peter y sus compañeros franciscanos son una comunidad de sacerdotes y hermanos que se esfuerzan por vivir la regla de San Francisco. Están ubicados aquí en la Arquidiócesis de Boston. Su casa principal se encuentra en la parroquia de St. Patricio en Roxbury. ¡Gracias Padre Peter!

**FAREWELL TO BROTHER GARY** – Brother Gary Davis, who has been serving on the parish staff since August 1, has been reassigned by his superior in the Brotherhood of Hope. He will be moving to the Brotherhood House in Minneapolis later this summer. **There will be a farewell reception for him on Saturday, June 22, at 5pm.** All are invited to attend.

**SUMMER MASSES** – While away on vacation, or otherwise traveling during the summer, check out [masstimes.org](http://masstimes.org) for accessible and free information on the location of Masses, times celebrated, languages used, contact information etc., for over 117,000 churches in over 200 countries.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION** – Jesus said: “Let the little children come to me.” The next scheduled date for the Baptism of children is **Saturday, June 22**. If you are interested in having a child baptized please contact Regla Soto, at 617-319-2719 to make the necessary arrangements.

**SERVICE TRIP** - Experience a Service Retreat for adults in one of the poorest regions of our country on the annual Adult Appalachian Service Trip to Eastern Kentucky on July 13-20, 2019. Call Father Ed Riley @ 617-746-5425 for more information.

**MASSACHUSETTS BISHOPS STATEMENT** – The Bishops of Massachusetts recently released a statement about legislation pending on Beacon Hill seeking to expand abortion in the Commonwealth. A copy of this statement, and a handout by the Massachusetts Catholic Conference with further information as well as recommendations for ways of making your voice heard on this issue, are available in the back of the church. For additional information check out [www.macatholic.org](http://www.macatholic.org) or call 508-651-1900.

**NIGHT 4 LIFE** – An outdoor Pro-Life event celebrating the gift of life will be held at **Veterans Memorial Stadium**, 850 Hancock St, Quincy, MA 02170 on **Wednesday, June 19 (6:00pm - 8:30pm)**. For more information go to **[www.Night4Life.com](http://www.Night4Life.com)**.

**ST. MARK'S YOUTH GROUP** - All teens are invited to join the St. Mark's/St. Ambrose Youth Group as we go together to "A Night for Life". This event will be a powerful night of speakers, praise and worship and a chance to hear the pro-life message authentically presented. Email [smsayg@gmail.com](mailto:smsayg@gmail.com) if you would like to ride with us to this event. Also, the Youth Group is sponsoring a Holy Spirit-filled Birthday Party June 30th from 5-8 pm. We will have a youth mass in St. Mark's Chapel followed by a night of games and prayer!

**CADA JUEVES: ROSARIO & GRUPO DE ORACIÓN CARISMÁTICO (ESPAÑOL):** El Rosario a las 6:00 PM y el Grupo de Oración de 7:00 - 8:30 PM - Oraciones al Espíritu Santo, Perdón, Sanacion peticiones y cantos de alabanzas. Si desea hacer el Rosario en su casa, comuníquese con Jose Villalta (617) 749-6144. Para obtener información sobre el grupo de oración carismático, llame a Mercedes Vasquez al 857-237-2991 o Regla Soto al 617-319-2719.

**PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION** – There are four parish email addresses. To contact Fr. Paul, please use **[pastor@stchristopherchurch.org](mailto:pastor@stchristopherchurch.org)**. For Parish Office items please use **[office@stchristopherchurch.org](mailto:office@stchristopherchurch.org)**. For Megan Haile, the administrative assistant, please use **[admin@stchristopherchurch.org](mailto:admin@stchristopherchurch.org)**. For UMass Boston Catholic Campus Ministry please use: **[campusministry@stchristopherchurch.org](mailto:campusministry@stchristopherchurch.org)**.

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:** Thank you to those who use offertory envelopes and/or who give a weekly sacrificial offering. If for some reason you do not receive the envelopes or if you are new to the parish, please let us know. If you have moved, please provide us with your new address. If you are not here on a weekend, please return your donation by mail or on the following weekend. Your weekly offertory is critical to the parish.

**OFFERTORY:** \$1,189.07 (2<sup>ND</sup> Collection – Maintenance of grounds = \$328.08)