



May 24-30 FTF Update

We are in this together

Happy Birthday, Church! Celebrating Pentecost at Home

By Deacon Dennis Brown

This coming Sunday, May 31 we will celebrate the great Feast of Pentecost, the Birthday of the Church. Our Paschal Season journey that began on Ash Wednesday is

about to end, but the journey has been far different than any of us could have imagined. We have experienced a change in perspective relative to suffering, self-sacrifice, and community, and have witnessed **Love First and Always in action**. Now, at Pentecost, we are called to go forth, in the power of the Holy Spirit. The mission of salvation takes on a new life as the Spirit fills us with the gifts needed to be Christ for the world in these trying times.

We are the Church whose birthday we celebrate today. To follow Christ, to be Christ, is the essence of Christianity; it is the meaning of Pentecost. We have been outside the walls of our church building for many weeks. And even though we all look forward to the day we can return to our beloved Holy Family church building, hopefully this period of “exile” has helped us to recognize the importance of our domestic Church, our many holy families, and of being church for others by healing, serving, reconciling, and loving.

Since we won't be able to be together this Pentecost, please help us celebrate this special birthday by

gathering your “holy family” together for a photograph. Dress in red, make a decorated sign reading “Happy Birthday, Church!”, hold red balloons and/or red and yellow streamers; be creative.

Send those photos to media@holyfamilyparish.org no later than Thursday, May 28, 12 noon.

For This Week

- ❖ Celebrating Pentecost
- ❖ First Communion News
- ❖ Confirmation News
- ❖ Fr. Terry meets with H.S. graduates Sun, May 31
- ❖ Spirit Camp 2020
- ❖ FTF 2020-21 Registration

Please visit the **Family & Teen Faith Facebook page** frequently. We update the page regularly.
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/familyandteenfaith>

Parish Re-opening Plan
See details and access the many resources the Parish offers, on the Parish Website www.holyfamilyparish.org



Join us for Mass as a family
Access our Pre-recorded Mass
www.holyfamilyparish.org

Children's Liturgy
for the Feast of Pentecost
Sunday at 11 am
Meeting ID: 647 030 124
Password HF2515

Special Note: This will be the last CLW service on Zoom.

Going forward a simple easy to follow service folks can do at home will be posted weekly on the Parish website under the **Resources for Families and Teens** tab. Once you open the resource page scroll down to Praying at home.

Attention

First Communion Families

Please pick-up your **Faith-In Retreat Kit** at Holy Family.

Family Faith Pick-up Times
Sat., May 30 from 10-12 noon
Sun., May 31 from 1-3 pm

HFCA Family Pick-up Times
June 4th or 5th, when you are scheduled to pick up your child's things from school.

If these times do not work for you let us know and we will make other arrangements.

Ways to celebrate Pentecost at Home as a Family On Sunday, May 31,

- Tie red and yellow ribbons around tree limbs, or tie red and yellow balloons to your mailbox, allowing them to blow in the breeze, recalling the power of the Holy Spirit coming like a strong driving wind.
- Fly a kite.
- Make a cake to celebrate the birth of the Church. Red icing and candles serve as great reminders of the Spirit coming as individual flames on each of the disciples.
- Make a banner, draw some pictures, or find another way to express the day artistically.

Post your creations around your home as reminders of the gift of the Holy Spirit and the Church. Again, be creative!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, CHURCH!

Celebrating First Communion

It will not be possible to schedule First Communion over the summer based on the most recent Archdiocesan guidelines. We continue to monitor the situation, and will issue an update on **September 1, 2020**, regarding scheduling First Communion.

Faith-in Retreat – Each year we offer our First Communion Candidates a retreat experience. This year, in trying to accommodate our present circumstances, we had to revamp this event. That turned out to be a blessing in disguise. It was quickly apparent that we could not make simple changes. As a result have completely re-imagined the First Communion Faith-In. Frankly, the new retreat design will be one of the things we keep going forward.

The new design allows the whole family to participate. Sharing and reflecting together can help you connect with other in a new or different way. Praying together will draw you closer to God and each other. It provides you and your children the opportunity to dive deeper into

Celebrating our 2000 Confirmation

We have not received any information from the Bishops yet about rescheduling Confirmation.

It is very unlikely it will be re-scheduled for this summer.

As soon as we hear from the Bishop's Office we will update you.



2020-21 Faith Classes

Mail, scan or drop off your **Fast Track Forms** to Holy Family or register online

<https://holyfamilyparish.org/family-and-teen-faith-registration/>

The \$100.00 registration fee is not due at this time in order to complete your registration. Tuition assistance is available. At present classes are scheduled to begin on **Sept. 13, 2020.**

Note – For the summer

- The weekly Update will go to a monthly update. We will regularly update the FTF Facebook page and the parish website.

how the Eucharist can take root in our hearts in a new way. It also provides families to talk about the importance of being family and recognize the uniqueness of each family.

The retreat consists of three main sessions

The Eucharist is about Belonging

The Eucharist is about Caring

The Eucharist is about Sharing

which families can do from anywhere, as long as they can have access to Wi-Fi, at their own pace over the summer.

Each session is available on the Parish website as PDF files in manageable bite-sized pieces.

A printed copy of the **Parent Retreat Guide**

for all three sessions will also be in the Retreat Packet, along with craft materials. Packets will be distributed to Family Families this weekend – Sat. from 10 am – Noon and Sun. from 1-3 pm at Holy Family. HFCA families will receive their packet when they come to pick up their child's belonging from school on June 4 or 5. All online materials will be available from June 7 – August 15.



“From the Eucharist comes the strength to live the Christian life and zeal to share that life with others.”

St. John Paul II



Senior Sunday with Fr. Terry

Sun May 31, 4-5 pm

Not many teens can say “their Pastor misses them.” One more thing that makes Holy Family a very special place for our young people.

No wonder our teens speak about the parish as their home away from home. This Sunday, Fr. Terry is inviting all of the graduating high school seniors to meet

We want to **CONNECT** serve

Youth Ministry Drop In
Every Tuesday 7-8 pm
Meeting ID: 868 593 865
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/868593865>

Teen Meditation Night
Wed @ 8 pm
Instagram
@holyfamily.teenfaith

Have not had a chance to check this out or missed a week or two?

All reflections available
<https://holyfamilyparish.org/guidance-with-grant-reflections/>

Listeners of all ages have found these reflections relevant!

'What's on Your Mind?'
Teen conversation
Thurs nights @ 8 pm
Meeting ID: 346 224 216

ABLAZE Young Adult Group
Wed. @ 7 pm
Meeting ID: 783 5849 0100
Password: 1825

with him, via Zoom. Why? He misses them and wants to make sure they are okay. He wants to recognize all they have accomplished, face-to-face. We all know you are sick of Zoom, but make an exception – you'll be glad you did. Look for an email from Amy Hodson with the link in the next day or two.

Spirit Camp 2020



If you have not yet registered please do so by **Monday June 1**, <https://holyfamilyparish.org/spirit-camp-2/>
Cost per camper is \$20.00 (scholarships available)

Did you already register? We've moved to a virtual platform. We'd love you to continue with us this summer. Our fee is lower, would you like to donate the difference for pay it forward option for other families in need? Respond to by June 1, if there is any changes. Otherwise, you are good to go! If you need additional information, please contact Laura Ferlita at lferlita@holyfamilyparish.org

Spirit Camp will begin on June 29. The scheduling is extremely flexible and totally in your control. You can choose to do the five days of VBS every day for a week, one day a week for five weeks or in any other configuration that works for you, (online materials will be accessible until September 1, 2020).