

June 8, 2025

From Father Kirby...

Happy Pentecost, Team Grace! The tongues of fire have fallen, and the Church has received the Great Commission. We are called to go out and announce the Good News! The Holy Spirit has been given to us. He has come and he desires to bring forth God's kingdom. Let us generously say "yes" to whatever he asks of us!

Thank you to everyone who wore red for Pentecost!

As we enter the summer season, I want to remind everyone that, as disciples of the Lord Jesus, *there is no vacation from Sunday worship*. We follow the way of the Lord, which includes worship. If we purposely miss worship, it is a grave sin. Please be sure to come to Mass and to plan ahead with your travels so that Sunday Mass is never missed.

As I prepare to go on my Jubilee Pilgrimage in the Footsteps of Saint Paul, I'd like to carry your intentions with me. In the narthex, there are sheets of paper where you can write out your specific intentions. Please let me know how I can pray for you!

Some things happening at the parish this week:

From June 9 - 18, I'll be away on a Jubilee Pilgrimage in the Footsteps of Saint Paul. I look forward to praying and offering Mass in the many places we've been hearing about in the Acts of the Apostles this Easter Season! Please know of my prayers for you and your families.

This coming Monday – Friday, June 9 – 13, the parking lot of our parish campus will be undergoing major repairs. Some of you may have noticed the widening cracks throughout the parking lot. The cracks have become so severe that we are dangerously close to having sink holes. We will need to have these cracks and other damages repaired and due to the extensive nature of this work we will need to close the parish campus for it to be done. And so, *from June 9-13, the parish campus will be closed and all access suspended*.

We chose this time because I will already be away, and daily Mass would already be suspended. In addition to Mass, all other events will be suspended and access to the campus will be restricted from Monday-Friday, June 9-13. My apologies for any hassle or inconvenience this might cause. Please note that this work must be done,

and the workers need the entire campus to conduct these repairs and allow things to dry and settle.

Some staff members will be present on campus to supervise the contractors and ensure the safety of the campus, but the majority of the staff will be working remote. I encourage you to email staff members with your needs.

The [calendar for the program year](#) 2025/2026 is now posted on our parish website. The calendar describes all our events and programs for the year. This is posted for your reference and information.

Some other events I'd like to highlight:

On Saturday-Sunday, June 14-15, Father David Rivera from the Diocese of Camden, NJ, will be visiting our parish. Father David will hear our parish Confessions on Saturday at 3:00 PM and offer our Sunday morning Masses. *Welcome, Father David!*

At our Sunday Masses on June 15, a special Father's Day blessing will be given to all our Dads! We thank you for the love and selfless service you give to your families.

On Monday – Tuesday, June 16-17, Father Robert Morey will be visiting the parish to hear Confessions and offer our daily Mass while I'm away. *Welcome, Father Morey!* Our schedule remains the same on these days except that there will be no *morning Confessions* on Tuesday, June 17. There will still be Confessions on Monday evening and Tuesday afternoon.

On Wednesday, June 18, there will be no public Mass. We will still have the Saint Joseph Prayers at 9:30 AM and Morning Prayer (Lauds) at 10:00 AM. The Saint Dymphna Novena will be prayed at 12 Noon and Adoration will follow until Benediction at 2:15 PM.

On Sunday, June 22, at our 11:00 AM Mass, we will re-commission all of our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMs). These are the faithful men and women who regularly take Holy Communion to the sick and suffering. We thank them for their service!

Also, our 11:00 AM Mass on Sunday, June 22, will conclude with a Corpus Christi Procession and Benediction. A Fellowship will follow the Benediction. All

parishioners are encouraged to come and celebrate the Lord's Eucharistic Presence among us!

As a reminder, our parish staff can be readily reached via email. [Here is the staff directory.](#)

More updates next week! Oremus pro invicem (let's pray for one another)!

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