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Mass for Intentions Week

Tuesday, June 10th, 8:15 a.m.

Wanda Stankiewicz

Requested by Marc de Bellefeuille & Family

Wednesday, June 11th, 8:15 a.m.

For the Deceased Members of the McFadden Family

Requested by Mel Kostovcik

Thursday, June 12th, 8:15 a.m.

For the Deceased Members of the Kostovcik Family

Requested by Mel Kostovcik

Friday, June 13th, 8:15 a.m.

For the Intentions of Ida Filippi

Requested by the Family

2024 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Our parish financial statement for 2024 is available on the glass tables. Please pick up a copy. Thank you to the members of our parish finance council.



OFFERING

Our parish offertory always sees a drastic dip during the summer months, which makes it a challenge to budget. If you are planning to be away, please consider a lump-sum donation so that your parish can continue to manage expenses over the summer months.



Support St. Anselm's Parish

Please consider supporting the parish by making a one-time or monthly donation. Simply scan this QR code with your phone to contribute.

Tax receipts for one-time or monthly donations will be issued.



Thank you for supporting our parish!



SCAN ME

This will be our final issue of the parish bulletin until Labour Day weekend. Weekday Mass intentions will be posted in the Millwood lobby.

PLANNING AHEAD - CASSEROLE DROP OFF DATES

Group B – June 21, August 16 (4-5pm)

Group A – July 19, September 20 (4-5pm)

Frozen casseroles will be accepted in the church parking lot on these dates OR please call the parish office to make other arrangements.



EcoAnselm

“Hope is not dead; hope is alive, and it envelops our lives forever.”

(Pope Francis, Dec., 2024)

For our final Eco-Insert before heading into summer, EcoAnselm wishes to add our prayers to those being offered around the world for our beloved Pope Francis. May Francis rest in divine peace and may we continue to sow the seeds of HOPE that Francis prayed for as he introduced this Jubilee Year. **“May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.”** (excerpt from the Official Prayer of Jubilee 2025, Pope Francis)

May the Holy Spirit continue to guide each of us in our various efforts to answer the call of Pope Francis to better care for the earth and for each other.

EcoAnselm thanks Father Tom, Barrig and each parishioner who has, in any way, supported our endeavours on behalf of “our common home” (Laudato Si).

We wish you a safe, happy and GREEN summer with time to pause, to breathe and to give thanks for GOD’S ABUNDANCE.

CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Thank you to Fernanda and her team for leading the Children’s Liturgy again this year!

We will provide an update on when we may resume this program, which will depend on the state of the parish hall as the elevator installation moves forward this summer.

Acts 2:1-11

Ps 104

1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

John 20:19-23

Alleluia. Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love..

PEACE BE WITH YOU



Pentecost is called the birthday of the church because at the moment the Holy Spirit entered the followers of Jesus they became the body of Christ in the world. The story in the Acts of the Apostles suggests that this birth did not happen without serious birth

pangs. Pentecost marks perhaps the most important transition the followers of Jesus had to face after he departed from them at the Ascension. He is gone, and they have been told to remain in the city and pray until the Spirit comes. In the interval between his departure and the arrival of the Spirit, the group enters into an intense time of prayer and soul-searching. No doubt, many in the group felt deeply unworthy, even ashamed. They had failed Jesus in his hour of greatest need. When told that he had risen from the dead, the Apostles at first doubted the women. They were hiding in a room with locked doors. Even when Jesus appeared to them, some were still slow to believe. Now, in Jesus' absence, we find a frightened, doubting group, perhaps arguing among themselves, but feeling abandoned and total unprepared

Luke tells us that Mary, the mother of Jesus, was with the Apostles and about 120 other believers. This is an important detail, because, in a sense, Mary had already been through this experience three decades earlier. Then, in the town of Nazareth, the same Holy Spirit had overshadowed her as she pondered the meaning of the angel's words that, with her consent, God's Word would be made flesh in her womb. She would give birth to a son, Jesus, who was also the Son of God, the Savior of the world. The same Jesus, now revealed as the crucified and risen Christ, is about to return by the power of the Holy Spirit to his followers. His earthly sojourn is complete, but they will now become his mysterious presence, the body of Christ in the world. They will receive from the Spirit every gift they need to carry out his redemptive work. All the baptized will experience God's indwelling, empowering them to extend this mystery to all humanity through their preaching, witness and service. Pentecost happens as a powerful wind shakes the house and a baptism of fire in the shape of tongues descends on the members of the group. Whatever fear and fragmentation they had felt is overcome. They were one in the Spirit, one in faith, hope and love. As a sign of this unity, they found they could

preach to the crowds in any language, the symbolic healing of ancient divisions that occurred in the story of the Tower of Babel. In John's Gospel, Pentecost is telescoped into Jesus death on the cross and his first appearance to his disciples in the upper room, when he breathes forth the Holy Spirit into them. The church is born on Golgotha in breath, blood and water. In the upper room, they learn that the work of the Spirit is mercy. Jesus gives them his own peace. What the disciples freely receive they must now freely give. Whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven. The love Jesus shares with the Father and the Spirit now dwells in them. This is how the world will know that they are his disciples. Pentecost reminds us that we are now the church, the body of Christ in the world. It is our turn, and the Spirit gives us everything we need to complete the mission.

The Feast of Pentecost is meant to be a blow-out celebration that reminds us of the unfathomable power we have been given to create a community of universal solidarity. Pentecost celebrates the fact that the Gospel can be understood in every time and culture because it fulfills the deepest yearning of human hearts. With all of our bewildering differences, Pentecost tells us that we are all such a part of one another that sharing God's peace is really possible. That is the message we are called to believe and proclaim by the way we live. To the extent that we believe it, it will become true.

YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF HOPE THIS SHARELIFE SUNDAY

On the third ShareLife Sunday of the year, you can extend God's compassion and solidarity to our brothers and sisters. Together with your support, let us illuminate His light in the darkest of places, providing strength to those enduring unimaginable hardships. Because of you, people who feel the weight of the world on their shoulders can experience some relief. Like young mother Sarah, and her 4-week-old baby, who fled a life-threatening situation. She went from being alone, homeless and afraid, to supported, secure and safe through programs at Catholic Family Services of Durham. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

MARYGROVE CAMP COLLECTION

Next weekend, there will be a special collection for Marygrove Girls Camp run by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Each year, over 1,000 young girls with financial or domestic hardship enjoy a subsidized joyful camping experience. Please give generously. * Envelopes in sets are marked June 8 as this was the original collection date. Please include it today if you have it with you.

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