



May 20, 2018

**PENTECOST SUNDAY  
DESCENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

**Liturgical Schedule**

**May 19 (Sat) Divine Liturgy 5:00pm**  
**Kneeling Prayers after the Liturgy**  
*Health & Blessings for Michael Dzura—70th Birthday*

**May 20 (Sun) PENTECOST SUNDAY  
DESCENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**  
**Divine Liturgy 10:30am**  
**Kneeling Prayers after the Liturgy**  
*+Margaret Dubensky req by Julee Lindberg & Family*

**May 26 (Sat) Divine Liturgy 5:00pm**  
*For the Parish Family*

**May 27 (Sun) Divine Liturgy 10:30am**  
*+William Timko req by Eleanor Timko & Family*



The Sanctuary Lamp continues to burn before the presence of Our Risen Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ in our church during the week of May 20 thru May 26 for +William Timko.

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**May 13, 2018**  
**Our Tithe to our Parish—\$2,311.00**



*Let us remember in our prayers all of our friends and parish family members who are sick at home or in a nursing facility and for all who are in need of our prayers.*

James Abraham, Tillie Abraham, Diana Abraham, Ron Bishop, Rosella Busko, Marion Campbell, John Fekete, Carl Magdic, Fr. John Petro, Clarence Rizzi, Helen Rizzi, Rose Marie Rupnik, Joseph Rusinko, Sue Sabol, Mary Soltis, Terry Soltis, Margaret Weber, John Voron Sr.



**ATTENTION ALL GRADUATES**

If you are graduating from high school, college, university, etc. this spring, please contact the parish office this week, preferable on Monday or Tuesday.

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**REDSTONE HIGHLANDS  
CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**

Redstone Highlands, right around the corner from our church on Lincoln Way, is offering a number of full time, part time and casual opportunities for employment. These include maintenance, housekeeping and facility workers. It also includes caregivers, nursing assistants, licensed nurses and nurse aid training.

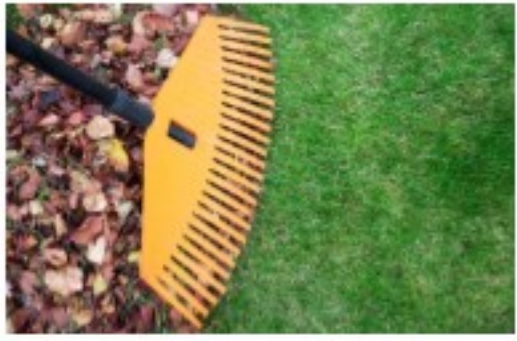
For more information, please see the poster at the entrance of the church, or call: 724.972.4788.

## NO FASTING THIS WEEK

If you look at your church calendar for this week, you will notice that there are no fish (indicating a meatless day) on any day, even on Friday. Yes, it is a free week.

The week of Pentecost, much like Bright Week after Pascha, is a week free from fasting. So, enjoy your favorite meat meal on Friday. It will be a long time before the next one arrives!

## HELPING HANDS DAY



Each year at this time, the GCU partners with the Sisters of St Basil in Uniontown to help clean up the grounds from the winter debris, to clean up the flower beds, to plant flowers, trim shrubs, weed whacking, etc. Everyone, young and not so young, is invited to lend a hand for a few hours on this day.

This year much help is needed since first a tornado touched down on the grounds, uprooting 16 trees. Since then, storms have brought down another huge oak tree. Although the limbs have been cut from the trees, there is still much small debris that needs to be cleaned up.

The grounds are not only used for the annual Pilgrimage over the Labor Day weekend, there are many Days of Prayer, Retreats, Meetings, etc. that take place over the summer months. We all want the grounds, which represent the image of our church, to look good and inviting for prayer and reflection.

This year the **Helping Hands Day** will take place on Saturday, 2 June, beginning at 9:00 am. Bring your weed whackers, rakes, gardening tools, etc. and mainly your generous spirit. Hope to see you there.

If you are unable to participate, perhaps you would want to help by making a monetary contribution toward the purchase of flowers to be used in the beautification of the grounds. Checks should be made payable to:

Helping Hands Day (Mount St Macrina)  
GCU Fraternal Dept.  
5400 Tuscarawas Road  
Beaver PA 15009

## FEAST OF PENTECOST

*The Holy Spirit provides every gift:  
He inspires prophecy and perfects the priesthood;  
He grants wisdom to the illiterate,  
makes simple fishermen become wise theologians,  
and establishes perfect order in the assembly of the Church...*

Before Jesus left this world and ascended to his Father in heaven, He promised that He would not leave his people orphans.

He said that He would send them another helper ... a comforter ... someone who would continue God's active presence in our world.

True to his promise, after his ascension, He did send the Holy Spirit upon his followers ... and ultimately, upon all his people.

Immediately there were visible changes in his followers. Those who just recently had been hiding in fear after the death of Jesus ... were now speaking boldly and proclaiming the Good News of all that God had done in Jesus. Uneducated and illiterate fishermen were speaking publicly ... and in foreign languages! God's power of healing the sick was present among the believers. In short, they were living like people who had been reborn ... renewed ... given a new lease on life.

This same Holy Spirit is given to us at the time of our Baptism ... specifically in the anointing at Chrismation. Our Baptism is our personal Pascha ... our entrance into the death and resurrection of Christ. Our Chrismation is our personal Pentecost ... our anointing with the same Holy Spirit that inspired the followers of Jesus.

We need to ask ourselves:

*How do I experience the presence of the Holy Spirit in my life?*

*What are some of the gifts of the Holy Spirit that God has given to me?*

*How am I using them to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ?*