

Church of the Infant Saviour

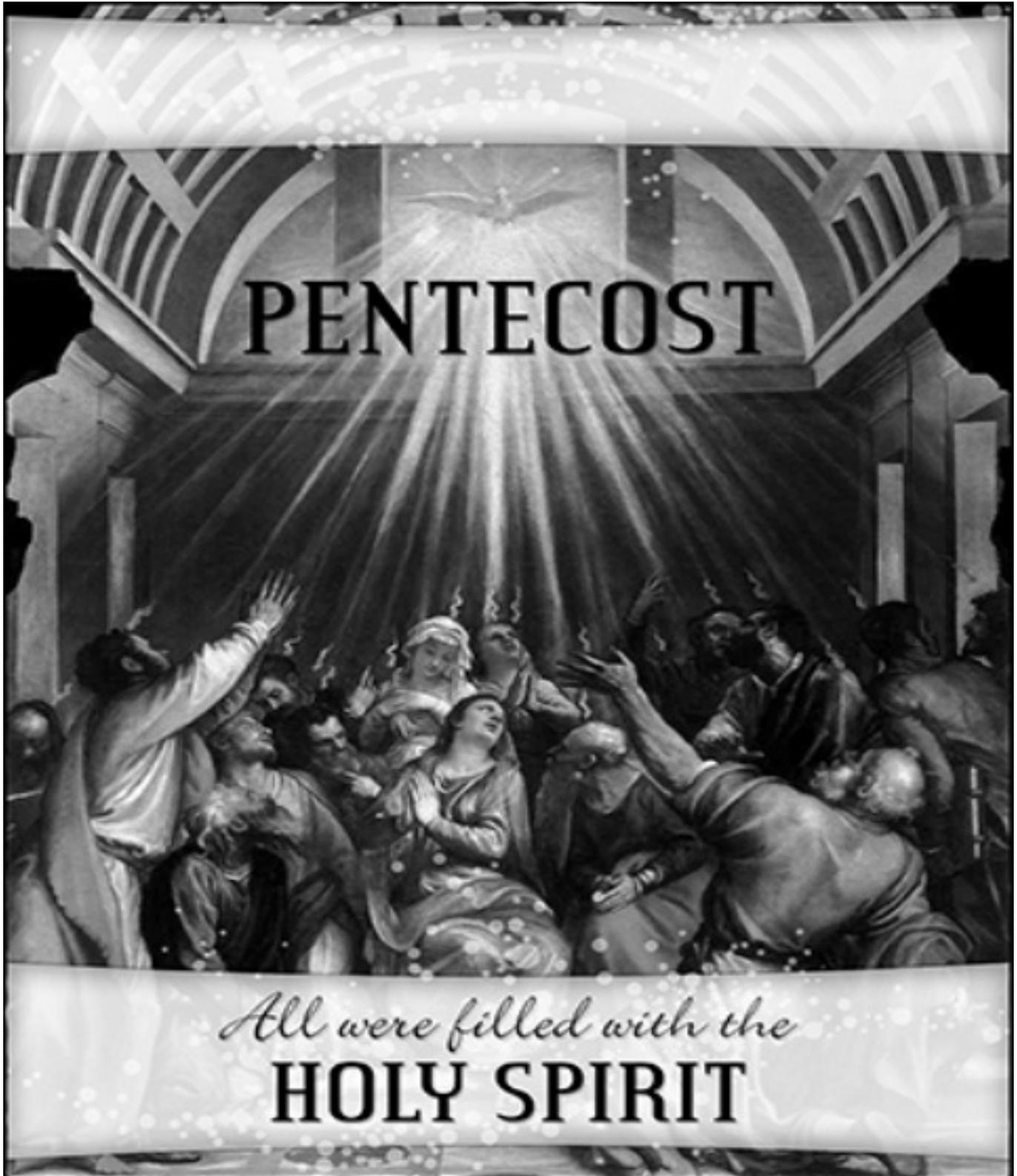
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May 24, 2015
Pentecost Sunday



Mass Intentions

Sat: May 23, 2015

8:00AM:

5:00PM: Paul Pohlman (Happy Birthday In Heaven)
(Bob & Anne Turnbull)

Week of May 24, 2015

Sun: 8:00AM: Beverly Corcoran

9:30AM: Margaret M. Kelly (Frank & Patti Rose)

11:15AM: Brian G. Sapio (10th Anniversary In Heaven)
(His Family)

Mon: 8:00AM:

Tues: 8:00AM: Madelyn & Ken Frogner (L) (Dominic & Pat)

Wed: 8:00AM: Leroy Palmer (His Wife Anne)

Thur: 8:00AM:

Fri: 8:00AM:

Sat: 8:00AM:

5:00PM: Lawrence Atauana (Friends of Judith Brown)

Week of May 31, 2015

Sun: 8:00AM:

9:30AM: Ryan Berry (Ditizio Family)

11:15AM: Natalie Bandura (Schultz Family)

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 4:00-4:40 and by appointment.

Spanish Masses will be held on the first and third Sunday of every month at 2PM.



Banns of Marriage:

Sean Stewart & Shannon Clancy

Readings: May 31, 2015, The Most Holy Trinity

First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40 (165B)

Psalm: Psalm: 33:4-5, 6-9, 18-19, 20, 22

Second Reading: Romans 8:14-17

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

Cenacle for Life: Please join the Healing Hands for Life Ministry **4:00PM** every Friday in the Mother's Chapel to pray for the end of Abortion and the Sanctity of Life

The Parish & Religious Ed Offices will be closed on Monday in Observance of Memorial Day.

On June 20, 2015 **Frank Rose** will be ordained as **Deacon at St. Patrick's Cathedral**. In the Cathedral there will be open seating in certain sections no tickets required. We are hiring a bus to transport Parishioners who would like to attend the Installation Mass for Frank. There are only 36 seats available on the bus which will be on a first come first served basis. Because seating is limited anyone who is interested please contact the office at 744-2391 ext. 10 **as soon as possible** to reserve a seat on the bus. The bus will be leaving from Infant Saviour Parking lot at 6AM on June 20th.

Mass Intentions: If you wish to have a Mass said you can call or stop by the Parish Office to schedule Mass(es) needed – Phone # 744-2391. You may also reserve an unannounced Mass for \$5.00

Prayers for the Sick and Deceased:

Please contact the Parish Office with names of anyone who need prayers for healing or have recently died in which you would like to have included in the Prayer of the Faithful at Mass and/or in the bulletin. The names of those who are sick are to be submitted only with the named person's permission.

Please pray for the sick: Darlene Schulz, Steven Pondi, Ellie Carter, Ashley Barco, Baby Sean, Michael Thompson, Michelle Condenzio, John Araneo, Roland Mora, Helen Denny, George Burrow, Joan Moschetto, Michael Martino, Annie Napolitano, Herbert Black, Theresa Madigan, Harry Brown, Pat Matteo, Jeffrey Selear, Bob Carlson, Colleen Minik, Jack Botta, George Rescigno, Matthew Schaffner, William Meyers, Richard Tanagretta, Diane DeGatano, Doris Bennett, Jeanie Kane, Alexander Elia, Bob Broughal, Ed Gatzen, Thomas Fitzsimmons, Edward Staff, Mary A. Thomas, Jordan Bumgartner John McPhillips, Nicolina Raggi, Rose Marie Cahill, Kathy Ross-Collins, Rose Marie Wilkins, John Giuliano Joseph Manfredi, Regina Schelin, Jill Westerfield Davis, Thomas Nendze, Dorothy Klauss, Terrence Mahoney, Anthony Gordon, John Araneo, Kurt Schaffner and Eric Maurin.

RELIGIOUS ED NEWS:

Confirmation -- Confirmation Picture orders must be returned NO LATER than May 11. The Confirmation Gift of \$5.00 per student should be returned also by May 11th, this money will be donated to The Propagation of the Faith.

May 18: Last Day of Class

May 31 Sacrament of Confirmation at 3PM. Students and Sponsors must arrive at 2Pm to meet with Bishop Lagonegro.

REGISTRATIONS are now available for the 2015-2016 year. If you did not receive your registration you can pick it up in the office. It would be greatly appreciated if you could return it ASAP. Any registration received after June 30th will be charged a \$50.00 late fee.

From the Administrator, Some Reasons for Atheism: Theory of Biological Evolution

Theory of the Biological Development of Charles Darwin was one of the challenging notions that had been under discussion throughout the nineteenth century. Many prominent thinkers still consider Darwinism to be an accurate account of the story of the living species of organism. They believe that Darwin shed light on one of the most perplexing questions of life, which was the origin of life and species. Then, again, since the middle of the last century, some experts have considered Darwinism as the final victory of skeptics over religion. Further, many scientists hold onto their views that biological evolution points to the fact that the universe no longer requires God as its explanatory factor.

In his research and experiments on selective breeding, Darwin observed that there were living species of organisms or offspring that had descended and developed with modifications through natural selection from species that lived before them. And so, any organisms that exist (plants and animals) are the product of the process of heredity of the natural selection. Along this process, there was a struggle for survival for all living species. Although they produce more organisms, not all of them were able to survive and reach their maturity due to limited resources. Obviously, it meant that there must have been a very high rate of mortality since vast majority of living species lost out in their struggle for existence. Therefore, there were younger species of organisms that were produced and that had to be in competition with other organisms for the necessities of life, more than reaching their maturity.

Darwin, in order to explain why some species survived and others did not, stated that the individuals of any species were not all identical. Some were better "adapted" to their environment than others. It appears that the most "fit enough" were the ones that were more likely to survive in order to produce offspring. Since the weak ones gave way to stronger ones, this process was designated as "survival of the fittest." Therefore, those that were best adaptable to their environment survived and continued to exist as living beings. Those organisms that were most fitted began to reproduce under local conditions than the non-adaptable ones. During this long process, there emerged different millions of new species from simple life forms. Eventually, there began the emergence of human race.

This theory of biological evolution challenged the view of the universe as a set and finished piece of God's creation. The "creation story," which is documented in the *Book of Genesis* appears to describe the universe as a finished piece of work. And so, it looks like now there is an alternative model that attempts to describe the mysteries of natural phenomena and the nature of the species. Then, we are challenged with the question, "Did God create human beings pretty much in their present form at one time within the last 10,000 years or so?" "Did human beings develop over millions of years from less advanced simple life forms with the divine intervention of God?"

However some religious responses, especially from the notion of the fundamentalist Christians, continue to insist that the "creation story" contain the valid account of the beginning of human life. But, we are well aware that the sacred writings in the whole Bible are not either scientific or biological treatise or purely historical texts. Most of the Sacred Scriptures of the major religions were written during a pre-scientific age and some even go back to pre-historic periods. The sacred books in the Bible are divinely inspired to speak about religious truths that are designed to show the way to eternal salvation. This way of understanding of the Bible can strengthen our appreciation of the moral aspects of it and its theological message. And so, it comes to the matter of the interpretation of these Sacred Scriptures.

Many biblical scholars agree that the "creation story" cannot be literally interpreted stating that whole creation of the universe and its living species took place in six days in a particular order. During a series of general audiences in 1986, *St. John Paul II* stated that the first chapter of Genesis has above all a religious and theological significance. He noted,

Its message is not to be sought from the point of view of the natural sciences. Research on the origin and development of individual species in nature does not find in this description any definitive norm.... Indeed, the theory of natural evolution, understood in a sense that does not exclude divine causality, is not in principle opposed to the truth about the creation of the indivisible world, as presented in the Book of Genesis.... It must, however, be added that this hypothesis proposes only a probability, not a scientific certainty. The doctrine of faith, however, invariably affirms that man's spiritual soul is created directly by God. According to the hypothesis mentioned, it is possible that the human body, following the order impressed by the Creator on the energies of life, could have been gradually prepared in the forms of antecedent living beings.

A well-known brilliant theologian, *St. Augustine of Hippo* (around 400 A.D.) held an opinion on *Sacred Scriptures* stating that they were not meant to teach a system of astronomy. When it came to the two creation stories documented in the book of Genesis, he admitted that many interpretations could be applied to them. He repeatedly tried to deal with the question of the duration of the seven days of creation stated in them. According to him, it is extremely difficult or perhaps impossible to conceive what kind of days those could be. His conclusion was that God is outside of time and not bounded by it. With the Lord one day is like a thousand years and thousand years are like a day.

Rather than attempting to find scientific facts and specifics about creation in the Biblical texts, it is wise to reflect on the mysteries of God and His moral ways at the time they were written. For the primitive mind in the pre-historic era, it would have been impossible to understand the scientific facts about creation. We are simply called to explore the mysteries of God documented in *Sacred Scriptures* in light of wisdom and prayer. There is an evolutionary understanding of the Bible in the light of the grace of God.

Fr. Niranjan Rodrigc, Ph.D. (To be continued in the next week's Bulletin)



PLEASE REMEMBER OUR MILITARY IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Henry Brylowski Jr. (Army); John Walton (Army) Ryan Gordon (Navy); (Navy); Ed Ryan (Iraq); Jamie Flodin (Marines); Lyndsey Flodin (Marines) Chris Corti (US Air Force); Sean Patrick Barry (Marines), Louis Springer (Commander, Navy); John Broughal (Air Force) Jon M. Donofrio (Marines); Michael Ditizio (Navy), Captain Caitlin Conley (Fort Bragg, NC) James Grabinski (US Air Force), Jeremy Reinhardt (Navy) Eddison Parris (Camp Lejeune, NC); Capt. Francis Pascucci (USMC), CPT Jennifer Pascucci, (Army); Michael Haffner (Airforce), Heather Owney (1st Lt. Army), John A. Burrow (Air Force), Breana Mangold (Navy), Christopher Mangold (Navy), Christopher Chase (Midshipman, Navy), Nicholas G. Burrow (AirForce), Andrew Starke (Air Force), Daniel Vasseur (Navy) Philip Longden (Army), Alex Hyde Goudreau (MP Army), Matthew Wilkins (Air Force), Zachary Sawitsky (Marines), Jake Sawitsky (Marines), Aaron Nahs (Air National Guard), James A. Tremper, Jr. (Army), Sean Kane (Army), Arthur Jefferson III (Army), Timothy Fay (T/Sgt., Air Force), Casey Fay (1st. Lt., Army), Brian Daniel Gray (Marines), Devin Masiero (Marines), William LaCovara (Air Force)



MEMORIAL DAY PRAYER:

Dear Heavenly Father,

As we remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom, we think of how they have followed in the footsteps of your son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Please hold our service men and women in your strong arms. Cover them with your sheltering grace and presence as they stand in the gap for our protection.

We also remember the families of our troops, and ask for your unique blessings to fill their homes and your peace, provision and strength to fill their lives.

May the members of our armed forces be filled with courage to face each day and may they trust in the Lord's mighty power to accomplish each task. Let our military brothers and sisters feel our love and support.

In the name of Jesus. Amen.



RELAY FOR LIFE 2015 , JUNE 6, 10AM-12AM, Castle Park, Town of Crawford , Red Mills Road, Pine Bush

With Opening Ceremonies at noon-- In the fight against cancer, silence is the last thing we need. Relay For Life of Pine Bush is a great place to take action and make noise. The American Cancer Society Relay For Life movement symbolizes hope and our shared goal to end a disease that threatens the lives of so many people we love. If cancer has touched your life, participating in Relay For Life of Pine Bush is a great way to take action and help finish the fight. This is your opportunity to honor cancer survivors, remember those we have lost, and raise funds and awareness to fight back and help end cancer forever.

In Loving Memory of Lucia Rein and all who have died and their Families and for Healing for all those who are battling Cancer and their Families. God Bless you all. You are in our Prayers.



Dear Friends in the Lord:

In celebration of our faith and family values, the Archdiocese of New York will be hosting the first Archdiocesan Family Day on Saturday, June 27, from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 PM, at the San Silverio Shrine in Dover Plains, New York.

We are anticipating a fun-filled event complete with food, games and Mass celebrated by Bishop Peter Byrne with Cardinal Timothy Dolan as homilist. Admission is \$10 per person (children under 3 are free). To learn more about or to purchase tickets for the event, go to <https://archnyfamilyday.eventbrite.com>. Space is limited, so please register early.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely, Rev. Msgr. Gregory Mustaciuolo, Vicar General/Chancellor