



Easter: Fire and Light

Dear Friend of Annunciation Parish & School,

Happy Easter! Pentecost, June 9th this year, is the last day of the Easter Season. The word *Pentecost* comes from the Greek word *pentekoste*, which means “fiftieth.” Our fifty days of Easter rejoicing comes to an end with the conclusion of Vespers (Evening Prayer) on Pentecost Sunday. The next day we begin a period of Ordinal Time which continues through the remainder of the Liturgical Year.



The liturgical color for the Solemnity of Pentecost is red. Think of the intense love and fire of the Holy Spirit. Recall the celebration of the Easter Vigil. This celebration begins with the Service of Light. We gather around the new Easter Fire as it is blessed, and the Paschal Candle is lighted. We follow this Light of Christ into church. During the fifty days of Easter, the Paschal Candle remains in the sanctuary, close to the ambo, lighted at each liturgy. At the conclusion of the liturgy on Pentecost Sunday, the Paschal Candle is placed by the baptismal font, and will be lighted at baptisms and funerals during the year - the Light of Christ guiding us throughout life. We end our fifty day Easter Season as we began it - with fire and light.

Sincerely,

Dr. Sandi Chakeres,
Director of Faith Formation

Celebrating Faith during the Summer



Summer vacation is upon us! With students out of school for the summer, it is a perfect opportunity for families to join us for daily Mass at 8:00 a.m. Monday-Friday. Why not plan now to make daily Mass, in addition to Sunday Mass, part of your family’s celebration of summer? After Mass, have a family breakfast, maybe even in a local park! And join us as a family for our Eucharistic Holy Hour at 7:00 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month. If you are traveling this summer, make sure you check out Mass times near your destination. You can do so [here](#).

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Special points of interest:

- *The FIAT Newsletter is published occasionally over the summer, rather than weekly.*
- *Save the date: Saturday, September 14 at 5:00 p.m. when we will celebrate a special Mass for Religious Liberty on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, followed by a social.*
- *Follow us on Facebook to get all our latest news and see all our latest photos!*

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Suggestions for Celebrating a Pentecost Dinner

This Sunday, June 9, is [Pentecost Sunday](#) - the 50th and final day of Easter. Following Mass, celebrate the day in your own “domestic church.”

- ◆ The traditional Italian Easter bread, “Colomba Pasquale”, which translates as “Easter Dove” as the bread is traditionally baked in the shape of a dove, is a great addition to your Pentecost Sunday dinner table. Learn more and find the recipe link [here](#).
- ◆ Make a Pentecost cake – perhaps a red velvet cake with white icing, decorated with red flames and golden doves.
- ◆ Serve a fruit cake or fruit bread and discuss the Fruit of the Holy Spirit.
- ◆ Make a fruit salad using various fruits.
- ◆ Make and decorate dove shaped cookies.
- ◆ Set your table with a bright red tablecloth. For your centerpiece have a vase of peonies, the Pentecost flower!
- ◆ Make sure you have candles lighted on your table, as well as a lovely bowl filled with Easter Water from the font at church.
- ◆ At your table blessing, include a hymn to the Holy Spirit, such as the traditional “Come, Holy Ghost.”
- ◆ Have a gift bag with seven slips of paper, and write one of each of the seven-fold gift of the Spirit on each. Pass the gift bag around the table between the main course and dessert. As each person takes a slip of paper and reads the “gift” written on it, discuss this gift of the Spirit.
- ◆ At the conclusion of the meal, wish each other a Blessed Easter one last time during this Easter Season. Invite each person to share how, like the Apostles, they will bring the Good News to others this coming week. Invite each person to make the Sign of the Cross with the Easter Water, then extinguish the candles and clear the table.



Upcoming Events

- ◆ Sunday, June 9: [Pentecost](#) Sunday - Last day of the Easter Season
- ◆ Wednesday, June 12, 7:00 p.m.: [Holy Hour](#)
- ◆ Sunday, June 16: Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity
- ◆ June 22-29: [Religious Freedom Week 2019](#)
- ◆ Sunday, June 23: Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ
- ◆ Monday, June 24: [Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist](#)
- ◆ Friday, June 28: Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
- ◆ Saturday, June 29: [Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles](#)
- ◆ Thursday, July 4: Independence Day. Morning Mass at 9:00 a.m.: Parish and School Offices closed.
- ◆ Wednesday, July 10, 7:00 p.m.: [Holy Hour](#)

***It's Happening at
Annunciation!***

Where in the World...?

Where in the World Are Our Annunciation Parishioners? Many of our parishioners are traveling this summer...some to neighboring cities or states, some across the country, some across the world. We would like to do a featured album on our Facebook Page of places you are visiting... i.e., Catholic Churches, Cathedrals, Shrines; interesting landmarks or museums, etc. Please either private message your photo(s) to our Facebook Page, or email them to us at faithformation@annunciationbvmparish.org. We had some beautiful photos sent to us last summer from places near and far, and everyone enjoyed seeing the nature, art, and architecture from all the locales. Let's see how many locales we can feature this summer!

