

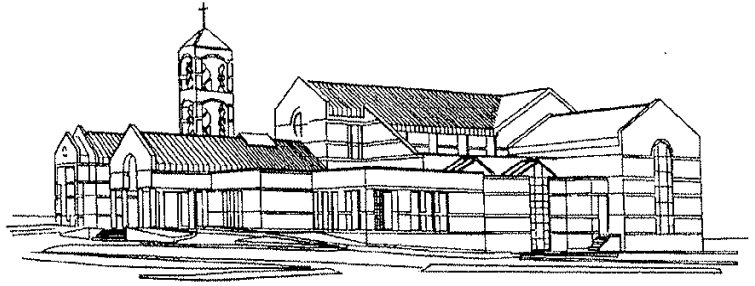
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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 25, 2025

From the Pastor's Desk

MY PEACE I GIVE YOU!

dear brothers and sisters, Peace be with you! These were the first words of Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost, elected Pope Leo XIV on May 8, 2025, as he stepped onto the balcony of St. Peter's Square and greeted the immense crowd with the words of the Risen Christ. Pope Leo XIV emphasized that the peace offered by the Risen Christ is "a disarming, humble, and enduring peace that comes from God, who loves all of us without limits or conditions." On this Sixth Sunday of Easter, we hear Jesus in the Gospel giving the gift of peace to his disciples. *"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give you. Not as the world gives do I give to you."* The world offers peace that depends on circumstances: when there's no conflict, no sickness, no death; when everything is perfect in our life, we feel a deep sense of peace and happiness. But that kind of peace is fragile, it is ephemeral and can disappear with one phone call, one illness, one disappointment. Jesus, the prince of peace, gives us a different kind of peace — a peace that remains, even in the middle of suffering and pain. It is the deep assurance that we are not alone, that God is with us, that He loves us and holds us in His hands. This peace does not come from money, success, or comfort. It comes from a personal, intimate, living relationship with Jesus Christ. When we live close to Him, when we pray, when we trust Him, then even in times of trouble, our hearts are at rest. We do not panic because Jesus is in control. To receive His peace, we must first *make space for it*. That means letting go of grudges, forgiving others, trusting more and worrying less. It means saying: "Jesus, I give you my burdens — I trust in you." And it means being *peacemakers* in our families, workplaces, and communities. May we receive His peace and become instruments of that peace for others.

CONGRATULATIONS

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CANDIDATES

I would like to express my hearty congratulations to all those who received Jesus for the first time in Holy Communion. Dear Children, may you always keep

Christ at the center of your life, may the grace of this sacrament strengthen your faith and bring you closer to God each day. A heartfelt thank you to the catechists, teachers, and parents who helped guide and prepare these children for the sacrament. Let us all continue to pray for these children as they grow in grace and walk with Jesus in their Christian journey.



CANDLELIGHT MEMORIAL MASS

"I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die." (John 11:25)

Are you mourning the loss of a loved one? Are you feeling sorrow, grief, or loneliness since their passing? The pain of loss can be overwhelming, but the love and comfort of God endures forever. We warmly invite you to a Candlelight Memorial Mass on **Thursday, May 29, 2025, at 8:00pm**. Let us come together in prayer, gratitude, and peace, celebrating the lives they lived and the love we shared. During the service, the names of your loved ones will be read aloud. You will be invited to come forward and light a candle in their memory. *Please arrive early to register the name(s) of your loved one(s).*

THE UPPER ROOM

THREE DAY PENTECOST PRAYER VIGIL

"When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled the house where they were sitting. (...) And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance" (Acts 2:1-4)

As we prepare our hearts for the celebration of Pentecost, I invite you to join us for a Three-Day Pentecost night of praise and worship, prayers, reflections, adoration and spiritual revival from **7:30pm – 9:00pm** on:

- **Wednesday June 4, 2025**
- **Thursday June 5, 2025**
- **Friday June 6, 2025**

Come and be filled with the power and anointing of the Holy Spirit. Everyone is encouraged to wear something **RED**.

Sincerely in Christ, Fr. Eugene Chianain

Second Collection: Papal Charities THIS WEEKEND

There will be a second collection, **this weekend**, for the **Pope's Pastoral Works**. These funds are passed on to the Holy Father for immediate response in countries stricken by war, famine and natural disasters. The Pope's Pastoral Works displays Christ's love and compassion for people in desperate need.

Oggi, ci sarà una seconda colletta per le Opere Pastorali del Papa. Questi fondi vengono consegnati al Santo Padre per un intervento immediato nei paesi colpiti da guerre, carestie e calamità naturali. Le opere pastorali del Papa mostrano l'amore e la compassione di Cristo per le persone in disperato bisogno.



AMOUNT RAISED: \$38,654

PARISH GOAL: \$100,000

Your love can help others thrive

Mental health challenges can impact anyone, whether you're personally navigating them or supporting someone who is. These struggles transcend age and circumstance. Brenda was weighed down by shame, having battled anxiety and depression for decades. Through your support, she found a new perspective at a Catholic Family Services agency funded by ShareLife, where counselling lifted her up and allowed her to see her own worth.

June 8, 2025 is ShareLife Sunday.

Le sfide che le malattie mentali comportano possono toccare qualsiasi persona. Queste problematiche non conoscono età o circostanze. Brenda era oppressa da un grave senso di vergogna, avendo combattuto per decenni con la depressione e l'ansia. Con il vostro sostegno, Brenda è riuscita a trovare una nuova prospettiva di vita presso un'agenzia della Catholic Family Services, finanziata da ShareLife. Qui, grazie a sessioni di consulenza terapeutica è riuscita a risollevarsi e a scoprire il proprio valore personale.

8 giugno, 2025 è una domenica di ShareLife.

CWL Meeting

CWL invites members and guests to the monthly meeting that will be held on **Tuesday May 27, 2025 at 7:30pm.**

Weekly Mass Intentions

Monday May 26 St. Philip Neri	
7pm	Peter Mantione
8pm	Rony Camron
Tuesday May 27	
7pm	Mariangela Tucci
8pm	Caterina Di Benedetto
Wednesday May 28	
7pm	
Thursday May 29	
7pm	
8pm	Candlelight Memorial Mass
Friday May 30	
7pm	Vincenzo Giuseppe Galuzzo
8pm	Cathy Bastianello

Immaculate Conception Parish Summer Camp 2025

The summer camp, for children ages 4-12, will be held from **July 7, 2025 – July 11, 2025 from 9am-3pm.** The registration fee is \$75. **Registrations will close on June 1, 2025.**

2025 Golf Tournament

The 18th Immaculate Conception Parish Charity Golf Tournament in support of ShareLife and parish needs will be held on **Thursday June 5, 2025 at Glen Eagle Golf Club.**

Santa Messa con Accensione di Lumini

Una Santa Messa speciale con accensione di lumini per i nostri cari defunti sarà celebrata **giovedì 29 maggio, 2025 alle ore 20.** Venite un po' prima per mettere in lista i nomi dei vostri cari.

Veglia di Pentecoste

Siete tutti invitati a partecipare alla Veglia di Pentecoste che si terrà nei seguenti giorni dalle **ore 19,30 alle ore 21** in chiesa:

- **Mercoledì 4 giugno, 2025**
- **Giovedì 5 giugno, 2025**
- **Venerdì 6 giugno, 2025**

Tutti sono incoraggiati a indossare qualcosa di **ROSSO**