

Please join us in welcoming to our parish community:



Lily Frances DiCamillo, the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Daniel DiCamillo. Lily will be baptized by Rev. Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm. this Sunday at the 10am Mass.

St. Anthony-Immaculate Conception School



is accepting applications for the 2015-2016 school year K-8. Over 120 years of educating in the Dominican Tradition of community, study, prayer, and service. Call for a tour and information. 415-648-2008 www.saicsf.org

Play Golf?



St. Anthony-Immaculate Conception School is organizing its annual golf tournament. Come play a round at Crystal Springs Golf Course followed by dinner on Thursday May 28. Contact Constance Dalton at 648-2008 for more information.

GARDEN FUND

We have begun the process of designing the garden space. There are architectural renderings posted in the church and hall. Won't you please consider making a donation to this worthy cause, sure to benefit the entire parish community!

Remembering those who paid for our freedom.



In observance of Memorial Day, the Parish Office will be closed Monday, May 25

WEEKEND COLLECTION
MAY 16 & 17
\$2,005
THANK YOU!



Please join us in extending sympathy and prayerful support to Audrey Rose and her family as they mourn the death of her son, Gregory Lewis. You may remember meeting Gregory during one of his many visits from Pittsburgh, particularly during the Thanksgiving holidays.

SAVE THE DATE

The next meeting of our Young Adult group is scheduled for Sunday, June 7 immediately following the 10:00am Mass. Please feel free to join, even if you have not attended any previous meetings. The general age guidelines are 18 – 40, single, married, with or without children.

WE WELCOME YOU TO ST. TERESA OF AVILA CATHOLIC CHURCH

SERVED BY THE CARMELITES

MAY 24, 2015

PENTECOST SUNDAY

1490 19TH STREET (CHURCH)

LOCATED ON THE NE CORNER OF 19TH & CONNECTICUT STREETS



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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil 4:15 pm
Sunday 8:30 & 10:00 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 8:30 am
Friday 8:30 am

MARRIAGE

Please call six months in advance.

BAPTISM &

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Please call the Parish Office for an appointment.

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ST. TERESA'S MISSION STATEMENT

As members of St. Teresa's Parish we fulfill our baptismal commitment by being the hands and heart of Christ in our world.

We achieve this commitment by accepting the human dignity of all persons, and by advocating for and serving those oppressed in our society.

The community of St. Teresa's finds its strength to fulfill this through participation in the Eucharist, prayer, learning the building of relationships, and action for Justice.

Parish Calendar

Sun, May 24 - Faith Formation will resume in September
 Mon, May 25 - Memorial Day
 Parish Office Closed
 - Choir Practice, 6:30pm
 Tue, May 26 - SVdP Sandwich Tuesday
 9:00am, Parish Kitchen
 - SVdP Grocery Distribution
 1:00pm, Sammon
 Sat, May 30 - AA Meeting, 7pm, Sammon
 Sun, May 31 -

MASS INTENTIONS

As we celebrate Mass together we include in our prayers:

Saturday, May 23

4:15pm The People of the Parish
 Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, May 24

8:30am Azucena & Fred Calmerin (Spec Int.)
 10:00am + Fred Caracciolo

Tuesday, May 25

8:30am + William Dwyer

Friday, May 29

8:30am + Lois Trihub

Saturday, May 30

4:15pm The People of the Parish
 Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, May 31

8:30am + Emilio Brignole
 10:00am + John Warnock

SECOND COLLECTIONS

May 23 & 24

Today, we will take up the Collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). This collection communicates the Gospel through Catholic social media activities and enriches our faith through podcasts, television, radio, and print media. Please be generous in this week's collection and support this important work. Remember, half of your donation stays in our Archdiocese to support local communication needs. The CCC is how we share our experience of faith, worship, and witness.

May 30 & 31

Next week's second collection benefits the St. Teresa conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Please check the bulletin boards in the vestibule & hall for upcoming events or special notices from the Archdiocese.

Ministers Schedule for Next Week May 30 & 31

4:15 PM	Lector: J. Kennedy	10:00 AM	1 Lector: L. Jacklevich
	Bread: B. Noelke		2 Lector: A. Schelstrate
	Cup: B. Baird		1 Bread: R. Labuguen
	Hosp: R. Jones		2 Bread: J. Warnock
			3 Bread: M. Schelstrate
8:30 AM	Lector: T. Lang		1 Cup: C. Allen
	Bread: M. Morey		2 Cup: J. Schelstrate
	Cup: S. Lang		Hosp: J. Warnock
	Hosp: T. Lando		

A PENTECOST TWIST: IT'S ABOUT HEARING SOMETHING NEW RATHER THAN SPEAKING IN TONGUES

"All were filled with the Holy Spirit. They began to express themselves in foreign tongues. . . . [Those who] heard the sound, . . . were much confused because each one heard these men speaking his own language." (Acts 2:4, 6)

This week's first reading, taken from the Acts of the Apostles, chronicles the strange events of that first Pentecost. "Tongues as of fire" appeared and came to rest on the disciples, and "they expressed themselves in bold proclamations as the Spirit prompted them." (Acts 2:4b)

We are told that Jews in the crowd – who had come from every nation under heaven – each heard the disciples speaking his own language. And we, as 21st century readers, quickly jump to the question, "How did they do that?" Our question focuses on the disciples *speaking*, as we wonder how the Holy Spirit enabled these fishermen from Galilee to suddenly become fluent in so many different tongues.

Might I suggest a different approach: instead of focusing on the disciples *speaking*, I'd like to shift the focus to the crowd *hearing*. From the crowd's perspective, what might they have *seen*? and what might they have *heard*?

First of all, the phenomenon of speaking in tongues, called *glossolalia*, frequently occurs in charismatic Christian communities. It is more prevalent among Protestant Christians than Roman Catholics, and it might best be described as the fluid vocalizing of speech-like syllables that lack any readily comprehended meaning. That's a formal definition; informally, it looks like someone is babbling incoherently, as if in a trance. But speaking in tongues is not all that unusual, and it is a fairly common phenomenon in charismatic religious circles. It has been around for over 2000 years, and is still quite prevalent today.

Returning to the Pentecost story, let's assume that the disciples were speaking in tongues (glossolalia). How might the crowd have reacted to this phenomena?

If I were a member of the crowd that day, I would have been amazed at the *boldness* and *fearlessness* of the disciples. Remember that these were the same men who went into hiding after the death of Jesus, and not even the experience of the Resurrected Christ gave them the courage to emerge from behind closed doors. Then something happened: they were filled with the Holy Spirit, whereupon they emerged from the upper room *fearless*, making bold proclamations as the Spirit prompted them. For me, it would make no difference as to what they were saying, whether it was the babble of "speaking in tongues" or a language familiar to my ears. The very fact that they were boldly speaking – without any reservation or fear – would have challenged me to listen and respond to what was taking place. For me, it would have been obvious that these followers of Jesus had experienced something that was powerful, convincing, and transformative – essentially, they experienced a *conversion* – and as a member of the crowd that day, I would certainly have been impacted by the disciples' behavior and would have been challenged to take seriously what was being said.

Perhaps on Pentecost the crowd *heard* the stories of Jesus as they'd never heard them before. They no longer saw Jesus as a carpenter's son from Galilee – a preacher, healer, or miracle worker who some claimed was the Messiah. Instead, they, like the disciples in the upper room, experienced a conversion and now saw Jesus as the Son of God raised from the dead. From this perspective, what happens on Pentecost is not a miracle of the *tongues*; rather, it is a miracle of the *ears*: it is not so much about the disciples *speaking* as it is about the crowd *hearing*.

Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm.

Welcome to St. Teresa's Parish Community

We extend our hands and hearts in Christian fellowship to you here celebrating with us. Whether long-time residents or newly arrived in our parish, we thank God that you are with us. If you are not registered or have changes to your registration, please fill in the form below.

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