My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Welcome to Our Lady of the Pillar as we celebrate Pentecost Sunday. The Alleluia in our liturgy today recounts the call of our Lord Jesus Christ: “Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.” May God be with each of you and open you to receive His blessings into your heart.

Bienvenidos a Nuestra Señora del Pilar a celebrar el Domingo de Pentecostés. El Alleluia de nuestra liturgia nos recuerda la llamada de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo: “Ven Espíritu Santo y enciende en el corazón de tus fieles el fuego de tu divino amor. Que Dios abra en cada uno de Uds. su corazón para recibir sus bendiciones.

May God Bless you all,
Fr. Juan Manuel

As a Catholic community, we strive to grow in faith together through the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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Holy Queen Isabel
Renewing and Remembering Her at Pentecost

Last fall, we rediscovered Queen Isabel of Portugal here in our parish! Outside the Parish Hall, there had been a plaque on the wall mistakenly identifying the statue of the beautiful woman as St. Teresa of Avila, one of the four Doctors of the Church. However, her golden crown made it clear that she is a Queen, not a Doctor, so we reintroduced her inspiring story.*

Queen Isabel has strong ties to the Portuguese heritage of our parish, which gives special significance to her statue. Unfortunately, it has long been in a dark corner, badly damaged. Recently, Sally K. Green volunteered to restore the statue in time for the Holy Ghost Festival (Festa Doespirito Santo) and Maria Machado assisted her by donating the cost of the paint. This weekend, the RENNOVATED statue of Queen St. Isabel will be in the main vestibule of the church for veneration.

About the Holy Ghost Festival:
The first feast was held during the reign of Queen Isabel. This is the story: After a series of violent earthquakes and volcanic eruptions, the Portuguese people of the Azores Islands were struck with drought and famine. With little left, they gathered together to pray for help from the Holy Spirit (Holy Ghost). On Pentecost Sunday, there was a great rising sun — in the distance, they saw a ship coming into port. It carried the necessities of life they needed.

When Queen Isabel heard of God’s blessings on her people, she organized a solemn procession in honor of the Holy Ghost. She carried her Crown through the streets of Lisbon to the cathedral, where she left it on the altar as an offering of thanksgiving. Since then, many Portuguese churches display replicas of her crown, as we do at Our Lady of the Pillar at Pentecost, in remembrance of her goodness and God’s grace. Queen Isabel said it best herself, “God made me queen so that I may serve others.”

*Rediscovering the Holy Queen: St Elizabeth (Isabel) of Portugal, Peacemaker; INSIGHTS with Fr. Charlie.
Parish Announcements

You’re INVITED! Fr. Charlie’s 25th Jubilee Anniversary Reception & Farewell Gatherings:
Reception SUN, May 26 after 10am Mass and his Farewell Party, FRI, May 31st at 7pm Join our parish family to pay tribute to Fr. Charlie as he celebrates 25th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood — and as he leaves to return to NY to be closer to his family and to serve a new parish. See FLYER online with all the details:
www.ourladyofthepillar.org or in vestibule. Learn more and RSVP online at: www.frcharliesparty.eventbrite.com or contact Debbe Kennedy | Sheri Wagener at:
frcharlie.farewellparty@gmail.com

Baptisms: New Members to Our Parish Family
We warmly welcome new members being baptized this weekend!
Andres Castro
Alfredo Mendez
David Cordova
Arianna Munguia
Alessandra Huerta
Dulca Maria Gijon Sarmiento
Rafael Lopez

Sacrament Preparation

Baptism • Marriage
Communion in the Home • Anointing the Sick
English Baptism classes are the 3rd Thursday each month at 7:00 pm. For preparation information, call the Church Office 726-4674 or visit our website:
http://www.ourladyofthepillar.org/sacraments

TABLE of PLENTY
A Weekly Supper for the Hungry
2nd Annual Fall Wine Tasting Fundraiser on Saturday, NOV 23
Save the date, donate, volunteer, buy a ticket early:
www.ourladyofthepillar.org/tableofplenty
See ad on back of bulletin courtesy of Clyde Beffa, co-host for Wine Tasting.

Supporting Our Parish | Your Offerings

Pentecost Sunday OFFERINGS
Our Lady of the Pillar $ 5,483 $ 4,529
Our Lady of Refuge $ 51 $ 65
St Anthony’s $ 268 $ 347

Second Collection | May 18-19th:
Catholic Communications Campaign

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday EVENING, May 18, 2013
5:00 pm Manuel & Julia Silveira+
8:00 pm Petra Sanchez+

Sunday, May 19, 2013
8:00 am Antonio & Maria Avila+
10:00 am Jose Brasil & Family+
1:00 Arlena Fretas+
6:00 pm Bill Murphy+

Monday, May 20, 2013
8:00 am Souls in Purgatory+

Tuesday, May 21, 2013
8:00 am Francisco & Florinda Ferreira+

Wednesday, May 22, 2013
8:00 am Manuel Machado+

Thursday, May 23, 2013
8:00 am Jose C. Melo+

Friday, May 24, 2013
8:00 am Francisco & Idalina Costa+

Saturday, May 25, 2013
8:00 am Minnie Murphy+

St. Anthony’s
6:00 pm May 18 Por la Parroquia
9:00 am May 19 Elizabeth Klein+

Our Lady of Refuge
10:30 am May 18 Maria Adelaide Ormonde+

Pray for Our Parish Family Who are Sick
Pray that God’s healing power will fill them with strength and hope. To add a name, call the Parish Office at 726-4674.

Antoinette Alegria
Dorothy Canadas
Casey Cunningham
Nancy Madieros
Margaret Phelan

Nicki Galle
Natalino Marchi
St Anthony’s
Cherie Schwing
Donald Thierry
Mike Warner

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