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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6	7	8	9	10 THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD	11	12
13 MOTHER'S DAY	14 MEETING SOMERVILLE 7:00 PM	15	16	17	18	19 ARMED FORCES DAY
20 PENTECOST SUNDAY	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	28	29	30	31		

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Our Turkey Shoot was a successful event again this year. We are very fortunate to have the Barrows host this event each year. Not only did they provide the facility for us, they caught all the fish, organized the meal, and filled up 9 of the 25 slots for the shoot. We owe them a deep debt of gratitude for all their preparation and assistance for this Shoot to be a success.

Somerville will be hosting our next meeting on Monday, May 14. Dinner will be served at 7:00 PM, with the meeting to follow. The main topic of this next meeting will be to form our slate of officers for the next year. We will have the report of our Turkey Shoot available at that meeting.

We have two events this month that honor certain segments of our society. The first is Mother's Day, and the second is Armed Forces Day. I am reluctant to admit that I had to look up the second one, to find out exactly what it was about. Armed Forces Day is a federal holiday observed annually on the third Saturday of May. It is a day dedicated to paying tribute to men and women who currently serve in the United States' Armed Forces. This, combined with the Religious Feasts of The Ascension, Pentecost and The Most Holy Trinity, gives us a month's full of things to be thankful for.

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Little did I know, when I wrote my "Note from the Editor" last month, how soon those words would have an impact on our Assembly. The loss of three of our members in one month, certainly sets a record, and one that I hope will not be exceeded in the future. The loss of David Jimenez on April 8, Tommy Grimes on April 18, and Wallace Rosas on April 27, is proof of the fact that we do not know what tomorrow will bring. It is ironic that each of these represent the 3 cities that form our Assembly. We extend our prayers to these Knights, all of whom were long term members of our Assembly. They all impacted our Assembly in different ways, and all will be missed for the contributions they made. Let us continue to pray for these members, and for their families.

Pentecost Sunday and the Coming of the Holy Spirit

by [Scott P. Richert](#)

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Pentecost Sunday is one of the most ancient feasts of the Church, celebrated early enough to be mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles (20:16) and Saint Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians (16:8). Pentecost is celebrated on the 50th day after [Easter](#) (if we count both Easter Sunday and Pentecost Sunday), and it supplants the Jewish feast of [Pentecost](#), which took place 50 days after the [Passover](#) and celebrated the sealing of the Old Covenant on Mount Sinai.

The History of Pentecost Sunday

The Acts of the Apostles recounts the story of the original Pentecost Sunday (Acts 2). Jews "from every nation under heaven" (Acts 2:5) were gathered in Jerusalem to celebrate the Jewish feast of Pentecost. On that Sunday, ten days after the [Ascension of Our Lord](#), the Apostles and the Blessed Virgin Mary were gathered in the Upper Room, where they had seen Christ after His Resurrection:

And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim. [[Acts 2:2-4](#)]

Christ had promised His Apostles that He would send His Holy Spirit, and, on Pentecost, they were granted the [gifts of the Holy Spirit](#). The Apostles began to preach the Gospel in all of the languages that the Jews who were gathered there spoke, and about 3,000 people were converted and [baptized](#) that day.

The Birthday of the Church

That is why Pentecost is often called "the birthday of the Church." On Pentecost Sunday, with [the descent of the Holy Spirit](#), Christ's mission is completed, and the New Covenant is inaugurated. It's interesting to note that Saint Peter, the first [pope](#), was already the leader and spokesman for the Apostles on Pentecost Sunday.

In years past, Pentecost was celebrated with greater solemnity than it is today. In fact, the entire period between Easter and Pentecost Sunday was known as Pentecost (and it still is called Pentecost in the Eastern churches, both Catholic and [Orthodox](#)). During those 50 days, both [fasting](#) and kneeling were strictly forbidden, because this period was supposed to give us a foretaste of the life of Heaven. In more recent times, parishes celebrated the approach of Pentecost with the public recitation of the Novena to the Holy Ghost. While most parishes no longer publicly recite this [novena](#), many individual Catholics do.

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