



Day of Pentecost

The Baptism of Sebastian Joseph Delaney-Distaso

May 28, 2023 10:00am
Epiphany Parish, Walpole
Rite II



We gather with joy in the power of Jesus' name, to care for one another and to include all people through our fellowship, education & outreach.

The Prelude

Opening Hymn

H#225 Hail thee, festival day!

The Word of God

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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People: *And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.*

The Celebrant then continues:

There is one Body and one Spirit;

People: *There is one hope in God's call to us;*

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People *One God and Father of all.*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Collect (in unison) O God, who on this day taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The First Reading

Numbers 11:24-30

Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!" And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

- ²⁵ O LORD, how manifold are your works! *
in wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.
- ²⁶ Yonder is the great and wide sea
with its living things too many to number, *
creatures both small and great.
- ²⁷ There move the ships,
and there is that Leviathan, *
which you have made for the sport of it.
- ²⁸ All of them look to you *
to give them their food in due season.
- ²⁹ You give it to them; they gather it; *
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
- ³⁰ You hide your face, and they are terrified; *
you take away their breath,
and they die and return to their dust.
- ³¹ You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; *
and so you renew the face of the earth.
- ³² May the glory of the LORD endure for ever; *
may the LORD rejoice in all his works.
- ³³ He looks at the earth and it trembles; *
he touches the mountains and they smoke.
- ³⁴ I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; *
I will praise my God while I have my being.
- ³⁵ May these words of mine please him; *
I will rejoice in the LORD.
- ³⁷ Bless the LORD, O my soul. *
Hallelujah!

The Second Reading**Acts 2:1-21**

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews

and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

 `In the last days it will be, God declares,
 that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
 and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
 and your old men shall dream dreams.
Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
 in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
 and they shall prophesy.
And I will show portents in the heaven above
 and signs on the earth below,
 blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
The sun shall be turned to darkness
 and the moon to blood,
 before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

 The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

H#538 God of mercy, God of grace

The Gospel

John 7:37-39

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory to you Lord Christ.

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

 The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ

The Sermon

The Rev. Hal Edmonson



Sacrament of Baptism

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

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The Celebrant says: The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents say: **I present Sebastian Joseph Delaney-Distaso to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.**

Celebrant asks the parents and godparents: Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents say: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant says: Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents say: **I will, with God's help.**

Question: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer: **I renounce them.**

Question: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer: **I renounce them.**

Question: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer: **I renounce them.**

Question: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer: **I do.**

Question: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer: **I do.**

Question: Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer: **I do.**

Celebrant addresses the congregation:

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People: **We will.**

The Baptismal Covenant

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Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

**the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers for the Candidates

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Celebrant Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open his heart to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send him into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. Amen.

Thanksgiving over the Water

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The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying:

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water.

Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation.
Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water:

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Baptism

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The candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant, who then immerses, or pours water upon, the candidate, saying:

Sebastian, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

When this action has been completed, the celebrant, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over them, saying:

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. *Amen.*

Then the celebrant places a hand on the child's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying:

Sebastian, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant says: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People: **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, Proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

The Peace is now exchanged.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn

H#513 Like the murmur of the dove's song



Eucharistic Prayer B

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The people remain standing. The Celebrant, or says

The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Officiant: Lift up your hearts.

People: *We lift them to the Lord.*

whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings

Officiant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

*We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;*

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him,

being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [_____ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us,
We are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

*Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.*

Give us this day our daily bread.

*And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.*

*And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.*

*For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.*

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The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

[Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Hymn

H#314 Humbly I adore thee, Verity unseen

Post Communion Prayer

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The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people. After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,

and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn

LEVAS 120 There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place - see insert

Welcome & Announcements

The Dismissal

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The Celebrant dismisses with these words

Officiant: Let us go forth into the world,
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God.



Invitation for Spiritual Communion

This prayer is a personal prayer that you can say when you desire communion but are unable to receive the sacrament..

Lord Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you. Let me never be separated from you. Amen

Welcome to Epiphany Parish!

We are glad you are here and hope that you leave feeling closer to God.

A Special Welcome to Sebastian!



Those in Our Prayers for the Week of May 28, 2023

Roberta, Barbara S, Peter Nixon, George Ford

We also continue to remember: Malcolm Gurney, Marge Buttimer, Nancy Anderson, Jean Ford, Amanda C, Cindy Falcone, Ed Glebus, Gerry, David M, Ken Rohr, Frank Faricey, Cynthia S, Phyllis Goetz, Peter, Patricia Hines, Scott Ashmanski, Don Uliano, Jason H, Shawn H

- We pray for our first responders and military personnel and their families.
- We pray for those affected by war, terrorism, natural disaster and violence, racism, abuse, addiction or loneliness.

Recently Departed: Carol O'Connor

Parish Cycle of Prayer: Ed & Jane Giovannucci & Family
Ed & Elaine Glebus & Family
Pat & Ellen Grant & Family
Hope Groves & Family

Walpole Cycle of Prayer: Blessed Sacrament Parish

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Andrew's Church, Methuen
St. Paul's Church, Newburyport
St. Paul's Church, North Andover
Merrimack Valley Project
Deacons

Celebrating Birthdays: May 29 – Kerry Dolan, Ed Glebus
May 31 – Emma Foley
June 1 – Andrea Roberts, Anna Wilmot
June 3 – Ellen Grant, Rhonda Banks, Emily Schneider

Celebrating Anniversaries:



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Congratulations to Epiphany Parish 2023 graduates!

Bryan DiPasca graduated May 19th from Villanova University's School of Business with a Bachelor's Degree and double major in Business Administration and Management Information Systems and a minor in International Business. Following graduation, he will be staying in the Philadelphia area to work with Clemens Food Group in their Leadership Development Program, specializing in Supply Chain Management.

Owen Klobucher is graduating from King Phillip high school. Next fall he's heading for UMASS Amherst for computer science.

Sarah Klobucher graduated from NYU with a Masters in Speech Language Pathology.

Thomas Lesinski will be graduating on May 26th from the University of Massachusetts Amherst with a Bachelor's of Science in Horticultural Sciences.

Elexys Julien McCarthy, granddaughter of Jean Najarian, graduated on May 20th on the dean's list from the University of New Hampshire with a Bachelor's of Arts in English; text, business and digital studies with a minor in business administration and design studies.

Rachel Perreault graduated from Roger Williams University on May 19th. Her degree is a Bachelor's Degree in both Criminal Justice and Forensics.

common cathedral—Next drop off Tuesday June 13th.

We are signed up for 50 pieces of Fruit, 50 granola bars and two canisters of ground coffee . Please bring only soft fruit (like bananas, oranges, grapes) no hard fruit (like apples). Please bring more bananas than oranges if able.

Sunday, June 11th— Summer Worship Schedule Begins One service at 9:30 am

Epiphany Parish Weekly Events at a Glance

Sunday

8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I
10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II

Monday

6:30 pm Bible Study

Wednesday,

7:15am Morning Prayer
10-2pm Church Open for Prayer

Friday

8:00 pm AA (undercroft)