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PENTECOST SUNDAY MAY 31, 2020

SATURDAY, MAY 30

Vigil Mass of Pentecost

5:00PM Russell Ferrara—Birthday Remembrance

SUNDAY, MAY 31

Pentecost Sunday

7:30 AM Loraine Kane—1st Anniversary 10:30 AM Jean Dibble—2nd Anniversary

MONDAY, JUNE 1

The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
7:30AM Gerald E Celio—Birthday Remembrance

TUESDAY, JUNE 2

Weekday/Saints Marcellinus & Peter, Martyrs 7:30AM Richard Vespia—3rd Anniversary

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

St. Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs
7:30AM Hans G. & Hans F. Loeffler—Memorial

THURSDAY, JUNE 4

Weekday

7:30AM Eraclio Iacobucci—Birthday Remembrance

FRIDAY, JUNE 5

St. Boniface, Bishop & Martyr

7:30AM Shirely Berlanga—Birthday Remembrance

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

Weekday/St. Norbet, Bishop; BVM

8:30AM Bertrand Masse—14th Anniversary

Mass of Anticipation for the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity 5:00PM Albert Catanio—6th Anniversary

SUNDAY, JUNE 7

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church

10:30AM Stanley Berek—15th Anniversary



Mercy Musings



Dear Parishioners:

This weekend in a very particular way, we call upon the Lord to send out His Spirit and renew us. This weekend, our joy is twofold. Firstly, because we celebrate the great Solemnity of Pentecost, also, we rejoice because we are celebrating Mass with a congregation for the first time in months!

Pentecost marks the end of the Easter season. For Christians, it is a memorial of the day the Holy Spirit descended on the apostles and the Virgin Mary in the form of fiery tongues. This event took place fifty days after the Resurrection of Jesus and is the culmination of the Paschal mystery. It also commemorates the official inauguration of the Christian Church by apostolic preaching of St. Peter. Pentecost is, thus, the official birthday of the Church.

The Scripture readings for Pentecost remind us that it is an event of both the past and the present. The readings remind us that the gift of the Holy Spirit is something to be shared with others. In other words, the gift of the Holy Spirit moves us to action and inspires us to share this gift with others.

The Holy Spirit is that Paraclete (a Greek word meaning Counselor, Comforter, Helper, Encourager, or Enabler), who quietly works in us, and through us, every day behind the scenes of the daily activities of our lives and the lives of the people around us. He is also there in all His fullness wherever people worship and pray in the name of Jesus, most notably at Holy Mass.

Therefore, we rejoice on this excellent and "essential"

feast of our faith. We rejoice today because we are celebrating this great feast together with public Masses after too many months away. We rejoice because we believe and know that the Holy Spirit is with us on this day in a special say.

We have longed for this day during many weeks of isolation and quarantine. The Psalmist sings today: "Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth." So as we rejoice on Pentecost, as we fervently pray for the Lord to send us His Spirit and renew our lives, our parish, our Church, and our world!

Pope emeritus Benedict XVI teaches: "The Holy Spirit is first and foremost a Creator Spirit, hence Pentecost is also a feast of creation. For us Christians, the world is the fruit of an act of love by God who has made all things and in which he rejoices because it is 'good', it is 'very good', as the creation narrative tells us (cf. Gen 1:1-31). Consequently God is not totally Other, unnameable and obscure. God reveals himself, he has a face. God is reason, God is will, God is love, God is beauty. Faith in the Creator Spirit and faith in the Spirit whom the Risen Christ gave to the Apostles and gives to each one of us are therefore inseparably united."

So we celebrate today on this Pentecost with great joy and a strong sense of renewal. The Holy Spirit came down upon the Apostles and the Blessed Mother on the first Pentecost. They, too, were uncertain of their future. They also had been in isolation and living with fear. The gifts of Spirit enabled them to enter the world and boldly preach the

Gospel with courage, with hope, with faith, and with joy!

Our calling is to do the same in our uncertain times, amidst the pain, suffering, and fear of our world. May the Spirit leads us to preach the Gospel in word and deed with great courage, hope, faith, and joy! May it call us to renew our faith and trust in our loving God and the Church He established in Christ.

With such sincere faith, we continue to pray for the thousands of dead and the many still suffering physically, emotionally, and financially. We pray for all those who serve the suffering and the sick. And we pray for all leaders that they are inspired by the Holy Spirit to serve the common good. We pray that this pandemic may soon end!

Yes, we do rejoice today because of the resumption of the public celebration of Mass. Joyful that we pray together at Mass. The limited seating, social distancing, and the lack of singing change how we celebrate Mass. Yet, we know that these necessary changes help maintain the safety and well being of all, priests as well as parishioners. However, the essential truth of what we celebrate at Mass, that Christ is truly present in the Eucharist, is unchanging.

We rejoice on this Pentecost with faith, with hope, and with great joy! A Joyous Pentecost! Welcome back! Be Well. Do Good! Stay safe! God Bless. *Come Holy Spirit!!!*

Father Healey



What are the Charisms?

This week we celebrate Pentecost, the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Church. The Holy Spirit acts in our lives in many ways. In Catholic Theology, we distinguish between the infused virtues (faith, hope, charity, and the infused cardinal virtues of prudence, justice, temperance, and fortitude), the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, and the Charisms. We do not often speak about the charisms these days. Traditionally there are nine Charisms based on Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians chapter 12. Some of these include "a discourse of wisdom" (an ability to speak articulately), Charisms of healing, useful deeds of power, prophecy (an ability to speak God's word in the present), the discernment of spirits, speaking in tongues, and the interpretation of tongues.

Importantly, all who are in sanctifying grace have the infused virtues and all seven gifts. But not all who are in sanctifying grace have the Charisms. Some may have one Charism for a time, then another, and then no Charism. In other words, they are not stable gifts or permanent dispositions. The Charisms, unlike the gifts and infused virtues, are acts induced by the Spirit whenever He wants. Charisms may occur in saints or sinners. Hence, displaying a charism does not necessarily indicate the holiness of the individual. Balaam in the Book of Numbers is a classic example of a wicked man, who nonetheless had the Charism of Prophecy. Rather, the Spirit induces a Charism for the building up of the Church, the good of humanity, and for the needs of the world. Many of the baptized receive a Charism at some point in their life.

While Charisms build up the Church, all Charisms need to be confirmed as authentic by the Church. A person can claim to have the gift of tongues. However, the authenticity of the claim depends on the Church's acknowledgment and authority. Likewise, we need to be careful to distinguish the authentic activity of the Holy Spirit from emotional or psychological episodes. The Holy Spirit is sovereign, and we do not control when He acts.

Further, in the spiritual life, more attention should be paid to the infused virtues and the gifts, rather than on the Charisms. Remember that Charisms are directly ordered to the Church's mission and not to the sanctification of the person. A fixation on the Charisms can become an obstacle to one's growth in the spiritual life (particularly regarding one's ego and pride). St. Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians 13: "If I speak in human and angelic tongues but do not have love [i.e. the Supernatural Virtue of Charity, I am a resounding gong or a clashing cymbal. And if I have the gift of prophecy and comprehend all mysteries and all knowledge; if I have all faith so as to move mountains but do not have love, I am nothing. I give away everything I own, and if I hand my body over so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing."

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Pentecost



n this day of Pentecost, we celebrate the full realization of Christ's work in the coming of the Holy Spirit who confers upon the Christian community strength and courage to live and proclaim the Gospel.

Easter, the church's first celebration of special note, dates back to the second century, and from early on was kept within the context of a fifty-day period called Pentecost. Pentecost as a separate celebration, however, was not established until the fourth century.

In the early church, those not quite ready for baptism at the Easter Vigil were baptized at the vigil of Pentecost.



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The Ordination to the Sacred Priesthood of Rev. Mr. Paul Hiep Van Nguyen



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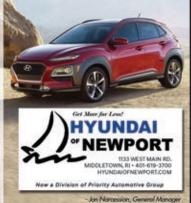
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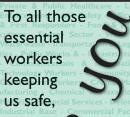
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