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*They devoted themselves
with one accord to prayer.*

Acts 1:14a

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 24, 2020

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor: Reverend Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco

Parochial Vicars: Reverend Fidelis Ezeani, Reverend Frank Zero

Deacons: Deacon William Crosby, Deacon Douglas G. Smith, Deacon Robert A. Becker

Business Manager: Mr. Thomas Crennan

Director of Faith Formation: Mrs. April Kleinlaut

Music Director: Mr. Christopher Ferraro

Deacon Frank Odin, Retired

COVID-19 PANDEMIC

All Masses, weekday and weekend, and all other liturgies including funerals and wake services, devotions, meetings and activities of the parish are suspended until further notice.

All scheduled Confession times are also suspended.

Mass intentions that have been booked and paid for will be prayed for and fulfilled in private Masses said by the priests.

ALL PARISH OFFICES

INCLUDING THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE ARE CLOSED IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER

STAY CONNECTED TO OLPH

Be sure to keep checking our website www.olphlindenhurst.com for up-to-date links and postings with opportunities for prayer and spiritual support

THE CHURCH IS OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER AND VISITS:

Monday-Friday: 6:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Saturday: 7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Sunday: 7:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Hours subject to change without notice.

**FOR THE SAFETY OF EVERYONE,
ALL WHO ENTER MUST:**

- ▶ **WEAR A FACE MASK OR FACE COVERING — NO EXCEPTIONS**
- ▶ **REMAIN AT LEAST SIX (6) FEET APART, SIDE-TO-SIDE AND IN FRONT OF AND BEHIND YOU**
- ▶ **FOLLOW THE TRAFFIC PATTERNS ON THE FLOOR**
- ▶ **SIT IN DESIGNATED SEATS ONLY — SEATS WITHOUT THE X**
- ▶ **ENTER ONLY THROUGH WELLWOOD AVENUE DOORS**
- ▶ **EXIT ONLY THROUGH SIDE DOORS ON NORTH AND SOUTH SIDE**

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FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK



THE WILD GOOSE

Father Dave Pivonka

The Wild Goose is a work of the Holy Spirit, which is awakening in the hearts of all those participating God's love and transforming power. As you walk through this series, pray for the Spirit to breathe life into your heart.

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Q: How do new parishioners register for an account?

A: Registering for FORMED is easier than ever:

Go to formed.org/signup, Select your parish
 Register with your name and email address
 Check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED

Q: Do parishioners still need to use our parish code or custom registration URL?

A: Registering has become a lot easier and parish codes and

custom registration urls are no longer needed for your parishioners to register for FORMED through your parish! Now, parishioners simply need to go to formed.org/signup and find your parish to register.

Q: Will parishioners user emails and passwords still work?

A: Passwords are being phased out. Parishioner emails will still work. Parishioners do not need to re-register to sign in.

PASTOR'S PAGE

Seventh Sunday of Easter

It's the Seventh Sunday of Easter, and we are at a very special time in our liturgical year — the time between the Ascension and Pentecost. The Collect (Opening Prayer) for the Mass for this Sunday acknowledges the paradoxical nature that Christ is both with the Father in glory and, at the same time, present among us; the prayer therefore asks that "...we who believe that the Savior of the human race is with you in your glory, may experience, as he promised, until the end of the world, his abiding presence among us." Though on face value the words "Ascension" and "abiding presence" may seem to contradict each other, theologically they are actually different aspects of one and the same reality — namely, that Jesus has assumed His rightful place as Lord of the universe, both heaven and earth. The other main prayers of the Mass also ask that one day we will be with Christ in His heavenly glory: the Prayer over the Offerings asks that "we may pass over to the glory of heaven," and the Prayer after Communion asks that "there will be accomplished in the body of the whole Church what has already come to pass in Christ her Head."

In these last days of Easter Time, as we move closer and closer to the great Solemnity of Pentecost, continue to reflect on the glorious life we are destined to share with our crucified and risen Lord who now sits "at the right hand of the Father," and how that glorious life is available to us now through grace.

Novena to the Holy Spirit

So, we are in the midst of the nine days from Ascension to Pentecost, the time when we urgently and fervently pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit. Are you in some way offering special prayers for the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost? If you are able, join your brothers and sisters in the parish in praying the special Novena to the Holy Spirit virtually, which is available on our parish YouTube page (accessible through the home page on our parish website at www.olphlinenhurst.com). I am grateful to Deacon Robert Becker who generously coordinates this Novena each year.

Even if you are not able to join in the virtual prayer, use these nine days in between Ascension and Pentecost as days to pray intensely for the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, either through your own prayer, or through some other Novena to the Holy Spirit or personal devotion you might have. We can pray for the coming of the Spirit not only at Pentecost, but also to come into

our hearts when once again we are able to celebrate the Mass together. *Come, Holy Spirit!*

Super 72 Raffle—and obtaining two more tickets for the special deal

Our new SUPER 72 RAFFLE is underway, and thanks to all who have already returned their tickets. Have you? If not, do so now! The income from this fund raiser is especially important to us in these difficult days, so whatever you can do to support the SUPER 72 RAFFLE would be greatly appreciated.

You've noticed that we have added another level of participation: you can purchase five (5) tickets for the bargain price of \$100 and increase your chances to win! Unfortunately, we made a big goof in the mailing and sent only three tickets to everyone, forgetting to include the extra two. If you would like the additional two tickets so you can buy all 5 at the bargain price of \$100, just contact our Parish Secretary Carole at ccarrano@oloph.org or at the parish number, 631-226-7725, ext. 212 (please use her extension, 212, and not the general receptionist voice mail), and she will take care of it for you.

Please be sure to join in the fun of the SUPER 72 RAFFLE once again and return your tickets soon!

Still waiting to hear...

As of this writing, I still do not have word as to when we will be able to resume public Masses and celebration of the other sacraments. That could change in an instant, so be sure to watch our website, www.olphlinenhurst.com, for announcements, and also watch your e-mail.

My prediction is that when we do get word about being able to start up again, there will be much to do in a short amount of time, so appeals may be going out for people to help out and pitch in. In addition, we all need to keep some things in mind, because it will not be "business as usual" right away. I believe we'll get back to that, but it won't be right away.

Many decisions concerning the practicality of how we will celebrate Mass will be judgment calls based on a review of the information available and on guidelines given by our bishop. First and foremost, we must re-establish public liturgies in a way that does not irresponsibly place the common good and the health of our parishioners in grave danger. These are serious moral issues. If we can protect the sanctity of human life and the stability of

our healthcare system by cooperating with sensible limitations and safety practices, then we have a moral obligation to do so. This is not a surrendering of our right to practice our faith. It is an exercise of our moral responsibility for the common good. It is with this in mind that decisions will be made.

When we are given permission to celebrate publicly again, the way the rites are enacted will likely involve precautions that will require everyone to make sacrifices. This is where we will all have to remember that the Mass is no one's "personal possession." It is a gift from God entrusted to the Church. Limitations may involve facial coverings or masks, limits on seating capacity to maintain social distancing, changes to the Mass schedule to allow for cleaning, modified procedures for the distribution of Holy Communion, *etc.* This will involve tremendous coordination among many different people in the parish. Note too that the dispensation from the obligation to physically attend Mass will likely remain in place for a time, especially to protect the elderly and most vulnerable among us, so no one should feel morally obligated to come to Mass if they would be put in a position of being unsafe.

So, since many things will probably be modified when we resume our Masses, it will require a spirit of charity, sacrifice and cooperation by everyone. There will be limitations in certain things, and we will be asked to embrace the limitations and accept them for the common good of all. We will follow the diocesan guidelines and then apply them here at OLPH as needed and as necessary. At the same time, this is uncharted territory for us, and so there will be a great deal that we will have to figure out as we make decisions with no prior experience to draw upon. We will make judgment calls that may differ from other parishes because each parish is unique with its own set of circumstances. We will do the best we can, but the situation may be fluid, and we ask your patience with it all. As soon as we receive further information, we will make it known as best we can.

Rest assured, though, that discussions and preparations, as much as possible, are already underway here at OLPH. We will be as prepared as we can be, so that we can get going again — safely — as quickly as possible.

Please continue your monetary offerings to OLPH

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU to all who have continued to send in or drop off your weekly financial offering. I cannot thank you enough for remembering this! You have been **ABSOLUTELY AMAZING IN YOUR**

GENROSITY AND FAITHFULNESS. Please, please, please continue to do so.

I know that many of you are being negatively impacted by the slowdown and shutdown of businesses, and if you yourself are in difficult circumstances, I understand that you won't be able to offer what you have in the past. However, for those who can, please remember that the parish will continue to have bills to pay and financial obligations to employees to meet. Some of you have even been giving extra. Amazing!!! Financial offerings can be mailed in or dropped through the mail slot of the front door of the rectory on Wellwood Avenue. Thank you for whatever you can do.

Faith Direct

Of course, now is a great time to sign up for Faith Direct, the e-giving service we use. These circumstances provide the perfect example of why we should use this form of giving all the time. It's safe, easy, and once set up, you never have to worry about missing a week. You set up your account, you decide the amount and when it will be withdrawn from your account, and then it's done — it happens automatically! Then you have the peace of mind of knowing that when you cannot get to Mass, you are still offering your financial support to your beloved OLPH.

I use Faith Direct; that's how I make my weekly offering to the parish. Please give serious consideration to signing up for Faith Direct, and continuing to use it not just now, but permanently. It is a great help to us. Full information and directions for signing up can be found elsewhere in this bulletin.

In conclusion...

We will get through this — TOGETHER! Together, let's aim high in Christ. Together, let's bring out the best in each other. Together, let's be the best we can be in Christ.

And let's always remember: LOVE IS A GIFT.

Sincerely,



IMPORTANT NOTICE AFFECTING ALL CHILDREN OF THE PARISH

As required by the Diocese of Rockville Centre, Sacraments of Initiation are to be celebrated in the home parish of the child. Therefore, all families of OLPH with children celebrating First Communion and Confirmation are to have their children **celebrate those sacraments at OLPH**. As Catholics, our faith identity is centered in our Eucharistic identity, namely, the Sunday worshipping community we belong to (where we celebrate Mass Sunday after Sunday). This community is our primary community and the community in which our faith is lived, day in and day out.

Because of this, and because each year of religious formation builds on the prior one, **all school-aged children who are parishioners of OLPH, regardless of where they attend school, must be registered with our Religious Education Office for all years of religious formation (not only for sacrament-preparation years).**

- Children **in all grades** who attend **public school** attend religion classes in our Religious Education Program, and they and their parents also participate in various non-classroom religious formation experiences.

- Children **in all grades** who attend a **Catholic elementary school** need not attend the Religious Education classes, but they must be registered with us, and they and their parents participate in all the non-classroom religious formation experiences, especially but not only in sacrament-preparation years. These children celebrate the sacraments here at OLPH, not at the parish of their elementary school.

- Children **in all grades** who are **homeschooled** must also be registered with the Religious Education Office; they may or may not be required to attend the Religious Education classes, depending on their homeschool curriculum, but regardless, the homeschooled children and their parents are to attend the various non-classroom formation experiences, especially but not only in sacrament-preparation years. These children celebrate the sacraments here at OLPH.

If you are a parishioner with children in a Catholic elementary school or who are homeschooled and you are not yet on record with our Religious Education Office, please contact the office immediately. If you know of anyone who should be registered, please let them know of this policy. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Participate virtually in Sunday Mass online celebrated by your OLPH priests!

***You can participate in Morning and Evening Prayer too,
as well as in the Novena to the Holy Spirit being prayed now!***

Go to the website www.olphlindenhurst.com

***Click on the link to Livestream the Mass and
watch it live each Saturday at 5:00 p.m.***

You can also click the link for our YouTube page

OLPH Church Lindenhurst

to watch video of the Mass anytime and to pray the Novena to the Holy Spirit.

There are daily spiritual reflections and more on the parish YouTube page, too!



NOVENA TO THE
HOLY SPIRIT

Novena to the Holy Spirit

The Novena to the Holy Spirit is the oldest of all novenas as it was first made at the direction of Our Lord when He sent His apostles back to Jerusalem to await the coming of the Holy Spirit on the first Pentecost. It is still the only novena officially prescribed by the Church. Consider joining us online for one or all sessions which began May 22. Check the OLPH website for more information.

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

Located in the Rectory
 Phone # 631.226.7725 x. 253
 Email: religioused@oloph.org
 Director: Mrs. April Kleinlaut
 (akleinlaut@oloph.org)

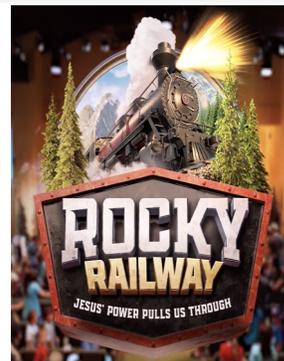
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 GOVERNOR'S COVID-19
 EXECUTIVE ORDER,
 THERE ARE NO OFFICE HOURS UNTIL
 FURTHER NOTICE. MESSAGES MAY
 BE E-MAILED OR LEFT IN THE RELIGIOUS
 EDUCATION VOICE MAILBOX.

All Levels:

Please be sure to register for the 2020/21 academic year! You can mail in your registration fee to us at any time. Make sure to read through our new Parking Policy and hand in the signed form so we know you've read it. All time switches and teacher requests can be mailed in as well. Please let us know if you have any changes for your contact information.

Register Now!

Vacation Bible Camp
July 13th-July 17th
 Now until 6/12/2020
 register online for a
 summer of faith and fun!
Follow the link below
to register:



<https://forms.gle/x9skup2cA8nKzJzr9>

Level 2:

Communions have been postponed. We are hoping to have them in the summer but no official date has been decided. We will contact you once we know the rescheduled dates. In the meantime, please continue to practice receiving the Eucharist at home with a cracker. Keep watching our Masses on YouTube to learn the Mass. Make sure to say your prayers and have your banner completed!

Levels 6, 7 and Service Corps:

- Write a letter to a pen pal in Haiti or draw them a picture. Mail or e-mail the letter to us for one (1) hour of service.
- There are Residents at Maria Regina in Brentwood who are lonely and looking for some comfort. Write them a letter or a card for one (1) hour of service and send it to us.
- Pray a Rosary at home. There is nothing stronger in our time of need than the power of prayer!

Level 8:

Confirmation has been postponed. We are tentatively planning to celebrate the sacrament sometime in the summer. In the meantime, please snail mail or e-mail to us as soon as possible any Workbook Projects or Mass Reflections that are due. Complete your letter to Msgr. Joe requesting Confirmation, if you have not already done so; he is eagerly awaiting your letters!

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

- † Bereavement Ministry: Linda Arpino—631.592.1062—forubabe77@gmail.com
- † Blue Door Thrift Boutique: Tricia Buckley—631.561.5790—thebluedoor@oloph.org
- † Catholics for the Freedom of Religion: Kathy Feldman—631 225-9864— cdefeldman@optonline.net
- † Community Meal: Mary Leon— mleon719@yahoo.com
- † Homeless Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com—Peggy Pannullo—631. 921.5994—justin97@aol.com
- † Hospital Visitors: Peter O'Neill—631-226-6340—oneillp@optonline.net
- † Middle Ages: Gail Tonnessen—631.957.1449—gtonness@optonline.net
- † Nursing Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com
- † Respect Life Committee: Louise Perrotta—631.412.3831—louiseperrotta@optonline.net
- † St. Vincent de Paul Society: Deborah Deasy—631.226.7725, x. 234
- † Senior Moments/Spirituality: Virginia Beyrer—631-226-6635
- † Special Needs Ministry: Jessica Becker Paolo—631.226.6175—jbecker@oloph.org

NEW Food Pantry List!

CANNED TUNA
CANNED CHICKEN
SOUP WITH MEAT
PASTA SAUCE
SMALL PACKAGES OF RICE
CANNED CARROTS
CANNED FRUIT
SHELF STABLE MILK
DESSERTS
COOKIES, SNACKS

The pantry is in great need at this time.

Please bring items to the SVdP office:

Wednesday and Friday 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

and on 1st and 3rd Saturdays 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Thank you for your continued generosity.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Located in the School Building
Use Parking Lot located on corner of
Gates & High Streets
631.226.7725 x. 234

*During the COVID-19 closings, all donations can be
dropped off at the St. Vincent de Paul Office only on:*
Wednesday and Friday 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.
and on 1st and 3rd Saturdays 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Today we are reminded that Christ's saving work on earth continues through his disciples...and now through us.

Through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brings the love and care of Jesus to the poor by assisting families, providing food and other help they may need. Thank you for your continued generosity!

† AN EXPANSION OF OUR MEMORIAL CARD PROGRAM

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is happy to announce an expansion of our Memorial Card program. In addition to updated *Living Memorial* cards, we are now able to offer *Special Occasion* cards. These are a great way to commemorate a special occasion (birthday, anniversary, get well, thank you, holiday, etc.) while supporting SVDP's efforts to provide not just food, but also financial, material and spiritual aid to our neighbors.

Memorial/Special Occasion card envelopes are available on the pew ledges or in the SVDP Food Pantry (M-W-F, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon and 1st & 3rd Saturdays, 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.) or at the Rectory. The Memorial or Special Occasion Card acknowledging your donation will be sent to the person/family indicated on the form.

Please contact Janet Hume at the SVDP Office at 631-226-7725 X 234 for more information.



SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Parish Phone: (631) 226-7725 Parish Fax: (631) 225-9597

Directory of Phone Extensions

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Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco, Pastor	206	msgrjoe@oloph.org
Fr. Fidelis Ezeani, Associate Pastor	226	fadaprince4christ@yahoo.com
Faith Formation Office	253	religioused@oloph.org
Christopher Ferraro, Director of Music	210	cferraro@oloph.org
April Kleinlaut, Director of Faith Formation	257	akleinlaut@oloph.org
Rectory Reception Desk	200	
St. Vincent de Paul	234	stvincentdepaul@oloph.org
Josephine Vagelatos, Administrative Assistant to the Pastor	206	jvagelatos@oloph.org
Fr. Frank Zero, Associate Pastor	203	fzero@oloph.org

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism ceremonies are held on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. Parents wishing to have a child baptized must attend a baptism preparation session before the baptism; these sessions are held on the first and third Thursdays of the month excluding holidays. Contact the Parish Office to begin the process of having your child baptized.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Those who are seriously ill or facing surgery, as well as those in danger of death, should receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Please call the Parish Office and ask for one of our priests.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Adults who wish to be baptized, or who have been baptized in another Christian faith and wish to become Catholic, or who have been baptized Catholic and wish to be confirmed and receive Holy Communion, are invited to join the process of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Please contact Jeffrey Gaab at (631) 965-0076 or e-mail at jsg375@gmail.com to begin the process.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Adults who have been baptized Catholic and who have received Holy Communion but who still need the Sacrament of Confirmation should enroll in our Adult Confirmation Classes. Please contact Deacon Robert Becker at 631-226-6175 or e-mail to DeaconRobert@oloph.org.

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please contact the Parish Office at least SIX MONTHS before the desired date of your wedding.

YOUR PASTORAL COUNCIL

Vincent Boccanfuso
 Eileen Corticchia (Chair)
 Msgr. Joe DeGrocco
 Jeffrey Gaab
 Joselyn Kalt
 Mary Leon
 Rachelle Louis-Jacques
 Carlton Mitchell
 Kevin Sabella, Jr.
 Kevin Sabella, Sr.
 Adele Venezia

Please feel free to speak to any member of the Pastoral Council with any questions you might have.

YOUR PARISH TRUSTEES

Gerry Chille
 John Reynolds

YOUR PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

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 Thomas Crennan
 Meg Danaher, CFP®, CLU®
 Msgr. Joe DeGrocco
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 Marie Gagneron
 Kenneth Hale
 Bob Meade
 Bob Mehm
 John Reynolds
 Kevin Sabella, Sr.

Please feel free to speak to any member of the Finance Committee with any questions you might have.

YOUR PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE

Fauvette Auguste
 Deacon Robert Becker
 Mark Costantino
 Msgr. Joe DeGrocco
 Chris Ferraro
 MaryAnn Haas
 Jenine Jimenez-Spina
 Denise Martinez
 Barbara McPhail
 Deacon Doug Smith
 Mike Williams

Please feel free to speak to any member of the Liturgy Committee with any questions you might have.

PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

TELEHEALTH EMOTIONAL SUPPORT

Fellow parishioners,
 In the midst of the coronavirus pandemic I know that many are feeling the anxiety of uncertainty and even fear. As a Licensed Clinical Social Worker who specializes in trauma, I understand how this impacts us not only personally but as a community as well. As part of the OLPH community I would like to offer my support to anyone who is struggling with the emotional impact of what is happening to, and around, us. While my office is in Lindenhurst, and I would love to meet you face to face, I am practicing social distancing and using a Telehealth platform. This allows us to video conference in a safe, secure way. Should you want to take advantage of the support (at no charge), please feel free to contact me at 631-450-2404 or mgrafflcsw@gmail.com to schedule a 15-20 minute session. Should you feel as though you may need ongoing support I will be happy to help you navigate your behavioral health insurance benefits to link you to a clinician that is in your network.

Wishing You Peace,
 Michelle Graff-Schmittberger, LCSW

WE BELIEVE

We pray for the sick of our parish...

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| <i>Emily Pizzirusso</i> | <i>Irene Cannetelli</i> |
| <i>Theresa Ann Henry</i> | <i>Karin Kienle</i> |
| <i>Anna Niebrzydowska</i> | <i>Joanne & Randall Press</i> |
| <i>Dolores Otten</i> | <i>Florence R. Nerich</i> |
| <i>Nora McMahon</i> | <i>Laura Janczewski</i> |
| <i>Patricia Kleczkowski</i> | <i>John Pius</i> |
| <i>Richard Kleczkowski</i> | <i>Nettie Deasy</i> |
| <i>Mary Hawkins</i> | <i>Marie Richardson</i> |
| <i>Loretto Dinardo</i> | |
| <i>Teddy Zimms</i> | |
| <i>Cindy Van Dorn</i> | |

If a family member or close friend is ill, please let us know so our community can pray for them. To have your name or the name of a loved one listed in our parish bulletin, please call the Parish Office. **Please make sure the person is aware the request has been made and that they are agreeable with their name printed in the bulletin.** The name will remain on the list for about four weeks.

WE REMEMBER

We remember those who have died in our parish community this week.

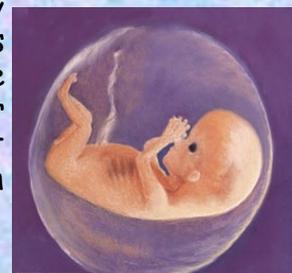
- Anthony Barone*
Lucy Luciano
Alice Rice
Beatrice Stysiack
Kathleen Atanasio

"O God, who through the ending of present things open up the beginning of things to come, grant, we pray, that the soul of your servant may be led to you to attain the inheritance of eternal redemption."

Spiritual Adoption Program

MONTH 2 — "I can jump!"

Your baby is making progress developing all of his external features and internal organs. His brain is functioning at 40 days. His mother can hear his heartbeat now on an ultrasonic stethoscope. Baby-teeth buds are present at 6 ½ weeks. And it has been reported that a two-month old baby can suck his thumb. From this moment, your spiritually adopted baby grows and refines his body. But everything he needs to survive after birth is already present by the end of the eighth week.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**BY DIRECTIVE OF THE BISHOP, NO PUBLIC MASSES MAY BE CELEBRATED.
THESE MASS INTENTIONS WILL BE FULFILLED
BY PARISH PRIESTS CELEBRATING PRIVATE MASSES.**

MONDAY, May 25— Easter Weekday <i>(Saint Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church; Saint Gregory VII, Pope; Saint Mary Magdalene de Pazzi, Virgin)</i>		FRIDAY, May 29— Easter Weekday <i>(Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious)</i>	
6:30	Jami Best	6:30	Igina Pontecorvo
12:15	Jeanne R. Calise	12:15	For the Repose of the Souls of the McCarthy Family
TUESDAY, May 26— Saint Philip Neri, Priest		SATURDAY, May 30— Easter Weekday	
6:30	Marlene Rief	8:00	Nancy Dorney
12:15	Donald Doyle	Vigil for PENTECOST SUNDAY	
WEDNESDAY, May 27— Easter Weekday <i>(Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop)</i>		5:00	Michael R. Pentaleri
6:30	Frank Kitzerow	Sunday, May 31 PENTECOST SUNDAY	
12:15	James McCowan Jr.	8:00	Living & Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus Council #794
THURSDAY, May 28— Easter Weekday		10:00	For the People of the Parish
6:30	Rev. Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton	12:00	Lorraine Wickenheiser
12:15	Cecelia Norman	5:00	Mary Bradley

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PREPARING FOR Sunday, May 31, 2020 Pentecost Sunday

*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.*

Acts 2:3-4a

Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

“Pentecost” was the Greek name for the Jewish “Feast of Weeks” that celebrated God’s giving of the Law to Moses on Sinai. The Apostles had just bid farewell to Jesus at the Ascension but now, after praying for nine days in what was the first novena, Jesus’ promise to send them “another advocate” is fulfilled with the Spirit’s sudden arrival. The Spirit comes as a rushing, violent wind that shakes the house and makes their hearts tremble, yet emboldens them to take to the streets to proclaim the wondrous good news of Jesus’ death and resurrection. The people in the streets are from many nations yet each one hears this good news in their own language and in their hearts. The message to us is clear: despite our differences, we are one in God’s Holy Spirit.

1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

Today’s message of unity is continued in the letter from Paul to the Corinthians. Paul acknowledges our differences: we possess different spiritual gifts, engage in various forms of service, and are occupied in a variety of activities. All are good. But these differences don’t negate our oneness because all our ministries are inspired and guided by God. God’s Spirit takes possession of us, says Paul, not for our own benefit, but for the benefit of all. Each of us serves the community.

John 20:19-23

Jesus offers “peace” not once, but twice, to the disciples who have hidden themselves behind the locked doors of the house where they had gathered. They were afraid, and with good reason, since the authorities had just crucified Jesus. But when Jesus comes to them, he offers the one antidote to this fear that the world cannot give — a unique peace, one that surpasses all understanding. Just as the creator God had breathed on Adam to give him life, so too does Jesus breathe on the Apostles and give them the Spirit which is new life. As Jesus imparts the Spirit, he also bestows the power to forgive sins. The Risen Lord has not only wished them peace, he has also shared the surest way to sustain it.

Gospel Reflection

After reading next Sunday’s Gospel take some time to pray on it before you come to Mass. Use the questions below to aid your reflection.

1. Jesus “breathed” on them. How does this relate to Genesis 2:7, “God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life?” What is the significance for you? How important is the Holy Spirit to you?

2. “... When the doors were locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews ...” How were the disciples different after the Spirit’s arrival? In your own life do you tend to see the Holy Spirit as dynamic and constant or only occasional? Rate your belief in the Holy Spirit as your constant companion on a scale of 1 to 10. Are you different when you are confident that the Spirit is with you? Explain.

Readings for the Week

Take time each day to read the daily readings of the Church.

Monday, May 25, 2020:

Acts 19:1-8 + John 16:29-33

Tuesday, May 26, 2020:

Acts 20:17-27 + John 17:1-11a

Wednesday, May 27, 2020:

Acts 20:28-38 + John 17:11b-19

Thursday, May 28, 2020:

Acts 22:30—23:6-11 + John 17:20-26

Friday, May 29, 2020:

Acts 25:13b-21 + John 21:15-19

Saturday, May 30, 2020:

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 + John 21:20-25

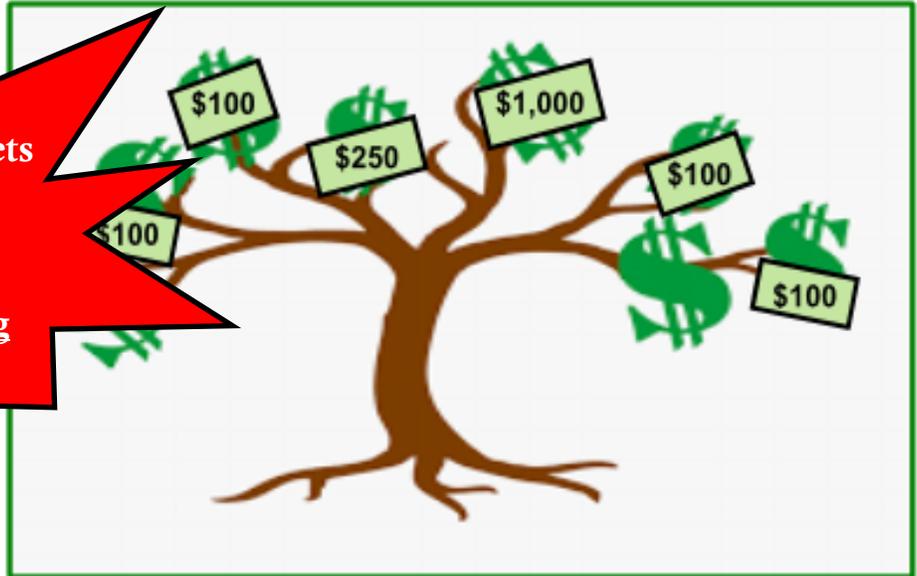
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+ 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13
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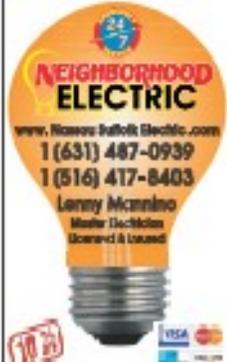
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