



Community News

This Sunday's Counsel

THEME:

We build God's kingdom when we heed the voice of the Good Shepherd.

PROMISE:

"Whoever enters through me will be saved..." (Jn 10:9a)

WORD:

Acts 2:14, 36-41/ Ps 23:1-6/ 1 Pt 2:20-25/ Jn 10:1-10

ORDER:

- *"Repent and be baptized..."* (Acts 2:38)
- *"...hear his voice..."* (Jn 10:3)

DIRECTIONS:

- Avail of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- Be reconciled with your brothers and sisters.
- Obey and listen to the Word of God through prayers and meditation.
- Be a good shepherd by following Jesus' examples.

Hear And Listen

REFLECTION: Jesus was teaching to the people and the Pharisees who were there about being the shepherd, where he walks ahead of the sheep, and the sheep follow him because they recognize his voice. However, the Pharisees did not understand Jesus at first, that Jesus has to repeat what he said and explicitly tell them that He is the gate for the sheep. *"Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly."*



Hearing means the faculty of receiving sounds. Listening is giving attention to a sound. Now that spring has come, we hear a lot of sounds outside, but do we take time to listen to what those sounds are? Does that sound like the red robin chirping up in the tree? Or the bees that are buzzing over the blooming flowers.

In this technological world, we hear a lot of sounds, the minute we wake up, we

hear our alarm, then turning on the TV, we hear the sounds of the TV, then the ding of our coffee machine, the microwave beeping as our food is ready, or Alexa telling us the weather today. But do we listen to our breath that comes in and out of our lungs which God has given us? Do we listen to our heart beating, telling us we are alive? Most importantly, do we listen to God's voice telling us that He loves us?

There are so many messages and instructions that we hear nowadays. Instructions on how to exercise, instructions on how to cook food, instructions of how to do tiktok. But do we listen to instructions on how to hear God's message? Jesus in the Gospel said, *"When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice. But they will not follow a stranger; they will run away from him..."* How will we know Jesus' voice if we don't take time to know Him? There are many avenues

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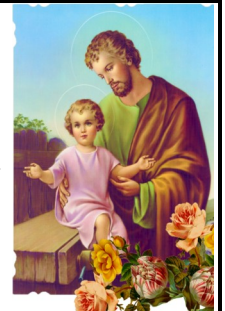
Know Your Saints

Saint Joseph: Patron of Workers

He might be known as a humble "tekton" or carpenter. But Joseph, Jesus' foster father, was descended from the royal lineage of David, the greatest king of Israel. Joseph was the one man chosen by God to aid Mary in raising Jesus. An angel said to him, *"Joseph, son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife, for that which is conceived of her, is of the Holy Ghost..."* Joseph's presence in the plan of the Incarnation was necessary, according to St. Thomas Aquinas, because if Mary had not been married, she would have been stoned and Jesus in his youth needed the care and protection of a human father.

Joseph accepted his responsibility without questioning God. He was ready to fulfill whatever task was required of him. He obediently followed the Roman law ordering the head of each Jewish household to journey to his birthplace and be counted in the census, even though Mary was due to give birth to Jesus. When told by an angel to flee with his family to safety in Egypt after Jesus was born, he forthwith did so. He was a kind and patient father who took good care of Mary and Jesus. When twelve-year-old Jesus went missing, Joseph did not stop searching until he found his son in the Temple, lecturing to the high priest.

The circumstances of Joseph's death are not known but it is believed that he died before Jesus began his public ministry. Two feasts days for St. Joseph are presently observed: March 19 for Joseph the Husband of Mary and May 1 for "St. Joseph the Worker", established by Pope Pius XII in 1955 to counter the Communists' May Day holiday. He was also declared "Patron of the Universal Church" by Pope Pius IX in 1870.



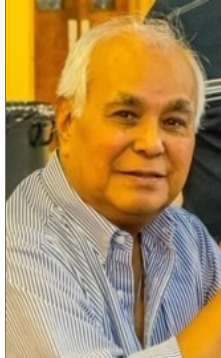
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God's Blessings

Birthday

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Luz Bunoan 5/6



"Dear in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his devoted."
- Ps 116:15

*Thank you for everything,
Tito Nes
'Til we meet again.*

Go To Joseph

On this feast of St. Joseph the Worker, I invite all Catholics in the Diocese of Trenton to "go to Joseph," to pray for his intercession on behalf of all workers – keep them safe and healthy. With deepest compassion, "go to Joseph" and lift up all who have lost their jobs due to this virus and their families, praying that this pandemic might soon end, and that their safety and security might return. For all who labor or seek to return to work, let's together offer this Eucharist on the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker. Let's go to him and beg him, in turn, to approach Mary's Son, whom he guarded and protected as he grew. "Go to Joseph," so that Joseph, the quiet one, the righteous one, the carpenter, the patron of all workers, may lead us in our need to the heart of the Lord.

- Bishop David M. O'Connell,
Homily for the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker

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to know Jesus, His teachings, His stories, His life. With our cell phone nowadays, everything is in our fingertips. We can start by subscribing to the USCCB (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops) and get the daily readings in our email, or having the *Magnificat*. We can watch EWTN and just like watching your TV show, to watch a favorite segment in the channel. You can subscribe to a Youtube channel of a legit preacher, teaching us the life, and the words of Jesus.

In the first reading, when Peter stood up and said "Let the whole house of Israel know for certain that God has made both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified," the apostles even ask "What are we to do, my brothers?" And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." How do we repent and be baptized when we did not even take time to listen to God's words, to God's instructions? It is only through Jesus the shepherd, the gatekeeper, that we can have life and live abundantly after death comes like a

thief and robber. As Jesus said "He is the Way, the Truth and the Life" (Jn 14:6). What is Jesus' Way? Jesus has left us two great commandments and He made it simple for us to listen: *Love God above all things and Love your neighbor as you love yourself*, (Mk 12: 30-31, 33). How do you love someone? You call them, you get to know them, you talk often to them, you listen to what they like and don't like. Let us get to know Jesus in a personal way, like He is family. Jesus is telling us to love our neighbor as we love ourselves. And if we love ourselves, we don't hurt ourselves, so we don't hurt our neighbors too. We show love, kindness to our neighbors like we show love to ourselves. As we love ourselves, we put in ourselves all good stuff, the good learning, the good nutrients, everything that is good, and that includes knowing God. And when we know God, then we share this love of God to our neighbors.

Let us not only hear the different sounds of the world, but most importantly let us listen to the voice of our Shepherd, knowing Jesus, His voice, so we can follow Him through the gate, and the promise of living abundantly in His Kingdom.



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THEME:

We build God's kingdom when we believe in the Father through the works of Jesus.

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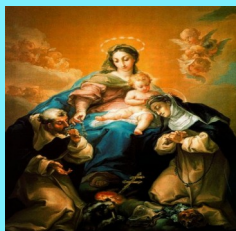
Acts 6:1-7/ Ps 33:1—2, 4-5, 18-19/
1Pt 2:4-9/ Jn 14:1-12

ORDER:

- Have faith in God. (Jn 14:1)
- Do the works that I do. (Jn 14:12)

DIRECTIONS:

- Read the Scriptures and follow God's commands.
- Do the corporal works of mercy.



Where Our True Home Is

REFLECTION:

Throughout his ministry, Jesus proclaims that his works and words are those of the Father. He says, "When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will realize that I am, and that I do nothing on my own, but I say only what the Father taught me," (Jn 8:28). He also shows his disciples that the unity between him and the Father is seen through his works. He declares, "If I do not perform my Father's works, do not believe me; but if I perform them, even if you do not believe me, believe the works, so that you may realize [and understand] that the Father is in me and I am in the Father," (Jn: 10:37-38).



Now he states the matter even more clearly, "Whoever has seen me has seen the Father," (Jn 14:9). "Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?" (Jn 14: 10a). We can clearly see the relationship of the Son with the Father. Jesus' oneness with the Father is rooted in the Jewish understanding that the emissary bears the identity and speaks with the authority of the sender.

This works only if the emissary has a close relationship with the sender, understands the mind and heart of the sender, and is faithful to comply with the sender's will. "The words that I speak to you I do not speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me is doing his works," (Jn: 14:10b). This Gospel refers to the miracles that Jesus performed as signs (cf. Jn 2:11; 4:54;

6:2; etc.), and these signs confirmed Jesus' spiritual authority and point to the Father who dwells in Jesus and whose works Jesus does.

Through Jesus, our Heavenly Father has blessed each of us with time, talents, and resources. He wants us to use these gifts to further the work of the Church. All of us are needed to lead, teach, support, and participate. By using our time, talents, and resources freely and willingly, we can help spread the gospel and build the kingdom. More than ever, especially in the present viral pandemic, we are called upon to use our time, talent and resources in playing our role as good

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Know Your Saints

Saint Dominic Savio: Patron of Choir Boys

One of ten children of a devout Italian family, Dominic Savio began serving at Mass when he was five years old. Even as a small child, he practiced his Catholic faith with devotion and strongly felt the call of God. At a time when children normally received their first holy communion at the age of twelve, he asked to receive his sacrament when he was seven. On the day of his First Communion he resolved to die rather than commit a sin and described it as the happiest day of his life.

Young Dominic was clearly different from his peers. He walked three miles to school each day but did so cheerfully saying, "Nothing seems tiresome or painful when you are working for a Master who pays well, who rewards even a cup of cold water given for love of Him. I am not capable of doing big things, but I want to do everything, even the smallest things, for the greater glory of God." When two troublemakers filled the school heating stove with snow and blamed it on him, he refused to tell on the culprits and was punished. After discovering the truth, his teacher asked why he did not proclaim his innocence, to which he replied that he was imitating Jesus who remained silent during His persecutions.

Interested in becoming a priest, Dominic entered the Oratory of St. Francis in Turin where he studied directly under Fr. John Bosco. After six months, he gave a speech on the path to sainthood in which he made three outstanding points: it is God's will that we all become saints, it is easy to become a saint, and there are great rewards in heaven for saints.

St. Dominic never achieved his dream as he died of an illness in 1857 at age 15. Despite his young age and the fact that he was not a martyr, he was canonized in 1954. He is also the saint of the falsely accused.



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God's Blessings

Birthday

Tina King	5/9	Tottie Felibrico	5/12
George Pe	5/9	Nestor Tambor	5/12
Glenn Ramos	5/9	Manny Crisol	5/13
Sheryll Dela Cruz	5/10	Ester Tambor	5/13

Anniversary

Erwin & Grace Bustamante	5/9
Jeff & Gina Sarmiento	5/13

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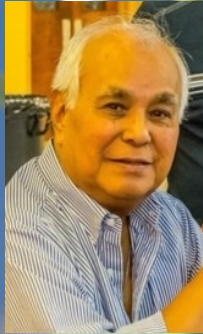
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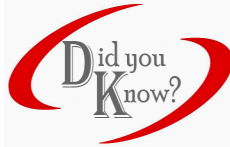
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*Thank you for everything,
Tito Nes*

Please join
the Prayer Service online via
Zoom Meeting
Tuesday, May 12, 2020 @ 7 PM

During the celebration of the Eucharist, the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ, and this they remain. They cannot turn back into bread and wine, for they are no longer bread and wine at all. There is thus no reason for them to change back to their "normal" state after the special circumstances of the Mass are past. Once the substance has really changed, the presence of the Body and Blood of Christ "endures as long as the Eucharistic species subsist" (*Catechism*, no. 1377). Against those who maintained that the bread that is consecrated during the Eucharist has no sanctifying power if it is left over until the next day, St. Cyril of Alexandria replied, "Christ is not altered, nor is his holy body changed, but the power of the consecration and his life-giving grace is perpetual in it" (*Letter 83, to Calosyrius, Bishop of Arsinoe* [PG 76, 1076]). The Church teaches that Christ remains present under the appearances of bread and wine as long as the appearances of bread and wine remain (cf. *Catechism*, no. 1377).



- Basic Q & A on the Eucharist, usccb.org

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neighbors, especially in caring for the vulnerable in our society. Let us be the voice and instruments of help, hope and healing. As Jesus said, "Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father," (Mt 5:16).

For the faithful follower and true believer, Christ's promise is very comforting and pleasing "... I go and prepare a place for you ... so that where I am you also may be," (Jn 14:3).

Many of us are consumed by uncertainty and constantly evolving

news surrounding Covid-19. But we cannot fear what may or may not happen to us. God asks us to trust Him through all situations and St. Paul tells us that God's grace is sufficient, whether that grace leads to healing or homecoming. Our focus should not be on fear and uncertainty, but on God who is our Refuge, even in circumstances of disease and trouble. We are called to hope and trust in God no matter what is happening in our world. And He can be trusted during this pandemic, He is sovereign over the world and our individual life.

What is important is that we

know where our true home is. And the true home of the believer is with the Triune God, and God is with all believers every step of their earthly journey. When that last step comes, Jesus is there to usher our life into glory, a life He paid for. Therefore, let us remember that in the storms and diseases God is with us; and in our joys, let us give thanks to the Holy Spirit. When our last day comes, may we cling to the promise of Jesus. We are bound to Christ and when we die, we will live with Him in glory.

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THEME:

We build God's kingdom when we love the Father and obey His commandments.

PROMISE:

"...whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him." (Jn 14:21b)

WORD:

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/ Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20/ 1Pt 3:15-18/ Jn 14:15-21

ORDER:

- Keep my commandments. (Jn 14:15)
- Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts. (1Pt 3:15)

DIRECTIONS:

- Be a good witness of Christ's love to others.
- Serve your brothers and sisters with unconditional love.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to guide us in the way of truth, wisdom and goodness.
- Be ready to explain your faith.

To Love God Is To Obey Him

REFLECTION:

As God's Easter people resurrected with Christ, we are given the privilege to love God and have a relationship with Him again. We love God by following His commandments. Jesus says, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." We obey God because we love Him for who He is. It is wrong motive to follow the commandments because we are afraid of hell, or we go to Mass because we are afraid to commit mortal sin. In the same token, we help the poor not because we expect reward from heaven.



God's commandment is the commandment to love: Love God and love your neighbor as you love yourself. When He tells us to keep His commandments, He is teaching us that loving is not mere words but is expressed in action. To love God is grace. We cannot love God and neighbor on our own or repay Him good for good.

The letter of John (cf. 1 John 14:20) clearly reminds us that when we say 'I

love God' and hate our brother, we are liars. For, how can one say that 'I love God' whom he has not seen, yet hates or does not love a brother whom he sees? If one does not love his brother, it is clear proof that love of God is not with him; and if he does

not have the love of God, he cannot love God, for God can be loved only through the influence of his own love. Therefore, we can build and grow God's kingdom when we follow and live His commandment; first, to love Him above all and, second but equally important, to love ones neighbor as oneself.

The Holy Spirit has a very important role in enabling us to obey God's commandments and empowering us to build God's kingdom in our hearts and in the hearts of our neighbors. In His loving kindness and faithfulness, God reached down to change our lives through Christ who died for our sins. After Jesus went back to the Father, the building of His

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Tending the Flock

Learn the Art of Loving Every Day



If ever there is an attitude that is never easy, even for a Christian community, it is precisely how to love oneself, to love after the Lord's example and with his grace. Sometimes disagreements, pride, envy, divisions, leave their mark even on the beautiful face of the Church. A community of Christians should live in the charity of Christ, and instead, it is precisely there that the evil one "sets his foot in" and sometimes we allow ourselves to be deceived. And those who pay the price are those who are spiritually weaker. How many of them have distanced themselves because they did not feel welcomed, did not feel understood, did not feel loved. How many people have distanced themselves, for example, from some parish or community because of the environment of gossip, jealousy, and envy they found there. Even for a Christian, knowing how to love is never a thing acquired once and for all. We must begin anew every day. We must practice it so that our love for the brothers and sisters we encounter may become mature and purified from those limitations or sins that render it incomplete, egotistical, sterile, and unfaithful. We have to learn the art of loving every day. Listen to this: every day we must learn the art of loving; every day we must patiently follow the school of Christ. Every day we must forgive and look to Jesus and do this with the help of this "Advocate", of this Counselor whom Jesus has sent to us that is the Holy Spirit.

May the Virgin Mary, the perfect disciple of her Son and Lord, help us to be more and more docile to the Paraclete, the Spirit of Truth, to learn every day how to love each other as Jesus loved us.

~ Pope Francis, Excerpt from Homily, May 21, 2017

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Mike Belonia	5/19	Nicole Touchette	5/21
Dennis Zulueta	5/21		

Anniversary

Edgar & Sherry Arabit	5/15
Forting & Libring Yambao	5/16
Ronald & Eppie Rebong	5/19
Boylly & Raquel Arriola	5/20

Friends

One of the special marks of favor shown in the Scriptures is to be called the *friend of God*. Abraham is called the *friend of God* (Isaiah 41:8, James 2:23). God spoke with Moses as a man speaks with his friend (Exodus 33:11). Jesus, the Lord and Master, calls the disciples his friends rather than his servants.

What does it mean to be a friend of God? Friendship with God who is our everlasting Father and with his Son, the Lord Jesus Christ entails a personal, close, and loving relationship and a union of heart, mind, and spirit with the One who created us in love for love. Such a relationship with our Father, Creator, and Redeemer involves loyalty, respect, and obedience. But it is even more than these because God has chosen to love us in the same way in which the Father and the Son love and serve each other - a total giving of oneself to the other in a bond of affection, esteem, and joy in each others company.



Jesus' discourse on friendship and brotherly love echoes the words of Proverbs: *A friend loves at all times; and a brother is born for adversity* (Proverbs 17:17). The distinctive feature of Jesus' relationship with his disciples was his personal, loyal, and sacrificial love for each one of them. *He loved his own to the end* (John 13:1). His love was unconditional and wholly directed to the good of others. His love was costly and sacrificial. He gave the best he had and all that he had. He gave his very own life for those he loved in order to secure for them an everlasting life of union and love with the Father in heaven.

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kingdom continues through the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit who lives in us and, empowers us to be transformed to holiness and enjoy life in abundance. The Holy Spirit came to teach us everything and remind us of all that Jesus taught His disciples (cf. John 14:26). He is the defender, consoler, helper, mediator and counselor. He is the Spirit of Truth so that we may know and follow the teachings and commandments of Jesus. He enables us to testify to the works of Jesus and

preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

To this day, the Holy Spirit motivates us to remain righteous before God, and to love God in the concrete ways that our Lord Jesus taught us to love. We then recall his promise and be assured in this declaration, *"Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father and I will love him and reveal myself to him,"* (Jn 14:21b).

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, thank You for loving me so deeply and reconciling me back to You, through Christ's

sacrifice and death on the cross. I do not deserve Your love and yet You shower me with such unconditional love and grace, for which I praise and thank You. Fill me with the love of Christ that I may love You with all my heart and strength, and love others as myself. Help me to show Your love concretely, not only to the lovable but to the unlovable as well. By Your grace, may the love of Jesus be manifested in me, shared and given to others I come in contact with. In Jesus name I pray. Amen.

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This Sunday's Counsel

THEME:

We build God's kingdom when we preach the gospel and make disciples of all nations.

PROMISE:

"...I am with you always until the end of the age." (Mt 28:20b)

WORD:

Acts 1:1-11/ Ps 47:2-9/ Eph 1:17-23/ Mt 28:16-20

ORDER:

- *"be my witnesses...to the ends of the earth."* (Acts 1:8)
- *"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations..."* (Mt 28:19)

DIRECTIONS:

- Study God's word and live its message.
- Encourage everyone to participate in Community worships, prayers and masses.
- Be Christ to everyone at all seasons and at all times.

We Shelter And Wait

REFLECTION:

Once on a Sabbath when Jesus cured a sick man, the Jews persecuted him. Jesus said to them, *"My Father is always at work... and I too am working."* (Jn 15:17). We find Jesus hard at work. (Acts 1: 3-5). By many proofs, he presents himself alive to the apostles appearing many times in forty days. He speaks to them about the kingdom of God. He tells them to stay in Jerusalem, to wait for the promise of the Father. They will be baptized with the Holy Spirit and receive power. To the disciples, Jesus said, *"You will be my witnesses to the ends of the earth."* As he said this, Jesus is lifted up and a cloud took him from their sight.



We are like the apostles now because we shelter in place because of Covid-19. We are like them as they hide in the Upper Room. We are distanced from the world, exiled from assembly and company, starved for the church and the sacraments. We long to freely worship God

in person. If not for technology we are deprived of fellowship and prayer, but imposed isolation has not decreased our fervor for God. It has not dampened our desire to fellowship with the world. Like the apostles whom Jesus enjoined not to depart from Jerusalem but to wait for the promise of the Father, we now wait in our homes under health and safety precautions.

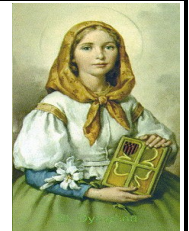
Waiting teaches us patience. Waiting makes us curb our impatience, our addiction to instant gain and satisfaction, our attachment to fast cars, fast foods, short cuts and straight flights only, no delays, no sacrifices, no suffering, no cross. That is why it was necessary for God to send down his son to us as our model, to teach us constancy, diligence, faithfulness and perseverance, through the perfect model of Jesus who, like his Father, is hard at work always drawing us to himself if we could only respond with humility and love in all seasons and times.

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Know Your Saints

Saint Dymphna: Patron of Mental Illness

Born In Ireland in the 7th century, Dymphna was the daughter of a pagan chieftain and a devout Christian. At fourteen, she consecrated herself to Christ and took a vow of chastity. Shortly after, her mother died and her father, Damon— who had loved his wife so deeply— began to suffer rapid mental deterioration such that he wanted to marry his own daughter. She refused and, along with her confessor, St. Gerebernus, fled to the continent of Europe and eventually settled in Gheel, a small village in present-day Belgium.



Dymphna quickly became known for her devotion to the poor. With her wealth, she built a hospital for the poor and sick. But as her reputation for kindness spread throughout the countryside, Damon and his warriors were able to follow and capture her and her cohort. Damon ordered the priest killed and demanded once again that she marry him. When she refused, he cut her head off with his sword. She was only fifteen.

For defending her purity, Dymphna was bestowed the crown of martyrdom in the year 620 and became known as the "Lily of Eire". A church honoring her was built in Gheel in 1349 and an asylum for the mentally ill was created nearby. So many pilgrims in need of treatment came but could not all be accommodated by the facility, leaving the townspeople to accept them in their homes. This began a tradition of care for the mentally ill in the homes of local residents that exists up to this day.

In the United States, a shrine for St. Dymphna has been built in Massillon, Ohio, next to one of the most modern hospitals in the world for the treatment of mental illness, the Massillon Psychiatric Center. She is also popularly invoked as patron of victims of incest.

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God's Blessings

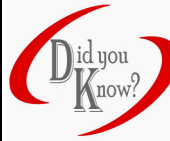
Birthday

Dominga Gant	5/22	Grace Gallofin	5/25
Tony Mendoza	5/22	Wendell Lumapas	5/26
Andre Apostol	5/24	Linda Mabutas	5/27
Mike Nieveras	5/24	Lolit Manuel	5/27
		RJ Gallofin	5/11

Anniversary

Jeric & Weddy Balmaceda	5/22
Tony & Connie Mendoza	5/22
Jojo & Marlene Legaspi	5/24
Bob & Lalaine Academia	5/25
Jojo & Ino Dominguez	5/25
Rene & Remy Odon	5/25
Eric & Dritz Mance	5/28

Ascension



The event is not described as a journey to on high but rather as an action of the power of God who introduces Jesus into the space of closeness to the Divine. The presence of the cloud that "took him out of their sight", recalls a very ancient image of Old Testament theology and integrates the account of the Ascension into the history of God with Israel, from the cloud of Sinai and above the tent of the Covenant in the desert, to the luminous cloud on the mountain of the Transfiguration.

To present the Lord wrapped in clouds calls to mind once and for all the same mystery expressed in the symbolism of the phrase, "seated at the right hand of God". In Christ ascended into Heaven, the human being has entered into intimacy with God in a new and unheard-of way; man henceforth finds room in God for ever. "Heaven": this word Heaven does not indicate a place above the stars but something far more daring and sublime: it indicates Christ himself, the divine Person who welcomes humanity fully and for ever, the One in whom God and man are inseparably united for ever. Man's being in God, this is Heaven. And we draw close to Heaven, indeed, we enter Heaven to the extent that we draw close to Jesus and enter into communion with him. For this reason today's Solemnity of the Ascension invites us to be in profound communion with the dead and Risen Jesus, invisibly present in the life of each one of us.

~ Pope Benedict XVI, Homily, May 24, 2009

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Why Are You Standing There?

At the ascension of Jesus, two angels dressed in white garments stood beside the apostles and asked, "Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky?" (Acts 1: 11a) For all of God's disciples, this is what the angels may have meant to say. You know who you are, faithful people of the Lord. You know what you are purposed to do.

You have heard God's plan for you. Do not stand idle. Go. It is time to move on. Roll up your sleeves. Serve and work. Live up to your identity and purpose. The Lord Jesus Christ did not come to call the righteous but the sinners, the ignorant the poor, the unchurched. He had come for the lost and wayward sheep. Surely they could be in gilded cathedrals and churches, in big mansions and gated communities, in the ivory towers of learned men and scholars.

But they are also in business and market places, in the bustling streets of cities and towns and slums, in the darkened corners of forgotten and forsaken places. Or as Pope Francis has so famously said we should be "shepherds living with the smell of the sheep." The exalted Christ ascended to the Father, he invites all of us to be "his witnesses to the ends of the earth," "to go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations."



Community News

This Sunday's Counsel

THEME:

We build God's kingdom when we are peacemakers.

PROMISE:

"When you send forth your spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth." (Ps 104:30)

WORD:

Acts 2:1-11/ Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34/ 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13/ Jn 20:19-23

ORDER:

- *"Receive the Holy Spirit."* (Jn 20:22)

DIRECTIONS:

- Avail of the Sacrament of Reconciliation regularly.
- Be reconciled with our brothers and sisters.
- Persevere in prayers.
- Use your gifts and bear fruits.



Peace In Practice

REFLECTION:

Peace be with you! What does "peace" mean in the context of John's gospel? Here are five characteristics of peace in today's readings that we ought to embrace and practice:

One, genuineness of faith or belief (cf. 1 Peter 1:7). It means believing that Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, reveals God to us in and through the Catholic Church and community. Our present global situation is creating panic or uncertainty throughout the world. However, what Covid-19 could not do is to stop us from exercising the genuineness of our faith. It has paved the way for us to reconnect with our Triune God through our daily individual and family prayers, community worship and mass on live streaming.

Two, readiness to receive, or being open in our spirit to God (cf. John 20:22). It means allowing Jesus Christ to enter our lives in response to his invitation, *"Here I am, knocking at the door of your heart, if anyone opens the door, I will enter his house and have communion*



with him." (Rev. 3:20). There is only one condition for us to experience His peace and be saved. We have to open the door. God will never force His way into our will for His patience knows no bound. God will definitely wait for us until we respond to His invitation to be united with Him, with our family, and with community, in spirit and in truth.

Three, forgiveness of self and others (cf. John 20:23). Forgive oneself before you can forgive others. A brother in community has shared how he underwent a major struggle in forgiving himself before he attained peace in his life. He narrates: "During my first 10 years in the renewal, I experienced many sleepless nights because of my dark past. I could hear voices blaming me for doing this and doing that...calling me names, etc. Forgiving others came easy because, in reality, it was I who caused their unforgiveness."

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Tending the Flock

Holy Spirit Brings Harmony And Unity



At today's frenzied pace of life, harmony seems swept aside. Pulled in a thousand directions, we run the risk of nervous exhaustion and so we react badly to everything. Then we look for the quick fix, popping one pill after another to keep going, one thrill after another to feel alive. But more than anything else, we need the Spirit: he brings order to our frenzy. The Spirit is peace in the midst of restlessness, confidence in the midst of discouragement, joy in sadness, youth in aging, courage in the hour of trial. Amid the stormy currents of life, he lowers the anchor of hope. As Saint Paul tells us today, the Spirit keeps us from falling back into fear, for he makes us realize that we are beloved children (cf. Rom 8:15). He is the Consoler, who brings us the tender love of God. Without the Spirit, our Christian life unravels, lacking the love that brings everything together. Without the Spirit, Jesus remains a personage from the past; with the Spirit, he is a person alive in our own time. Without the Spirit, Scripture is a dead letter; with the Spirit it is a word of life. A Christianity without the Spirit is joyless moralism; with the Spirit, it is life.

The Holy Spirit does not bring only harmony within us but also among us. He makes us Church, building different parts into one harmonious edifice. Saint Paul explains this well when, speaking of the Church, he often repeats a single word, "variety": varieties of gifts, varieties of services, varieties of activities (1 Cor 12:4-6). We differ in the variety of our qualities and gifts. The Holy Spirit distributes them creatively, so that they are not all identical. On the basis of this variety, he builds unity.

~ Pope Francis, Excerpt from Homily, June 9, 2019

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Four, devote oneself in prayer and study of the teachings of the Apostles (cf. Acts 2:42) and the word of God, as well as in our community worship services, teachings and other related activities. Prayer is not about whether God hears us or not, but to continue praying until God listens to us. All these help one go through a renewal of mind and heart. The church and community are also source of enlightenment to understand that Jesus Christ truly

died for our sins. By nature, man is disobedient because of pride and greed. Thus, the only way we might conquer our worldliness is to abide and submit ourselves to His word. Indeed, there is peace in our life when we rest on God's word.

Five, Jesus declared, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you" (Jn 20:21). Then he breathed on them the Holy Spirit. The last characteristic is to devote oneself to communal life – mission work, in order to promote true love and peace. All of us have a calling to share God's di-

vine life, through the empowerment of the Holy Spirit. We have to remember that sometimes, we are the only bible some unbelievers will ever read. Sharing God's divine life means to possess generosity, compassion, kindness, as a pre-requisite to uphold love and peace. We cannot do this on our own, but always, through the action of the Holy Spirit, Jesus' gift to us, to enable us to believe and accept His Kingship, for "we were all given to drink of one Spirit." (1 Cor.12:13c)

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God's Blessings

Birthday

Jay Edralin	5/29	Rolly Pascua	5/31
Cita Villaluz	5/29	Art Monta	6/1
Renato Madarang	5/30	Connie Cipriaso	6/2
Toto Lemon	6/2		

Anniversary

Gene & Leleng Del Carmen	5/29
Rizal & Linda Mijares	5/29
Fr. Paul Lehman	5/29
Mike & Jing Nieveras	5/29
Chito & Aileen Ciocon	6/3
Jomar & Teena Janolo	6/3

Pentecost

After his resurrection Jesus "breathed" on his disciples and gave them the Holy Spirit. Just as God breathed life into Adam, so the gift of the Holy Spirit is an impartation of "new life" for his people. With the gift of the Holy Spirit a new creation begins. God recreates us for his glory. Jesus' gift of peace to his disciples was more than an absence of trouble. His peace included the forgiveness of sins and the fullness of everything good. Do you want power to live a faith-filled life as a disciple of Jesus? Ask the Father to fill you with the power of his Holy Spirit (Lk 11:13).



The Lord Jesus offers each one of us the gift and power of his Holy Spirit. He wants to make our faith strong, give us hope that endures, and a love that never grows cold. He never refuses to give his Spirit to those who ask with expectant faith. Jesus instructed his disciples to ask confidently for the gift of the Spirit: "If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!" (Lk 11:13). Do you thirst for God and for the abundant life he offers through the gift of his Spirit?

"Lord Jesus, I thank you for the gift of Pentecost and for the new life you offer in the Holy Spirit. Fill me with your Holy Spirit and set my heart ablaze with the fire of your love that I may serve you in joy and freedom."

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