



BLD Trenton



Community News

This Sunday's Counsel

THEME:

We follow Jesus as the way to the Father when we forgive and receive the peace of the Holy Spirit.

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, 29-30, 31, 34/ 1 Cor 12: 3b-7, 12-13/ Jn 20: 19-23

ORDER:

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

DIRECTIONS:

- Be at peace with yourself and be reconciled with the Lord.
- Actively use the gifts of the Holy Spirit and be fruitful.
- Continue to be renewed by the Holy Spirit.

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Actively Receive The Spirit

REFLECTION:

"Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." (Jn 20:22-23)

From our Gospel reading tonight, receive the Holy Spirit, receive the Paraclete that our good and merciful Father has sent down for our salvation with our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I'm glad we all listen and follow the Holy Spirit, it is the Spirit that leads us to worship and good works. Which brings us to the Orders tonight which is to, *"Receive the Holy Spirit"*. It is a direct order not just to receive the Holy Spirit, but to actively receive and live in the Spirit. Please take note of the word *"actively"*. This is a call to make full use of the gifts of the Spirit not only for ourselves to be holy, but to go further out of our comfort zones. To be challenged, to go way out of our way to help someone in need just like the good Samaritan who cared for a fallen brother.



Which brings us to our Directions: 1.) Be at peace with yourself and be reconciled with the Lord; 2.) Actively use the gifts of the Holy Spirit and be fruitful and 3.) Continue to be renewed by the Holy Spirit.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, we all need to recognize that before we can save and lead the fallen, the people in need, we first need to be reconciled for our own sins, the blind cannot lead the blind. We need to be at peace with ourselves and be reconciled with our Lord. And going back to the word, *"actively"*, we need to make full use of the gifts we have received not for our benefit but for the benefit of our brothers and sisters, From the second reading tonight:

"There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone." My

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Tending the Flock

Baptism Of The Church

The Solemnity of Pentecost which we are celebrating today concludes the liturgical season of Easter. In fact, the paschal mystery — the passion, death and resurrection of Christ and his ascension into Heaven — finds its fulfillment in the powerful outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles gathered together with Mary, Mother of the Lord, and the other disciples. It was the *"baptism"* of the Church, baptism in the Holy Spirit (cf. Acts 1:5). As the Acts of the Apostles recount, on the morning of the feast of Pentecost, a noise as of wind burst into the Upper Room and tongues of fire, as it were, came to rest upon each of the disciples (cf. Acts 2:2-3). St. Gregory the Great commented: *"Today, the Holy Spirit has come down upon the disciples with an unexpected sound and changed the minds of carnal beings within his love; and while he appeared externally in tongues of fire, their hearts blazed within them, because in receiving God in the vision of fire, they burned gently with love"* (Hom. in Evang. XXX, 1: CCL 141, 256). God's voice divinized the human language of the Apostles who were enabled to proclaim the one divine Word in a *"polyphonic"* manner. The breath of the

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An Invitation

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND
JUNE 9 - 11, 2023

Ave Maria Retreat House
The National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa
654 Ferry Road Doylestown, PA 18901

Free Registration
Meals and Accommodation To be Provided

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God's Blessings

Birthday

Wendell Lumapas	5/26	Cita Villaluz	5/29
Linda Mabutas	5/27	Renato Madarang	5/30
Lolit Manuel	5/27	Rolly Pascua	5/31
Jay Edralin	5/29	Art Monta	6/1

Anniversary


Eric & Dritz Mance	5/28
Gene & Leleng Del Carmen	5/29
Rizal & Linda Mijares	5/29
Mike & Jing Nieveras	5/29

Who Are You Gonna Call (or Text)?

For Mama Mary's visit - Beth Felibrico 732-995-7407
For Prayer Service - Mary Anne Arias 732-688-3962

*How manifold are your works, O Lord!
the earth is full of your creatures;
my God, you are great indeed!*

Last Week's Prophecies

- *My child, I love you. Do you trust Me? I have created you in my image and likeness. I know your weaknesses and strengths and that your strengths are far more than your weaknesses. Go forth and be fruitful.*

- *Why? Why would you be scared? Why would you have doubt? There's nothing impossible to Me. Continue to work in My vineyard, and I will be with you always.*
- *I am your Way. I am your Truth. I am your Life. Come and follow Me.*
- *Your words will never be enough until you witness your love for Me and others, especially the poor, not only out of obedience but your responsibility as My true disciple.*

Contagious Faith



When the Gospel is lived in its fullness, we do not turn in on ourselves, but bear witness to the faith by making it become a contagious faith. Our passion for evangelization is born in this way. Let us prepare to receive the Holy Spirit this coming Pentecost, and ask Him for that grace, the grace of apostolic courage, the grace to evangelize, to always carry the message of Jesus forward.

If we find ourselves in a moment of trial, the Holy Spirit consoles us, bringing us God's pardon and strength. And when he places our errors before us and corrects us, he does so gently – there is always the timbre of tenderness and the warmth of love in his voice that speaks to the heart.

~ Pope Francis

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Holy Spirit fills the universe, generates faith, leads to truth, and predisposes people to unity. "At this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in his own language" of "the mighty works of God" (Acts 2: 6,11).

~ Pope Benedict XVI

Angelus Message, June 12, 2011

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brothers and sisters in Christ, we have all received the Holy Spirit and His wonderful gifts; let us all be bold and brave to use these gifts, let us not shrink and fear of being ridiculed for our faith. Let us continue to be renewed and be surprised as Pope Francis exhorted during his Pentecost homily, continue to be surprised by the Holy Spirit to boldly go beyond our comfort zones. We all need to remember and relive that evening during our Life in the Spirit Seminar, that powerful encounter that changed our lives. That renewal and recommitment to the Holy Spirit and to the will of our Father.

I would now like to share a prayer that is normally said for Pentecost, it is called the *Golden Sequence, Veni*

Sanctus Spiritus:

*Come, Holy Spirit, come!
And from your celestial home
Shed a ray of light divine!
Come, Father of the poor!
Come, source of all our store!
Come, within our bosoms shine.
You, of comforters the best;
You, the soul's most welcome guest;
Sweet refreshment here below;
In our labor, rest most sweet;
Grateful coolness in the heat;
Solace in the midst of woe.
O most blessed Light divine,
Shine within these hearts of yours,
And our inmost being fill!*

*Where you are not, we have naught,
Nothing good in deed or thought,
Nothing free from taint of ill.
Heal our wounds, our strength renew;
On our dryness pour your dew;
Wash the stains of guilt away;
Bend the stubborn heart and will;
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;
Guide the steps that go astray.
On the faithful, who adore
And confess you, evermore
In your sevenfold gift descend;
Give them virtue's sure reward;
Give them your salvation, Lord;
Give them joys that never end. Amen.
Alleluia.*