## 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.

## **Baptism Of The Church**

the The Solemnity of Pentecost which we are celebrating today con-Flock cludes 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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**Actively Receive The Spirit** 

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## **REFLECTION:**

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

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From our Gospel reading tonight, receive the Holv 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 <u>"actively</u>". 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.

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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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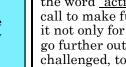
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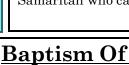
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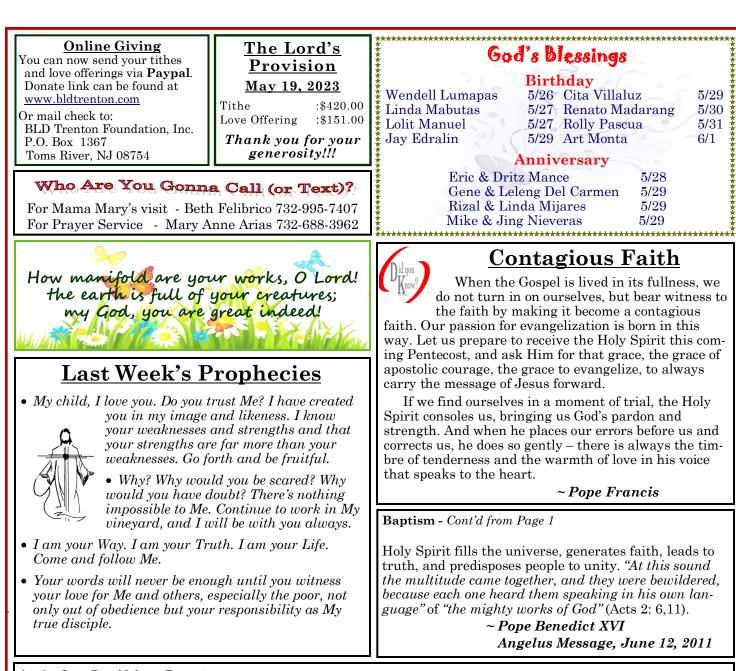
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brothers and sisters in Christ, we have all received the Holy Spirit and His wonderful gifts; let us all be bold and brave to use these gifts, let us not shrink and fear of being ridiculed for our faith. Let us continue to be renewed and be surprised 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.