

The Parishes of

Saint Mary in Bremen &

Saint Bernadette in Lancaster



Pentecost depicted in miniature on a page in a 14th-century Missal

The Feast of Pentecost

May 20, 2018

St Bernadette Parish

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St Mary Parish

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cover picture: **Pentecost as depicted in miniature on the page of a 14th-century Missal from England**

This miniature depiction in an illuminated letter from a small portion of the page from a manuscript (hand written book) painted (between about 1310-1320) on parchment by an unknow author in East Anglia, England. It is now kept in the National Library of Wales.

Some artistic representations show the Twelve Apostles as the recipients of the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Here, instead, we see Mary the Mother of the Lord with the apostle Peter (identifiable by the keys in his hand) sitting next to her and a small group of the other disciples.

our parishes

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Angels Nurture & Disciple (AND) [www . angelsAND . org](http://www.angelsAND.org)

sacramental life

Where

Our parishes are where Catholics worship. We can receive the Anointing of the Sick at any appropriate place from the appropriate minister. First reception of Eucharist and of Penance as well as reception of Baptism, Confirmation, and Matrimony may only be **in one's own parish church**, unless with good reason the pastor deems it **necessary** to do otherwise.

Baptism

To have a child baptized, parents must register and attend a class as a couple (unless attendance just isn't possible, in which case some discussion with Kathy Kehnast will be necessary). Sessions are held quarterly for both parishes. Try to attend before the child is born. If you are expecting or if you somehow haven't gotten around to having an older child baptized, call Kathy to make plans now.

Please don't ask if you "have to go." This is an opportunity to meet with parents of children about the same age as your little one; those parents are in the same wonderful boat as you are.

At least one parent must be a practicing Catholic. Both godparents need to be practicing Catholics. If you don't **attend Sunday Mass regularly (a major component of being a practicing Catholic!)**, there is something you can do about it: Start coming to Sunday Mass.

Penance

The priest is available for Penance

- at St Bernadette Saturdays at 3 PM and Thursdays at 5:30 PM, and
- at St Mary Bremen on Sunday at 8 AM.

Every Catholic priest is **available whenever there is a need**. There are Penance opportunities for St Bernadette School children four times in the year so that they will learn the beauty of frequent confession. The Church's law requires us to receive the Penance at least once a year.

Anointing and Care of the Sick

The priest gives the Anointing of the Sick to one who is dangerously ill, facing major surgery, or suffering from the ravages of old age.

- We celebrate the sacrament communally at a Sunday Mass before Advent and during the Easter season so that we can all pray with you **for "health of mind and body."**
- The priest brings Penance, Anointing, and Holy Communion to the sick or shut in. It is very helpful to call the parish office to let us know before a hospitalization or when it has been too long since the sacraments were last available.

Holy Matrimony

Couples wishing to marry should contact the parish office six months before a wedding. Why so long? Because **this sacrament, not just the ceremony, requires serious preparation**. And the Church needs to be involved in that preparation. Catholics who marry outside the Church have left the sacramental life and need to change that situation before receiving the other sacraments. The Church needs to **support couples through the years of married life**. That's why our diocese offers programs to enhance married life. To learn about these programs, watch the weekly bulletin.

At Prayer with the Church

The Church Prays at Mass Today

Almighty ever-living God,
 who willed the Paschal Mystery
 to be encompassed as a sign in fifty days,
 grant that from out of the scattered nations
 the confusion of many tongues
 may be gathered by heavenly grace
 into one great confession of your name.
 Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
 who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, for ever and ever.

Mass Intentions This Week

May 21, Monday	8:20 AM	St Bernadette	Tommy Hartung
May 22, Tuesday	8:20 AM	Bremen St Mary	AND (Angels/Nurture/ Disciple) on their patronal feast day
May 23, Wednesday	8:20 AM	St Bernadette	Edward Kukla
May 24, Thursday	8:20 AM	St Bernadette	5 th Grade Mass Buddies on the last day of school!
	6 PM	St Bernadette	Wilford & Loretta Beiter
May 25, Friday	8:20 AM	St Bernadette	Agnes Gins

Hear God's Word

May 20 Pentecost Sunday	Acts 1 Cor	2:1-11 12:3-13	Ps 104	John 20:19-23
May 21, Monday <i>Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church (a brand new feast day!)</i>	Genesis	3:9-20	Ps 87	John 19:25-34
May 22, Tuesday <i>St Rita of Cascia, Patroness of AND</i>	James	4:1-10	Ps 55	Mark 9:30-37
May 23, Wednesday	James	4:13-17	Ps 49	Mark 9:38-40
May 24, Thursday	James	5:1-6	Ps 49	Mark 9:41-50
May 25, Friday <i>St Bede, doctor of the Church; Pope St Gregory VII; St Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi</i>	James	5:9-12	Ps 103	Mark 10:1-12
May 26, Saturday <i>St Philip Neri, priest</i>	James	5:13-20	Ps 141	Mark 10:13-16
May 27 The Most Holy Trinity	Deut Rom	4:32-40 8:14-17	Ps 33	Matt 28:16-20

Pope Francis Asks Us ...

to pray during May
 that the lay faithful may fulfill their specific mission,
 by responding with creativity
 to the challenges that face the world today.

May is Mary's Month

Mary is the mother *par excellence!* She is the Mother of God and our Mother. It is a **month of new life and of hope**. That fits. So, in May we will pray her Rosary Sunday morning

- at St Mary Parish (*her* parish) before 8:30 AM Mass.
- at St Bernadette Parish (*her young friend's* parish) before 11 AM Mass.

Why Not Stretch out This Feast of Pentecost?

The day of Pentecost is a good day for the Church to sing “**Happy Birthday**” to herself, to say “**Happy Anniversary**” to all the confirmed, to wish a “**Happy Feast Day**” to Catholic charismatics. It is also a day for our RCIA newcomers to breathe a sigh of relief: these brand new Catholics, who have now completed their program of learning and prayer as they have entered the Church at Easter and basked in their newfound participation in the sacramental life through the Easter season, can finally reclaim their Sunday evenings after a year of weekly gatherings. But I think there may be something more that we can make of this Pentecost day. And I think it just might mark the beginning of a big difference for parishioners in our two parishes. Maybe it would make a difference in your life.

Let's all of us make today **the first day of the new season of Christian Initiation**. The RCIA (Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults) marks by ritual several of the steps on the way to entry into the Church. I would like to declare today the day we begin praying, thinking about, and talking to next year's Easter entrants into the Catholic Church. What better day than Pentecost, the day of the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Church, to begin the coming year's project of Evangelization! This is the day the Spirit empowered the Church to go out to all the world and tell the Good News. Isn't it a good day to begin prayer, thought, and talking with/to/about our friends and neighbors, getting them ready for the RCIA class that will begin in late Summer?

Too shy for that kind of thing? Get over it! You are a Christian, aren't you? This is what Christians do. They tell the Good News. They do it respectfully, gently, and as intelligently as they can. But they do it! If you care about a person, you care about her or his eternal salvation. God can save people outside of membership in our Church. But the Church, since she provides her members with the sacraments, is the way the Lord Jesus has given to us as the ordinary means for us to receive that salvation. To neglect to share that gift is to neglect something your friend or neighbor or spouse may need. Start today.

Prayer for Our Diocese

Good and gracious God, we praise and we thank you for the many graces that you have showered upon us over the past 150 years in this Diocese of Columbus.

You have brought together faithful men and women from many cultures, races, and ethnic groups, and through your Son, Jesus Christ, and in the Holy Spirit, have molded them into one Catholic Church.

With gratitude, we remember those who have gone before us for their commitment, prayer, and work. We honor their inheritance with our own devotion to the Faith and with a desire to pass it on to another generation.

We give thanks as well for all those devoted clergy, religious brothers and sisters, and lay people who have served the diocese so well.

Through the continued gift of your love and wisdom, stir up in us a lively faith, a devotion to the worship of your great name, and a desire to serve others, as we await in hope the great day of the coming again of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

For 150 years, you, O God, have been our guide and inspiration. We beseech you to remain with us on this journey of life and faith.

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Both Parishes

The Sacraments of Initiation !

Pray for our parishioners who this Easter Season have received the Sacraments of Initiation:

received into full Communion of the Catholic Church and confirmed
from **St Bernadette** Savannah Dalton

confirmed

from St Bernadette	Jane Uhl	
Olivia Carbol	Susan Craaybeek	Alexis Cymanski
Eve Darfus	Sam Finck	Mary Frazier
Leo Gauerke	Hunter Jamison	Katelyn Jarrell
Joshua Latorre	Olivia McCormick	Nick Pechar
Brennan Quaintance	Luke Sharp	Emily Taylor
Jack Tencza	Brooke Vogel	Diana Woo

from **Bremen St Mary** Brooke Holt

received Holy Communion for the first time

from **St Bernadette**

Ellie Barringer	Ella Reed	Ella Sanford
Flora Woo	Christopher Fitzgibbon	

from **Bremen St Mary**

Kara Borah	Christopher Springer	Mason Holt
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Also pray for several others who are at various stages of preparation for entry into the Church later. And pray for the grace for yourself to welcome and invite others to the sacramental life!

Catholic Communications Campaign

This Sunday at Mass we collect for the Catholic Communications Campaign. This campaign connects people with Christ, here and around the world in developing countries, through the internet, television, radio, and print media. And fifty percent of funds collected remain in our diocese to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the gospel message. To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/cc.

Bremen St Mary Parish

Vacation Church School

St Mary Parish will host children from parishes all over our area for a week of fun, learning, and prayer at a very special Vacation Church School again this summer, on the evenings of June 18-22, at **Schmelzer's Grove**. Anyone (from either parish!) interested in helping should contact Sarah Borah at (740) 569-7738.

Memorial Day at Sacred Heart Cemetery

We will celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at 10:30 AM on Memorial Day, May 28, at Sacred Heart Cemetery, a few miles south of Bremen. Many of our ancestors or loved ones are buried there; still more have received the sacraments there over the past 160-some years. **You don't have to have relatives associated with Sacred Heart to join us for the Mass.** You just have to have loved ones buried somewhere. It wouldn't hurt to come if you have someone who died in the service of our country whom you wish to memorialize on Memorial Day. And it is a good idea to bring a folding lawn chair.

There is a fallback location for Mass; in case of really bad weather, we will meet at the pavilion at Schmelzer's Grove.

Many Years of Love!

We have heard about some big round-numbered wedding anniversaries soon to be celebrated by our parishioners. Please congratulate these folks. You could do that by sending them a card. You could do that by just dropping a card in the offertory basket at Mass at either parish. We will deliver it.

- Richard & Virginia Boch celebrated the sacrament 70 years ago, on June 1, 1948.
- John & Mary Eleanor Schmelzer have been married for 65 years, since May 30, 1953.

Both couples have been an inspiration to so many of us!

Ministry at Mass at St Mary

+	lector	servers	extraordinary ministers of Communion	gifts	sacristan / usher
Pentecost May 20 at 8:30 AM	Susan Foltz	Brooke Holt, Carly Kunkler	Neil Boch, Wyatt Borah, Susan Foltz	John Schoenlaub family	Ralph Mohler
Most Holy Trinity May 27 at 8:30 AM	Paul Kunkler	Alex Schmelzer, Jillian Wilkinson	Irene Kunkler, Pam Redding, Dismas Schmelzer	Paul Kunkler family	Chris Redding

St Bernadette Parish

Ministry at Mass at St Bernadette

+	lector	servers	extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion
Saturday, May 19 at 4 PM Vigil of Pentecost	Brad Rider	Kendall Cox, Becca Fuller, Joey Mannella	Terry Carpenter Marguerite Grimm Lee Guinan Kathy Kehnst Denise McGuire Mickey Steyaert
Sunday May 20 at 11 AM Pentecost	Amy Woo	Gunner Robertson, Diana & Sarah Woo	Larry Sanford Teresa Scarpitti Anna Seigny David Shonk Mary Jane Vajen Becky Wickham
Monday, 8:20 AM	Mary Jane Vajen	Isabelle Lazar Daschel Neighbor	Pat Dreyer Kathy Kehnst
Wednesday, 8:20 AM	Bob Christy	Morgan Cox Kyndra Nagle	Angie Christy Mary Jane Vajen
Thursday, 8:20 AM	Robin Sanders	Mass on Last Day of School	Pamela Eltringham Angie Kerns Denise McGuire
Thursday, 6 PM	Kathy Kehnst	Silus Hopkins Hyde O'Rielley	Lee Guinan Paul Loneragan
Friday, 8:20 PM	Jim Merk	Olivia Reynolds Amelia Robertson	Rita Merk Mary Jane Vajen
Saturday May 26 at 4 PM Vigil of Holy Trinity	Marguerite Grimm	Mallory, Mason & Mitchell Ortiz	Bob & Angie Christy Susan Garrett Kathy Kehnst Jim & Becky Kuhn
May 27 at 11 AM Holy Trinity	Patrick Gins	Collin & Emma McCrady, Caroline Messerly	Tara Craayabeek Pat Dreyer John & Teresa Hartig Rita Merk Ben Peters

Thank You

The Lancaster Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society has sent a nice note to the parishioners of St Bernadette thanking us for sharing with them the local portion of the Rice Bowl collection for the poor during Lent. These funds enable the Society to help many people in the community who are living on small fixed incomes. Thanks to all who contributed.

Around Central Ohio

Mass of Healing

A Mass of Healing will be celebrated on Monday, May 21, at 6:30 PM, at St Joseph Cathedral. During this Marian month, the Mass of “**Mary, Health of the Sick**” will be celebrated. Following Mass, a healing service will begin with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and veneration of relics of the True Cross. Each person has an opportunity to speak individually with one of the priests present to discuss his or her particular situation and receive a prayer of healing; the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is available for practicing Catholics. The healing service ends with Benediction. All persons who seek Christ’s healing are invited—especially those who suffer with physical illness and infirmities and those seeking emotional and spiritual healing. Caregivers, family members, and members of the medical community are invited. Healing Masses are celebrated at the Cathedral on the 3rd Monday of alternating months. For information call (614) 224-1295.

Jubilee of Marriages

Bishop Campbell is inviting couples **married at least 25 years and celebrating an anniversary divisible by 5 ... and**, in fact, any couple **married more than 60** years is invited to the Jubilee of Anniversaries to be held at 2:30 PM on Sunday, June 24, at St Andrew Church in Upper Arlington. The occasion will begin with Mass followed by a reception. Registration forms are available through the parish or register online at columbuscatholic.org/marriage-ministry-1 or by calling the Marriage & Family Life Office at (614) 241-2560 x 5. RSVP by Wednesday, June 13: Names of couples registering before June 13 will be featured in the event program and *The Catholic Times*. Other couples will receive their certificate in the mail after the event.

Diocesan Senior Citizens Celebration

Bishop Campbell **will honor senior citizens** on Tuesday, June 19, at 10:30 AM at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Grove City. He will celebrate Mass. A luncheon will follow. To register, send a check for \$15 by June 14 to the Office for Social Concerns, Diocese of Columbus, 197 E Gay Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215. For information, call (614) 241-2540 or email socmailbox@columbuscatholic.org.

Pilgrimage to Alabama

St Gabriel Radio’s pilgrimage **to EWTN and the Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament** in Alabama is filling up. Bus transportation, lodging, tours, and meals are all included. The bus leaves from 4747 Sawmill Road on Wednesday, June 27, at 7 AM and returns on Saturday, June 30, at 6 PM. For information or to register, go to the radio website or contact colleenl @ stgabrielradio.com or (614) 459-4820.

Irish Alumni Golf

Alumni of St. Mary, Bishop Fenwick and Fisher Catholic High Schools will play at Pleasant Valley Golf Course on Saturday, June 9, at 9 AM at \$150 per team. For information and to check availability contact Molly Neighbor at (740) 654-1231 or mneighbor@cducation.org.

Weekly Confessions & Masses

But these times sometimes change, so call ahead!							
parish	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Penance
Bremen St Mary		8:20 AM					8 AM Sun
Lancaster St Bernadette	8:20 AM		8:20 AM	6 PM	8:20 AM	9 AM 1 st Sat	5:30 PM Thu, 3 PM Sat, 8:30 AM on 1 st Sat
<i>Lancaster St Mary</i>	7 AM	9 AM	7 AM	9 AM			4 PM Sat
<i>Lancaster St Mark</i>	8 AM	8 AM	6 PM	8 AM	8 AM		5:30 PM Sat
<i>Sugar Grove St Joseph</i>	VARIES	12 PM	7 AM	12 PM	12PM		½ hour before Mass
<i>Circleville St Joseph</i>	9 AM	7 AM	9 AM		9 AM		4 PM Sat
<i>Logan St John</i>	8 AM	8 AM	9 AM		8 AM	9 AM	4 PM Sat

Catholic Men’s Luncheon Club

On Friday, June 1, the last Catholic Men’s Luncheon Club for this Spring (no luncheons in July & August) will feature a talk by Deacon Chris Campbell of Immaculate Conception Parish. Deacon Campbell’s day job is principal of Bishop Watterson High School. He will speak about **Catholic education**. The men will meet at St Patrick Church in downtown Columbus for Mass at 11:45 AM, to be followed by lunch at 12:10 PM and Deacon Campbell’s talk. Reservations are not necessary; \$10 covers the lunch and meeting. Bring a friend. For information on Catholic men’s luncheons, visit www.catholicmensministry.com/cmlc or contact George Harvey, CMLC President at GLHarvey56@gmail.com.

Giving Birth and Giving Life

Angels Nurture and Disciple, AND is a new pro-life ministry that aims to inspire, empower, and facilitate significant improvement in the educational, career, financial, and spiritual well-being of single mothers who have chosen life for their unborn child. **AND**’s programs extend to women who desire and seek change but don’t have the support available to them to make transcendent change a reality. Each woman who seeks to enroll in **AND** is matched with a mentor who walks with her for two years, providing positive role modeling as a woman, mother, and child of God. **AND** is in significant need or volunteers and supporters. To support or volunteer, visit www.angelsand.org or call Tim Welsh at 614-419-6985. Whether you have 1 hour @ month or 10, there is a need for you. Every mother is a gift to her baby; help **AND** show her just how much.

#didyouknow?

The poverty rate of single mothers is twice as high as that of single fathers. **AND** is transforming single motherhood. Will you join us?



Prayer Intentions for May, 2018

Please pray for the sick and those in need of healing, especially:

Angie	Abel	Deacon Paul	Deshaies	Chuck	Huston	Patty	Mohler	Barb	Smelzer
Mark	Amato	Barbara & Joe	Difilippo	Debbie	Hyme-Bixler	Gabriel	Moore	Tom	Smith
Nancy	Bailey	Olivia Grace	Dreyer	Becky	Jewel	Daniel	Morris	Helen, Sue	
Sr. Sharen	Baldy	Cooper, Dylan,		Jim	Jewett	Betty Carol	Moschetta	& Nicole,	Smith
Luke	Ball	& Rachel	Echard	Leon & Mary	Johnson	Patrick	Murnane	Mary Lee	Snoke
Heather	Baskin	Anthony	Ellis	Theresa	Juncewicz	Louie	Niemann	Deb	Stinehelfer
Jolene	Beatty	Betty	Estep	DeAnn	Kirkwood	Lynda	O'Brien	Debbie	Stollenwerk
Christen	Beck	Brooke	Evans	Greg	Klopfner	Ava	O'Dell	David	Strohmeier
Anthony &		Bill	Fisher	Stacy	Knight	George	Palmer	Marci	Studer
Tracie	Binetti	Laura Fox	Fonseca	Carol	Knotts	Aubree	Parsons	Jeff	Stuyvesant
Barron & Rita	Black	Mike	Ford	Tiffany	Kohler	Mary	Rice-Patt	Jenny	Sutherland
Joan	Black	Meredith	Frear	Steven	Kress	Zane	Peters	Jennifer	Swinehart
Toni	Blanchard	Regina	Gallagher	Kelly	Lambert	Karen	Phillips	Clark	Thurmond
Sharon	Bloom	Christine	Gentry	Samantha	Lamp	Kate	Prentice	Rose	Trout
Hayden	Brothers	Jim	Griffith	Edna	Lee	Norman	Ream	Allen & Betty	Underwood
Marcie	Brown	Marilyn	Haag	Adrienne	Leith	Donna & Bill	Roark	Michelle	Unger
Kathleen	Butler	Donte	Hall	Nina	Lombardo	Tony	Ross	Derek	Upp
Aaron	Capretta	Becky	Hams	Barbara	Lorey	David	Roundhouse	Mary Jane	Vajen
Milissa	Casto	Pat	Hanna	Brian	Mahon	Vivian	Rowntree	Robert	Waits
Tate	Chancey	Luke	Hay	Helen	Manuel	Sam	Runco	Bea	Ward
Ray	Clark	Timothy	Heck	Nancy	Mason	Keary	Ryan	Phil	Weldon
Jeanne	Corsi	Julia &		Larry	Mattox	Brent	Sanford	Elizabeth	Wellington
Jennifer	Craiglow	Mark	Hedges	Susan	McClellan	Teresa	Scarpitti	Matthew,	
Deacon Bob	Crook	Jodi	Hill	David &		Shirley	Schambach	Michael	
Irene	D'Amore	Doug & Paul	Hockman	Tommy	Meyer	Matt	Schmelzer	& Scott	Whitehead
Jim & Pat	Darfus	Ashlee &		Bob & Shirley	Miller	Les & Loren	Schmelzer	Carl	Wickham
Denny	Daugherty	Phyllis	Hunt	Fran & Rod	Miller	Kayla	Shaw	Sharon	Willis
Dolores	DeFillippo	Isaiah	Hurd	Susan	Minturn	Sherri	Sheets	Rose	Wilson
Rosalie	DeFillippo							Peter	Yanuzzi

Parishioners have also asked that we pray ...

- for all the deceased, and for the comfort and consolation of their families
- for an increase in vocations
- for guidance for Pope Francis, Bishop Campbell, Father Kessler, and all our clergy and religious leaders
- that Mary, the Holy Mother of God, will continue to care for our parish and lead us to her Son
- with praise and thanksgiving to God for the gift of the Resurrection!

Please contact the parish office at 654-1893 or stberparish @ yahoo . com to keep this list current.

Bishop's Annual Appeal: 2nd Report

BAA 2018 week 2	families	participating	pledged	average gift	paid	BAA goal
St Bernadette	450	88	\$27,540	\$ 313	\$11,435	\$36,305
% of goal		20%	76%		31%	
St Mary	135	28	\$12,055	\$431	\$6,855	\$13,121
% of goal		21%	92%		52%	
Diocese			\$1,940,214			\$6,750,000
% of goal			29%			

The BAA is a diocesan appeal for financial support. Your gift to the BAA will directly support these critical areas of need:

- Catholic education for our children through tuition assistance, capital repair grants for high schools, and operating aid for schools.
- The education and formation of seminarians discerning and answering the call to the priesthood.
- The vital work of serving parish catechetical leaders in parish and school religious education programs.
- Marriage preparation and enrichment programs supporting the vocation of traditional marriage, natural family planning programs, and family faith formation events.
- The formation and ministry of permanent deacons in our diocese.
- The education, spiritual cultivation, and evangelization of our multi-ethnic Catholic communities and the parishes serving them.

Sharing His Love, Encouraging Hope

- The coordination of all liturgies presided at by Bishop Campbell, and sponsorship of diocesan events such as the Rite of Election and adult Confirmation.
- Unified programs for youth and young adult ministry that deepen the faith and involvement of our younger generations.

Appeal Prayer

Gracious and loving God, we are ever grateful for the many gifts which you have bestowed upon us.

We are especially thankful, dear Father, for the gift of your Son, Jesus. May his Sacred Heart help us to know your infinite love for us, and may it give us the courage to continue his work in the world by **sharing his love and encouraging hope**.

We pray that you will help us all respond to your love by imitating your generosity, as we consider the needs of all those living in our diocese.

May we touch the lives and hearts of others by our participation in this appeal.

May you send your Holy Spirit to dwell with us always, so that all we say and do will give you fitting praise. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

In the Unity of the Holy Spirit

What does the Holy Spirit do? We should not forget that he is our unity. **A very dynamic unity** indeed!

Today, the Solemnity of Pentecost, is the day to recall the gift of the Holy Spirit. It is one of the biggest of all the feasts of the Church. On the list with Easter and Ascension, Christmas and Epiphany. It's a big day.

The gift the Holy Spirit was to the Church on that great Pentecost morning, fifty days after the resurrection of Easter Sunday morning, enabled a rag-tag band of disciples, so recently demoralized and bewildered, to speak up about the message of Jesus and to speak the message about Jesus (what he said about life and what he said about himself). And their speaking up was itself a gift, the Holy Spirit's gift of enabling them to be heard in whatever language they would need to be heard in, wherever they would go, anywhere in the world. Everywhere in the world. He energized his previously rag-tag gathering of disciples—the word for **“Church”** means a gathering or calling together of the Lord's people. The Spirit pulled them in and then sent them out, to **“renew the face of the earth.”** They had for their power to do this the very vitality of God—the word **“spirit”** means the breath, the life breath. And that's what the Holy Spirit was that day for this band of believers.

Well, that's what the Holy Spirit **did**. What does he **do**?

Two especially good places to turn for an appreciation of what the Holy Spirit does for us come to mind. One is the 17th chapter of the Gospel of Saint John, where Jesus let his Eleven remaining apostles at the Last Supper, on the night before he died, listen in on his prayer to the Father. God the Son is speaking to God the Father, when he says:

I pray not only for these,
but also for those who will believe in me through their word,
so **that they may all be one,**
as you, Father, are in me and I am in you,
that they also may be one in us,
that the world may believe that you sent me.

Jesus was praying not only for his apostles but also for us who have come to believe through their word and for the others who will come to believe because of our faithful passing on of that word. That we may be one. Our oneness will make our transmission of that word effective: That the world may believe. Believe what? Believe that the Father sent the Son. Not merely the message about being good to one another, turning the other cheek, and all that beautiful moral teaching, but believe that Jesus is the Son sent by the Father. That we might have life ... and have it to the full.

That oneness that Jesus asks the Father for is an essential strategic tool. Of course, it is valuable, indispensable for us to be united if the world is not going to be put off by us and thus reject our message. That great African teacher of the early Church, Tertullian, wrote about the effect of that unity in the Church about two hundred years after Jesus spoke that prayer:

“Look,” they [the pagans] say, “how they love one another” (for they themselves hate one another);
“and how they are ready to die for each other” (for they themselves are readier to kill each other).

But as impressive as that unity of love is on those who see us being loving, there is something still greater. He asks that we be made one as the Son is in the Father and the Father is in the Son. **So how are Father and Son “one”?** This is the big thing: **“In the unity of the Holy Spirit.”**

At the liturgy every Sunday, at the conclusion of the Eucharistic Prayer the priest chants the words that lead to the single most important word that the congregation prays at Mass. Your word, your big line, is a foreign, a Hebrew, word: “Amen.” That's your **great Amen**, as the Church likes to call it, the one affirmation of all that has been prayed in the Eucharistic Prayer. The Church has never bothered to translate it for our use in the liturgy for two thousand years. She believes we are smart enough not to need to have absolutely every word in our native languages. This Amen is your opportunity **to affirm what the priest has said in concluding the Eucharistic Prayer**. The priest's words will be changed just slightly.

Through him, and with him, and in him (Jesus, the Son), O God, almighty Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, for ever and ever.

The priest is saying that it is through the Son and with the Son and in the Son that glory and honor is given to the Father (to whom the whole Eucharistic prayer is addressed)—“in the unity of the Holy Spirit.” **Who is it that is “in the unity of the Holy Spirit”?** Remember the word of Jesus: He prayed that we might be “one as you, Father, are in me and I am in you.” That is how we are one. **The Spirit is that unity.** And it is a profound unity, which yet does not destroy the individual integrity of the Father and the Son, nor the individuality of each of us. Like the persons of the Holy Trinity, we are united to each other and to the Father and Son, without losing anything of our selfhood.

Pope Saint John Paul wrote an encyclical letter about Church unity that he entitled **“That They May Be One.”** The unity we seek—and pray for—is that **unity**, whether it is between the Church and the various ecclesial communities or within the Church, within our parishes, within our domestic churches, the families. **This is our treasure. This is our goal.** This is our Pentecost prayer.

— *Father Kessler*

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