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My dear parishioners:

Veni Sancte Spiritus. Come Holy Spirit. Today we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost commemorating that on the fiftieth day of the resurrection of our Lord and the tenth day after his ascension into heaven, the Father and the Son sent the gift of their Holy Spirit upon the Church to be its wisdom, guide, holiness and love. It is good for us to take a moment today and recall a bit of the beauty of the truth and the gifts of the Holy Spirit in the life of the Church.

Though revealed in time, the Holy Spirit is co-eternal with the Father and the Son and has been a part of the manifestation of God from the beginning of creation (Nicene Creed: We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life). Throughout salvation history the Holy Spirit has been at work. Both the Hebrew and Greek word for "Spirit" originally meant a "breath", "air" or "wind." Thus, the Holy Spirit has been understood as the source of God's inspiration, life and movement within his people. In the Old Testament, it was the Spirit that "spoke through the prophets" and announced that it would be the "Spirit of the Lord" that would rest on the Messiah. In the New Testament it is by the power of the Holy Spirit that Jesus is conceived in the womb of St. Mary. It is the Spirit (as a dove) that hovers over Jesus at his baptism and it is the Spirit that led Jesus into the desert of his temptations. It is the same Spirit that Jesus breathes on his apostles in the Upper Room on the evening of his resurrection and it is the Spirit that the Father and Son send upon the Church at Pentecost. It is the Holy Spirit of Christ that enlivens the Church and leads the Church in the way of truth. It is important for us to embrace that wherever Christ is present and at work with his people, so too is his Holy Spirit. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church states, "When the Father sends his Word, he always sends his Breath. In their joint mission, the Son and the Holy Spirit are distinct but inseparable." (no. 689)

If an attribute will help, the Holy Spirit is the love of God. Again, quoting the Catechism, "God is love" and love is his first gift, containing all others. God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us." (no. 733) This manifestation of God's love poured forth through the Holy Spirit leads the Church "to all truth". (John 16:13) It is the Holy Spirit at work in the sacraments of the Church that bring the real and intimate love of God in taking away original sin and gives us new life in Christ (Baptism), strengthening us in faith to pursue the mission of the Church (Confirmation), changing bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ (Eucharist), etc. In each sacrament, the Holy Spirit is at work bringing God's life into the life of the receiver.

Not only is the Holy Spirit at work in the faith dimension of our life through the sacraments, but the Holy Spirit is equally at work in the moral dimension of our life through gifts and fruits. We are all aware of the three theological virtues (faith, hope and love) and the four cardinal virtues (prudence, justice, temperance and fortitude). These virtues prepare and dispose us so that as grace is offered to us by God, we are prepared to recognize, accept and cooperate with the grace. We know and believe that the Holy Spirit manifests God's love for us by providing special "gifts" that draw us into a deeper recognition of the virtues and a living of the virtuous life. Traditionally there are seven gifts of the Holy Spirit (the "fullness") which we receive at our Confirmation. These gifts are noted together by the prophet Isaiah (11:1-2) and found individually throughout the New Testament. They are: wisdom, understanding, counsel (or right judgment), courage, knowledge, piety (or reverence), and fear of the Lord (or wonder and awe in God's presence). By being open to these gifts of the Holy Spirit we are drawn into a deeper perfection of the virtues of faith, hope and love.

In addition to "gifts", the Holy Spirit offers us his "fruits". The fruits of the Spirit are actions of virtues that have been perfected by the Spirit's gifts. These fruits bring a true blessedness to the soul as they flow from the virtues and bring dignity and spiritual perfection to our actions. St. Paul lists some of the fruits of the Holy Spirit in his Letter to the Galatians (5:22-23). These good affections of our spiritual nature are in contrast to the ills that can be afflicted on us by the temptations of our

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May 19 - May 27, 2018
Readings and Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 19 4:30pm—Mass
 6:30pm—Spanish Mass
 Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7 [7b]/
 Jn 21:20-25
Mass intention for A.D. Collins
Sunday, May 20 9:00am—Mass
 Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Cor
 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23
 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15
Mass intention for the People of the Parish
Monday, May 21 4:30pm—Mass
 Jas 3:13-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [9a]/Mk 9:14-29
Mass intention for Clemence Gremillion
Tuesday, May 22 No Mass
 Jas 4:1-10/Ps 55:7-8, 9-10a, 10b-11a, 23 [23a]/Mk
 9:30-37
Wednesday, May 23 4:30pm—Mass
 Jas 4:13-17/Ps 49:2-3, 6-7, 8-10, 11 [Mt 5:3]/
 Mk 9:38-40
Mass intention for Sandra Yeagin
Thursday, May 24 8:30am—Mass
 Jas 5:1-6/Ps 49:14-15ab, 15cd-16, 17-18, 19-20 [Mt
 5:3]/Mk 9:41-50
Friday, May 25 9:30am—Communion Service
 Jas 5:9-12/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8-9, 11-12 [8a]/Mk 10:1-12
Saturday, May 26 4:30pm—Mass
 6:30pm—Spanish Mass
 Jas 5:13-20/Ps 141:1-2, 3 and 8 [2a]/Mk 10:13-16
Mass intention for Rusty Smith
Sunday, May 27 9:00am—Mass
 Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22 [12b]/
 Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16 20
Mass intention for the People of the Parish

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. (Ps 104)


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bodily nature. The fruits of the Spirit are: charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control and chastity. By living in harmony with these fruits of the Spirit, we are able to conquer the temptation toward sin and live in the freedom of God's love.

On this Feast of Pentecost, we recall the profound manifestation of the love of God for us by recalling that he has gifted his Church with the presence and the power of the Holy Spirit. It is to the Church that this gift of God's love has been entrusted and it is in the Church that we receive this abundance of God's love. By remaining in the Church established by Christ, we remain enveloped in the love of God. A love that enables us to love the Lord and to love one another as Christ has loved us. Veni Sancte Spiritus. Come Holy Spirit.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Msgr. Frank H. Rossi
 Pastor

Sun. May 20 <i>Pentecost Sunday</i> 9:00am—Mass <i>Blessing of Graduates</i> 	Mon. May 21 4:30pm—Mass	Tues. May 22	Wed. May 23 4:00pm—Rosary 4:30pm—Mass	Thurs. May 24 8:30am—Mass 9:00 <i>Divine Mercy Chaplet</i>	Fri. May 25 9:30am— Communion Service	Sat. May 26 3:45-4:15pm—Confessions 4:30pm—Vigil Mass 6:30pm—Spanish Mass
Sun. May 27 <i>Trinity Sunday</i> 8:50am <i>Blessing of new flags</i> 9:00am—Mass <i>Adult Faith Formation following Mass</i>	Mon. May 28 Memorial Day 4:30pm—Mass	Tues. May 29	Wed. May 30 4:00pm—Rosary 4:30pm—Mass	Thurs. May 31 8:30am—Mass 9:00 <i>Divine Mercy Chaplet</i>	Fri. June 1 9:30am— Communion Service	Sat. June 2 3:45-4:15pm—Confessions 4:30pm—Vigil Mass 6:30pm—Spanish Mass

Congratulations Class of 2018

HIGH SCHOOL
 Brennah Buckner
 Jordan Foxworth
 Santos Gallegos, Jr.
 Justino Jaimes, Jr.

COLLEGE
 Carl Parker
 Hunter Scoggins

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for: Nelda Leathem, Maureen Peltier, Rosemary Urban, Frank Cuccia, Sr., Lottie Faircloth, Susan Fitzgerald, Davie Marold, Debra McBee, Rosa Davis; Therese Reinemeyer, Paislee Turner, Michelle Duncan, Paul Binagia, Roxie Carpenter & family, Norma Henry

Repose of the soul: Lonnie Gaspard

Names will remain on the prayer list for two weeks. You may list names in the Prayer book in the vestibule of the Church and your intention will be offered at daily Mass.

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