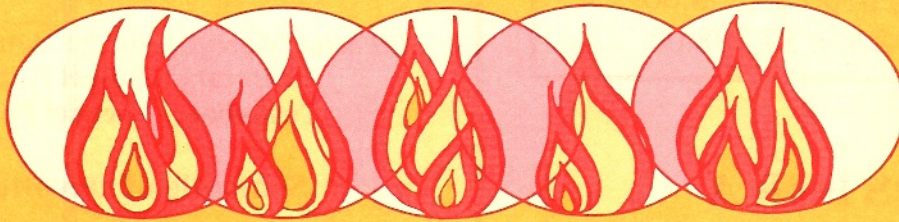




*The Father will give
you another advocate*



May 23, 2010 • Pentecost Sunday

“Peace be with you,” we have heard Jesus say often during the Easter season and again in today’s Gospel. Is it a prayer for us? A command? A plea? A gift? Yes, all of these! The peace he brings seems to elude us. We know it briefly—as individuals and as families, communities, and nations—but we seem unable to sustain it. Peace seems so fragile; so many things can damage or destroy it, so many things that can be summed up in one word: differences.

Differences can present difficulties; there is no doubt about it. But in today’s first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, we see one of the most difficult differences overcome—the confusion of different languages. In the Holy Spirit, everyone could understand the Good News in their own language as the Apostles shouted it from the rooftop. No one was to be left out that day.

JESUS IS LORD

In the second reading Paul tells us, “No one can say, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ except by the Holy Spirit” (1 Corinthians 12:3b). The rest of the passage seems to proclaim the corollary: “Who can say, ‘Jesus is Lord?’ Everyone, in the Holy Spirit.” No matter our differences of race, gender, nationality, status in life—“we were all given to drink of one Spirit.” No one is to be left out.

In many ways, none of our differences matter. They aren’t different problems to divide us; they are different gifts given for the good of all. In this simple truth is our peace. For thousands of years peace has eluded us as we try to decide who can call out to the Lord and who should be ignored or silenced. “Peace be with you,” the Lord calls out to us. To all of us.

Today’s Readings: Acts 2:1–11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29–31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b–7, 12–13 or Rom 8:8–17; Jn 20:19–23 or Jn 14:15–16, 23b–26

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SUNDAY MASSES: Sat. 5:30pm, Sun. 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:30pm, 5:30pm

WEEKDAY MASSES: 7:30am, 12:15pm, 5:30pm

SATURDAY MASSES: 9:00am, 12:15pm, 5:30pm

CONFESSIONS: Saturday - 4:30pm to 5:00 pm

BAPTISMS AND MARRIAGES: Kindly make arrangements at the Priory



Stewardship

"Continuing Our Journey Together"

First Collection, May 16, 2010: \$4,400.00
Ascension Thursday: \$990.00
ParishPay per Week in May: \$1,108.00
Total May 16, 2010: \$5,508.00
Total May 17, 2009: \$7,798.00

JOIN US FOR A BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION PENTECOST, SUNDAY, MAY 23

Pentecost is the birthday of the Church when the apostles left the upper room bursting with the Gospel message. We invite you to join us after the 10:30 AM and 12:30 PM Masses this Pentecost Sunday, May 23rd, to celebrate our own conversions to faith with cake and coffee in the Church Hall. We will also have tables set up to showcase our ministries. We look forward to seeing you downstairs this Sunday morning, May 23rd.



THE ARCHDIOCESAN
STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

2010

Congratulations! As of May 17, 2010, you all have pledged \$44,745.00 for the Annual Stewardship Appeal. We want to thank all those 134 parishioners who have given so generously and we also want to encourage all those who have not yet made a pledge to please do so!

Our Parish Staff

Carmelite Friars

Fr. Sean Harlow, O.Carm., Pastor
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Fr. Sunny Mathew, O.Carm., In Residence

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Secretary: Rosael Ramos
Custodian: Michael Piñeda

Schedule of Devotions

Miraculous Medal Novena: Monday after each Mass
Rosary: Daily at 12:00 Noon
Legion of Mary: Wed., 6:00 p.m. at the Rectory

PIZZA, SODA & A MOVIE

We will present the Woody Allen film "Crimes & Misdemeanors" as the next installment in our series of films of moral struggle, Friday, June 4, in the church hall. A buffet dinner, beverage & dessert will be served at 6:30 PM; the film will be shown at 7:00 PM and moderated by Fordham professor Fr. Michael Tueth, S.J. A \$10 offering is requested.

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Month
of
Mary



Pentecost Sunday May 23, 2010

*In one Spirit we were all
baptized into one body.*

A Pilgrim People

Pentecost is "The Birthday of the Church" in the sense that it marked the first public showing-forth, the celebration of the church's amazing identity and mission for all to see. As a church, we are a diversity of cultures, backgrounds, and languages never heard of in history, but all fully united as one in the worship of Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour.

If, by some miracle, you and I have found the grace to believe these mysteries, then it's party time! We are blessed to know who we are, and whose we are. But Pentecost wasn't the Opening Day of an exclusive country club... and sometimes Catholics have been guilty of leaving this impression. Do we feel even a tinge of self-satisfaction? Are we irritated or angry with "those people who play golf on Sunday morning instead of coming to church"? If so, we've lost our way. We then become the haughty, arrogant phonies who drive people away from church. We must be merciful to others, and ask the Holy Spirit to "Heal our wounds, our strength renew."

The church of Jesus Christ is his living body... and Pentecost is the day we receive our mission from Jesus: to do, through the church, the great work we cannot do on our own. We should jump with joy at receiving the gifts of the Holy Spirit, which help us to place ourselves at the service of the world. As St. Paul says, our mission leads us from gifts, to service: "...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." Pentecost should give us a new reverence for the wild and wonderful workings of the Holy Spirit. Let's be grateful that the Spirit "blows where it will," to produce different results in different people.

Mass Intentions

Sun. May 23, 2010

8:30 a.m. Michael, Margaret &
Charles McMorrow

10:30 a.m. Maris Guez

12:30 p.m. Mary Fitzgerald

5:30 p.m. Elizabeth Timm

Mon. May 24, 2010

5:30 p.m. Victoria Dedvukaj

Tues. May 25, 2010

12:15 p.m. Jean Mordiglia

Wed. May 26, 2010

12:15 p.m. Mary Normoyle

Thurs. May 27, 2010

7:30 a.m. Angelo Pace

Fri. May 28, 2010

12:15 p.m. Leo Manousos

Sat. May 29, 2010

MAY MEMORIALS

Sanctuary Lamp, Hosts,
Wine and Candles

In Memory of

George A. Rada

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Jacqueline Rada



Play the Lotto Tree!

What is the Lotto Tree?

Lotto Tree is our newest fund raising event to benefit the painting of our church. It is, literally, a tree...with over 115 scratch-off Lotto tickets of various amounts and denominations.

How can I play the Lotto Tree?

Tickets are \$10 each, 3 for \$25.

Who wins?

There is one winner who “takes all “ and wins all the tickets on the Lotto Tree.

When can I purchase tickets?

Tickets can be purchased after all masses the weekends of May 22-23 and May 29-30; at the Pentecost Birthday Celebration on Sunday, May 23, and at Film Night on Friday, June 4, 2010.

When will the winner be announced?

The winner will be announced at Film Night on June 4, 2010.