

Solemnity of Pentecost Sunday – May 20, 2018

THE REVOLUTION OF LOVE

Today the earthquake that shook the entire universe and turned humanity upside down is happening once again. **The coming of the Holy Spirit.** It's true that Easter Sunday will continue being the center of history; but if there had never been a Pentecost, Easter would only be an event of the past. The Holy Spirit makes Christ actual and contemporary in every age.

1. The Holy Spirit began moving within the consciences of the first Christian community and has accompanied the Church across the turbulent sea of time. This is how the Church was born: The Apostles were **together in prayer**, when a violent wind came, and tongues of fire settled on their heads. Wind signifies movement; this makes us understand that God's presence is active, stirring up the paralyzed, waking the lazy from their drowsiness, removing the dry branches from the lives of men. And fire means heat, enthusiasm, love.

2. It is beautiful to see **this Church living on after 2000 years.** It is a motor that doesn't stop, a sign of opposition. In some parts of the world it seems tired, but in many others, it shows surprising vitality. The Holy Spirit is the artist that continues to shape the soul of every Christian into Christ's image. He acts silently through the Sacraments and gives us the strength to live the Commandments faithfully.

3. John Paul II once told some young people who were about to be confirmed: "The love of the Holy Spirit that you are about to receive is stronger than yourselves, than your indifference, than your passivity, than your apathy, than your lack of fruits, than your discouragement, than your sin. **Love can do anything.** You have not received a traitor's spirit, but rather a spirit of courage in the fight, a spirit that is stronger than yourself. **Love is stronger than you are.**"

Faced with the temptation of cowardice and comfort-seeking, **love is stronger than the enemies of the soul** because it knows how to cover its eyes and distance itself from evil, it knows how to forgive and walk with eager feet, because it is stronger than the luring song of any siren. **Pentecost is like the opposite of Babel.** In Babel, men became separated, incapable of finding a way to communicate on their own. At Pentecost, on the other hand, everyone is united in the same faith and the same Lord.

Every day the Church begins anew. Every time a group of men and women, young people and old, children and adults gather together to hear the words of the Risen One, the powerful action of the Holy Spirit is present. *In a certain sense we are **always in a new springtime of the Church.***

Father Blake Evans, Pastor



Congratulations to this year's First Communion Class!

*Donald Aghanya, *James Amaya, *Jimena Amaya, *Therese Joy Aquino, *Amaechi Azubike, *Marianne N. Bulaga, *Kristina Benitez, *Erick Funes-Orellana, *Rene Garcia, *Zylah C. Hall, *Genesis Hernandez Salvador, *Makuochukwu Irika, *Bryan Pires, *Diana Then-Garcia, *Dylan Vargas, *Jan Vargas, *Jahlil Wright.

Let us pray for our First Communicants that they will live as faithful disciples of Jesus, approach the sacraments often and with great faith, and let the Light of Christ shine through them into this world.



Monday May 21st 5:45 pm in the Music Room "Mary in Art" with Fr. Vincent DeRosa, STL priest of Washington and graduate of the North American College of Rome & Santa Croce Univ. in Rome

(the theological univ. of Opus Dei in Rome). Fr. DeRosa also studied at Mount St. Mary's and is a graduate of GW University and a native of Long Island NY. He is currently Pastor of St. Francis Xavier parish in SE Washington.



Mary, Mother of the Church
Pope Francis has decreed that the ancient devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, under the title of Mother of the Church, be inserted into the Roman Calendar. annually as a Memorial on the day after Pentecost. This year, it falls on **Monday, May 21. We will celebrate Mass at noon in the upper Church.**

Congratulations to **Nelson Rosales** in receiving the sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday, May 16th. Bishop Mario E. Dorsonville sealed him with the Holy Spirit. Let's pray for him and all those who will be confirmed this year.



Mass Intentions

May 19 - 26, 2018

Sat. 5/19	8:00am	Thanksgiving to God (all parishioners)
	5:30pm	All mothers. Living/deceased)
Sun. 5/20	8:00am	People of the Parish
	10:00am	First Communion Students & Families
	1:00 pm	+Carmen Davila
Mon. 5/21	Noon	Gardner Howe
Tue. 5/22	Noon	Rafaela C. Evans & Family
Wed. 5/23	Noon	Patricia Walker (thanksgiving)
Thu. 5/24	Noon	Salesian Family
Fri. 5/25	Noon	Pope's intentions April / May 2018
Sat. 5/26	8:00am	Sick Home-bound parishioners
	5:30pm	+Matthew Walker

Please pray for the sick of our Parish:

*Alice R. Allen, *Amina Anderson-Pringle, *Ann Butler, *Carla Andrea Catacora, *Shawn Coleman, *William Corbel, *Maria Cruz, *Maurice & Flora Detiege *Isel Fitzgerald, *Dion A. Fortune, *Linda Foster, *Charlie Gick, *John Green, Sr., *Janet Henery, *Blanca Hernandez, *Lawrence C. Hill, *Lee Hobbs, *Francis Howard, *Elaine Hunt, *Helen Hurd, *Larry Ivy, *Geraldine Jones, *Odile Kalla, *Michael Kelly, *Busara Kennedy, *Claude Kolthoff, *Betty Lawton, *Yavonna Lewis, *Sandra Lucas, *Eric Malcolm, *Edwin & Regina Mbanude, *Edith Mebane, *Maria Magdalena Medrano, *Agnes Moore, *Robert Myers. *Iris Newman, *D. Cynhia Peters, *Willie Poole, Jr., *James Pope, *Margaret Pope, *Dorothy Richburg, *Rosa Maria Santos, *Bonafacio Selayo *Delores Sloan, *Adrian Smith, *Alice Smith, *Bernadette Smith, *Theresa Smith, *Louise Sweatt, *Emily Towles, *Dominic Valentine, *Dorothy Waring, *Paul Williams, *Florentina Zoretta.



Come pray in front of the Blessed Sacrament

For the intentions of the men being ordained and an increase in vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life

**Date: Friday, June 1, 2018
Time: 6:00 – 7:00 pm**

Pray for the generous response to a call from God to a vocation to the Priesthood and the Consecrated Life.

ATTENDANCE REPORT

5/13/18

Attendance: 413 souls

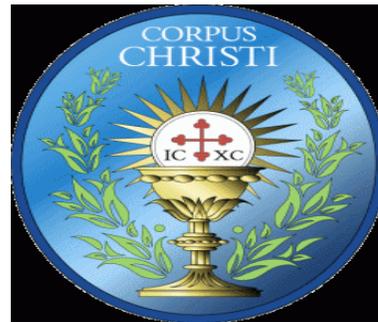
Offerings & Tithes: \$5,976

Spanish Mass: \$220

Utility fund: \$25

Current bills: \$35,442

2018 Annual Jubilarian Mass – Cardinal Donald Wuerl will celebrate the Annual Jubilarian Mass honoring couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 50+ years on Sunday June 17, 2018 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Please call the rectory at 202-726-6263 or use the sign-up forms located at both entrances to the church to register.



To celebrate the glory of Christ present in the Eucharist and to bring his love into our suffering Brightwood neighborhood, there will be a joyful procession with the Blessed Sacrament on Corpus Christi Sunday,

June 3rd, 2018, immediately following the 10:00am Mass. All parishioners are encouraged to come out and celebrate Jesus as we march with him in our streets. Please pray and sacrifice for this effort.



Upcoming Days of Grace!

May 20: 1st Communion Mass at 10 am followed by a Reception at the Lounge. Special thanks to Sodality for this reception.

June 1: Holy Hour for Ordinandi –Upper Church at 6:00 pm

June 2: Confirmation – Basilica at 2:00 pm

June 2: Ordination of Father Patrick Hake.

June 3: Corpus Christi Sunday.

June 9: Ordination of Deacon Ebuka Mbnude

June 16: Youth Day