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**SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2024**

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ of Our Lady of Lourdes:

I share with you an excerpt of the Homily of Pope Francis of Pentecost 2019.

(Source: Solemnity of Pentecost, Homily of Pope Francis, St Peter's Square Sunday, 9 June 2019 )

Pentecost arrived, for the disciples, after fifty days of uncertainty. True, Jesus had risen. Overjoyed, they had seen him, listened to his words and even shared a meal with him. Yet they had not overcome their doubts and fears: they met behind closed doors (cf. Jn 20:19.26), uncertain about the future and not ready to proclaim the risen Lord.

**Harmony within human beings.**

Deep down, in their hearts, the disciples needed to be changed. Their story teaches us that even seeing the Risen Lord is not enough, unless we welcome him into our hearts. It is no use knowing that the Risen One is alive, unless we too live as risen ones. It is the Spirit who makes Jesus live within us; he raises us up from within. That is why when Jesus appears to his disciples, he repeats the words, "Peace be with you!" (Jn 20:19.21), and bestows the Spirit. That is what peace really is, the peace bestowed on the Apostles. That peace does not have to do with resolving outward problems – God does not spare his disciples from tribulation and persecution. Rather, it has to do with receiving the Holy Spirit. The peace bestowed on the apostles, the peace that does not bring freedom from problems but in problems, is offered to each of us. Filled with his peace, our hearts are like a deep sea,

which remains peaceful, even when its surface is swept by waves. It is a harmony so profound that it can even turn persecutions into blessings.

The Holy Spirit does not bring only harmony within us but also among us. He makes us Church, building different parts into one harmonious edifice. Saint Paul explains this well when, speaking of the Church, he often repeats a single word, "variety": varieties of gifts, varieties of services, varieties of activities" (1 Cor 12:4-6). We differ in the variety of our qualities and gifts. The Holy Spirit distributes them creatively, so that they are not all identical. On the basis of this variety, he builds unity. From the beginning of creation, he has done this. Because he is a specialist in changing chaos into cosmos, in creating harmony.

To be spiritual, to savour the harmony of the Spirit, we need to adopt his way of seeing things. Then everything changes: with the Spirit, the Church is the holy People of God, mission is not proselytism but the spread of joy, as others become our brothers and sisters, all loved by the same Father. Without the Spirit, though, the Church becomes an organization, her mission becomes propaganda, her communion an exertion. Many Churches spend time making pastoral plans, discussing any number of things. That seems to be the road to unity, but it is not the way of the Spirit; it is the road to division. The Spirit is the first and last need of the Church (cf. Saint Paul VI, General Audience, 29 November 1972). He "comes where he is loved, where he is invited, where he is expected" (*Saint Bonaventure, Sermon for the Fourth Sunday after Easter*).


(Source: Solemnity of Pentecost, Homily of Pope Francis, St Peter's Square Sunday, 9 June 2019 )

In Christ's Peace,  
Father James Ferry


PENTECOST SUNDAY - May 19, 2024



<b>SATURDAY, 18 MAY</b> 5:30 pm Carmaleta & Paul Harris
<b>SUNDAY, 19 MAY PENTECOST</b> 7:30 am People of the Parish 9:30 am People of the Parish 11:30 am People of the Parish
<b>MONDAY, 20 MAY</b> 8:30 am Christian & Grace Okeke
<b>TUESDAY 21 MAY</b> 8:30 am Bob Quaglio
<b>WEDNESDAY, 22 MAY</b> 8:30 am Dominik Paradiso
<b>THURSDAY, 23 MAY</b> 8:30 am William Cain
<b>FRIDAY, 24 MAY</b> 8:30 am Dennis P. Rodano, Sr.
<b>SATURDAY, 25 MAY</b> 5:30 pm John Mooney
<b>SUNDAY, 26 MAY</b> 7:30 am People of the Parish 9:30 am Catherine Catalano & Louise Chiaramonte 11:30 am Filomena Napolitano & Elizabeth Pflug

 This week's Bread & Wine, a gift from Annette & Richard Chiaramonte are in memory of **JOHN D. PFLUG, SR.**



<b>SUNDAY, 19 MAY PENTECOST</b> 7:30 am Mass 9:30 am Mass 10:30 am Childrens Choir (OLLC) 11:30 am Mass 
<b>MONDAY, 20 MAY</b> 8:30 am Daily Mass will be held Monday thru Friday of each week in church. Miraculous Medal Novena following 8:30 am Mass on Monday.
<b>TUESDAY, 21 MAY</b> 7:00—8:00 pm Finance Council Mtg. (Rectory)
<b>THURSDAY, 23 MAY</b> 10:00 am Deadline for News & Announcements for the June 2nd Bulletin. Call the Rectory at 973-325-0110. 6-8:00 pm Choir practice
<b>FRIDAY, 24 MAY</b> 1:00—3:30 pm Soup Kitchen Prep. (Hall)
<b>SATURDAY, 25 MAY</b> 9:00—12 noon Soup Kitchen (Holy Trinity) 4:15—5:00 pm Confessions in Church 5:30 pm Mass
<b>SUNDAY, 26 MAY</b> 7:30 am Mass 9:30 am Mass 10:30 am Children's Choir (OLLC) 11:30 am Mass

+ + WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE		May 25 - May 26	
Mass	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	
5:30 pm	Pat Sigalas	Emily Kunz Eileen Reilly (Choir)	
7:30 am	Hermie Santos	Lou Volpe	
9:30 am	Kathy Petrillo	Paul Hirsch Myrna Regino (Choir)	
11:30 am	Lynda Clement	Virginia Dimapilis	



  
If you wish to have a friend or loved one prayed for, please call the Rectory at 973-325-0110.



THE FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



The West Orange Knights of Columbus Council #5519



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**Our Lady of Lourdes Parish BBQ Picnic, 2024 / West Orange  
Saturday June 15<sup>th</sup> • 6:30 pm (after 5:30 Mass)**

**RSVP BY Friday June 7 COME & EAT WITH US**

**BBQ Price "All Inclusive": Burgers, Hot Dogs, Italian Sausage, Chicken, Salads, Grilled Vegetables, Watermelon, Sodas, Juice, Beverage**

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[Yes, I will be @ Sat. June 15 picnic /RETURN TO RECTORY BY: Fri. June 7<sup>th</sup>]

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ # of People \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed ►\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

[OPTIONAL\*] I will bring this dessert or sweet: \_\_\_\_\_

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