

Bulletin Letter May 23, 2021 Pentecost Cycle B

***From the Pastor:***

The approach to Pentecost was a time of uncertainty about the present and the future for the Apostles. As they gathered, awaiting the Paraclete, did they really understand what was about to be unleashed? Probably not. But the Holy Spirit descended and wisdom spread among them. The Church was born and the Gospel would be widely spread from that moment on! Sometimes, as I navigate these unknown waters of overseeing our three parishes, I too feel uncertain, but I pray with hope and confidence because I know that we are being led by the Spirit of God! If you feel concerned, I ask that you join me in prayer as we work together to build the Church and the Kingdom here and now. May the fire of the Holy Spirit enkindle our faith and enlighten our way forth.



**All three parish offices will be closed on Tuesday, May 25 from 10 am-12 noon** as we have our first in-person multi-parish staff meeting. We ask your patience if you need to leave us a message. We will return your calls.

Guidance around **masks and more** is changing rapidly. As of this writing, we do not have complete clarity. The state has adopted the CDC guidelines and the diocese is preparing to share information about how the churches will operate. I do not have it at this moment, but please keep an eye on our website and Facebook page, and for now – please continue to respect the protocols we have in place.

Along those lines, Bishop Scharfenberger has called for an end to the **dispensation from mass**. As of June 6, 2021 the general dispensation that began in March of 2020 will be lifted. There remains a particular dispensation from obligation for anyone who might be at risk or for those who care for the vulnerable. This would also extend to those who would suffer anxiety or agitation about being in a public setting at this time. The letter is included as an insert in this bulletin and if you have questions about it, please let me know. Your conscience must be your guide, especially at this time when we receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Until next week, be well, do good deeds, and say your prayers.

***Fr. Jerry***

***OUR PRAYER:*** Loving God, be present to us and grant us wisdom, so that we, who may feel anxious about change, might trust in Your love and rest in the Changelessness that is You.