

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES AND PAGERS WHILE INSIDE THE CHURCH. YOUR COOPERATION IN THIS MATTER WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED BY OUR LORD AND YOUR FELLOW PARISHIONERS.

Prayer for the Pope

Lord, source of eternal life and truth, give to Your shepherd Benedict XVI a spirit of courage and right judgment, a spirit of knowledge and love. By governing with fidelity those entrusted to his care, may he, as successor to the Apostle Peter and Vicar of Christ, build Your Church into a sacrament of unity, love, and peace for all the world. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

PASTOR'S COLUMN

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of Pentecost. Fifty days after the Lord Jesus rose from the dead, the Holy Spirit descended upon the twelve apostles and the Virgin Mary who had assembled in Jerusalem for prayer. It is on this solemnity that we celebrate the birthday of the Church.

Jesus made it perfectly clear that unless He ascended to His Father the Holy Spirit would not be given to the Apostles. The mission of Jesus on earth was now over. The mission of the Holy Spirit was to begin. And that mission has been going on for over 2,000 years. How amazing the Holy Spirit has been through the millennia, guiding the Church through growth, building, schisms, confusion, wars, and discovery. Jesus' words to Simon Peter have borne the test of time, "I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not overpower it." (Matthew 16:18)

In these difficult times, when the Church is being attacked and slandered from all sides, the Holy Spirit continues to guide us through the pope and the bishops. Pope Benedict XVI, speaking to hundreds of thousands of people in Poland, urged them to always have a "mature faith." A mature faith is guided and influenced by the presence of the Holy Spirit. The sacrament of Confirmation has frequently been referred to as the sacrament of Christian maturity. But, sadly, some of our youth look upon this sacramental moment when they are confirmed as the last day they receive religious instructions. Many also stop going to Mass! How many parents have bemoaned this problem in their families!

Rather, Confirmation should lead a person to seek more eagerly the truth and burn with a greater desire to strive for Christian perfection. Those who have received the sacrament should always pray for an increase in the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, knowledge, understanding, counsel, piety, fortitude, and fear of the Lord. These were the very same gifts that were given to the Apostles on Pentecost Day. These are the gifts that give the Christian a "mature faith."

I encourage everyone to pray to the Holy Spirit asking Him to inflame your hearts with great faith, hope and charity. Invite the Holy Spirit in every decision you make, every class you take in school, every problem at work, every encounter with an unbeliever or skeptic, and every time you fall on your knees to pray. You will be surprised how much easily your day will go.

Father Ed

Sacrament of Marriage: Begin visiting your priest 10 months prior to the wedding and **before** setting a firm date. In addition to meeting with a priest, you will be asked to attend diocesan programs. Registration is mandatory for all programs. For dates and locations of programs please contact the church office or call 904-308-7474 or www.dcf.org.

Sacrament of Baptism: Children: Contact Pastoral Associate. Adults must go through the RCIA program and be in a marriage the Church can recognize (only one marriage or an annulment before joining the Church).

First Holy Communion: The class meets at 10:45 am every Sunday in the library. Regular attendance is required.

Sacrament of Confirmation: Confirmation is a two-year program and meets Sundays at 10:45 am in the church. Confirmation completes the Sacraments of Initiation, which begins at Baptism and continues with First Holy Communion. Service to community and church is a required part of this program as well as attendance at class, Mass and the retreat.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Before or after Masses or by appointment.

RCIA: Baptized and unbaptized adults interested in learning about the Catholic Church.

Visitation of the Sick: Please notify the office if you or a loved one will be hospitalized or is homebound and would like to be visited or receive Communion.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick: This is a prayer of healing; please call the church office if you are planning to be in the hospital so that you can be anointed prior to surgery, tests, etc.

FELLOWSHIP:

Sundays following the 9:30 am Mass is the "Coffee and refreshment" fellowship in the Social Hall.

Readings for Sunday, June 11, 2006

1st –Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40

2nd –Romans 8:14-17

Gospel –Matthew 28:16-20

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sun. June 4 + Frank Henrion
by Dorothy Henrion
Wed. June 7 + Ronald Frassrand
by Teri McDowell

Sanctuary Candle: 6/1/06-6/30/06 - Will burn for Lenora Hambley.

MINISTRIES

Angels of Mercy	
Carole McGann	935-0341
Elizabeth Ministry-	
Maureen Meyers	935-6784
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist-	
Sharon Hudson	935-1301
Lectors-	
George Hertel	935-1019
Liturgy-	
Shirley Rogachesky	935-6929
Music/choir-	
Dorothy Henrion	497-4927
Prayer Network-	
Sharon Hudson	935-1301
Religious Education	
Janet Samson	963-5484
Respect Life-	
Carole McGann	935-0341
Sacristans-	
Brigid Danaher	935-1911
Ushers/Greeters-	
Wayne Topham	935-6913

Please contact the church office if you would like more information regarding any of these ministries.

COMMITTEES AND ORGANIZATIONS:

Building Committee	Jim Hudson
Finance Committee	Dorothy Cassube
Parish Council:	
Bob Cassube-At-large	
Dorothy Cassube-Finance	
Jim Hudson-Building Comm.	
Carole McGann-At-large-	
Maureen Meyers-Evangelization	
Shirley Rogachesky-Liturgy	
Janet Samson-Education	
John Meyers-Pastoral Assistant	
Sharon Hudson-Church secretary/bookkeeper	
Sr. Yolanda-Religious representative	
Chairperson: Carole McGann	935-0341
Secretary: Maureen Meyers	935-6784

SACRIFICIAL OFFERING: Sunday, May 28, 2006

Offertory:	\$800.25
Other:	<u>\$227.75</u>
	\$1028.00

Attendance: 170

Do You Know Your Faith?

Question: What is the prayer that sums up our faith?

Answer on pg. 4

RELIGIOUS ARTICLE STORE: Our religious article store has just received samples of two new bibles. The first is "The Catholic Teen Bible". This is the most amazing book you will ever read. It's full of drama, heroes, poetry, wisdom, and most important of all...*truth*. It is easy to read and understand. The second is a bible for adults called "The Catholic Answer Bible". This Bible is easy to read, and helps those who want to: Learn more about the Catholic Faith; Increase their knowledge of Scripture and deepen their appreciation for it; A better response when others ask them about the Catholic Church and its teachings. Great gift idea. Stop by and see them today.

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SHAWL MINISTRY: Our ladies shawl ministry meets every Wednesday, beginning at 3:30 pm. Come join the ladies for fun, prayer, and bunches of crocheting, knitting or whatever your specialty may be. For more information on this ministry please contact Maureen Meyers, 935-6784 or Ruth Montaque, 776-2095.

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NEEDED: The following ministries are in desperate need of volunteers.

Sacristan
Lectors
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist
Ushers/Greeters

For information on these ministries please contact the church office.

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SUGGESTIONS FOR SUMMER READING:

Welcome Home! – Stories of eleven fallen away Catholics who eventually come back home. (easy reading)

Amazing Grace for Married Couples – 12 life-changing stories of the renewal of love (Jeff Cavins, Matthew Pinto & Others) (easy reading)

Amazing Grace for Mothers – 102 stories of faith, hope, inspiration and humor (Emily Cavins, D. Pinto & others)

Did Adam and Eve have Belly Buttons? – 199 questions and answers from Catholic Teens...(Matthew Pinto)

A Do It At Home Retreat – A helpful and careful guide to anyone who desires to make an Ignation retreat

Books may be purchased by calling: 1-888-863-9394 (toll free)

SUMMER VACATIONS: We are now in that time of year when our thoughts turn to fun, relaxation, and "get aways". This is also the time of the year that churches often suffer the worse financially. When planning your vacation please remember to plan ahead and mail in your weekly donation. The continued operations of your parish depend on your weekly donations. **As Mother Angelica always says, "Remember to keep us between your gas and electric bill".** Have a safe and happy summer!

CHURCH OFFICE:

The church office will be closed on the following dates during the month of June:

June 1-2, 8-9, 22-23, 29-30. Should you have an emergency that requires a priest please contact St. Madeleine's church at 386-454-2358.

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ANGELS OF MERCY: Angels of Mercy ministry group will meet at 5 pm on Wednesday, June 7th.

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BUILDING COMMITTEE: There will be a Building Committee meeting on Tuesday, June 13th beginning at 7 p.m. All members of the committee are asked to attend or contact the church office if you will not be present.

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FATHER'S DAY POT LUCK DINNER: Plan now to attend our Father's Day Pot Luck Dinner on Sunday, June 18th. Bring your favorite dish to share with others. For more information please see Joanna DuBois.

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AROUND THE DIOCESE:

The Diocese of St. Augustine treats all allegations of sexual misconduct seriously and deals with all allegations in a prompt, confidential and thorough manner. To Report Abuse Call: Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator (904) 262-3200, ext. 129, or Department of Children and Families, 1-800-96Abuse.

Know your faith:

Answer: The Nicene Creed (Apostles Creed).

Please remember to pray for our sick and homebound especially Fr. Jim

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Lord, Jesus, Savior of the world, show forth, we beseech, Thee, in Thy Church the Holy Spirit with whose power the apostles were so abundantly filled. We thank Thee for the blessings bestowed upon the work of priests and religious; and we pray that Thou will add to the number of those who now pray, labor, and sacrifice themselves for Thy glory and the salvation of souls. Give them unselfish zeal for Thy glory. O good Jesus, give us more priests and religious after Thine own Heart.

PRAYER FOR THE UNBORN

“Jesus, Mary and Joseph I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion-murder.”

During your earthly life this spiritually adopted baby who is in danger of abortion – murder - will be known only to God, but in the world to come and throughout eternity, both you and the child will find happiness in each other’s company.

PRAYER FOR PRIESTS:

O my Jesus, I beg You on behalf of the whole Church: Grant it love and the light of Your Spirit and give power to the words of priests so that hardened hearts might be brought to repentance and return to You, O Lord. Lord, give us holy priests: You yourself maintain them in holiness. O Divine and Great High Priest, may the power of Your mercy accompany them everywhere and protect them from the devil’s traps and snares which are continually being set for the souls of priest. May the power of Your mercy, O Lord, shatter and bring to naught all that might tarnish the sanctity of priest, for You can do all things....I ask You for a special blessing and for light, O Jesus, for the priests before whom I will make my confessions throughout my lifetime.

PRAYER TO MARY

O Mary, my Mother and my Lady, I offer You my soul, my body, my life and my death, and all that will come after it. I place everything in Your hands. O my Mother, cover my soul with Your virginal mantle and grant me the grace of purity of heart, soul and body. Defend me with Your power against all enemies, and especially against those who hide their malice behind the mask of virtue... Fortify my soul that pain may not break it. Mother of grace, teach me to live by God’s power... O Mary... a terrible sword has pierced Your holy soul. Except for God, no one knows of Your suffering. Your soul does not break; it is brave, because it is with Jesus. Sweet Mother, unite my soul to Jesus, because it is only then that I will be able to endure all trials and tribulations, and only in union with Jesus will my little sacrifices be pleasing to God. Sweetest Mother, continue to teach me about the interior life. May the sword of suffering never break me. O pure Virgin, pour courage into my heart and guard it.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Pentecost is often called the birthday of the Church because on that day the apostles were filled with the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit, however, did not merely come to visit but to stay! The Spirit’s work was not only to get the apostles started as the Church but to remain with the followers of Jesus, giving life and guidance to the Church forever.

One example of the effect of the presence of the Holy Spirit in the Church can be found in the life of the first Christian community. In the period of time that followed the birthday of the Church on Pentecost, the early Christians were so united in their love for Jesus and for one another that everybody shared everything with one another.

Together, the Christian community followed the teaching of the apostles. They prayed daily, and they celebrated the “breaking of the bread,” which was the early form of the Mass. The early Christians were a minority; but they impressed everyone by their way of life.

The power of the Holy Spirit pushed the apostles and the early Christians to continue to invite more and more people to believe in Jesus and in the saving power of his death and resurrection. Groups of Christians were formed in more and more cities and towns.

At this point, however, only members of the Jewish religion were invited to become Christians. They were God’s chosen people, and they believed in the one true God. They were the people to whom God had promised a Savior, and Jesus was the promised Savior. At first, therefore, the apostles had the idea that it was not necessary, or even right, to preach about Jesus to anyone who was not Jewish. After all, the other people did not even know the true God. They still had their own false gods.

*Come, Holy Spirit, Creator come
From your bright heav’nly throne:
Come take possession of our souls,
And make them all your own.*

*You who are called the Paraclete,
Best gift of God above,
The living spring, the living fire,
Sweet unction and true love.*

*You who are sevenfold in your grace,
Finger of God’s right hand:
His promise, teaching little ones
To speak and understand.*

*O guide our minds with your blest light,
With love our hearts inflame;
And with your strength, which ne’er decays,
Confirm our mortal frame.*