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JUNE 9, 2019 | PENTECOST SUNDAY



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MASS SCHEDULE

SAT. VIGIL: 5:00 PM (English) | SUN: 9:00 AM, 12:15 PM (English) 10:30 AM (Español)
DAILY (CHAPEL) 8:30 AM (English) 7 PM (Español Martes & Jueves)

MONTHLY

- ◀ **ESPAÑOL ASAMBLEA:** Salon Parroquial; 7PM
- ◀ **ROSARIAN GROUP:** First Sunday, 9am Mass followed by meeting / breakfast in the Parish Hall.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

- ◀ Saturdays before 5 PM Mass. Por cita, o después de las Misas en Español. (Martes & Jueves)

ROSARY

- ◀ Monday-Saturday before the 8:30 AM Mass.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

- ◀ Takes place at St. John the Baptist Chapel Tuesday - Friday after the 12:10 PM Mass until 8PM, Saturday after 9AM Mass until 5:30 PM, and Sundays after 12 Noon Mass until 8 PM

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

- ◀ Takes place at Our Lady of Mt Carmel on Sunday mornings. Classes are offered in both English and Spanish. Contact Evelyn Mayorga or Fr. Danny at 201-435-7080.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION

- ◀ The parishes of Jersey City North are proud to sponsor quality Catholic elementary education at the Middle States accredited schools: St. Joseph School (201-653-0128) and St. Nicholas School (201-659-5948).

PARISH MINISTRIES

- ◀ **GRUPO DE ORACION CARISMATICO:** Después de las 7 PM Misa todos los martes en Mount Carmel.
- ◀ **ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY:** Meets after 9 AM Mass, First Sunday of the month.
- ◀ **SENIORS CLUB (50+):** Every other Wednesday at 12:45 PM at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. Enter through parking lot door behind the church, then Parish Hall basement.
- ◀ **ZUMBA FITNESS:** Wednesday 6:45 - 8:00 PM at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel School auditorium, free.
- ◀ **GRUPO DE PAREJAS:** Cada segundo viernes del mes a las 7:30 PM te invitamos a participar en nuestro "Grupo de Parejas" en Mt. Carmel. Para mayor informacion llamar a Sra. Carmen Quezada 201-640-1651.
- ◀ **HOSPITAL VISITATION:** Please notify the parish. Hospitals no longer inform us or allow us to look up who is in the hospital.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, June 8

- 8:30 AM † Michele Torrillo
- Maria & Antonio DiTommaso
- 5:00 PM † Kay Di Santo - Isabel Cruz & Family
† Michele Torrillo - M/M T. DiMatteo

SUNDAY, June 9 PENTECOST

- 9:00 AM † Waleed Ghali
- Ilham Fatony & Aseel Ghali
+ Deceased of Rosary / Altar Society
Accion de Gracias por Andrea Atocha y
Baby Thiago
- 10:30 AM † Kay Di Santo - M/M Jesus Garcia
- 12:15 PM † John Mercante - Mother, Rose (B-Day)

MONDAY, June 10

- 8:30 AM † Francesco Torrillo
- Antonio & Caterina Torrillo

TUESDAY, June 11

- 8:30 AM † Michele Torrillo
- M/M Giacomo DiTommaso & Family
- 7:00 PM † Esther Casellas - Maria Rivera
(Spanish)

WEDNESDAY, June 12

- 8:30 AM † Marilyn Tomkins - Mary Mc Connell

THURSDAY, June 13

- 8:30 AM † Anthony Matticola - Josephine Varsi
- 7:00 PM For the People
(Bilingual)

FRIDAY, June 14

- 8:30 AM † Francisco Rivera - Maria Rivera

SATURDAY, June 15

- 8:30 AM † Maria Iturbe - Maria Rivera
† Jose Salenga (A) - Daughter, Rori
- 5:00 PM † Kay Di Santo - Jannette Ramos & Family

SUNDAY, June 16

- 9:00 AM † Deceased of Ferdinand
& Meta Families - Rita & Family
- 10:30 AM Jayden Fondeur - Johanna Negron
(Spanish) † Luis, Arcenio, Salome
Lema & Felipe Pila - Familia Lema
- 12:15 PM † Olga Riotto - John Arnone & Diane Walsh

SYMPATHY

Please pray for the recently deceased members of our parish. May our Lord Jesus Christ grant them eternal rest and may perpetual light shine upon them.

EUCCHARISTIC BREAD & SACRAMENTAL WINE

The hosts and wine used during the week were donated in memory of

FR. MICHAEL SANTORO

offered by the People

SANCTUARY LAMP

The church sanctuary lamp was donated this weekend in memory of

FR. HECTOR GALVIS

offered by the People

PARISH News

- **Soda Donation for The Mt. Carmel Feast-** It is time for our "soda donation campaign" for the Feast. You can see soda on sale, buy the soda and donate it. Just bring it to the rectory. We only can use soda cans at the Feast, regular, Diet Pepsi, Coke, Sprite and Ice Tea are those we can use. Bottles of water are also in need.
- **Ya llego la epoca donde la comunidad nos unimos para nuestra campaña de donación de soda para la Fiesta de Monte Carmelo.** Ya empieza la temporada donde los supermercados ponen las sodas en especial. Toda donación de soda pueden traerlo a la rectoría. En la Fiesta solo podemos usar latas de soda regular, Diet Pepsi, Coca-Cola, Sprite y Ice Tea. Tambien necesitamos donaciones de agua.
- **The Archdiocese takes very seriously any and all credible complaints of sexual abuse.** The Archdiocesan Harassment and Sexual Harassment Policy is in place as well as a Code of Conduct ("Archdiocese of Newark Policies on Professional & Ministerial Conduct"). It is important to inform the Archdiocese immediately of any harassment or sexual abuse so that appropriate action may be taken to protect others and provide support to victims. **One method for reporting sexual harassment or abuse is by completing the form included in this bulletin which can also be found in the Code of Conduct policy on our webpage at stjohbjc.org or picked up at the Rectory. This form can be faxed to 973-497-4001. Another method is by contacting the Director, Office of Child and Youth Protection, The Archdiocese of Newark, 171 Clifton Avenue, Newark, NJ 07104, calling 973-497-4254 and/or Victim Assistance Coordinator at 201-407-3256.**
- **The OLMC Rosarians invite everyone to the Feast of St. Anthony's** on Thursday, June 13 at 7PM. After the Mass blessed St. Anthony's bread will be distributed and light refreshment will follow.
- **La Arquidiócesis toma muy en serio todas las quejas creíbles de abuso sexual.** La Política de Hostigamiento y Acoso Sexual Arquidiocesano está vigente, así como un Código de Conducta ("Arquidiócesis de las Políticas de Newark sobre la Conducta Profesional y Ministerial"). Es importante informar a la Arquidiócesis inmediatamente de cualquier acoso o abuso sexual para que se puedan tomar las medidas adecuadas para proteger a los demás y brindar apoyo a las víctimas. Un método para denunciar acoso o abuso sexual es completando el formulario incluido en este boletín, que también se puede encontrar en la política del Código de conducta en nuestra página web en olmjc.com o se puede recoger en la Rectoría. **Este formulario se puede enviar por fax al 973-497-4001. Otro método es comunicarse con el Director de la Oficina de Protección de Niños y Jóvenes de la Arquidiócesis de Newark, 171 Clifton Ave-nue, Newark, NJ 07104, llamando al 973-497-4254 y/o Coordinador de Asistencia a las Víctimas al 201-407-3256.**
- **OLMC Seniors are planning a trip to Atlantic City** on Wednesday, June 26. Cost is \$40 with a slot return of \$25. There will be two pick-ups- 9:15 AM at Grandview Avenue and 9:30AM at Mt. Carmel. **To reserve a seat or for more information, please call 201-747-6941.**

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURY	WEEKEND COLLECTION	\$2,006
	WEEKLY COLLECTION AMOUNT NEEDED TO MAKE BUDGET: \$2,800	ASCENSION MASS
	MISSION CO-OP	\$125
<i>The weekend of</i> JUNE 1-2, 2019	Your good stewardship makes a difference. <i>Thank you!</i>	

COMMUNITY Announcements

- ◀ **Discover the joy of being a hospice volunteer!** If you have a warm heart, a listening ear, and the gift of compassion, you can make a difference in the life of a hospice patient or family member. Barnabas Health is offering training for all individuals interested in becoming hospice volunteers. Training will be provided by members of the Hospice team on 3 consecutive Tuesdays—June 4th, 11th, and 18th from 10 am to 3:00 pm at Barnabas Health Hospice, 80 Main Street, West Orange. Volunteers must attend all 3 sessions. **Advance registration is required. Please contact 973-370-8130 or email volunteer.coordinator@vnahg.org.**
- ◀ **Worldwide Marriage Encounter:** "I am with you always, until the end of the age." Is God in your marriage? Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. **For more information visit our website at: www.wmme.org or contact Mike and Janet Turco at 973-427-7016 or 609-335-6880 or email mikeandjanetwmme@gmail.com**
- ◀ Since St. John the Baptist Feast falls on a Monday, the Feast will be celebrated on Sunday, June 23rd after the 12 Noon Mass. **Come join the fun!**



Pentecost isn't a One Day Thing:

How to Tap into the Power of the Holy Spirit This Week and Set the World on Fire!

By Brenton Cordeiro | Via Catholic-Link.org | May 22, 2018

I F YOU EVER VISIT THE ARCHBASILICA OF ST. JOHN LATERAN IN ROME, YOU WILL SEE HUGE STATUES OF THE APOSTLES LINING THE NAVE OF THAT CHURCH. Each statue appears larger-than-life and any viewer is left in awe and wonder at the respect these statues command. It is almost fitting that these statues do this, because these men are the foundation on which our Church was built. We know little of the personal histories of most of the Apostles, yet their efforts at proclaiming the good news of Jesus' life, death and resurrection have led to the Church reaching the ends of the earth over the centuries.

However, the magnificence of these statues is somewhat misleading. It's true that the Apostles did great and wonderful things in the name of Jesus. Yet, while these statues appear extraordinary, we have to remember that the Apostles were ultimately ordinary men who did extraordinary things, empowered by the Holy Spirit. Did you know that if you are a practicing Catholic, you too are also empowered by the Holy Spirit?

We are not too different from any of the Apostles. If we look at the portrayal of any of the Apostles, we see several examples of their human weaknesses (something I'm sure we can relate to). Even the great leader of the Apostles, St. Peter, denied knowing Christ three times at the onset of Jesus' Passion, at a time when Jesus arguably needed His friends the most. Throughout the Gospels, we see the foibles and shortcomings of the Apostles, to say nothing of their lack of theological or leadership training. The dramatic transformation in the Apostles is seen after Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit descended on them (Acts 2). It is from that point that we see the Apostles going from weak, even confused men, to bold leaders and witnesses of the Gospel. The Apostles tapped into the power and gifts of the Holy Spirit that had been bestowed upon them, and lo and behold, they fruitfully and successfully launched the beginnings of the Church and her mission to the rest of the world.

It is essential that we recognize the striking change that occurred in the Apostles after being empowered by the Holy Spirit. Only if we are able to see this, will we be able to realize that it was not so much the Apostles who accomplished anything, rather it was the Holy Spirit at work in and through them.

The awesome thing is that the Holy Spirit can do the same in and through us, if we let Him.

While the Holy Spirit is not bound by the

sacraments and can act outside them to galvanize anyone He chooses to, the sacrament of Confirmation in particular plays a key role in empowering us. Confirmation is the special outpouring of the Holy Spirit on each of us, in the same way that the Spirit was once granted to the Apostles on the day of Pentecost. Those of us who have received the sacrament of Confirmation are objectively empowered by the Holy Spirit whether we feel like that's the case or not. Importantly, Confirmation gives us a special strength from the Holy Spirit to spread and defend the faith by word and action as true witnesses of Christ, to confess the name of Christ boldly, and to never to be ashamed of the Cross (CCC 1303).

Thus, it doesn't matter whether we feel we are empowered or not—we are empowered! We are ready to be apostles... So, what's stopping us? Is it a sense of unworthiness? Is it that we think we don't know enough about the faith to be able to teach it? Are we afraid of rejection or looking silly?

Again, we have to circle back and see that the Apostles were in the same boat too. They knew they were unworthy. They hadn't been to any fancy religion or theology classes. They were regularly rejected and persecuted for trying to teach and witness to the Gospel. Yet, they did it anyway, because Jesus had commanded them to do so (a command that applies to us too, by the way). As St. Peter said in the book of Acts, "We must obey God rather than men" (Acts 5:29).

I offer three qualities of the Apostles for your consideration that could help you overcome any feelings of fear or unworthiness to be a missionary disciple yourself. If you think you lack them, ask the Holy Spirit for these gifts to come alive in you in a new and powerful way:

1. Courage

Courage is not the absence of fear, but rather it is acting in the face of fear. Following Pentecost, there isn't any real reference to the Apostles being fearful, but their boldness is unmistakable. The Apostles went forth and preached the Gospel, despite facing imprisonment, torture, threats against their lives, and even losing their friends to martyrdom. The Holy Spirit gave them the holy boldness they needed to persevere in their Christ-given mandate to proclaim the good news.

2. Faith

The Apostles trusted the power of God acting through them and knew that the Holy Spirit was their protection against all spiritual and

personal attacks. Moreover, the Holy Spirit filled them with the faith, knowledge and wisdom that they needed to do the works of God, both great and small.

3. Docility

All that the Apostles did was rooted in the fact that, having been empowered by the Holy Spirit, they let the Holy Spirit take charge and guide all they said and did. They did not try to do things their way, but allowed the Holy Spirit to have His way, so that God's plans could unfold through them.

We too have the Holy Spirit dwelling in us. There isn't a holiness or intelligence criteria to be a witness for Christ. We just need to stir up the Spirit in us and tap into His power and gifts. If the Apostles did what they did despite not being 'holy enough' or 'smart enough' for the job entrusted to them, why are we allowing ourselves to be held back?

So many of us feel the pain of our currently struggling Church and increasingly emptier pews. Well, those pews are not going to be filled by themselves. We have to step out and set the world on fire through the power and gifts of the Holy Spirit. And we can trust that the Holy Spirit will be our helper to do this. St. Basil the Great wrote that the Holy Spirit raises our hearts to heaven, guides the steps of those who are weak, and makes the souls in which He dwells into a source of grace for others.

Perhaps the best reminder that we are just as equipped as the Apostles were, came through the words of Pope Paul VI. He said that it is the Holy Spirit who today, just as at the beginning of the Church, acts in every evangelizer who allows himself to be possessed and led by Him. Bringing about a positive change in the world and our Church will never be possible without the action of the Holy Spirit. Techniques of evangelization are good, but even the seemingly most advanced and sophisticated ones cannot replace the gentle action of the Holy Spirit.

Any renewal in our Church calls for each of us to take that first step in faith, courage and docility. If twelve ordinary men, with no unique gifts or skills, but rather having their fair share of weaknesses, could lay the first building blocks of the Church, we can certainly take their work forward. The Apostles had fears, questions, doubts and insecurities, just as we do today. Yet, the same Holy Spirit who inspired and emboldened those twelve men, calls us and equips us to do what they did – how can we refuse this awesome invitation to transform the world for the glory of God's name?

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