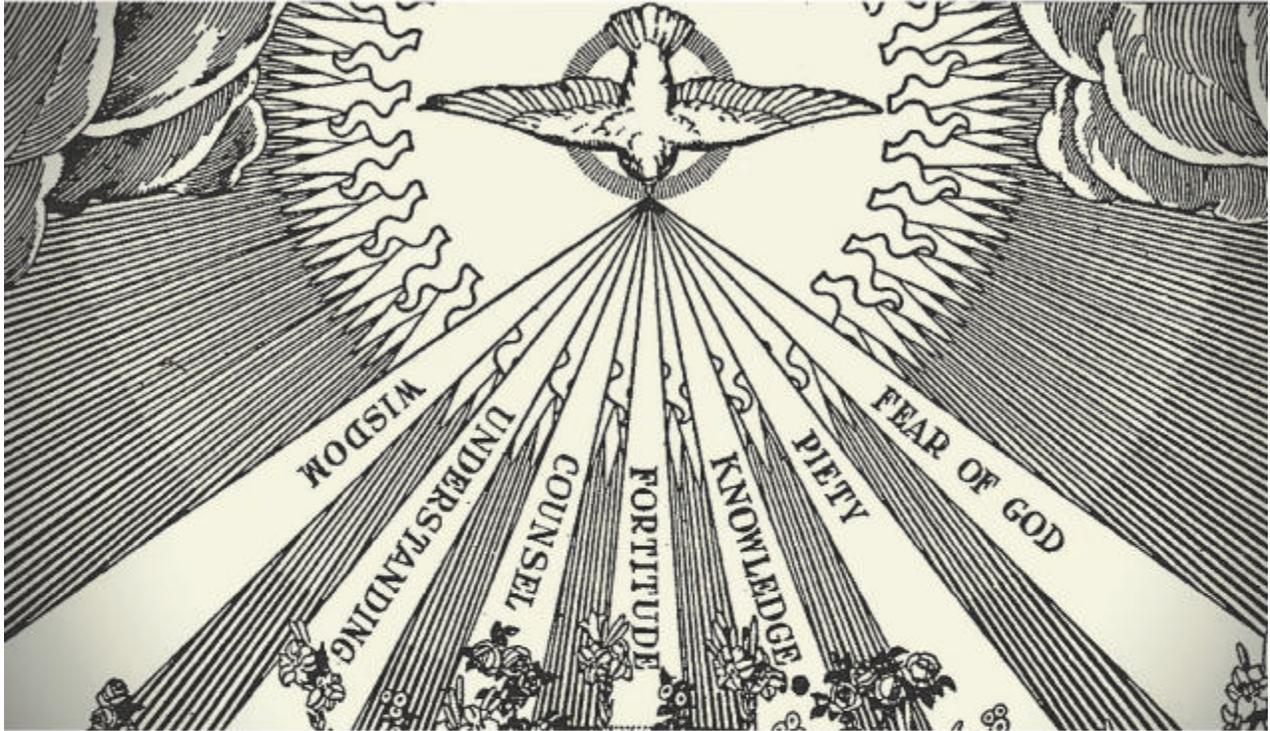


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Congratulations to Lisa Ellis and Thank You Karen Fornicola

The Ladies Guild would like to thank Karen Fornicola for serving as our Treasurer for two years. Karen has stepped down and we welcome Lisa Ellis as our new Treasurer!

Lisa also serves as our new Ladies Guild Kitchen Manager. She successfully completed the ServSafe course and became certified as a Food Protection Manager by the American Standards Institute - Conference for Food Protection! Our kitchen will be in good hands!

Thank you to Mary Robertson and Welcome Kim Norton

The Thrift Shoppe staff and Committee would like to thank Mary Robertson for her service as Treasurer for the past year and a half. We welcome Kim Norton as the new Treasurer.

We continue to be in DIRE need of substitute workers on an "as needed" basis at the Thrift Shoppe. We are also looking for volunteers for the summer months. If you are interested, please call the parish office.

We appreciate your prayerful consideration.

Thank You. 

Hearts for Life

You will find an insert in the bulletin this weekend for the Hearts for Life spiritual adoption program. This is an organization, affiliated with the Knights of Columbus that encourages us "to be a prayer warrior in a special way for God's innocent unborn babies." "Please reach out through Spiritual Adoption to save an innocent unborn baby and make it a part of your family!" For more information about this program go to www.hearts4life.org.

PASSAGES Bereavement Support Groups

Beginning this month, Hospice of the E.U.P. is offering a six week session/support group. Passages is designed for those who have experienced a recent loss and those struggling with unresolved grief from long ago. The Group can become a source of emotional support and help through education and sharing. For all adult members of the community.

Tuesday's or Thursday's:

May 11th-June 15th 4:30-6:00 p.m.

OR

May 13th-June 17th: 9:30-11:00 a.m.

Preregistration is mandatory and group size is limited. To register or for more information contact the Hospice Office at 259-0222.

Prayer Shawl Group Started Their New Season

St. Joseph's Prayer Shawl Group began meeting on Friday, May 14th. We will continue meeting on the second Friday of each month. Interested in joining us? We will be meeting in the Parish Hall from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m.

We will be practicing social distancing. Please wear a mask. We will be making shawls, hats, scarves, mittens, etc. All knitters, crocheters and quilters are welcome.

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Whether we like it or not - life is made up of decisions. Sometimes they are easier, like what am I going to eat for dinner? However, sometimes they are more difficult, like am I going to stay committed to my morals or do something I know is not right? What about how we respond when someone asks us about our faith? Do we hide it, or openly admit that we are Catholic and believe in God?

In the second reading from this Seventh Sunday of Easter, it is written "Whoever acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God remains in him and he in God" (1 Jn 4: 15). What is it in us that helps us to willingly acknowledge God, even when it might mean we face negative consequences for it?

The Gift of Fortitude helps us have the courage to stay committed to our faith and to conquer any fear that might dwell in our hearts when it comes to acknowledging God as the Lord and Savior of our lives. It gives us strength in the moments of testing to willingly say "yes, I believe in God and am committed to following Him". We are given many opportunities to profess our faith in God and acknowledge that we are His, not the worlds.

In the moment, it can sometimes be difficult to openly admit that we are Catholic and, do in fact, love and believe in God. Sometimes we face pressure from friends or family who don't share our faith and might be highly critical of it. Maybe the criticism comes from co-workers who don't understand why you are committed to living your life in a certain way - maybe they even mock you because of it. It is during these moments that we can call on the Holy Spirit, and pray for an increase in the gift of fortitude, to help us stay committed to our willingness to profess our faith in God.

I can think of many moments in my life when I have had to pray to have the fortitude – the courage – to live out my faith instead of giving into fear. One time that stands out to me comes from my time during college at LSSU. During one of my political philosophy classes, I was singled out by my professor when it came to explaining whether or not it was appropriate to lie in several different scenarios based on my Catholic beliefs. It was challenging to be put on the spot and asked to defend my beliefs in that way. However, I asked God to send His Holy Spirit to help me and I am confident that the gift of fortitude assisted me in that moment.

Can you think of times in your life where you have needed to defend the faith and have had the courage to do so? That is the gift of fortitude active in your life. It can be powerful to remember these moments as we contemplate ways we might need to defend our faith in the future. But the reward for doing so is great, as we remind ourselves of that verse from the Second reading "Whoever acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God remains in him and he in God" (1 Jn 4: 15).

Why challenge ourselves in this way though? Sometimes it would be easier to just avoid the difficult conversations and walk away. To just change the subject and look for something else to talk about. It might make relationships simpler if you didn't need to explain why you were choosing to live your life a particular way.

In the Gospel from this 7th Sunday of Easter, Jesus prays "I speak this in the world so that they may share my joy completely. I gave them your word, and the world hated them, because they do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world" (Jn 17: 13-16).

We are reminded that we are not made for this world, but that we are destined for eternal life. It is for this reason that it matters how we choose to live and the way we keep the resolute spirit of faith that the gift of fortitude assists us with. Living as a Catholic in the culture today is not easy, but we cannot give up hope knowing that this is not our final calling. We belong in eternal life with God, and we should work hard every day to acknowledge that.

Let us pray that as we go through life, God would grant us the gift of fortitude especially in challenging times, so that we can stay faithful to our Catholic identity in all things.

Prayer for an increase in Fortitude: O Lord Jesus Christ, who, before ascending into heaven, did promise to send the Holy Spirit to finish Your work in the souls of Your Apostles and Disciples, dare to grant the same Holy Spirit to me, that He may perfect in my soul the work of Your grace and Your love. Grant me the spirit of Fortitude, that I may bear my cross with You, and that I may overcome with courage all the obstacles that oppose my salvation. Amen.

Congratulations to our Confirmands



Confirmation took place at St. Joseph's Parish on Sunday, May 2nd. Please congratulate these students when you see them!

Save the Date! Corpus Christi Celebration

June 6, 2021

2:00-4:00PM

Procession Begins at

**St. Joseph's Church at 2:00PM and ends at Holy
Name of Mary's ProCathedral Church**

Upcoming Homily Series

Gifts of the Holy Spirit

May 16: Fortitude

May 23: Counsel (Pentecost)

Additional Mass Scheduled for the Summer!

An additional Mass has been added for the summer months this year. Our Masses have been at, or close to, 50% capacity. To encourage more people to come back to Mass the new Mass time will begin next Sunday, May 23rd at 1:00 p.m. This Mass will be strictly a Masked Mass.

MASS SCHEDULE

Friday, 5/14/21: 5:15 p.m.

Saturday, 5/15/21: 5:00 p.m.

+For Trinda Pontus by Valee Bergeron & Family

Sunday, 5/16/21:

8:00 a.m.: +For Barbara Haydon by Pat Lever

10:00 a.m.: For the Parishioners of St. Joseph's Parish

Monday, 5/17/21: No Mass

Tuesday, 5/18/21: No Mass

Wednesday, 5/19/21: 4:00 p.m.

For the Health of Rusty Payment by Aunt Marna and Uncle Clayton

Thursday, 5/20/21: 12:10 p.m.

For the Health of Lisa Nelson by Aunt Marna and Uncle Clayton

Friday, 5/21/21: 5:15 p.m.

+For Debbie Verrett by Josie and Richard Benoit

Saturday, 5/22/21: 5:00 p.m.

+For Mellolee Doyle by Vallee Bergeron and Family

Sunday, 5/22/21:

8:00 a.m.: For the Parishioners of St. Joseph's Parish

10:00 a.m.: +For Bud and Mary Mansfield by the Mansfield Family

Friday's Mass is for those most vulnerable to COVID-19. All who attend MUST wear a mask.

Confession is available on Saturday at 3:30pm or upon request.

Remembrance Candles



May, 2021

Table of the Lord:

In Memory of Tom Artley, Jr. by the Artley and Trumbley Families

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In Memory of Ginny Tetzlaff
By Dr. Tim Tetzlaff & Family

Word of God

In Memory of the Deceased Members of the Cottelit and Kennedy Families
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