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ASSUMPTION GROTTO NEWS

ASSUMPTION GROTTO CHURCH

June 20, 2021



*Our Lady of Lourdes
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A Catechetical Descant

This Tuesday evening a small group of our young people will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. As such, it is opportune to reprint Fr. Spirago's concise explanation of Confirmation.

Confirmation is so-called from its effect, which is to confirm and strengthen in the faith those who receive it; it is also spoken of as the laying on of hands (Acts 8:17), from the nature of the ceremonies. Our Lord had given the Holy Spirit to His apostles before His ascension, yet they were timid and fearful, and did not lose this timidity until the Day of Pentecost, when the plenitude of the Spirit was poured out upon them. So we receive the Holy Spirit at our baptism, but not in all His fullness; this we receive at our Confirmation. On the Day of Pentecost the Holy Spirit came down upon the apostles under sensible signs, tongues as of fire and a mighty wind; so in Confirmation the visible sign is the imposition of hands, the audible sign the prayers repeated by the bishop. At Pentecost the apostles received the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, pre-eminently the gift of fortitude, and the extraordinary gift of tongues; it is the same with us at Confirmation, only the gift of tongues is not now given. What the Day of Pentecost was to the apostles, Confirmation is to the Christian.

The holy apostles Peter and John laid their hands on the Christians at Samaria, and they received the Holy Spirit (Acts 8:11-17). St. Paul did the same at Ephesus. At that time when Confirmation was administered, it was generally accompanied by extraordinary gifts of the Holy Spirit, such



12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Quiet! Be still!"
The wind ceased and there was great calm. Then he asked them,
"Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?" - Mt. 4:39-40

as the gift of tongues and of prophecy (Acts 19:6). At the laying on of hands the Holy Spirit was wont to manifest His coming by visible signs, so that the apostles needed not to make use of chrism. Originally oil alone was employed; not until the sixth century was balm mingled with it. The oldest writers and Fathers of the Church speak of the Sacrament of Confirmation. Pope Urban, in the third century, says: "All the faithful ought, after baptism, to receive the Holy Spirit by imposition of hands, in order that they may become perfect Christians." St. Augustine remarks that it must not be concluded, because the gift of tongues is no longer given, that the Holy Spirit is not communicated by imposition of hands. It was only given in early times for the more rapid propagation of the Gospel. The Council of Trent expressly declares Confirmation to be a

true sacrament, not a mere rite, which formerly was appended to Baptism, nor a public profession of faith in presence of the faithful.

The supernatural effect of Confirmation is similar to the natural effect of oil. It creates within us a spirit of meekness; it increases, that is, our charity towards God and our neighbor, it enlightens our understanding, strengthens our will, preserves our soul from the corruption of sin, and fills us with the sweet odor of virtue. Oil softens what is hard, it adds vigor to the frame, it diffuses an agreeable light. Balm is a preservative against putrefaction, and emits a fragrant smell. Confirmation increases our charity towards God and our neighbor, or, in other words, it increases sanctifying grace, and imparts to us the fullness of the divine Spirit. Hence Confirmation is the complement of Baptism; in Baptism we are made the temples of the Holy Spirit, in Confirmation we receive Him in all His plenitude of graces. In Baptism we are made soldiers of Christ; at Confirmation our weapons are handed to us. Those who have been confirmed enjoy a greater degree of glory in heaven than the unconfirmed. This is why, in early times, Confirmation was administered to infants. The enlightenment of the mind consists in giving man a sense of the worthlessness of the goods and pleasures of this world, and inspiring him with an abhorrence of them. By Confirmation our thoughts and aspirations are directed towards heaven; from earthly, man becomes heavenly, from sensual, spiritual; he becomes a perfect Christian. By Confirmation timidity is dispelled and courage imparted. Before the Day of Pentecost the

Mass Intentions for the Week



Monday, - June 21, 2021

7:30 a.m.– Laura & Charles Zechin (L&D)

Tuesday, - June 22, 2021

7:30 a.m. – Joanne Fredal (D)
6:00 p.m. – Confirmation Mass

Wednesday, - June 23, 2021

7:30 a.m. – Jack Lingsch

Thursday June 24, 2021

7:30 a.m. – Deceased Parents of Dwayne & Debbie Henderson

Friday, - June 25, 2021

7:30 a.m.– Berger & DeHenau Families (L&D)

Saturday, -June 26, 2021

7:30 a.m. – Special Intention
4:00 p.m. – Special Intention

Sunday, June 27, 2021

6:30 a.m. – Jaimie Rollo
9:30 a.m. - People of the Parish
12:00 p.m. – Sharon Nash

Mass Servers

Saturday, June 26, 2021

4:00 p.m. D. Bastuba, J. Cline

Sunday, June 27, 2021

6:30 a.m. R. Jacek, M. Pomeroy.
9:30 a.m. K. Garavaglia, A. Santine, M. Grado, C. Bueche
12:00 p.m. M. Chambers, A. & W. Remski, G. Welsing, J. & D. Berch

Readings for the week of 06-20-21

Sunday: Jb 38:1, 8-11/ Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31 [1b]/2 Cor 5:14-17/ Mk 4:35-41

Monday: Gn 12:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20 and 22 [12]/Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 [1b]/Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Mt 7:15-20

Thursday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15, 17 [6b]/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17 **Day:** Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1-3, 13-14, 14-15 [14a]/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80

Friday: Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [4]/Mt 8:1-4

Saturday: Gn 18:1-15/Lk 1:46-47, 48-49, 50 and 53, 54-55 [cf. 54b]/Mt 8:5-17

Next Sunday: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/ Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13 [2a]/2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15/ Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43

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SUNDAY MASSES: Saturdays at 4:00; Sundays at 6:30, 9:30 (Tridentine), & Noon

HOLY DAY MASSES: 6:30, 9:30 (Tridentine), Noon & evening at 7:00 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES: Monday-Saturday 7:30 a.m. (all Tridentine).

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 2:30-3:30, Sunday 9:00 & 11:30 a.m.

BAPTISMS: Every Saturday after the 4:00 p.m. Mass or Sunday after the Noon Mass. Arrange at the Rectory Office.

BLESSING FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS: After the Noon Mass on the first Sunday of the month.

REGISTRATION: Visit the Rectory or call for a form to be sent out to you.

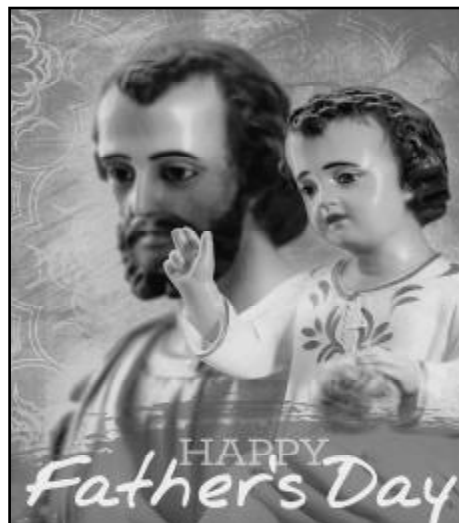
Let us Remember to Also Pray for our Spiritual Fathers this Father's Day

St. Therese of Lisieux's Prayer for Priests

O Jesus, eternal Priest, keep your priests within the shelter of Your Sacred Heart, where none may touch them. Keep unstained their anointed hands, which daily touch Your Sacred Body. Keep unsullied their lips, daily purpled with your Precious Blood. Keep pure and unearthly their hearts, sealed with the sublime mark of the priesthood. Let Your holy love surround them and shield them from the world's contagion. Bless their labors with abundant fruit and may the souls to whom they minister be their joy and consolation here and in heaven their beautiful and everlasting crown. Amen.

Prayer for Fathers

God our Father, you govern and protect your people and shepherd them with a father's love. You place a father in a family as a sign of love, care, and constant protection. May fathers everywhere be faithful to the examples shown in the Scriptures; steadfast in love, forgiving transgressions, sustaining the family, caring for those in need. Give your wisdom to fathers that they may encourage and guide their children. Keep them healthy so they may support a family. Guide every father with the Spirit of your love that they may grow in holiness and draw their family ever closer to you. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



apostles were faint-hearted as children; after that day they were bold as lions. The Holy Spirit produces a like change in those who are confirmed: they can say: "I can do all things in Him Who strengtheneth me" (Phil 4:13). St. Vincent is of opinion that at the end of the world the Antichrist will spare no effort to deter Christian people from receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, as in that case they would more readily apostatize from the faith. And since Confirmation confirms the will, it makes it easier for those who have received it to resist temptation, and thus avoid sin. If such a one should fall into mortal sin, he will incur a rigorous chastisement, like a soldier who deserts to the enemy's camp. And the stronger the will, the less difficult does the practice of virtue become. Confirmation tends especially to render us humble and meek, as the oil and balm denote: for balm sinks into the liquid into which it is poured, symbolizing humility, and oil always floats on the surface, teaching man to rise superior to the vexations of life by unflinching meekness. Holy Scripture speaks of virtue as a good odor (2 Cor. 2:15), because those who are virtuous are as pleasing to God as a sweet perfume is to us.

The candidate for Confirmation ought previously to go to confession and, if possible, to holy communion; for to receive this sacrament one must be in a state of grace. For any one in mortal sin to receive Confirmation is as if a precious and delicate substance were poured into an unclean vessel. It is not obligatory on one who is unquestionably in a state of grace to go to confession before Confirmation.

The candidate for Confirmation must be well instructed in the doctrines of the faith, and prepare himself to receive the Holy Spirit by retirement and prayer. He should in this respect imitate the apostles, who spent the ten days before Pentecost in persevering prayer (Acts 1:14). On this account several Synods decreed that candidates for Confirmation should be placed under instruction for a week previously; that each day in that week

they should repeat seven Our Fathers and seven Hail Marys in honor of the Holy Spirit, and that they should keep the eve of their Confirmation day as a fast.

The person to be confirmed must also have a godfather or godmother. Confirmation Sponsors are to help instruct the candidate in the Faith. In all the difficulties of life the godparent ought to be ready to support and help his godchild; he ought to do his utmost to induce him to keep within the paths of virtue; and the godchild ought to feel that he must not rely too much on his own powers, but must seek counsel from others. The sponsor chosen ought to be one who has himself been confirmed, a person of blameless life, older than the one to be confirmed, and of the same sex; not, if it can be avoided, the same who stood sponsor for him at the baptismal font. (From *The Catechism Explained* by Fr. Francis Spirago, 1899, reprinted by Mediatrix Press, 2020). Let us give thanks to God for this holy sacrament and pray for those to be confirmed that they be steadfast disciples of the Lord Jesus.

*****Please Read:
 Regarding Confirmation*****

All those who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on June 22nd should have already been interviewed by Fr. John or Fr. Logan either in person or by phone. If you have not, please contact the rectory before Tuesday.

Day of Recollection

The Canons Regular of the Holy Cross will have a Day of Recollection on August 15 from 2-4p.m. More information to follow.

Learn about Chesterton Academy

Chesterton Academy of Our Lady of Guadalupe is a new classical high school in the Catholic tradition located in Clinton Township. We just completed our first year where our students attended daily Mass, studied Dante, learned to sing chant, performed a Shakespearean

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Grotto St. Vincent de Paul Helpers

Parishioners who are in need of help may contact Jeff Cline at 586-242-1959.

Altar Boy Training

Any boy who has received his First Holy Communion is eligible to be an altar boy. Monthly Altar Boy Training will be held on **Saturday, July 10** in the church from 1:00 PM until 2:00 PM. All altar boys are asked to attend.


Seven Sisters Apostolate

Our four groups renewed their prayer commitments of one Holy Hour a week for Archbishop Allen Vigneron, Fr. John Bustamante, Fr. Eduard Perrone and Fr. Aidan Logan on Friday, June 11th. The day began with a Holy Mass offered for all the Sisters and those for whom they pray. After Mass the renewal of their prayer commitments for another year took place at the Grotto where we requested Our Lady's help to persevere in our commitments and placed the Archbishop and priests for whom we are praying into her protection. See the new flyer for 2021 on the side tables of the church for more information on our parish Seven Sisters Groups. We are in need of more women willing to commit an hour a week for one of our priests as a substitute or alternate. Please call and leave your name at the rectory if God is calling you to assist our priests in this Apostolate. For more information see their website: <https://sevensistersapostolate.org/home>.



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