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Dear Parishioners,

Saint Luke places the account of the event of Pentecost that we heard in the First Reading in the second chapter of the Acts of the Apostles. The chapter is introduced by the words: "When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place". These words refer to the previous setting in which Luke described the small company of disciples that had gathered perseveringly in Jerusalem after Jesus' Ascension into Heaven. It is a description rich in detail: the place "where they were staying" - the Cenacle - was an "Upper Room"; the 11 Apostles are listed by name and the first three are Peter, John and James, the "pillars" of the community; mentioned with them are "the women" and "Mary the Mother of Jesus, and "his brethren", already an integral part of this new family, no longer based on blood ties but on faith in Christ.

The total number of people which was "about a hundred and twenty", a multiple of the "Twelve" of the Apostolic College, alludes to this "new Israel". The group constitutes an authentic "qhlh", an "assembly" in accordance with the model of the First Covenant, the community summoned to listen to the Lord's voice and to walk in his ways. The Acts of the Apostles stresses that "all these with one accord devoted themselves to prayer". Prayer, therefore, is the principle activity of the nascent Church through which she receives her unity from the Lord and lets herself be guided by his will, as shown by the decision to cast lots in order to elect the one who would take Judas' place.

At Pentecost, the Church was not established by human will but by the power of God's Spirit. And it is immediately clear how this Spirit gives life to a community which is at the same time one and universal, thereby overcoming the curse of Babel. Indeed, it is only the Holy Spirit who creates unity in love and in the reciprocal acceptance of diversity which can free humanity from the constant temptation to acquire earthly power that seeks to dominate and standardize all things.

On this feast of the Spirit and the Church, let us thank God for having given to His people, chosen and formed in the midst of all peoples, the precious good of peace, of His peace! At the same time, let us renew the awareness of the responsibility that is connected with this gift: the Church's responsibility to be, constitutionally, a sign and instrument of God's peace for all peoples. I sought to pass on this message recently by going to the Headquarters of the United Nations Organization in order to address my words to the representatives of the peoples. However, we must not only think of these events "at the summit". The Church carries out her service to Christ's peace above all in the ordinary presence and action among men and women, with the preaching of the Gospel and the signs of love and mercy that accompany it.

In the light of this word of life, dear brothers and sisters, may the prayer we are raising to God in spiritual union with the Virgin Mary become ever more fervent and intense. May the Virgin of listening, the Mother of the Church, obtain for our communities and for all Christians a renewed outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete. "Emitte Spiritum tuum et creabuntur, et renovabis faciem terrae - Send forth your Spirit, and they shall be recreated, and you shall renew the face of the earth". Amen.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Newcomb

During these trying times we are still trying to keep our Church doors open after this pandemic is over. Contributions can be mailed to PO Box 712, dropped off in the mail slot at the rectory (46 Ball Street) or follow the link below to do online giving.

We appreciate your generosity to our parish.

<https://stmarysportjervis.churchgiving.com/>

The parish office will reopen on Monday, June 1st.

Daily Masses are being celebrated in the Church at 9am.

Weekend Masses will begin the weekend of June 6th/7th with no obligation.

Confessions will be heard on Saturdays from 3pm until 3:45pm

There will be First Friday Mass on June 5th at 11:30am.
Adoration from Noon to 8pm, no need to sign up.
Confessions 11am to 11:20am
All in the Church

We thank previous members Steve Riordan, Cheryl Lovelace, and Janet Smith for their 3 years of service on our Parish Council. We welcome our new members, Danielle Legato, Reyes Torres, and Kimberly Witkowski.

We have various Mass Intentions available. If you would like a Mass Intention for a loved one, living or deceased, email or call in your request to st-marys-rectory@hvc.rr.com

St. Mary's Food Pantry is still available to all in our local and area communities. The next date will be Friday, June 12th from 10am until noon. If you or anyone you know needs help, please have them come during those times.

The Cardinal's Appeal is still ongoing. Our goal is \$34,500. We have received pledges totaling \$14,860 from 79 donors. You can visit Cardinalsappeal.org. All Donations can be mailed directly to: The Cardinal's Appeal PO Box 4020 NY, NY 10261.

Our Parish number is **518.**

Spiritual Communion Prayer

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,

Come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you as if you were already there

And unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you.

Amen.

Announced Masses

Monday, June 1 (BNM, mother of the Church)
9:00am Vicky DiLucia, by the Bell family

Tuesday, June 2 (Marcellinus and Peter, martyrs)
9:00am Gilbert DiLucia, by the Bell family

Wednesday, June 3 (Charles Lwanga and companions, martyrs)
9:00am Walter Klimek, by the Bell family

Thursday, June 4
9:00am Living and deceased members of the Caracciolo family, by Agnes and Mary

Friday, June 5 (Boniface, bishop and martyr)
11:30am Richard Kearns, by the Bell family

Saturday, June 6
4:00pm The parishioners of St. Mary's

Sunday, June 7 (Most Holy Trinity)
8:30am Deceased members of the McCaffrey and Winters family, by Gregory, Robert, and Jim Leiher
11:30am Mary Wohlscheid, by Jack and Dorean Reilly



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn brightly this week in the Church, in memory of Elizabeth and Susan Hinkley, by Barbara and Dick Drew.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Donald Wolff, Carol Gomillion, David Lisker, Nancy Parsons, Debi Cotugno, Michael Bello, Michael Barnes, William Lincoln, Jeannine Lincoln, James Lincoln, Charles Hildebrandt, Maureen Hildebrandt, Walter Szpakowicz, Carmella Balsamello, Aedan Roach, Robin Radzikowski, James Roach, Catherine Simons, Brendan Carmody, Nico Nicolette, Jaryd Viserta, Steven Gaesser, Kacey Warner, Sandra Ramsey, Lorraine Mannarino, Elizabeth Startup Jones, Mary Lynn Beam, Jose Ramos, Carmen Ramos, Mercedes Rodriguez, Jose Brito, Michael Medaglia, Barbara Straub, Tress Loughrey, Sal Careri, Cody Bain, Robert Witherow, Susan Upton, Theresa Fuller, Allen Lynch, Enid Decker, Jackie Mundy, Chris Marion, III, Barbara Lindsay, Robert Ackerman, Wayne DeMarco, Ryan O'Connor, Elizabeth Brennan, Jerri Kavanaugh, Allan Garcia, Christine Haberzettl, Eric Hildebrandt, Rose Gotthardt, Georgia Gotthardt, John Olenick, John Hendrix, Stephen A. Odrechowski and fam., Scott Robertson, Eva Scopino, Jan Kaminski, Ana Anaya, Glenn Lagatol, Ellen Pentland, Shirley Simeone, and Belinda Vazquez.

The collection for May 23rd/24th was \$4,306.
Thank you for your continued generosity.