

# FATHER PAT'S SERMON NOTES

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY!

## THE FEAST OF PENTECOST

### The Holy Spirit: God's Answer to Our Fears!

A few years ago I read a book co-authored by two of our own parishioners. In it the topic of fear is discussed and two perspectives are presented in the form of an acronym. For some, F-E-A-R means "Flee Everything And Run!" and for others it means "Face Everything And Rise!" The author's wisely conclude that it's up to each person as to which acronym will define him or her. So, which version fits you? If you are living under the influence of the Holy Spirit then it must be the latter!

Saint Paul tells us why: *"For those who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. You did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a Spirit of adoption through which we cry 'Abba, Father'"*.(Romans 8:14-15) Without the Spirit, we will inevitably remain disciples or followers of our fears. In such a case, when our fears say "Jump!" we will say, "How high?" When our fears say, "Stop!" we will obediently comply! When our fears say, "You'll never succeed!" we will sadly agree. The Holy Spirit is the antidote for our fears! In fact, the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost was a game-changer; or more accurately, a life-changer! The Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead is the primary reason that the apostles could "Face Everything And Rise!"

Today is our moment: The time to stop fleeing and start rising! Rise from your self-pity and constant doubts! Rise from past failures and sins and receive God's forgiveness! Rise from the excuses that have not allowed God to accomplish the great things in you that he has always wanted to do! Fall to your knees and pray, then stand to your feet and praise; lift up your voice and sing; open your hearts and believe! Believe that God has anointed you, and appointed you; blessed you and equipped you; called and gifted you to go forth and bear much fruit! God has sent Holy Fire from heaven to ignite you and excite you so that you in turn would ignite and bring help and hope to others! Trusting in the Holy Spirit let us face everything today with confidence, and rise to the grace-filled life that God has placed before you!

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See Fr. Pat's Sermon Notes and listen to the podcast at <http://saintaugustine-dc.org/category/sermon-notes/>

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Sunday, May 15, 2016

### Scripture Readings

#### PENTECOST SUNDAY

Acts 2:1-11

1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13

Jn 20:19-23

The Most Holy Trinity

Pv 8:22-31

Rom 5:1-5

Jn 16:12-15



### 8:15 am Daily Mass Intentions

Mon	May	16	Rev. Mark McGuckin	- Living
Tues	May	17	Helene Byrne	- Living
Wed	May	18	For the unborn	
Thurs	May	19	For the end of abortion	
Fri	May	20	Tommie Cunningham	- Living

Attendance 861



### BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study is every Wednesday, in the School Cafeteria from 7:00pm- 8:30pm. All are welcome.



### Called & Gifted Workshop

A team from Catherine of Siena Institute in Colorado Springs will offer this day & half **Called & Gifted** workshop beginning on the evening Friday, May 20th and continuing on Saturday, May 21st. Registration forms can be found in the back of the Church. The cost is \$25.00.

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**Pentecost Sunday**

**This Sunday's Second Collection is for Catholic Relief Services, an Archdioceses Collection. Thank you for your continued support. Next Sunday's Second Collection is for the Parish Poor.**

**St. Augustine School** *Love to Learn; Learn to Love*

**SR. GLORIA AGUMAGU, HHCJ PRINCIPAL**

**INFORMATION: 202-667-2608**

*Catholic Education Corner*



Saint Augustine School is now registering for the 2016-2017 school year for grades Pre-K3, Pre-K4 through Eighth. For an application or more information, please contact Mr. Wilkins, Direction of Admissions at 202-667-2608 or email: admissions@saint Augustine-dc.



**SHARE**

SHARE packages are now on sale at the Ushers' Table. See the Share Representative.



Saint Augustine School will hold its 3rd Annual Art Show.



Stay tuned for more information.

**ACHS 24TH ANNUAL SPRING BENEFIT**  
Monday, June 13, 2016



Archbishop Carroll 24th Annual Spring Benefit will be held on Monday, June 13, 2016 from 6:00 –9:00pm at The John F Kennedy Center Roof Terrace Restaurant. This year, Father Patrick Smith will received the Patrick Cardinal O'Boyle Medal for his work in Catholic Education and Social Justice. Tickets are \$125.00. For more information and how to purchase tickets, see the flyer in your bulletin.

**8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION**  
Saturday, May 28, 2016



The Eight Grade Confirmation Class will received the Sacrament of Confirmation at the 4:30pm Mass. Please keep the Confirmandi in your prayers.

**Please Pray for Our Sick & Homebound**

Gwendolyn Adams  
John Adams, Sr.  
Beatrice Alexander  
Francis Arnold  
Ronald Ausbrooks  
William Barksdale  
Valerie Barrows  
Frances Brooks  
Mary Burgan  
Williams Burgan  
Andrew Burton  
Angela Callighan  
Elizabeth Carter  
Phillip Cephas  
Ollie Mae Clark  
Vincent Clarke, Sr.  
Annie Cole  
Tommie Cunningham  
Pauline Dines  
Theola Douglas  
Susan Epps  
Richard B. Fowler  
Barbara Ferguson  
Daniel Galloway  
Inez Gaskins  
Charles Gathers  
Thelma Givens  
Rev Charles Green  
Valencia Green  
Robert Greenfield

Frances Gulston  
Louise Harrison  
Grace Hansberry  
Brian Harvey  
John Harris  
Patricia Herndon  
Emily Hill  
Jeanne Hinckley  
Deborah Jackson  
Charles Jackson  
Marlene Jackson  
Malcom Jamison  
Eleanor Johnson  
Paul Joy  
Sedonia Labee  
Keats Labule  
Raymond Lane  
Louisa Lee  
Mary Leonard  
Bernadette Mahoney  
Lita Majors  
Catherine Mason  
Carolyn Matthews  
Florence Matthews  
Floyd McCory  
James McNamara  
Sylvia Monroe  
Alpha Nachas  
Evelyn Norris  
Julius Oben

Colelle Ogbey  
Eileen Ogu  
Harriet Parker  
Marguerite Parker  
Theresa Purcell  
George Queen  
Ashley Redhead, Jr.  
Royal Robinson  
Lisa Rivera  
Doris Silas  
Gertina Simms  
Alise Simmons  
George Simmons  
Mary Smith  
Zedekiah Smith  
Donnie Stewart  
Willis Thomas  
Juanita Towns  
Selma Twitty  
Hayden Vaughn  
Lillian Vaughn  
Terry Vaughn  
Esperanza Walker  
Shirley Ward  
Betty Washington  
Lillie White  
Cynthia Wilkins  
Bernice Williams  
Teresa Wilkinson  
Lozzie York



*Pray for our Dead*  
**Vinson O'Neil**  
**Carmel Noel**



**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

Pastoral Parish Council Meetings are held every 3rd Saturday of the month at 9:00 am in the Gingras Center. Meetings are open to all parishioners.



**PARK FREE SUNDAY**  
FROM 9am — 4pm  
**REEVES CENTER**  
**U STREET AT 14TH STREET NW**

**Our Parish Bookstore and Gift Shop**

Opens before and after weekend Masses. Use Visa or MasterCard (\$10 min), check (\$5min), or cash to buy: Bibles - Missals - Rosaries - Books on the Pope, Saints, Parish History, Faith, Discernment, Marriage, Children's Books, Father Pat's Homilies and Choir CDs



**INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC, RECEIVING CONFIRMATION? SPONSORING INQUIRERS? RCIA MEETS TUESDAYS AT 6:45 – 8:45PM IN THE GINGRAS CENTER - SABRINA WILLIAMS AT 202-294-6990.**

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