



Religious Education News and Calendar

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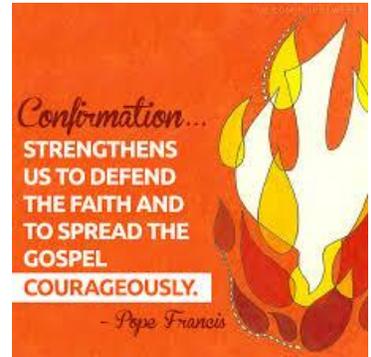


This week, we celebrate Pentecost Sunday and the Season of Easter comes to an end. Jesus sends us His Holy Spirit to strengthen us and to give us the gifts of:

- Wisdom
- Understanding
- Right Judgement (Counsel)
- Knowledge
- Courage (Fortitude)
- Reverence (Piety)
- Wonder & Awe (Fear of the Lord)

We rely on these gifts to love and serve the Lord and spread his Good News throughout the world.

As we slowly and safely reopen our churches for Mass and sacraments, nineteen of our young people are anxiously awaiting their opportunity to receive the full outpouring of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit in the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation. I would ask that starting today, on the Feast of Pentecost, that you pray for these young people in your daily prayers as they continue their preparation.



Lord, we lift up to You in prayer:

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| Enver A. | Emma B. | Kevin C. | Sean C. |
| Michael F. | Olivia G. | Patrick H. | John H. |
| McKenzie J. | Ryan K. | Emma K. | Grace M. |
| Genesis M. | Connor O. | Maria P. | Luciana P. |
| Natalia R. | Madison S. | Patrick T. | |

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.
And kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.
And you will renew the face of the earth.

Lord, by the light of the Holy Spirit,
you have taught the hearts of your faithful.
In the same Spirit help us to relish what is right
and always rejoice in your consolation.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Confirmation enriches the baptized with the strength of the Holy Spirit so that they can better witness to Christ in word and deed. (Catechism of the Catholic Church [CCC], no. 1285)



Today, the month of May also comes to an end. The Church dedicated this month to Mary, Our Mother. Many of us recited the Rosary every day during this month, praying for personal intentions as well as for an end to the COVID-19 pandemic, responding to Pope Francis' invitation: "I want to encourage everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in the month of May."

Why stop now? The Rosary is a wonderful prayer that we can recite as part of our daily devotions. It would be a great tradition to start or continue in your home with your children. Information on praying the Rosary for all ages and as a family can be found on our website:

<https://www.holyfamilyrockland.org/may-month-mary>

*O Mary, conceived without sin,
pray for us who have recourse to thee...*