

Companions on the Journey With the Holy Spirit EASTER SEASON: WEEK V



The Holy Spirit Our Companion on the Journey

Our **Journey** begins with God who creates us, accompanies us through life, death and resurrection until we return to God in glory. The Holy Spirit gifts, guides and invites us to live our mission to do **Christ's work** our *Opus Christi* –service to our brothers and sisters on every step. We are **Companions** on the Journey with God and with each other.

The **Risen Christ** commissioned the disciples and therefore us to go out into the world and proclaim the Good News! Part of the **Good News** of Jesus Christ is the power of the Holy Spirit at work within and among us. We are given all that we need to live our mission to love, work for justice and the flourishing of all people.

As we journey through the Easter Season to Pentecost the same Holy Spirit that propelled the disciples to live as Superheroes for Christ animates us through Baptism, Confirmation and with spiritual gifts. The power of the Holy Spirit that thrives in us is **from God** and **for others**.

Seven gifts of the Holy Spirit

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- **Wisdom** enables us to discern and relish God's presence in all things and to trust in Providence.
- **Understanding** is seeing and feeling with the heart, God's truth, beauty and goodness in ourselves, others and in our world.
- **Right Counsel** helps us to sift and sort in prayer what cannot be changed and needs to be accepted and what can be changed and needs to be accomplished.
- **Fortitude** emboldens us to dream of what is possible and to freely take risks to make that vision a reality.
- **Knowledge** focuses our priorities and shifts our perspective to think, feel and act with faith, hope and love.
- **Piety (Reverence)** is gratefully experiencing God in mind, heart and will in creation, ourselves and others and living 'as Christ' for others.
- **'Fear of the Lord' meaning "WOW!" Awe, Wonder, Amazement** Our sin, weakness and every difficulty is God's opportunity to manifest the power of the Holy Spirit at work in our lives –WOW!

WEEK V Reflection - Knowledge and Fortitude

One night a mom past her daughter's room and overheard her singing the alphabet song softly to herself. "What are you doing?" she asked. "I'm praying," the girl explained. "I can't think of the right words to say tonight, so I'm just singing the letters. God will put them together for me because He already knows what I'm thinking, how I feel and what I really need."

Knowledge, a gift of the Holy Spirit, affirms that God knows us better than we know ourselves. God is our loving companion whose Providence helps us to shift our perspective from fear to trust. The little girl in the story trusted that God would take her effort at prayer and give her all that she needed which is the spiritual gift of **Fortitude**. We pray not to change God but to gain knowledge about ourselves, our needs and the needs of others. God takes our efforts in prayer, however limited, and gifts us bountifully in return with more than we could hope for or imagine.

Our popular expression, "Knowledge is power" is also true in a spiritual sense. The gift of Knowledge of God's desire to give us the gift of Fortitude (all that is needed) opens us to God's power at work in our daily lives.

Scripture Reflection

- In the Acts of the Apostles the Holy Spirit, "fell upon all who were listening to the Word." God showers us all with gifts. Our grateful response is to use those gifts.
- St. John reminds us that our mission is to love one another because God has first loved us. Knowledge of God's love changes everything because we can trust God.
- In John's Gospel Jesus calls us friends and tells us that we have been chosen by God and gifted by God to live the life we are given. We have been gifted with the knowledge of God's presence and are given all of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit to live our lives with love.

Reflection and Activity

The only way to use **Knowledge** and **Fortitude** is through personal prayer. Schedule ten minutes to pray and sit or lie down quietly. Pray: "You, God, already know what I'm thinking, how I feel and what I really need, I trust in you."

If words are a problem just be with God or even sing the alphabet song a few times through as a prayer. Let God put the letters together for you. What will make a difference is spending time aware of God with you as a Companion on your Journey.

After ask: What was this experience like for me? What did I learn about myself? What was my experience of God? What one action may God be motivating me, through prayer, to take for the good of another?

CELEBRATING PENTECOST 2015: MAY 24TH

Multi-language Liturgy

Acts of the Apostles (2:4) reports that on the feast of Pentecost all were "filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim." The multiple languages at Pentecost demonstrate God's desire to be in relation with all people. God speaks to each heart in a unique way. Our celebration of Pentecost will be a multi-language liturgy serving as a symbol of God's ongoing action to renew the face of the earth.

Volunteers are being sought to proclaim the Scripture readings and general intercessions in their native language. Please contact Fr. Jared for more information and to volunteer.

Festive Clothing

On the first Pentecost the Spirit hovered over the disciples like tongues of fire. The manifestation of God's power symbolizes the fire of love that compels the followers of Jesus through spirituality, service and social ministry. Therefore, parishioners are invited to wear **flame colors of red, yellow or orange**. Our multi-colored glow will be a communal affirmation of our commitment to rekindle the fire of God's love and to live our mission working for peace and justice with zeal.

Flag Bearers Needed

Our Pentecost Eucharist procession is led by our flag bearers. We are in need of six volunteers for each Mass on Pentecost weekend as carriers. The flags are more cumbersome than heavy; however moderate upper body strength is a requirement. A sign-up sheet for each Mass time can be found in the Sacristy.

ST. PHILIP PREPARTORY SCHOOL,
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

ST. PHILIP PREP

4B has been doing a lot of things to wrap up the school year! They have been making stories for Writing, and exploring prepositions in English. In Religion, we are going over the Ten Commandments. In fourth grade math, we are finally finishing up fractions, and moving on to measurements. Our class pet, Midnight, is being taken care of by the whole class. She is a very happy fish! All of us cannot wait for summer, but feel blessed to be at St. Philip Prep. They all cannot wait to be fifth graders.

THE CABARET RETURNS!

Blue State Productions will once again partner with future Eagle Scout Marc Pannullo. Save the Date for "**One Night Only**" - a celebration of **Broadway Music** on Saturday, May 30 with food from around the world! Proceeds again benefit the "Project Choir Loft" renovation. Price \$30.00 per person. Tickets will be on sale after masses this weekend, May 9/10.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Grades 1 - 6: 8:00 AM Mass followed by class until 10:30 AM on May 17

Confirmation: May 14, 2015 at 7:30 PM; Arrive by 7:00 PM

Confirmation Practice: May 13 at 7:00 PM in Church

YOUTH GROUP

Upcoming youth group events are:

- May 14 - Confirmation
- May 17 - NJ Catholic Youth Day at Six Flags
- May 21 - Meeting in Youth Room

NJ CATHOLIC YOUTH RALLY

The NJ State Catholic Youth Rally is a day-long event that gathers teens from across the state of NJ for a day of fun, sharing, Mass and more held at Six Flags Great Adventure in Jackson, NJ. The NJ State Youth Rally is \$45 per person, includes entrance into the park, a FREE return ticket, a 4-hour all you can eat buffet, Mass, the Opening Ceremony. See Fr. Jared for permission slips and more information.

MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

SPRING CHOIR CONCERT

The Choir of Saint Philip the Apostle Church, the Saint Philip Youth Choir, the Saint Philip Hand Bell Choir and instrumentalists will present the Annual Spring Concert on Sunday, May 17, 2015 at 4:00 PM. in church. Admission is free; however, a free-will offering is appreciated to help support the efforts of the Music Ministry program. Please join us for an afternoon of beautiful sacred music.

COMEDY NIGHT

K of C 2nd Annual Comedy Night is May 16th in the auditorium. Dinner buffet and show \$35! For tickets call Jack Jaeger: 973.985.0761 or Mike Andolino: 201.953.4724.

WIDOW AND WIDOWERS

THE MONDAY NIGHT GROUP: May 11th at 6:30 PM.

THE NEW & RECENTLY BEREAVED GROUP: Wednesday, May 13th at 7:00 PM.

SEPARATED & DIVORCED SUPPORT GROUP

DIVORCE HEALING GROUP: 2nd and 4th Monday of each month, 7:00 PM in the Molloy Center on May 11th.

COLUMBIETTES

BLANKET MINISTRY

The next meeting of the blanket ministry will be on Thursday, May 21, 2015 at 9:45 AM in the Molloy Center. For questions or yarn donations, contact Cathie Murtha at 973-471-1265.

ROSARY SOCIETY

Monday, June 1, 2015 is the date for the next regular meeting of the Rosary Society **changed from May 18th**. We will begin with the Rosary at **6:30 PM** in Marian Hall. This will be our Induction Meeting, May Crowning and annual group picture! Don't miss it!

Heartfelt thanks to all our volunteers who made our Social Tea a success. Special thanks to the K of C, Columbiettes, high school students and Confirmation candidates!

DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

DISCOVER DEPAUL CATHOLIC

Prospective Parents Join Us For Discovery Days on **May 12 and May 21**, 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM! visit DePaul Catholic and view our school while in session. Please contact the office of admission to register, [973-694-3702](tel:973-694-3702). Limited enrollment available for the Fall.

ST. PHILIP'S PARISH CARNIVAL

St. Philip's annual Carnival will be held on

Friday,	June 5	6:00 – 10 PM
Saturday,	June 6	6:30 – 11 PM
Sunday,	June 7	1:00 – 7:00 PM

- Delicious food, drink and pizzelles!
- Cotton candy, popcorn, and ice cream!
- Beer, wine, and soda

- Amusements for all ages: Adventure Galley, Joust, Whirl Wind, Bungee, Rock Climbing, Mechanical Bull
- Carnival booths with games!

Supper 50/50 tickets will be sold at all masses the weekend of May 30th and at all days of the Carnival.

CARNIVAL SPONSORS

Sponsor support is one of the reasons our carnival has been a huge success each year. Sponsors are greatly appreciated. We are offering Business Sponsorship for \$50.00 and Family Sponsorship for \$30.00. We are again offering the sponsor of a booth or ride at a cost of \$100.00.

Sponsor flyers are available this week in the vestibule of the church.

WORKERS NEEDED

We want to thank all workers in the past and hope they can work again this year. New faces are always welcome. The carnival is a great place to meet old friends and make new ones.

Worker signup sheets are available this week in the vestibule of the church.

CARNIVAL SODA/WATER DONATIONS

Name brand soda and bottled water for Carnival's "Soda & Lemon Ice" booth can be left in the Molloy Parish Center. Hours are 9 AM – 7 PM Monday through Thursday and 9 AM – 4:30 PM on Friday.

COFFEE AND CAKE TABLE

We are asking our parishioners to please donate cookies, brownies (no nuts) and cupcakes with sprinkles, if possible, for the cake and coffee table.

Cakes may be dropped off in the auditorium at any time during the Carnival hours. Thanks for your donations!

Pray for

The Newly Baptized: Ava Lynn, child of Sophia Cox

Nicholas Joseph Leitner, child of Richard and Anna

Luciano Christopher, child of Christopher and Tiffany

THE SICK: Ann Marie Kwiatkowski, Derrick Medeiros, Tressa Bandel Domboski, Joan Hughes, Mildred Nerone, Nancy DiRocco, Silvia Berardo, Lara Buell, John Timochko

THE DECEASED: Barbara Daigneault

PARISH GIVING

Total Sunday Collection May 4, 2014:	\$15,469.00
May 3, 2015 Sunday Collection	
Envelopes	\$11,089.00
Cash	\$ 2,051.00
Online Giving Donations	\$ 2,069.00
Total	\$15,209.00
2 nd Collection: Several Sources	\$ 2,419.00

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17

SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2015

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| 8:00 | Maryann Spohn - 4 th Anniversary; Kathleen Burke |
| 10:00 | Eva Serratelli
Mary Fiori
Loretta Siluk
Grace Fragapane
Theresa Gabler |
| 12:00 | All the People of the Parish |

MONDAY, MAY 11, 2015

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| 7:00 | Francis Damato |
| 9:00 | Victor Shami; Joseph Scafidi – 10 th Anniversary |

TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2015

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| 7:00 | Sandra Elaine Clyde |
| 9:00 | Michael Swab |

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2015

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| 7:00 | Antoinette Tomczyk – 1 st Anniversary |
| 9:00 | Mary Addeo; Maria Ciccone |

THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2015: ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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| 7:00 | All the People of the Parish |
| 9:00 | Estanislao R. Llames; Felipe Flores |
| 7:30P | CONFIRMATION
<i>Please note time of evening Mass</i> |

FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2015

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| 7:00 | Jackie Galvin |
| 9:00 | Diane Cross |

SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2015

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| 9:00 AM | Margaret Hreha – 7 th Anniversary |
| 5:30 PM | Jennie Gourley – 2 nd Anniversary
Gerald Pischeria
Maria Clara Aduna |

SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2015

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| 8:00 | All the People of the Parish |
| 10:00 | Joseph S. Ciccone
Andrew Mendillo
Mary Wilson
Marie Rinkiewicz
Ruth Cahill |
| 12:00 | John Sonn; Ray Festa |

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE: In memory of Julia McNamara

The Offertory Gifts: In memory of Maryann Spohn

PRIESTS' SCHEDULE: MAY 16/17, 2015

5:30 PM: Fr. Joe	8:00 AM: Fr. Jared
10:00 AM: Fr. Kevin	12:00 N: Fr. Kevin