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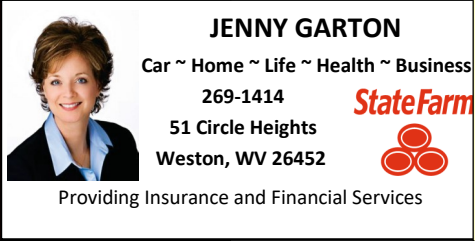
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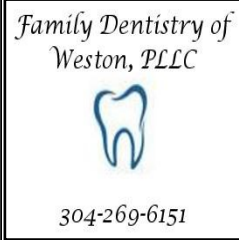


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The Lewis County Catholic Times

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Established 1848

The Season of Easter is beginning to wind down as we make our way closer to Pentecost. But, as was mentioned last week at Mass, Pentecost is not a climax to the liturgical year that leaves us hanging and immediately lets us down into the humdrum monotony of Ordinary Time. Rather, Pentecost is the culmination of a 50-day celebration of our Easter joy that springboards us into the world.

In previous discussions about the liturgical year, the concept of Ordinary Time has been discussed with regard to its somewhat equivalent predecessors, Time after Epiphany and Time after Pentecost. Each of those seasons were distinct in that the former highlighted in its readings and prayers the public ministry of Jesus, while the latter focused more on the work of the Apostles evangelizing the world and preparing us for the Second Coming of Christ. The two seasons worked together to encompass within the year the entirety of the Mystery of Christ. Ordinary Time, while lacking the distinct titles it previously bore, does much the same thing.

This is important to understand, because it gives us a better focus for what exactly is supposed to happen after Pentecost. We are not supposed merely to slump into monotony. The Solemn Feast of Pentecost is the catalyst that ought to propel us forward into the hopeful expectation of Christ's Second Coming and our reunion with Him on the Last Day. As one of the critical axes on which the liturgical year revolves, Pentecost sets the stage for us to reenter the world with our Easter joy fully imprinted on our hearts by the Holy Spirit and to encounter the world as Christ would have us do—with a Faith that is on fire with love of Him.

All of this leads to a more focused perspective on what we ought to be preparing ourselves for this week.

The Thursday following the Sixth Sunday of Easter marks 40 days after Easter, and it is the day on which the Church has traditionally commemorated the Ascension of Our Lord into Heaven. This 40-day period of joy in the Risen Lord parallels nicely our 40-day period of Lenten preparation. And then, keeping the command of the Lord to pray that the Father will send the Holy Spirit among us, we

the Epiphany after Christmas. This adjustment ends up erasing the significance of the 40-day parallel between Lent and Easter, and it reduces the traditional Novena of the Holy Spirit to a week-long period.

The novena in honor of the Holy Spirit is the oldest of all novenas since it was first made at the direction of Our Lord Himself when He sent His apostles back to Jerusalem to await the coming of the Holy Spirit on the first Pentecost. It is still the only novena officially prescribed by the Church. Addressed to the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity, it is a powerful plea for the light and strength and love so sorely needed by every Christian.

For those who wish to observe the *full* Novena to the Holy Spirit, here is your official notice, as next Sunday will be too late for the full 9-day period! It begins on Friday, May 26, and ends on Saturday, June 3. Enclosed is a helpful guide to praying the Novena to the Holy Spirit.



follow the example of the Apostles and pray for nine days from Ascension Thursday until Pentecost Sunday for the coming of the Holy Spirit and the Seven Gifts of the Spirit into our hearts. It is this period of nine days from which we derive the practice of the Novena—a nine-day devotional intended to concentrate one's prayer efforts for a specific cause.

All of this works on paper, at least. Unfortunately, in our modern times, some have thought it wise to transfer the observance of the Ascension from Thursday to Sunday, principally because the Ascension is a Holy Day of Obligation, and some have felt it particularly burdensome to request that Catholics observe such obligation outside of the regular Sunday observance—a phenomenon also seen with the transfer of

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St. Patrick Catholic Church

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Parish Staff:

Rev. James R. DeViese, Jr., J.C.L.
pastor@spchurchweston.net

Sandra Mick, Parish Secretary
secretary@spchurchweston.net

Weekend Masses:

Saturday, 6:00 p.m.,
Sunday, 9:30 a.m.,
12:30 p.m. (Latin)

Weekday Masses: M, T, Th, F, 8:15
a.m. Wed., 6:00 p.m.

Confessions: Wednesday and
Saturday, 5:00pm, Sunday, 8:45 &
11:45 a.m.

Eucharistic Adoration: See Weekly
Schedule

(See Weekly Schedule for any changes
to times or location!)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Sunday: 10:30 - 12:30
Monday: 9 - 4
Tuesday: 9 - 4
Wednesday: 9 - 1
Thursday: 1 - 8
Friday: 9 - 1

Prayer Chain: Micki Snyder, 304 269-
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Maureen Gildein, Principal
Regina Frazier, Secretary



Congratulations Martin
Smay who is to be Ordained
a Deacon

Seminarian Martin Smay, will be
ordained a deacon for the diocese of
Wheeling-Charleston by Bishop Mi-
chael J. Bransfield. The ordination
will take place on Saturday, June 3
at 11 at the Cathedral of St. Joseph
in Wheeling.

Baptized Unto the Lord

On Saturday, May 13 St. Patrick church
welcomed Jon Lucas and Dominic Ecton to
the Christian community through the sacra-
ment of Baptism. Jon Lucas was a student
in our pre-school program this year. May
God continue to bless the Ecton family.

CAMP BOSCO

(4weeks to choose from!)
July 2 - 8
July 9 - 15
July 16 - 22
July 23 - 29

grades 3rd-12th.

Cost is \$315.00 per child
(Scholarships are available)

Registrations for Camp Bosco are
being accepted. All parish youth
are encouraged to come spend a
week of fun, adventure, and prayer.
Applications are available online at
campbosco.com.

Commentary for the Readings in the
Extraordinary Form:
Sunday within the Octave of Ascension



"When. . .the Spirit of truth. . .has come,
He will bear witness concerning Me. And
you also bear witness. . .The hour is com-
ing for everyone who kills you to think
that he is offering worship to
God" (Gospel).

The Apostles make the first Novena, recom-
mended by Christ Himself, in preparation for
the coming of the Holy Spirit. The Introit pre-
sents their Novena prayer, and ours, too.
In the background St. Stephen is shown being
stoned to death. The cross upside down, indi-
cates how St. Peter was crucified. We are to
"bear witness" to Christ and His Church
against a world that will condemn us to death.
thinking that they are "offering worship to
God" (Gospel).
A witness! Yes, interiorly, to "be watchful in
prayers;" exteriorly, by "mutual charity
among yourselves" (Epistle). For this we now
offer "this. . .sacrifice" (Secret), to "purify us"
from past disloyalties and to "strengthen" us
for future testimony.

— Excerpted from My Sunday Missal, Con-
fraternity of the Precious Blood

Liturgical Calendar for the
Traditional Latin Mass
During the Week

05/22 Feria in Paschaltide
05/23 Feria in Paschaltide
05/24 Vigil of the Ascension
05/25 Ascension of the Lord
05/26 St. Philip Neri, Confessor
05/27 Saint Bede the Venerable,
Confessor & Doctor

Pope Francis "Tweets"
@ Pontifex

God makes His most beautiful flowers grow
among the driest stones.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May

21Sun: High School Graduates recognition at
Mass
29 Mon: 9:30, Mass at St. Bridget Church in
Goosepen

June

13-17: 9 - 1, Altar Server Boot Camp
26-30: 9 - 12: Vacation Bible School

Weekly Attendance & Collection

Saturday: 102
Sunday: 189
Latin Mass: 41

General: \$4469
Loan: \$3112.55
School: \$72
Latin Mass: \$225
Trinity Dome: \$431

Upcoming Collections and Appeals

June 3 & 4: Peter's Pence

Ministry Schedule for
Next Weekend

Saturday, May 27, 2017

Greeters:
Servers: Allia Shaver, Makenna West,
Madison Hall
Reader: Tom Ruppert
Offertory: T. J. and Mindi Hall
EMHC: Anna Lee Determan
Cantor: K. Sims

Sunday, May 28, 2017

Greeters: Marissa Aman & family
Servers: Jacob and Joey Aman, Dylan
O'Sullivan
Reader: Sandy Mick
Offertory: Chad and Megan Westfall
EMHC: Jim Mehr
Cantor: John Collins

May Linens: Melissa Allison

June Linens:

May and June Funeral Greeters: Jim Bohan
and Shirley Hubbs

This Week's Liturgical Calendar

Saturday—May 13

Our Lady of Fatima

6:00p Anticipated Sunday Mass for People of the Parish
RDGS: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14

Sunday — May 14

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:45a Confessions
9:30a Mass for All mothers, living and deceased
RDGS: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12
11:45a Confessions
12:30p Mass (Latin) for †Sofia Bolz by the Tillman family
Fourth Sunday after Easter

Monday — May 22

Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious

8:15a Mass for †Margaret Shea by John and Jackie
McLaughlin
RDGS: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1-6, 9b; Jn 15:26-16:4a

Tuesday — May 23

Tuesday of the Sixth Week of Easter

8:15a Mass for Special Intentions
RDGS: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday — May 24

Wednesday of the Sixth Week of Easter

5:00p Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
5:05p Confessions
5:30p Rosary and Miraculous Medal Novena
5:45p Benediction
6:00p Mass for †Clarence Weber by Mary Lou Weber
RDGS: Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15

Thursday — May 25

Saint Bede the Venerable, Priest, Doctor of the Church

8:15a Mass for †Carolyn Gissy by Steve and Sheila Rexroad
RDGS: Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4, 10; Jn 16:16-20

Friday — May 26

Saint Philip Neri, Priest

8:15a Mass for Staff and Students of St. Patrick School
RDGS: Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23

Saturday—May 27

Saint Augustine of Canterbury

6:00p Vigil Mass of the Ascension of the Lord for People of
the Parish
RDGS: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 26:16-20

Sunday — May 28

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

8:45a Confessions
9:30a Mass for Bob Stewart by Wayne and Rose Neal
RDGS: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Ep 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20
11:45a Confessions
12:30p Mass (Latin) for †Rev. Karl Wohinc
Sunday after the Ascension

MASS INTENTIONS: Please contact the parish office or
use one of the envelopes in the vestibule to schedule your
Mass Intentions.

Kids' Corner Catechesis

How Does God Make The Sun And Moon Go Up And Down?

God made powerful laws to govern the universe. These laws control the movements of the sun, moon, earth, and other planets and stars. For example, one law called "gravity" draws objects toward each other. Other natural laws control the weather. Many forces determine whether the day will be sunny or cloudy, warm or cold, such as the heat from the sun, the currents in the ocean, the wind, and many others. God set up the rules that make all these forces work together. And because God controls the entire universe, he can interrupt the laws if he wants to - bring rain to dry land or bright sunshine to flooded areas. How powerful God must be to control all that!

Key Verses

The heavens are telling the glory of God. They are a great display of what God can do. (Psalm 19:1)

Related Verses

Joshua 10:13; 1 Kings 18:1ff.; 2 Kings 20:8-11; 2 Chronicles 7:12ff.; Psalm 19:1-6; 104:19; 148:3; Hebrews 1:2-3

Note to Parents

Part of this is a science issue. If your children are wondering how the forces of nature work, don't be afraid of encouraging them to learn more about the natural sciences. The power and wonder of nature can be used to inspire awe and worship of God. The heavens declare his glory! (See Psalm 19)

St. Patrick School Is Now Hiring!

St. Patrick School is now accepting applications for teacher and teacher assistant positions for 2017-2018 school year. Call the school office (269-5547) for more information or pick up an application in the school office.

St. Patrick School Now Enrolling!!!

St. Patrick School is accepting registrations for the 2017-2018 school year for students in Pre-School through 8th grade. For more information, visit our website at www.stpatswv.org or call the school office at 269-5547.

Backpack Food Program

On Friday, May 19, we sent our final backpack food donations for this year to Robert Bland Middle School. This was our biggest year yet for the program as we served 75 children in need. If you wish to donate supplies for the program over the summer months, please make sure they do not expire until the fall of 2017 or later.

We would like to thank Kim Derico, her dedicated group of volunteers and all who give to the program for continuing this much needed ministry in our parish.



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Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Join Fr. DeViese on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in May 2018. The trip will include visits to all major Biblical sites, including the holiest sites in Christianity in Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, and the Sea of Galilee. (Also, a possibility of an optional extension trip to Rome for a few days at the end.)

Stay updated on cost and final itinerary by signing up for information at:

www.travelillum.com/trc/lpa

Those who sign up through the website will be given first priority once registration opens.

Parish Prayer List

Of your charity, please offer prayers for...

- ♦ **Those who are sick:** Mary Ann Edwards, (Allegheny Hospital), Luanne Cunningham, (Ruby), Rev. Leo Lydon, Jeff Linger, Jim Kerrigan, Violet Angotti, Larry Dodson, Marsha Garton, Linda Heater, Mary Groover, Bobby Gill, Nick Bakas, James Carni, Steve Colburn, Rose Determan, Robert Fealy, Shelly Kraus, Mary Ann Murray, Julieta Rilling, Burke Riley, Mike Riley, Tim Rinehart
- ♦ **Those who have died:** May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.
- ♦ **Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life**
- ♦ **All Military Personnel:** Alan Hamilton, Aaron Hamilton



Congratulations Graduates

As the school year comes to a close, we would like to take a moment to recognize our parishioners who are graduating high school this year.

Graduating from Lewis County High School are Logan Barnette, Mary Catherine Clark, Thomas Hogan, Joseph Jerden, Lakyn McCartney, Anna Naim and Maddie Paugh. Graduating from Notre Dame High School are Brooklyn Queen and Tyler Mehr.

Parish Discount for Tuition

Those parents who of Saint Patrick School students who are active parishioners and are requesting the parish discount in tuition, should contact the parish office and arrange to meet with Fr. DeViese this week. Times are available Monday, Tuesday and Thursday in the morning, afternoon and evening.

Please bring your form with you. Completed forms are due to school office by June 1. Because of the Memorial Day holiday, there are no available meeting times the week of May 29.

Father, help us to not look forward in fear to the changes in life;
Rather, may we look to the future with full hope,
because as changes arise,
you will lead us safely through all things,
because we are your very own,
and when we cannot stand it, You will carry us in Your arms.
With you, we shall not fear what may happen tomorrow;
because you are the understanding Father who cares for us today, and who will care for us tomorrow and every day.
We have faith, O Lord, That you will either shield us from suffering,
or give us unfailing strength to bear it.
Put us at peace, and give us the grace to put aside all
anxious thoughts and images.
We pray in the name of Jesus Christ,
Your Son, and Our Lord
Amen

Parish Membership & Benefits: To be considered an "active" member of the parish (and thus eligible for Sacraments, sponsor eligibility, and the "Catholic tuition" rate at St. Patrick's School), the parish takes into account family & individual involvement in parish life and ministries, and Mass attendance. Mass attendance is only able to be tracked accurately via collection envelopes. If you are not receiving envelopes currently, please contact the parish office. Parishioners over 18 are encouraged to register as their own household to help us keep records accurate and up-to-date.

Weston Vicariate C.A.M.P. (Catholic Awareness Mid-summer Program) July 30 - August 5! COST: \$200

Families with more than one child attending will pay \$100 for each additional child. Scholarships are available! Registration forms are in the church office. Spots are filled on a first come, first serve basis!

REGISTER TODAY!

C.A.M.P. is staffed entirely by volunteers and is held at Camp Bosco in Huttonsville.

How Can I Help?

The following items are collected continually at our church.

- Snack food items for our backpack food program.
- Box tops, Coke reward points for the school.
- Used ink cartridges and can tabs for Ronald McDonald House.
- Old towels, sheets, and blankets for animal rescues, shelters, and vet offices.
- NEW socks collected by the Catholic Daughters to be donated to homeless shelters.

Need Help? Get Help!

Alcoholics Anonymous
AA - Tues., Thurs., & Sat.,
8pm school basement.

Narcotics Anonymous
NA - Mon., 8pm school basement

Use the door on the side of the school building facing the rectory for AA and NA meetings.



ACT OF CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

To be recited daily during the Novena

On my knees before the great multitude of heavenly witnesses I offer myself, soul and body to You, Eternal Spirit of God. I adore the brightness of Your purity, the unerring keenness of Your justice, and the might of Your love. You are the Strength and Light of my soul. In You I live and move and am. I desire never to grieve You by unfaithfulness to grace and I pray with all my heart to be kept from the smallest sin against You. Mercifully guard my every thought and grant that I may always watch for Your light, and listen to Your voice, and follow Your gracious inspirations. I cling to You and give myself to You and ask You, by Your compassion to watch over me in my weakness. Holding the pierced Feet of Jesus and looking at His Five Wounds, and trusting in His Precious Blood and adoring His opened Side and stricken Heart, I implore You, Adorable Spirit, Helper of my infirmity, to keep me in Your grace that I may never sin against You. Give me grace O Holy Spirit, Spirit of the Father and the Son to say to You always and everywhere, "Speak Lord for Your servant heareth." Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE SEVEN GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

To be recited daily during the Novena

O Lord Jesus Christ Who, before ascending into heaven did promise to send the Holy Spirit to finish Your work in the souls of Your Apostles and Disciples, deign to grant the same Holy Spirit to me that He may perfect in my soul, the work of Your grace and Your love. Grant me the Spirit of Wisdom that I may despise the perishable things of this world and aspire only after the things that are eternal, the Spirit of Understanding to enlighten my mind with the light of Your divine truth, the Spirit on Counsel that I may ever choose the surest way of pleasing God and gaining heaven, the Spirit of Fortitude that I may bear my cross with You and that I may overcome with courage all the obstacles that oppose my salvation, the Spirit of Knowledge that I may know God and know myself and grow perfect in the science of the Saints, the Spirit of Piety that I may find the service of God sweet and amiable, and the Spirit of Fear that I may be filled with a loving reverence towards God and may dread in any way to displease Him. Mark me, dear Lord

with the sign of Your true disciples, and animate me in all things with Your Spirit. Amen.

FIRST DAY (Friday after Ascension or Friday of 6th Week of Easter) *Holy Spirit! Lord of Light! From Your clear celestial height, Your pure beaming radiance give!*

The Holy Spirit

Only one thing is important -- eternal salvation. Only one thing, therefore, is to be feared--sin? Sin is the result of ignorance, weakness, and indifference The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Light, of Strength, and of Love. With His sevenfold gifts He enlightens the mind, strengthens the will, and inflames the heart with love of God. To ensure our salvation we ought to invoke the Divine Spirit daily, for "The Spirit helpeth our infirmity. We know not what we should pray for as we ought. But the Spirit Himself asketh for us."

Prayer

Almighty and eternal God, Who hast vouchsafed to regenerate us by water and the Holy Spirit, and hast given us forgiveness all sins, vouchsafe to send forth from heaven upon us your sevenfold Spirit, the Spirit of Wisdom and Understanding, the Spirit of Counsel and fortitude, the Spirit of Knowledge and Piety, and fill us with the Spirit of Holy Fear. Amen.

Our Father and Hail Mary ONCE. Glory be to the Father SEVEN TIMES, Act of Consecration to the Holy Spirit.

SECOND DAY (Saturday of 6th Week of Easter) *Come. Father of the poor. Come, treasures which endure; Come, Light of all that live!*

The Gift of Fear

The gift of Fear fills us with a sovereign respect for God, and makes us dread nothing so much as to offend Him by sin. It is a fear that arises, not from the thought of hell, but from sentiments of reverence and filial submission to our heavenly Father. It is the fear that is the beginning of wisdom, detaching us from worldly pleasures that could in any way separate us from God. "They that fear the Lord will prepare their hearts, and in His sight will sanctify their souls."

Prayer

Come, O blessed Spirit of Holy Fear, penetrate my inmost heart, that I may set you, my Lord and God, before my face forever, help me to shun all things that can offend You, and make me worthy to appear before the pure eyes of Your Divine Majesty in heaven, where You live and reign in the unity of the ever Blessed Trinity, God world without end. Amen.

Our Father and Hail Mary ONCE. Glory be to the Father SEVEN TIMES, Act of Consecration to the Holy Spirit.

THIRD DAY (7th Sunday of Easter or trans-

ferred Ascension) *Thou, of all consolers best, Visiting the troubled breast, Dost refreshing peace bestow.*

The Gift of Piety

The gift of Piety begets in our hearts a filial affection for God as our most loving Father. It inspires us to love and respect for His sake persons and things consecrated to Him, as well as those who are vested with His authority, His Blessed Mother and the Saints, the Church and its visible Head, our parents and superiors, our country and its rulers. He who is filled with the gift of Piety finds the practice of his religion, not a burdensome duty, but a delightful service. Where there is love, there is no labor.

Prayer

Come, O Blessed Spirit of Piety, possess my heart. Enkindle therein such a love for God, that I may find satisfaction only in His service, and for His sake lovingly submit to all legitimate authority. Amen.

Our Father and Hail Mary ONCE. Glory be to the Father SEVEN TIMES, Act of Consecration to the Holy Spirit.

FOURTH DAY (Monday, 7th Week of Easter)*Thou in toil art comfort sweet, Pleasant coolness in the heat, solace in the midst of woe.*

The Gift of Fortitude By the gift of Fortitude the soul is strengthened against natural fear, and supported to the end in the performance of duty. Fortitude imparts to the will an impulse and energy which move it to under take without hesitancy the most arduous tasks, to face dangers, to trample under foot human respect, and to endure without complaint the slow martyrdom of even lifelong tribulation. "He that shall persevere unto the end, he shall be saved."

Prayer

Come, O Blessed Spirit of Fortitude, uphold my soul in time of trouble and adversity, sustain my efforts after holiness, strengthen my weakness, give me courage against all the assaults of my enemies, that I may never be overcome and separated from Thee, my God and greatest Good. Amen.

Our Father and Hail Mary ONCE. Glory be to the Father SEVEN TIMES, Act of Consecration to the Holy Spirit.

FIFTH DAY (Tuesday, 7th Week of Easter) *Light immortal! Light Divine! Visit Thou these hearts of Thine, And our inmost being fill!*

The Gift of Knowledge

The gift of Knowledge enables the soul to evaluate created things at their true worth--in their relation to God. Knowledge unmasks the pretense of creatures, reveals their emptiness, and points out their only true purpose as instruments in the service of God. It shows us the loving care of God even in adversity, and di-

rects us to glorify Him in every circumstance of life. Guided by its light, we put first things first, and prize the friendship of God beyond all else. "Knowledge is a fountain of life to him that possesseth it."

Prayer

Come, O Blessed Spirit of Knowledge, and grant that I may perceive the will of the Father; show me the nothingness of earthly things, that I may realize their vanity and use them only for Thy glory and my own salvation, looking ever beyond them to Thee, and Thy eternal rewards. Amen.

Our Father and Hail Mary ONCE. Glory be to the Father SEVEN TIMES, Act of Consecration to the Holy Spirit.

SIXTH DAY (Wednesday, 7th Week of Easter) *If Thou take Thy grace away, nothing pure in man will stay, All his good is turn'd to ill.*

The Gift of Understanding

Understanding, as a gift of the Holy Spirit, helps us to grasp the meaning of the truths of our holy religion BY faith we know them, but by Understanding we learn to appreciate and relish them. It enables us to penetrate the inner meaning of revealed truths and through them to be quickened to newness of life. Our faith ceases to be sterile and inactive, but inspires a mode of life that bears eloquent testimony to the faith that is in us; we begin to "walk worthy of God in all things pleasing, and increasing in the knowledge of God."

Prayer

Come, O Spirit of Understanding, and enlighten our minds, that we may know and believe all the mysteries of salvation; and may merit at last to see the eternal light in Thy Light; and in the light of glory to have a clear vision of Thee and the Father and the Son. Amen.

Our Father and Hail Mary ONCE. Glory be to the Father SEVEN TIMES, Act of Consecration to the Holy Spirit.

SEVENTH DAY (Thursday, 7th Week of Easter) *Heal our wounds--our strength renews; On our dryness pour Thy dew, Wash the stains of guilt away.*

The Gift of Counsel

The gift of Counsel endows the soul with supernatural prudence, enabling it to judge promptly and rightly what must done, especially in difficult circumstances. Counsel applies the principles furnished by Knowledge and Understanding to the innumerable concrete cases that confront us in the course of our daily duty as parents, teachers, public servants, and Christian citizens. Counsel is supernatural common sense, a priceless treasure in the quest of salvation. "Above all these things, pray to the Most High, that He may direct thy way in truth."

Prayer

Come, O Spirit of Counsel, help and guide me in all my ways, that I may always do Thy holy will. Incline my heart to that which is good; turn it away from all that is evil, and direct me by the straight path of Thy commandments to that goal of eternal life for which I long.

Our Father and Hail Mary ONCE. Glory be to the Father SEVEN TIMES, Act of Consecration to the Holy Spirit.

EIGHTH DAY (Friday, 7th Week of Easter) *Bend the stubborn heart and will, melt the frozen warm the chill. Guide the steps that go astray!*

The Gift of Wisdom

Embodying all the other gifts, as charity embraces all the other virtues, Wisdom is the most perfect of the gifts. Of wisdom it is written "all good things came to me with her, and innumerable riches through her hands." It is the gift of Wisdom that strengthens our faith, fortifies hope, perfects charity, and promotes the practice of virtue in the highest degree. Wisdom enlightens the mind to discern and relish things divine, in the appreciation of which earthly joys lose their savor, whilst the Cross of Christ yields a divine sweetness according to the words of the Saviour: "Take up thy cross and follow me, for my yoke is sweet and my burden light.

Prayer

Come, O Spirit of Wisdom, and reveal to my soul the mysteries of heavenly things, their exceeding greatness, power and beauty. Teach me to love them above and beyond all the passing joys and satisfactions of earth. Help me to attain them and possess them for ever. Amen.

Our Father and Hail Mary ONCE. Glory be to the Father SEVEN TIMES, Act of Consecration to the Holy Spirit.

NINTH DAY (Saturday, Vigil of Pentecost) *Thou, on those who evermore Thee confess and Thee Adore, in Thy sevenfold gift, Descend; Give Them Comfort when they die; Give them Life with Thee on high; Give them joys which never end. Amen*

The Fruits of the Holy Spirit

The gifts of the Holy Spirit perfect the supernatural virtues by enabling us to practice them with greater docility to divine inspiration. As we grow in the knowledge and love of God under the direction of the Holy Spirit, our service becomes more sincere and generous, the practice of virtue more perfect. Such acts of virtue leave the heart filled with joy and consolation and are known as Fruits of the Holy Spirit. These Fruits in turn render the practice of virtue more attractive and become a powerful incentive for still greater efforts in the service of God, to serve Whom is to reign.

Prayer

Come, O Divine Spirit, fill my heart with Thy heavenly fruits, Thy charity, joy, peace, patience, benignity, goodness, faith, mildness, and temperance, that I may never weary in the service of God, but by continued faithful submission to Thy inspiration may merit to be united eternally with Thee in the love of the Father and the Son. Amen.

Our Father and Hail Mary ONCE. Glory be to the Father SEVEN TIMES, Act of Consecration to the Holy Spirit.

