

# FATHER PAT'S SERMON NOTES

## *The Feast Of Pentecost Sunday*

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

I was recently given a new book about personal transformation and the importance of discovering and embracing your life purpose co-authored by two of our own parishioners. In one section the topic of fear is discussed and two perspectives are presented in the form of an acronym. For some, FEAR means "Flee Everything And Run!" and for others it means "Face Everything And Rise!" The authors wisely conclude that the choice is yours as to which version will define you. They are also clear that the wisest choice is the latter!

As we celebrate the great Feast of Pentecost today, we are presented with the antidote to all of our fears: The Holy Spirit! The Holy Spirit alone makes it possible for us to be faithful and willing disciples of Jesus Christ. 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.

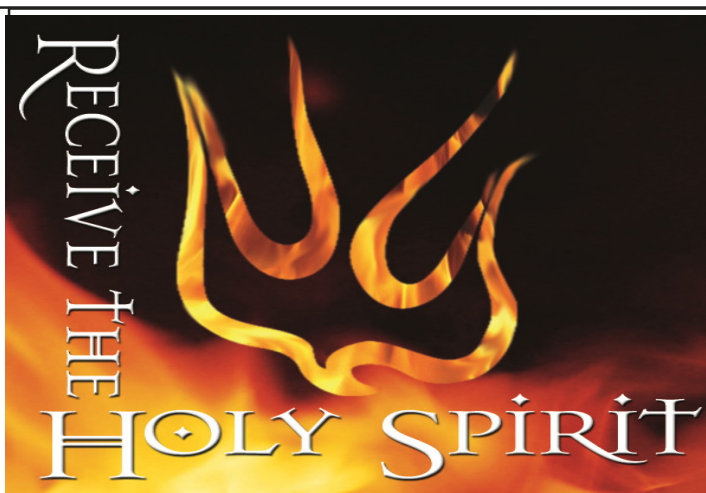
The coming of the Holy Spirit, also called, "The Promise of the Father" was and is a game changer; or more accurately, a life-changer! But do you know him, the Third Person of the Holy Trinity? The Spirit of God is truly and quite literally the Source of our Strength and the Strength of our Christian life. This is the exact same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead and the reason that we can see our own fears and obstacles as occasions to Face Everything and Rise also!

Every year that we celebrate this Feast as the conclusion of our 50-Day celebration of Easter, we are presented with a rallying cry to stop fleeing and start rising! Rise from your fears and doubts! Rise from past failures and sins! Rise from all of the excuses that have not allowed God to accomplish the great things in you that he has always wanted to do! Hear the Holy Spirit's call to you today to rise! For God has sent Holy Fire from heaven to ignite you and love you, and send you forth to ignite others! Face everything today with confidence, and rise to the grace-filled life that still awaits you!

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Sunday, June 4, 2017

### **Scripture Readings**

**Solemnity of Pentecost Sunday**

**Acts 2:1-11**

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

**Jn 20:19-23**

**The Most Holy Trinity**

**Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9**

**2 Cor 13:11-13**

**Jn 3:16-18**



### **8:15 am Daily Mass Intentions**

Mon	June	5	Ronald Ausbrooks	- Living
Tues	June	6	Floyd McCory	- Living
Wed	June	7	Cynthia Wilkins	- Living
Thurs	June	8	Ernestine Coghill-Howard	- Living
Fri	June	9	Willis Thomas	- Living

**Attendance** 949

### **BIBLE STUDY**



Bible Study is held every Wednesday at 7:00pm in the School Cafeteria.



### **WHO IS SITTING BESIDE YOU? NAME TAG WEEKEND IS COMING!**

At the Trinity Sunday Masses on June 10 & 11 we will provide name tags (if you don't have one) and the opportunity to meet and greet one another, as we build a community of faith here at Saint Augustine!



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**Pentecost Sunday**

**This Sunday's Second Collection is for our Parish School. Thank you for your generous support.  
Next Sunday's Second Collection is for our Parish Renovation Fund.**

**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 2017-2018 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@saintaugustine-dc.org](mailto:admissions@saintaugustine-dc.org)



**A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD!  
Sunday, June 25, 2017**

The Chorale, one of the oldest organizations in historic St. Augustine Catholic Church, celebrates 144 years of music ministry rich in Catholic and African American traditions. Under the direction of Mr. Samuel E. Cromwell, Director, the choir will perform anthems, spirituals, and hymns in a special anniversary concert at 5:00 pm in the Church. Free will offering.



**POTLUCK DINNERS—June 2017**

Fellowship Meal

The Parish Pastoral Council is happy to announce its first round of home based pot-luck dinners. These gatherings are designed to help parishioners get to know each other outside of church and help people connect with each other. We are inviting YOU to come to one of the 5 potlucks that are being hosted in various parts of the metropolitan area on June 17, and one in Manassas on June 24<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in dinner, fun, and meaningful discussion in an intimate setting, please pick up a flyer at the back of the church and speak to one of the volunteers.



**SHARE PACKAGES**

Now on sale at the Ushers' Table. Please see the SHARE representative.

**Please Pray for Our Sick & Homebound**

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| Gwendolyn Adams          | Robert Greenfield  | Julius Oben         |
| John Adams, Sr.          | Frances Gulston    | Colelle Ogbey       |
| Beatrice Alexander       | Louise Harrison    | Eileen Ogu          |
| Francis Arnold           | Grace Hansberry    | Harriet Parker      |
| Ronald Ausbrooks         | Brian Harvey       | Marguerite Parker   |
| William Barksdale        | John Harris        | Audrey Plaskett     |
| Althea Black             | Patricia Herndon   | Theresa Purcell     |
| Frances Brooks           | Emily Hill         | Samiya Rajah        |
| Charles Brown            | Jeanne Hinckley    | Ze'La Rajah         |
| Norma Brown              | Deborah Jackson    | Ashley Redhead, Jr. |
| Williams Burgan          | Charles Jackson    | Royal Robinson      |
| Andrew Burton            | Marlene Jackson    | Lisa Rivera         |
| Angela Callighan         | Malcom Jamison     | Gertina Simms       |
| Elizabeth Carter         | Eleanor Johnson    | Alise Simmons       |
| Phillip Cephas           | Daniela Joy        | Mary Smith          |
| Billy Chesley            | Paul Joy           | Zedekiah Smith      |
| Ollie Mae Clark          | Sedonia Labee      | Donnie Stewart      |
| Ernestine Coghill Howard | Keats Labule       | Don Strong          |
| Pauline Dines            | Raymond Lane       | Willis Thomas       |
| Theola Douglas           | Louisa Lee         | Juanita Towns       |
| Susan Epps               | Mary Leonard       | Selma Twitty        |
| Barbara Ferguson         | Bernadette Mahoney | Hayden Vaughn       |
| Julie Fish               | Lita Majors        | Lillian Vaughn      |
| Toni Fisher              | Catherine Mason    | Terry Vaughn        |
| Richard B. Fowler        | Florence Matthews  | Shirley Ward        |
| Daniel Galloway          | Floyd McCory       | Betty Washington    |
| Inez Gaskins             | James McNamara     | Elliot Weaver       |
| Charles Gathers          | Rick Middleton     | Cynthia Wilkins     |
| James Griffiths          | Sylvia Monroe      | Bernice Williams    |
| Rev Charles Green        | Armetia Montague   | Teresa Wilkinson    |
| Valencia Green           | Alpha Nachas       |                     |



**PRAY FOR OUR DEAD**

Margaret Wanjui



**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 ST NW  
*Enter on U Street*

*Please see an Usher after Mass for a Reeves Center Parking Pass*

**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

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