**JUNE 8, 2014**

**PENTECOST SUNDAY**

**RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT**

At last! The power hinted at and the Spirit promised are unleashed on this holy day. We call it the birthday of the church. Try to listen to today’s scripture passages with some sense of how electrifying these events must have been to those who lived through them. Up until now, they have been waiting in the upper room. In today’s first reading, that room is filled with wind and fire and bold proclamations in foreign tongues.

In the second reading, Paul describes the Pentecost event, too. His description includes all of us. The Spirit lives on in the church in each of us who are members of the Body of Christ, given different gifts from the same Spirit. Only after Pentecost could the apostles look back and understand what Jesus meant when he said, as reported in today’s Gospel reading, “Receive the Holy Spirit.”

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There appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them.

~ Acts 2:3

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — Filled with the Holy Spirit, the apostles begin to speak in tongues (Acts 2:1-11).

Psalm — Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth (Psalm 104).

Second Reading — In one Spirit we are baptized into one body and given to drink of one Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13).

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CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION COLLECTION

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC) supports projects throughout the world that encourage evangelization through the use of media. With the growth of new media, more people have greater opportunities to connect in the digital environment. The CCC funds grants that support local and international communications projects that strengthen Catholic faith, worship, and witness.

Text messaging, online social media funded by CCC and other new tools help to enable communication among the faithful. Messages sent through radio, television, and online media, touch the lives of those in need. The effort remains crucial to the Catholic Church; it gets the Word out to all.

The Collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign allows us to tell the world about our experience of faith, worship, and witness. Please support this important work in the upcoming Collection, which will be May 31–June 1, 2014 in the Diocese of Venice. Remember, half of the proceeds from this Collection stay here in our Diocese to support our local communication efforts, which include our weekly Diocesan televised Mass.

I take this opportunity to extend to you my continued consideration and my prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Frank J. Dewane
Bishop of the Diocese of Venice in Florida

PRAY FOR PEACE - Join Pope Francis in an international call to “Pray for Peace” on Sun. June 8. The Holy Father will be holding a prayer meeting with the presidents of Israel, Shimon Peres, and Palestine, Mahmoud Abbas, at the Vatican. The meeting is a follow-up to Pope Francis’ recent pilgrimage to the Holy Land. The faithful are encouraged to pray for peace

GIFT SHOP HOURS

May 1st - Nov. 1st
Sat. 2:30 - 3:30     Sun. 8:00 - 12:45

THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Knowledge, Fortitude, Piety, Fear of the Lord.

PRAYERS FOR PRIESTS
Please join us as we gather every Thursday immediately after the 8:00 Mass to pray for priests.

RESURRECTION PRAYER LINE MINISTRY
For prayer requests or to sign up as a volunteer call: Deanna at 481-1170.

THE GIFT SHOP IS LOCATED AT THE FRONT ENTRANCE OF THE CHURCH
**WEEKLY OFFERING**

**June 1, 2014**

Reg. Offertory: $19,692.53  
Education Offering: $3,159.00  
Latin Mass: $536.00  
SVDP: $421.00

**Thank You**

**2014 CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL**

Our assessment for this year is $370,000.00

Pledges made thus far Total: $323,236.21

Please join our parish family in making a sacrificial gift to the CFA

**RESURRECTION CALENDAR**

ALL events take place in the Parish Center unless otherwise stated.

- **Adoration**, First Fridays, 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.
- **Bereavement & Beyond Ministry**, 1st Mon. of June, July & Aug. 8:30am. Regular schedule resumes in Fall, Alouise 481-8168
- **Coffee & Donuts**, Sundays after 10:30 Mass discontinued until Fall
- **Craft Club**, Tuesdays, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.
- **Men's Club**, 2nd Monday of month, 7:30p.m., Sept. - May
- **Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Novena**, Saturdays after the 8:00a.m. Mass, church
- **Prayer for Priests**, Thursdays after the 8:00a.m. Mass, chapel
- **RCIA**, Wednesdays, 7:00p.m., call 482-6883 for information
- **Rel. Ed.**, September - May
- **Resurrection for Life**, 2nd Wednesday of Oct, Jan, Apr, 9 a.m
- **Rosary**, before daily Masses and Tues. & Thurs., 1:30p.m., chapel
- **St. Vincent DePaul Board Meeting**, 1st Tues. every month, 7:00 pm. For SVDP assistance call 239-600-6749
- **Teams of Our Lady**, call Joann for more information, 482-7982
- **Women’s Guild**, 3rd Wednesday every month, 8:30a.m. Sept. - May

**MINISTRY OF THE SICK**

The following hospitals are attended to by the parish in which they are located:

- *Gulf Coast Hospital* - visited daily by Blessed Pope John XXIII Parish, 561-2245
- *Lee Memorial Hospital* - visited daily by St. Francis Xavier Parish, 334-2161
- *Lee Memorial and Hospice at Health Park* - visited daily by St. Columbkille Parish, 489-3973

A priest is on call 7 days a week, 24 hours a day for the above hospitals at the above telephone numbers.

**TO ALL PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS:**

To protect your privacy hospitals do not give out information on patients without their permission. If you wish a visit from one of the Resurrection priests please notify the hospital as well as the parish office, 481-7171 as quickly as possible.

Resurrection priests visit the above hospitals daily upon request.
REFLECTING THE LIGHT TO OTHERS

“People live in relationship. We come from others, we belong to others, and our lives are enlarged by our encounter with others.” Lumen Fidei # 38

USHERS AT RESURRECTION REFLECT THE LIGHT OF FAITH

Each usher reflects the light of Christ as they welcome friends and strangers to the Celebration of Eucharist. They have a joy about them and are filled with gratitude for the opportunity to be a light for others. John Patterson is the Head Usher and attends every Mass to ensure all goes well. John and all the ushers share the Ministry of Welcoming here. John’s welcome warms the heart as he says, “Good Morning!” It is a pleasure to be recognized when entering church. John remarks, “One of the joys of being an usher is listening to the stories of parishioners. They know my name because of my name tag; even though I don’t know their names, I care about them and pray for them.” Some ushers travel a distance to participate in this ministry. Others actually attend two Masses because help is needed. In jackets of green they are ready and willing to welcome and care for each person and offer assistance whenever they can. Green Jackets - color of growth and peace - makes the ministry easy to recognize when help is needed.

The Bible Tells Us the Importance of Welcome
“Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by this some have entertained angels without knowing it.” Hebrews 13:2

Each one of the ushers responded to a call in the bulletin or by a friend to join in this welcome ministry. John responded to the call when Msgr. McNamara asked him to lead this ministry. John knows who to ask for help when an usher is needed and he appreciates those who step up when asked to help. Anyone who can make a commitment to one mass each weekend is called by Christ to consider joining. Green Jacket will be provided!

John is originally from Indiana. He worked as an expediter for GE in Fort Wayne. He likes to help others. He cuts lawns, fixes things for neighbors and enjoys his dog, Dixie and his Maine Coon Cat. He is always willing to help in many ways. Contact John, 481–3456, if you would like to join these men, women and young people who reflect the light of faith to others.

The light of Christ shines as we gather and welcome each other.
Reflecting on God’s Word

The disciples were cowering behind locked doors. Fear has a way of imprisoning, away from the outer world, but also from our inner world, taking away our freedom to hope, imagine, and dream. We can become comfortable working in cramped spaces, isolated and unattached, removed from life and contact with others.

But then along comes the risen Lord, arms outstretched, heart wide open, bearing gifts to transform our lives. The first gift of the risen Lord is peace (shalom), which translates as all good things, physically, mentally, and spiritually—all that is needed to be alive inside. This peace is a gift that the world cannot give.

The second gift is a mission: we are sent, as Jesus was sent, by the Father. Where? To the world. “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him” (John 3:16–17). Now the Son sends the disciples—us!—to bring life.

The third gift is the Holy Spirit, given for the forgiveness of sins. The Holy Spirit is the gift of the Father and the Son, given to us at baptism, again at confirmation, and whose gifts are given to the church and its members for the good of all, within and outside the church. Primary among these gifts is the gift of forgiveness.

—James A. Wallace, C.Ss.R.

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Living God’s Word

During this week, pray the Sequence used at Mass for Pentecost before the Gospel, “Come, Holy Spirit, come!” Notice especially the request for healing, refreshment, and cleansing.

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Interested in becoming Catholic?

If so, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is for you!!!

If you or someone you know is questioning becoming Catholic please have them either call or e-mail me, Lea Pascotto @ 482-6883 or resurrectionre@gmail.com.

As people journey through life, sometimes they realize that they are wanting something more from life. Many times that something more is a faith community. If you are searching and want to inquire more about Catholicism, please do not hesitate to call— I would love to talk with you!

Please call me so we can meet each other prior to the inquiry sessions.

Did you know???

We have a Ministry for you!!

We are a faith filled community of Catholic Young Adults from area parishes who fellowship with each other and journey along side one another. We have a core group of Young Adults but want to extend an invitation for others to join us. If you are a Young Adult single or married, have kids or don’t, or know someone who may be interested contact Lea, Director of Religious Education at 482-6883 or email at lea@resurrectionch.org.

Sacramental Preparation
First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation

Sacramental Preparation is a two year preparation period. Faith Formation is a life-long journey; in order for a child to receive God’s graces through the sacraments he or she needs to be actively involved with Religious Education or Youth Ministry for at least two years.

♦ 1st Grade students need to be actively attending Religious Education to receive in the 2nd Grade.

♦ 9th Grade students need to be an active member of Resurrection Youth Ministry to be Confirmed in 10th grade.

Registration for the 2014-15 Religious Education year is open

Kindergarten– Fifth Grade= Sundays from 11:45-1:00 or Wednesdays= 5:45-7:00
Pre-K is during the 10:30 Mass in the Parish Hall
You may download forms from our web site: www.resurrectionch.org or fill one out in our office.

The cost is~
$40 thru May 31
$50 thru June 30
$60 thru July 31
$70 thru Aug 31
$80 after Aug 31
$15 for each additional Child and $25 for Sacramental Prep
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE ALTAR FLOWERS in celebration of someone’s anniversary/birthday as a memorial or in thanksgiving please call the Parish Office, 481-7172. Please make check payable to Church of the Resurrection. Bring to parish office or mail to us. The loved one’s name as well as the name of the donor (if wished) will be printed in the bulletin.

**Altar Flowers This Week:**

**In celebration of**

**The 67th Wedding Anniv.**

**of Henry J. Wojtowicz & Marian Y. Wojtowicz**

**In loving memory of**

**Don Weber**

from Friends at Resurrection Parish

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**WEEKLY SANCTUARY CANDLE**

**In Loving Memory of**

**Frank Perciasepe**

by Jesus & Alicia Sierra

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**We are still in need of ushers. If you are able to volunteer please call John at 481-3456.**

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**Please don’t forget the poor boxes; they are the bread boxes of the poor!**

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**PLEASE JOIN US AT THE ABORTION CLINIC AT 3900 BROADWAY, FT. MYERS EVERY 2ND SATURDAY (after the 8:00 Mass) FOR THE ROSARY AND EVERY 2ND THURSDAY AT PLANNED PARENTHOOD, CORNER OF WINKLER & COLLEGE ANYTIME BETWEEN 9 AM AND NOON.**

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