



## From The Pastor's Desk

**T**oday, is Pentecost Sunday, known as the birthday of the Church. It was on that very first Pentecost that Jesus sent the Advocate, the Holy Spirit to the beginning Christian community to empower them to spread the gospel and build up the body of the new Church which He had established at His death and Resurrection. Last Sunday, we heard about the beautiful connection between Father and Son. Today we hear more about the third person of the Blessed Trinity, the Holy Spirit. This is the Holy Spirit who comes upon the disciples, seen as tongues of fire to enlighten and give them the strength and grace to evangelize and spread the Gospel to all who might be open to hear the Word of God!

In our prayer relationships with God, we realize that it requires effort- just like a human friendship, it requires work and time. Now, that we are celebrating this great Feast of Pentecost-why not ask the Holy Spirit to be with us-to be with you- to give you strength to empower you and those you love to be on fire with the great gift of faith that God has given us. Why not pray to the Holy Spirit that great prayer/hymn we all know from our youth:

*Come Holy Spirit Fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created and Thou shall renew the face of the earth.*

### New Priests

As ordination day, June 24, approaches here in our Diocese, we pray for our young men who will be ordained priests by Bishop John Barres at St. Agnes Cathedral at 11 a.m. Deacon Mike Plona who was a summer intern here a few years ago will be ordained with his classmate Deacon Liam McDonald who has visited and served here at times when home from Seminary. Liam Aunt Anne is a regular parishioner The other men are Deacon John Wachovitz, Deacon Christopher Sullivan.

### St. John's Church, Center Moriches

Update on Saint John's Center Moriches: We continue to keep Father John Sureau and his associates, the faculty and the staff and parishioners in our prayers. I attended a Mass for healing on May 23 celebrated by Bishop Barres. Let's continue to remember the parishioners and all in the situation in our prayers.

### St. Rosalie's Gala on July 8

As we get closer to the Gala, I am calling upon all parishioners to please support this important parish fundraiser! Please consider buying a raffle ticket. You might also go in on one with a friend or neighbor on a ticket. I truly appreciate all the ministries, parish volunteers and Gala committee who are making great efforts. All proceeds go to help support our needed parish improvements!

### Just a Thought....

When we arrive for Mass in our Church, it is good to keep in mind that we are entering God's house. We encourage you to maintain a prayerful atmosphere in the Church in preparation FOR Mass. As you go outside, or in the fellowship Room, it makes sense to keep our conversations there.

### Parish News

Eucharistic Ministers and Homebound Ministers, **SAVE the DATE** June 18, for a re-commitment ceremony at the 11 a.m. Mass. We will also celebrate the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ on that day.

*Happy Feast of Pentecost  
Father Ed*