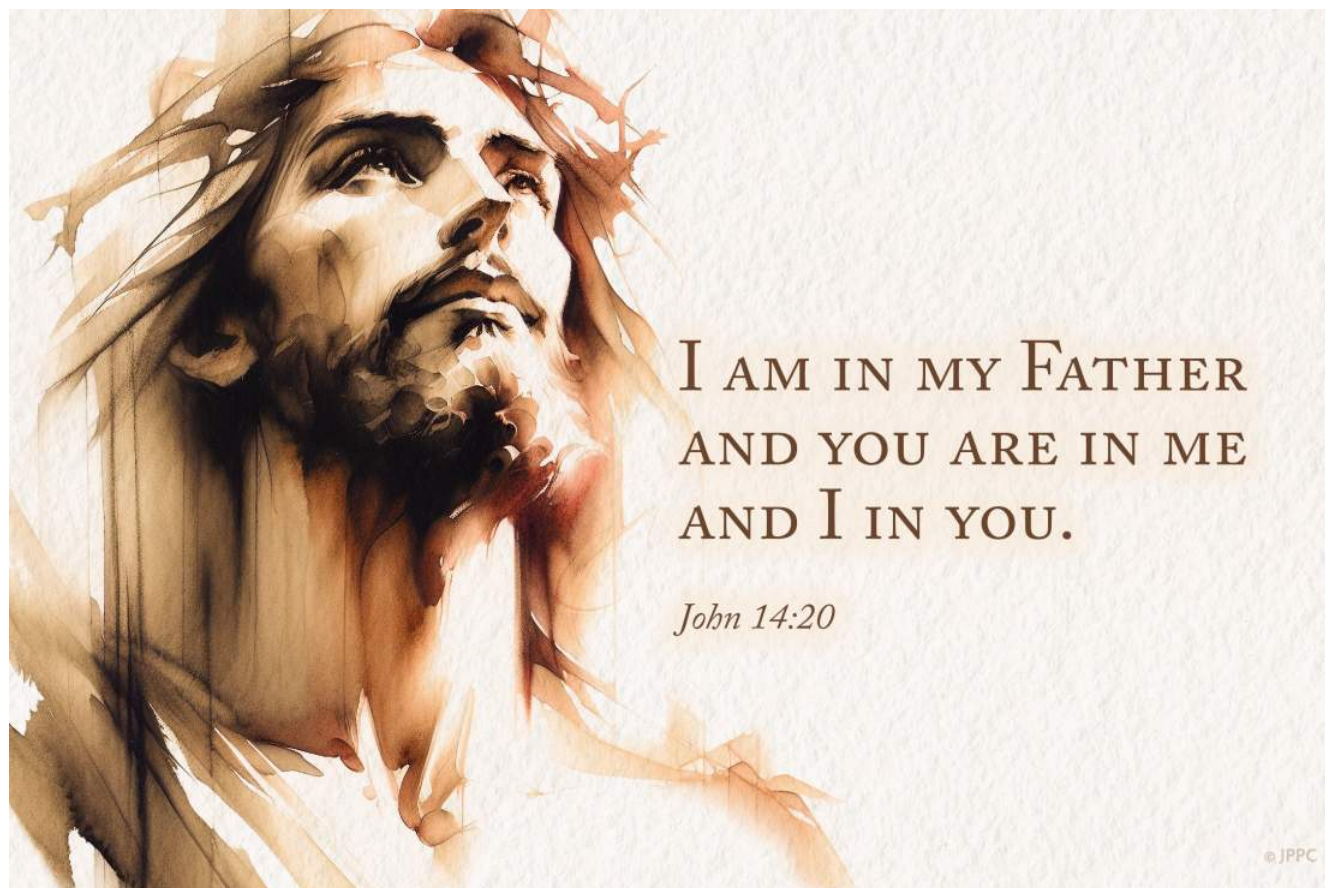


# CHURCH OF SAINT MONICA



**May 10, 2026**

*Our Parish is Served by:*

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Deacon Christian Knoebel  
Deacon John L. White

*We invite you to celebrate with us*

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*The Church of St. Monica is a warm, accepting, and caring parish that worships God, teaches and lives the message of Christ, seeks to support and strengthen family life, and serves those in need through parish ministries and organizations.*

## Masses

Mon. to Thurs. 9 am  
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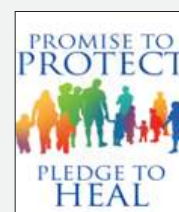
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## Confessions

Saturdays  
3:15 pm  
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## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - MAY 10, 2026

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday, May 9, 2026

9:00 am Mother's Day Mass Intentions

#### Sunday, May 10, 2026

9:00 am Mother's Day Mass Intentions

11:00 am Mother's Day Mass Intentions

#### Monday, May 11, 2026

9:00 am Len Enriquez  
(The Debiak Family)

#### Tuesday, May 12, 2026

9:00 am Eleanor H. Hintenach  
(The Debiak Family)

#### Wednesday, May 13, 2026

9:00 am William Boyd  
(Mary Boyd)

#### Thursday, May 14, 2026

9:00 am Michael Scott  
(The Debiak Family)

#### Saturday, May 16, 2026

9:00 am Sylvester Cascio & Joseph Anzalone  
(The Anzalone Family)

#### Sunday, May 17, 2026

9:00 am Linda Martinowich Sasso  
(Emily and Joe DeScenza)

11:00 am Lawrence & Barbara Zappulla  
(Arlene Toth)

### IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Micki Smith, Joyce Picon, Carol Atherton, Beth Kujawski, Toni Hetteroth, Dianne Smith, Andy Sabine, Elaine Giblock, Doris Garbarino, Melissa Staiger, Bonnie Holton, Arlene Toth, Judy Bocchicchio, Leo Diaz, Glory D'Acunto, Catherine Dalfonso, Christopher Dalfonso,, Josephine Brennan, Frank Trimboli, Gabrielle D'Acunto, Anthony Pelle, Jr, Phillip Wenz, Mary Miniscalchi, Lane Morell, Frank Falesto, Jean Stein, Ann Rosetto, Tom Martin, Dorothy Palumbo, Jacob Rivera, Jaxson Rivera, Paul Hetteroth, Carol Spezzano, Br. Michael Seiler, Shannon Hubert, Grace Nuzzola, Ray Kijowski, Nicholas Biddle, Matthew Biddle, Dennis Shwiner, Andrew G Sabine, A.J. Sabine, Stephen Alexander, Angela Belmont, Danny Merwin, Diane Hromiko, Kathy Reynolds, Margie Smith, Kevin Finnerty, Mark Hoffman, Lisa Sassone, Mark Legato, Bob Toth, Bernadette VanDerberg, Elizabeth Maras, Charles Thompson, John Catena, Mary Joyce, Kim McCafferty, Janet Noordzy

*Contact the Parish Office to let us know of anyone to be remembered in prayer, so we may include them or, if they can be removed.*

### Readings for the Week - May 10, 2026

**Monday** Acts 16:11-15 Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b Jn 15:26—16:4a

**Tuesday** Acts 16:22-34 Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 Jn 16:5-11

**Wednesday** Acts 17:15, 22—18:1 Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14 Jn 16:12-15

**Thursday** Acts 1:1-11 Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 Eph 1:17-23 Mt 28:16-20

**Friday** Acts 18:9-18 Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Jn 16:20-23

**Saturday** Acts 18:23-28 Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10 Jn 16:23b-28

**Sunday** Acts 1:12-14 Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8 1 Pt 4:13-16 Jn 17:1-11a

**TEARDROP MINISTRY PRAYER**

Blessed Monica, mother of St. Augustine, we give thanks to our Father in Heaven who looked with mercy upon your tears over your wayward son. His conversion and heroic sanctification were the fruit of your prayers.

Dear St. Monica we now ask you to pray with us for all those sons and daughters that have wandered away from God, and to add your prayers to those of all mothers who are worried over their children. Pray also for us that, following your example, we may, in the company of our children, one day enjoy the eternal vision of our Father in Heaven. Amen. St. Monica pray for us.

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP COLLECTIONS  
APRIL 1 – 5, 2026**

Easter Week Offerings \$11,812.46

Online Giving \$ 1,688.00

Total \$ 13,500.46

*Thank you for your contributions as we support the ministries, programs and facilities of our parish.*

**MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER**

Loving God, we thank you for the love of the mothers you have given us, those whose love is so precious that it can never be measured. We thank you for all motherly figures: grandmothers, step-mothers, foster mothers, adoptive mothers, aunts, sisters, wives, guardians, babysitters, teachers, health care providers, neighbors, friends, loved ones, and many others who practice self-sacrifice and embody compassion to all who are privileged to be in their influence. Grant them vigor to carry on their work, and the satisfaction that the holy privilege of their task affords.

We pray for those mothers who sometimes run out of love or time or patience, for those who are hurting, for those who are less than ideal, who are not part of their children's lives, who are overwhelmed by their own struggles. Lord, we ask you to bless them with your love.

Comfort the mothers who have lost a child, those who have suffered a miscarriage, those who have bravely chosen adoption. For some, this day is marked by loneliness and grief. To those who today live in the wake of the death of a loved one, grant glimpses of the resurrection. Bring to them your divine mercy and love to restore their broken hearts.

Good and Gentle God, you who became human through a woman, grant to all mothers and motherly figures the courage and strength to love and to be loved in return, not perfectly, but humanly. Give them the wisdom to turn to you for help when they need it most. And may your divine blessing be an especially bright benediction upon mothers everywhere on Mother's Day!

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - MAY 10, 2026

### *The Eucharist - St Monica*

#### **Masses & Reconciliation**

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am--3:30 pm  
Saturday 4:00 pm  
Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 am  
Holy Days As Noted  
Reconciliation: Saturday 3:15 - 3:45 pm

#### *Exposition of the Holy Sacrament & Benediction*

1st Wednesday of each month 9:30 am

#### *Parish Office Hours*

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 3:30 pm

#### *Baptisms*

Celebrated outside of Mass. Parents and godparents are required to attend our Baptism preparation class or take the convenient online presentation. Please call the Parish Office to register for the class held on the first Thursday of every month at 7:00pm. Or stop by the Parish Office to pick up a DVD copy of the class.

#### *Knights of Columbus Council #11529*

The Knights of Columbus were founded in 1882 by Blessed Father Michael McGivney. It is an international order of more than 2 million Catholic men who are called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others, and defend Catholic values in busy changing world. St Monica Council #11529 has a long history of support for the parish and any local charities. If you would like to join just scan the QR Code or go to [KofC.org/join](http://KofC.org/join) & enter council #11529.



#### *St. Monica's "Teardrop" Ministry*

The St. Monica Teardrop Ministry is a prayerful initiative where individuals and the community come together to intercede for loved ones who have drifted away from their faith, drawing inspiration from St. Monica's unwavering dedication to her husband and son's conversion. Prayer is very powerful, it only took 1 Hail Mary for Jesus to come to earth.

#### *Bereavement Ministry*

Please contact the parish office for more information.

#### *Grief Support*

For those grieving the loss of a loved one or close friend. This is a Catholic centered Support Group offering a caring, compassionate, and confidential environment to support your journey from grieving to healing. For registration and details contact Deacon John White 848-992-1652 or [dcnjohnw@gmail.com](mailto:dcnjohnw@gmail.com)

#### *Visits to the Sick and Homebound*

#### *St Vincent de Paul Society*

Emergency Assistance Helpline: 732-370-0098

#### *Youth Group*

Open to all children of St Monica registered families and we would love to have you join us. For more information, call Theresa Calsetta 732-299-0261.

#### *OCIA*

*Order of Christian Initiation of Adults*

For those who are seeking full membership in the Catholic Faith, please contact the parish office.

#### *New Parishioners*

Welcome to our parish family! Registration forms may be downloaded at [www.saintmonica.com](http://www.saintmonica.com) Please contact the parish office for further info.

#### *Adult Faith Formation Core Team*

Our mission is to encourage and support parishioners in their lifelong learning in the faith in order to grow closer to God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit through discipleship and evangelization.

#### *Marriages*

The Catholic Dioceses of New Jersey request a one year period of preparation for marriage in The Church. Contact the Parish Office to make arrangements.

#### *Religious Education*

Children are expected to receive a Catholic-Christian upbringing in their family life, to worship regularly at Sunday Mass, and to participate in on-going Religious Education classes. Our program includes grades 1-8. Please contact Belinda Azzollini, Coordinator of Religious Education 732-928-4038 or [stmonicaccd@yahoo.com](mailto:stmonicaccd@yahoo.com)

#### *Legion of Mary*

Members participate in the life of the parish through a program of prayers and service. The Legion of Mary is open to all Catholic men and women over 18 years of age who have the good will to want to serve God through Mother Mary. Meetings are at St. Monica every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. The Legion is always looking to recruit new members. If you discern a divine connection to the Blessed Mother, and feel she is calling you to join, please contact the Parish Office.

#### *Women of St Monica*

A Ministry of Catholic women of the parish striving to fulfill their spiritual needs, sharing their faith, promoting community, and conducting fundraisers throughout the year and enhance parish life in a variety of ways. Please contact the parish office for more info.



If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or if you know someone who was, you can report that abuse through the diocesan ABUSE HOTLINE: 1-888-296-2965 or via email at: [abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org](mailto:abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org)

**CALENDAR**

**Saturday, May 9**  
 10:00 am Garcia Sales & Gallagher Baptism  
 12:00 pm Our Lady of Fatima Outdoor Rosary  
 3:15 pm Confessions  
 4:00 pm Mass

**Sunday, May 10**  
 9:00 am Mass  
 11:00 am Mass

**Monday, May 11**  
 9:00 am Mass

**Tuesday, May 12**  
 9:00 am Mass  
 7:00 pm Legion of Mary

**Wednesday, May 13**  
 9:00 am Mass  
 7:15 pm Adult Choir Practice

**Thursday, May 14**  
 9:00 am Mass  
 6:30 pm Knights of Columbus meeting

**Saturday, May 16**  
 3:15 pm Confessions  
 4:00 pm Mass

**Sunday, May 17**  
 9:00 am Mass  
 11:00 am Mass

**Monday, May 18**  
 9:00 am Mass

**Tuesday, May 19**  
 9:00 am Mass  
 7:00 pm Legion of Mary

**Wednesday, May 20**  
 9:00 am Mass  
 7:15 pm Adult Choir Practice

**Thursday, May 21**  
 9:00 am Mass

**Saturday, May 23**  
 3:15 pm Confessions  
 4:00 pm Mass

**Sunday, May 24**  
 9:00 am Mass  
 11:00 am Mass

**Monday, May 25 - Parish Office Closed**  
**Memorial Day — No Masses Scheduled**

**Tuesday, May 26**  
 9:00 am Mass  
 7:00 pm Legion of Mary

**Wednesday, May 27**  
 9:00 am Mass  
 7:15 pm Adult Choir Practice

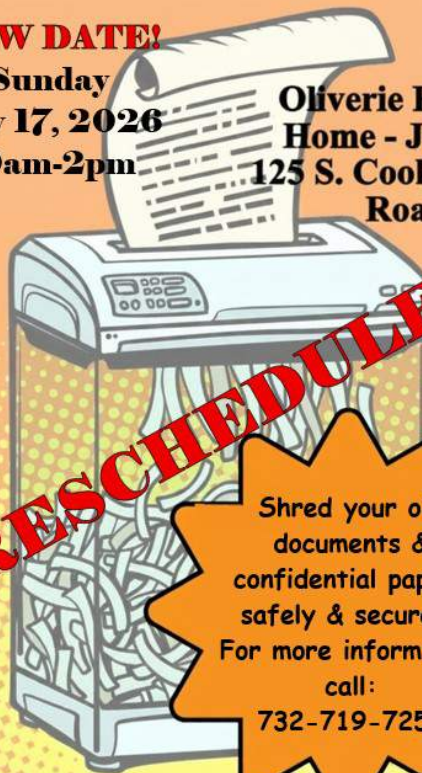
**Thursday, May 28**  
 9:00 am Mass

**FREE ON-SITE PAPER SHREDDING**

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**Sunday**  
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**PLANT SALE**

The youth group will be holding their **Mother's Day Plant sale** after all masses on May 9 and May 10th so show your support to them and mom by purchasing a beautiful hanging basket or small plant. They are very colorful and last all summer long. Cash and checks accepted.



Thank you for your support.

The youth group is growing. We are changing our meeting time to every **SECOND** Friday of each month at 6:00 pm beginning June 12th in little church. This group is open to all children from 7th-12th grade. Youth groups are interactive, fun, and build lifelong friendships. Come out and join us. Any questions, please contact Theresa Calsetta at 732-299-0261.

# Reflection

*By Rev. Leonard N. Peterson*

Occasionally, it is good for us to take the time to analyze why we do what we do. Inevitably we conclude that we humans often have a way of complicating things that are actually simple. At Christmas time I often think of loving parents compelled to set up some toy or game in the wee hours of Christmas morning with a maze of instructions and diagrams not easily followed even when they are wide awake. Or I remember a time when I had to assemble a piece of IKEA furniture using a set of their tedious instructions.

Religious beliefs and practices often suffer from the same circumstances. Granted, we have a digest of the faith in the Nicene Creed we recite every Sunday at Mass. This is helpful. But then we look at the Catechism given to us by the Church and see a book with hundreds of teachings filling its pages.

It is true that life itself can sometimes be complicated, especially in our computer-driven world. But the elements of true religion, especially our own, come down to simple basics easily found in the Scriptures we hear each Sunday or more. Today we have one of them clearly stated in the Readings chosen. In the Acts reading, we find Philip preaching successfully to the Samaritans, which leads to many baptisms. Then Peter and John are invited to bless and confirm this new idea of welcoming Gentiles.



St. Peter in his Letter urges us to know what we are talking about when we present the Faith to others, and to do so calmly when people raise questions.

Finally, the Gospel reminds us that the Holy Spirit dwells in the Church as our guide to the truth. Most importantly, our commitment to Christ is proven by works and not merely by words. Words are often cheap enough. Works are always precious, even if they are sometimes simple. The mission you and I inherit through Baptism requires that our words and our works match. Simple enough. It is difficult sometimes to live out.

I like the following quote about faith. "Every tomorrow has two handles: we can take hold of it by the handle of anxiety or by the handle of faith."

God love you and give you Easter peace.

**In Memoriam**

MaryAnn Ammirata  
 Lynda Ammirata  
 Gloria Applegate  
 Bonifacia Pacibe Arcales  
 Concetta Armenia  
 Bernadette Attorelli  
 Jean Ball e  
 Rose Barnhart  
 Margaret Beuf  
 Diane Black  
 Rosanne Borrello  
 Mary Branaghan  
 Louise Bulger  
 Ann Castiglioni  
 Rosalia Chredmich  
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 Ruth Comins  
 Aurelia Cosola  
 Jennie D Angelo  
 Terry Debiak  
 Josephine DeGregorio  
 Angelina Falcone  
 Lucy Falcone  
 Eleanor Farley  
 Margie Finnerly  
 Belina Gass  
 Dorothy Stubbs George  
 Betty Hansen  
 Marcella Kefferman  
 Anna Kendlowitch  
 Florence Kirschfeld  
 Lillian Kromiko  
 Caroline Kromiko  
 Grace Kubers  
 Patricia Jedlowski  
 Edith Kerwin  
 Jane Kietly  
 Anne P Korman  
 Anna Klebanovich  
 Olga Klebanovich  
 Frances Landt  
 Dolores Landt  
 Lena Landt  
 Dorothy Laux  
 Lillian, Genia & Grandma

**Requested By**

Carol & Thomas Ammirata  
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 The Applegate Family  
 Lorvita Pasumbal  
 Frank & Angie Trimboli  
 The Nyhal Family  
 The Nyhal Family  
 Kate Scott  
 Parker Family  
 Dawn Landt  
 The Borrello & Borges Families  
 Kathleen Scanton Bernadina  
 Your Daughters  
 Jane Kahn  
 Dawn Landt  
 Larry & Lynn Coffey  
 Bonnie & Paul Riviere  
 Diane & Maurizio Piccolo  
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 The Hansen & Gass Families  
 Dorothy Brown  
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 Anne Soprano  
 Stephanie Kujawski  
 Nora Kirschfeld  
 Bette & Diane Kromiko  
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 Mary Boyd  
 Patricia Tischler  
 Joan Redfield  
 Kate Scott  
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 Dawn Landt  
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 Lois & Matt Miller  
 Dee Balint

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Barbara McClure  
 Charleen McDele  
 MaryAnn Finnerly McKee  
 Louise Menders  
 Mildred Minor  
 Mary Nyhal  
 Mabel Woodrzy  
 Helen Moorizian  
 Lilly Norbut  
 Carmela Noto  
 Corrine Parker  
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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - MAY 10, 2026

**In Honor Of**

**Requested By**

<i>Marie Fischler</i>	<i>Patricia Fischler</i>
<i>Violeta Banzon</i>	<i>Lorita Pasumbal</i>
<i>Virginia Alcana</i>	<i>Lorita Pasumbal</i>
<i>Bernardita Fewou</i>	<i>Lorita Pasumbal</i>
<i>Lydia DeJesus</i>	<i>Lorita Pasumbal</i>
<i>Loretta Tolentino</i>	<i>Lorita Pasumbal</i>
<i>Bella Pasumbal</i>	<i>Lorita Pasumbal</i>
<i>Marzena Laremba</i>	<i>John, Sonya, Giovanni &amp; Gabriella</i>
<i>Mary Montesano</i>	<i>John Sonya Giovanni Gabriella</i>
<i>Theodora Noordzy</i>	<i>Janet &amp; Tom Noordzy</i>
<i>Jaclyn Spoleti Noordzy</i>	<i>Janet &amp; Tom Noordzy</i>
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<i>Carol D'Antonio</i>	<i>Carolyn Lazerson</i>



We are nearing the close of Phase One of the St. Monica Safety Plan and we apologize if these changes have left a bad taste in your mouth but they have been implemented from the Diocese and the State of New Jersey from Security and Safety directives for schools and Houses of Worship. These protocols will eventually be required by all churches and houses of worship, St. Monica just happened to be one of the first asked to comply. Improvements that were completed already are as follows:

- + Established single point-entry for both Religious Education Students and Parishioners.
- + Coordinated with ushers to setup cones for safe walkway
- + Installed outdoor cameras to provide 360 degrees surveillance around the Church.
- + Installed Ring Doorbells cameras on 6 exterior Church doors.
- + Installed deadbolt locks to 4 interior Church doors.
- + Developed evacuation (egress) diagrams with primary and secondary re-assembly areas.
- + Purchased walkie talkies and 1 bull horn for communication and instructions.
- + Replaced 2 door's safety lock bars.

As more changes are implemented we will keep you informed and we are looking into having Diocese and state officials address the parish ahead of any new updates and changes.



Peace be with you. Friends, we come to the sixth Sunday of Easter, which means we're coming toward the end of the Easter season, which means coming close to the great feast of Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit.

So the Church gives us a kind of little foretaste of Pentecost by talking about the Spirit, and in all three readings, we hear descriptions of the work of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit, of course, sent by the Father and the Son is the animating Spirit of the life of the Church. Think of the Spirit as like the soul of the mystical body. It's the animating principle of the mystical body.

I want to mention five signs of the Holy Spirit. Look now first at our first reading from the Acts of the Apostles. We hear about Philip going down to the city of Samaria and proclaiming Christ to them. People filled with the Holy Spirit can't keep Christ to themselves. They have to speak. It's you, every baptized person. You've been filled up with the Holy Spirit, and so bold speech is one of your signs. Here's a second one.

The Holy Spirit, by definition, expels wicked spirits. We battle powers that we can see, but we also battle powers that we cannot see. All right. If the Holy Spirit is in you, he gets rid of these dark spirits. It was said, when they heard it and saw the signs he was doing, there was great rejoicing. The signs he was doing. The Holy Spirit produces miraculous effects. So these signs, the expulsion of dark powers, the miraculous manifestation of the Spirit, these are indicators. Here's a third sign of the Spirit.

I've already kind of alluded to it. It says, there was great joy in that city. Joy is the principal flag of the Holy Spirit. Let me say that again. Joy is the principal flag of the Holy Spirit. Well, I think that's the flag that flies over the house of someone in whom the Holy Spirit is dwelling. There are other signs, other indicators. But the clearest one is joy. When you're with someone and you come away feeling more alive, that's the sign of the Holy Spirit in that person. When you've caught from them your own joy, the Holy Spirit's around. Be attentive to that, everybody. Watch for it in your own life. That's the sign the Spirit is dwelling in you. Here's a fourth sign now.

Our second reading is from the first letter of Peter. And Peter says to his followers and to us, always be ready to give a reason for the hope that's in you. So you're a Christian. You're filled with the Holy Spirit. See, I think everybody—and I'm going to name it as a fourth sign of the Holy Spirit—is full of intellectual curiosity about the faith. See, if the Spirit's in you, the Spirit of Jesus is within you, you want to know as much as you can about Jesus. You're fascinated by him. And so you're eager to find out all you can. Intellectual curiosity leads you to read and to study and to pray over texts and to understand the faith more deeply, that's a sign that the Holy Spirit is at work within you. Can I give you one more? And I save it for last.

It's the most important. And I'm relying here on the great Gospel text. Jesus said to his disciples, If you love me, you will keep my commandments. Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Jesus, sent by the Father and the Son, the animating principle of the Church. Therefore, the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of love.

God so loved the world, the Father, so loved the world, he sent his only begotten Son, so that we all might be gathered into the love that God is. Who is the Spirit? The Spirit is the love that connects the Father and the Son. The love into which we've been invited.

Therefore, the mark of all the five I've mentioned, the most important mark of the Holy Spirit is love. To love is to will the good of the other. That's it, everybody. That's the mark of the Holy Spirit.

Hey, you could have all the things I've mentioned, and they're all great. They're all great. But if you don't have this, you don't have the Holy Spirit.

That's the mark of the Holy Spirit - love. Willing the good of the other. John of the Cross says, the evening of life will be judged on the basis of love. People filled with the Spirit often manifest signs. People filled with the Spirit have joy. People filled with the Spirit, they got intellectual curiosity about the faith. People filled with the Spirit, they will the good of the other.

And God bless you.

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