

The Cathedral Courier

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June 4 2017 | PENTECOST SUNDAY

Come, Holy Spirit

Today we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, which is significant to us as Catholics in multiple ways. It marks the completion of our Easter season, but it is also known to many as the birthday of the Church. We recall that it began with Jesus calling to His Apostles to “Follow me.” Now

some three years later the Lord sends them out filled with the Holy Spirit to preach the “Good News.” Throughout His ministry Jesus prepared His followers for this moment, as it was clear He intended to give them the authority to build the Church and to do His work. The Lord breathed on them granting them the Holy Spirit, just as God breathed life into the first humans during creation. Thus, this was a moment of re-creation. St. John Chrysostom pointed to Pentecost as the time when those who follow Jesus (which includes each of us), paralleled Moses when he came down from the mountain carrying tablets of stone in his hands, the Ten Commandments. St. John Chrysostom said, “The Apostles came down from the mountain carrying the Holy Spirit in their hearts. They were a living law, living tablets.” That should be true of us as well.

The First Reading today from the Acts of the Apostles reports the



happenings on this day. It was on this day that the Holy Spirit was gifted to Jesus’ followers and on this day we received the gifts of the Holy Spirit, which allow us to live, proclaim, and model a Christian way of life. We hear that “they were all together in one place” when this occurred.

That is what we do when we gather, and that is what we are doing at this moment. At Mass we share gifts, especially the gift of the Eucharist, but we also share a love for God, a trust in the Lord. We, too, are filled with the Spirit. However, before we can be filled, we must recognize and acknowledge our emptiness.

We gather together to worship, to pray, in obedience. By being here we accept the fact that we need the guidance and help and strength of the Lord to carry out our mission. We have to rely on God.

St. Paul, in the Second Reading from his First Letter to the Corinthians, speaks of the spiritual

gifts we have received. He points out that each of us has received that gift, but acknowledges that the gift we receive may vary in some ways. Nevertheless, all of our gifts combined make up the Body of the Church. Every gift and every one of us is important in the eyes of God and important to the

health of the Church. The Holy Spirit is always present in us but sometimes it may be more apparent both to us and to others. We must understand that the gifts we have received are intended to benefit all, not just us.

Pentecost falls 50 days after Easter. Our Gospel Reading from St. John records the first time Jesus appeared to His Apostles after the Resurrection, in other words on Easter Sunday. Just as today we are reminded of our call, so we are through this reading. Jesus says, “As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” We have been given a mission to continue the work of Christ here and now. Every time we gather for Mass and receive Christ through the Eucharist we should have awareness and an understanding of that mission. When we leave here today, whenever we go out in the world, we are to share and spread the Good News. Let us pray that Holy Spirit may empower us to be faithful disciples and go forth each and every day and carry out the mission of the Church. ❤️

This Week

At The Cathedral



The Cathedral of Saint Joseph extends prayers and congratulations to Rev. Mr. Martin Smay, who was ordained a transitional deacon on Saturday, June 3.

Please keep Deacon Smay in your prayers as he advances towards the Priesthood. Also, please remember to pray for all of our seminarians and in particular for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life.



The Women's Faith Sharing Gathering

for this month is scheduled for Friday, June 9 in the Cathedral parish office at 1:00 p.m., following the Noon Mass and Chaplet of Divine Mercy. If you have any questions, would like to learn more, or have any special prayer requests, please call Diane at (304) 233-8574.

Congratulations to Father Robert Park who celebrated his 60th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood on June 1. May God continue to bless him in his priestly ministry and service in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston.

Catholic 2017 Sharing Appeal

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SUN 4 PENTECOST

(Sat) 6:00 PM Mass for Marty Purpura
8:00 AM Mass for the Parishioners
10:30 AM Mass for Sophie Moses

MON 5 Saint Boniface, bishop, martyr

12:05 PM Mass for Virginia Snyder

TUE 6 Saint Norbert, bishop

12:05 PM Mass for Mary Lavern Monnes

WED 7 Ninth Week in Ordinary Time

12:05 PM Mass for Dr. Joseph J. Agresta

THU 8 Ninth Week in Ordinary Time

12:05 PM Mass for Theresa Shutler

FRI 9 Saint Ephrem, deacon, doctor of the Church

11:15 AM Confessions
12:05 PM Mass for the Manning Family
1:00 PM Women's Faith Group (*Parish Offices*)

SAT 10 Ninth Week in Ordinary Time *Blessed Virgin Mary*

9:00 AM Mass for the Moran Family
9:30 AM Rosary
5:00 PM Confessions
6:00 PM Mass for the Parishioners

SUN 11 THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

8:00 AM Mass for Sophie Moses
10:30 AM Mass for Hugh J. Reddy
Baptisms during Mass



- June is the Month of the Sacred Heart -

On the Friday following the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Because this solemnity usually falls in June, this month is also known as the "Month of the Sacred Heart." Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is all about pondering Christ's love and meditating on Christ's suffering for our salvation.

*O Jesus, meek and humble of heart,
make our hearts like unto thine!*

Thank you to the Cathedral Choir
for enhancing the Sacred Liturgy
through their beautiful voices and hard work.
It is with great anticipation that the parish
looks forward to the choir's return in the Fall.

Thank you to Dr. Michael Match,
Director of Music, for his dedication and
service to the Cathedral and the Diocese
during this past year.
May God bless and guide him
in all his future endeavors.

**The Knights of Columbus Carroll Council 504
would like to extend their heartfelt appreciation
to all those who contributed
to the Baby Bottle Campaign.
The Cathedral raised over \$2,000,
which benefits Pro-Life activities
throughout the area.**

In your charity, please keep in your prayers:

Annie Midcap, Arthur Danehart, Austin Cook, Barb Mazzocca, Betty Teater, Bob Armstrong, Bob Jones, Brogan Gallentine, Caleb Hlebiccki, Charles Heizer, Children of the Youth Services System, Chuck Fair, Darleen Williams, David A. Kress, Jr., Dustin Ronevich, Eva Wood, Father Joseph Wilhelm, Frank Davis, Fred Herink, Gail Koch, George Kirchner, Haley Carter, Hines Rotriga, James Benner, James Midcap, Jane Rudari, Marlene Martin, Janet Cupp, Janie, Jean and Chuck Schultz, Jim and Dee, Jimmy Hocking, Jon-Michael Lasher, Judy Pack, Julia Sheets, Kathy Cooley, Kermit Klosterman, Liam Manning, Lukie Brown, Margaret Stocke, Mark Davis, Martha Yocum, Mary Alice Florio, Mary Ann Fowler, Henry Vogler, Mary K. Schlosser, Mary Shutler, Mary Walicki, Michael DeBlasis, Milissa Rose, Milly Burke, Mona Wurtzbacher, Norma Bosold, Patricia Kaliszcz, Pete Mack, R. J. Stocke, Richard Simon, Rick Burgy, Rick South, Ron Hickman, Rosalie Davis, Sally Jochum, Sarah Hanasky, Sarah Sargent, Shawn Thomas, Shirley DeCaria, Stanley Kyr, Stephanie Bugaj, Susan Graff, Susan Mize, Susan Schulte, Thelma Pearson, Thomas Griffith

**Sunday Mass
from the Cathedral**



is broadcast each week on Sundays at
11:00 a.m. on Channel 4
(ABC Ohio Valley).

In addition, a recording of the Mass
from the previous Sunday is available
for viewing online throughout the
week at www.dwc.org.



Wisdom from the Saints

"The Spirit restores paradise to us and the way to heaven and adoption as children of God; he instills confidence that we may call God truly Father and grants us the grace of Christ to be children of the light and to enjoy eternal glory. In a word, he bestows the fullness of blessings in this world and the next; for we may contemplate now in the mirror of faith the promised things we shall someday enjoy. If this is the foretaste, what must the reality be? If these are the first fruits, what must be the harvest?" (From the treatise by Saint Basil the Great on *The Holy Spirit*)

Please see the bulletin insert for the form to suggest
nominees for the upcoming election
of new members for Parish Council.
Ballots are also available in the narthex of the Church.

Weekly Collection

Envelopes: \$2943 Loose: \$816
Online: \$283

Thank you for your generosity and support!



Rector's Ruminations

CATHEDRAL CONUNDRUM

The Necrology

BY REV. MSGR. KEVIN M. QUIRK

Dear friends: While last week's Cathedral Conundrum touched upon a unique item only temporarily located in the sanctuary – the Paschal Candle, which stands temporarily at the side of the Ambo throughout the Easter Season – this week's installment brings to our attention a little seen yet permanent and distinctive element in the sanctuary, carved into its very stone.

In the archway leading from Mary's Altar to the upper sanctuary, on the eastern wall, a necrology has been engraved in the granite wall, its letters illuminated in gold leaf. The heading, *In Memoriam*, tells the reader that the purpose of the list is to invite remembrance of and prayer for the men whose names and relevant dates are recorded there. They are the eight successive bishops of Wheeling-Charleston, with their full Christian given names in Latin, and the dates of their years of episcopal service as Ordinary of the Diocese.

While a glance over the list brings the names of our Bishops in order – Whelan, Kain, Donahue, Swint, Hodges, Schulte, Schmitt, and Bransfield – the list itself and the associated information provide a great deal of history about the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston and the universal Church, beginning with the very first entry. Of Bishop Richard Vincent Whelan, the necrology notes that he was "transferred from Richmond, in the year of Our Lord 1850," a reminder that the first Bishop of Wheeling had been the Bishop

of Richmond before petitioning Rome for the trans-Appalachian territory of his Diocese to be erected as a separate Diocese, on account of the growing population in the region, its ethnic and geographic distinctiveness, and the challenges of travel between the two Dioceses, except by way of the National Road. The Diocese itself was erected on July 19, 1850 and



Bishop Whalen, who had lived in Martinsburg for many years as Bishop of Richmond, relocated to Wheeling, the new See City.

The necrology tells us that Bishop Whelan died on July 7, 1874, having served 24 as Bishop of Wheeling, and was succeeded by John Joseph Kain, who was consecrated bishop of Wheeling on May 23, 1875. In other words, the Diocese was without a bishop for 10 months until Father Kain, a priest of the Diocese, was appointed its second Bishop and was ordained

a Bishop in the old St. James Cathedral in May 1875. The first of our priests to be named a bishop and the first Bishop to be ordained our Bishop in the Diocese, he was also the first to be transferred, as the necrology says: "transferred June 15, in the year of Our Lord 1893." He was made the coadjutor Archbishop of St. Louis, and eventually became the Archbishop in 1895 and died in 1903.

The necrology records another gap of some ten months, with Patrick James Donahue becoming Bishop on April 8, 1894 and serving as bishop until his death on October 4, 1922. The omission of the word "consecrated" evidences that Bishop Donahue was ordained a Bishop in Baltimore, rather than in Wheeling, surely to accommodate Cardinal Gibbons, whom he had served as a priest and as Chancel-

lor prior to being named Bishop of Wheeling. Bishop Donahue conceived the building of the new Cathedral and began plans for it, with initial works beginning shortly before his death.

Next comes our fourth Bishop, John Joseph Swint, the second priest of our Diocese to become bishop of the Diocese. The necrology notes that he was consecrated a bishop on May 11, 1922. The eagle-eyed will note that this was some five months before Bishop Donahue's death and the mindful

will recall that the retirement of bishops at 75 was a reform following the Second Vatican Council. The overlap indicates that Swint was made an Auxiliary (but not coadjutor, that is: having the right of succession) Bishop to Bishop Donahue in the months before Donahue's death, subsequently being named Bishop of Wheeling in his own right on December 11, 1922, just over two months after Donahue's death. During the 40 year reign that the necrology notes, Swint oversaw the construction of the new Cathedral and was named an Archbishop *ad personam* (i.e.: being awarded as a personal title rather than related to the Diocese). While he did not attend, he lived into the early sessions of the Second Vatican Council and outlived his own coadjutor, Bishop Thomas McDonnell, by over a year, dying as the necrology tells us on November 23, 1962.

The necrology next gives the name of Joseph Howard Hodges, the fifth Bishop of Wheeling and first Bishop of Wheeling-Charleston, omitting the name of Bishop McDonnell, who had preceded him as coadjutor Bishop of Wheeling. Oddly, the necrology records his consecration date of October 15, 1952 though he was not ordained a bishop or auxiliary bishop of Wheeling, but was ordained the Auxiliary Bishop of Richmond, his native diocese. Thus, he is the second of our Bishops to come from Richmond and, like the first, to come to us already a bishop. He was appointed coadjutor to Archbishop Swint on May 24, 1961 and automatically succeeded him as bishop upon his death, reigning until his own death, as the necrology tells us, on January 27, 1983.

During Bishop Hodges' reign, Pope Paul VI published the apostolic letter *Ecclesiae Sanctae* (1966) in which Bishops were "earnestly requested of their own free will to tender their resigna-

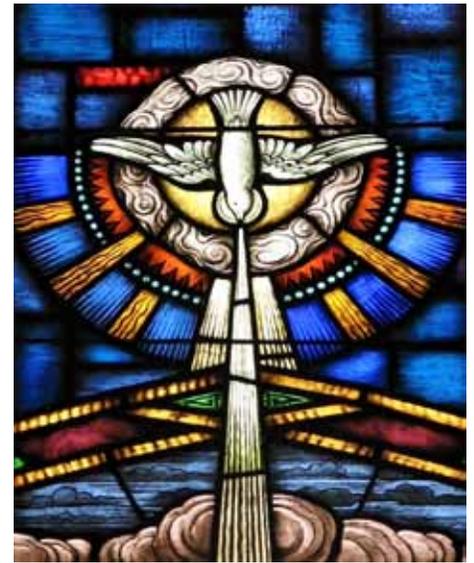
tion from office" at the age of 75. This request is now found in canon 401 §1 of Code of Canon Law and makes 40 year reigns like Archbishop Swint's now unlikely.

The next entry in the necrology contains the first Philadelphian to become Bishop of Wheeling-Charleston: Francis Bible Schulte. Once again, the necrology notes his date of consecration as Bishop, August 17, 1981, though he was ordained on that date as an Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia, thus explaining the overlap with Bishop Hodges' final two years. The second of our Bishops to be transferred, the necrology tells us that he was "transferred 13 December 1988," becoming Archbishop of New Orleans.

The seventh Bishop of Wheeling-Charleston, Bernard W. Schmitt, was consecrated on August 1, 1988. Here, the necrology records the date of his consecration as bishop and appointment as the Auxiliary Bishop of Wheeling-Charleston, the second Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese and the first of our Bishops to be consecrated in this Cathedral Church. He was appointed Bishop of Wheeling-Charleston on March 29, 1989, four months after Archbishop Schulte's transfer. The third native son to become Bishop of the Diocese, he served for almost 16 years before his resignation was accepted by the Holy See on December 9, 2004, the "renun." noting this is a first occurrence of a retirement among our Bishops.

The last entry, the eighth and current Bishop of Wheeling-Charleston, is Michael J. Bransfield, noting his consecration on February 22, 2005. He is only the second of our Bishops to be ordained in our Cathedral Church and his care for this Church has been among the hallmarks of his Episcopacy.

I invite you to find this necrology and spend a moment in prayer for these eight men who have served our Diocese so faithfully and whom we, the faithful of the Cathedral of Saint Joseph, are pleased to claim as our pastors. 🕊️



Holy Spirit

Oh Holy Spirit,

Creator of all that is good
Thank you for including me
In all your creations.
Forsake me not as I try
To fulfill all the plans
You laid out for my life.
Guide me safely so that
When I stand before you
In my final judgment
I will see no others' faults
But my own;
See your face in its glory and
Worship you for eternity.

-Sophie Moses



Christian Awareness

Why We Pray

BY ALEXJ. NAGEM

Two young, elementary school boys, Jim and Rick, are playing catch in the street near the neighborhood church. They notice an old man slowly walking down the sidewalk toward them. He smiles and says hello as he heads toward the steps of the church. It is a Saturday afternoon. The boys did not hear the church bells ring. They did not notice anyone else entering the church. They decide to follow the old man into the church since they were bored with playing catch. They watch the old man make his way to the front of the church. He bows toward the altar and sits in the first pew. He makes the sign of the cross and lowers his head toward his chest. The boys thought maybe he was asleep since he did not move from this position for several minutes. Unexpectedly, he raises his head and looks toward the large crucifix above the altar. The boys could hear him talk but it sounded like mumbling. They walked slowly and softly toward him so they could hear him better. They took a few steps and stopped. Then a few more steps and stopped. The old man turned around. With a smile on his face he asked the boys if they would like to join him. "Join you doing what?" one of the boys asked. "Join me saying prayers," he replied. "Why would we say prayers on a Saturday afternoon?" Rick asked. "You should pray whenever you want," the old man replied to the boys. The boys took a seat beside the old man and began whispering to each other. The old man asked if there was a problem. Jim told him they did not know what to

pray for. They would always have a teacher or a priest tell them for what they are to pray. Rick asked the old man what he was praying for. He began by telling them he always starts his prayers by thanking God for all that he has. He thanks God for the food he has to eat, the clothes he has to wear, and the home he lives in. Jim says with a laugh, "You bought that yourself or someone gave you some of those as a gift." The old man told them that everything we have is a gift from God and we should be thankful each day. Rick said he remembered his religion teacher saying something like that. He wasn't paying close attention though. He was day dreaming about the baseball game after school. Jim didn't remember anyone telling him at all. After a few seconds of whispering, Jim asked the old man what else he prays for. The old man continued to look straight ahead at the crucifix. After a second or two, he turned toward the boys and asked, "Do you know what prayer is?" "It is talking to God," they both said excitedly. "We know that answer from religion class." "Good," replied the old man. "Now let me tell you more."

The old man began to tell them when he would take walks he would say a short prayer for everyone in each house he passed. Jim said that must be easy for him since he walks slowly. Both boys laughed softly covering their mouths so they would not to make too much noise. The old man thought these two boys must laugh a lot in church. The old man

just smiled and continued with his story. He told the boys, everyone needs prayers and we need to pray for everyone. The old man asked Jim what he does when Rick is upset and feeling down. Jim says he tries to comfort him, as he puts his arm around Rick. "He is my best friend." "Do you ever ask God to help Rick when he is feeling down?" "I never thought about that," said Jim. "Well there is a good reason to pray," said the old man. "You two can pray for each other, and all the children in your school and neighborhood." "But what should we pray for?" said Jim. "We don't know what they want." "You should pray for their safety, for their good behavior, and for the needs that only they and God know." "Do you know if all your friends have enough food to eat or if maybe one of their parents is sick?" "I prayed for my cousin who was in the hospital. I wanted God to help him get better," said Rick. "You can say the same prayer for everyone who is sick and needs prayers," said the old man. "But I don't know everyone," said Rick. "That is what will make your prayer special. You are asking God to help someone you don't know. You are giving your time in prayer to help someone you don't know. This is what will make God happy," said the old man. "That's pretty neat," said Jim. "We can be super heroes, praying for people, helping them in time of need." "We can help a lot of people," said Rick. "We aren't allowed to go beyond two streets from our home or we will get in trouble," said Jim. "We can be York Street Super Heroes, helping the lonely and the needy." "Can we still play baseball?" asked Rick. The old man told them that prayers can be said at any time and baseball can still be a part of their

free time. The old man told the boys they can sit for a while and think of many things to pray and be thankful for. If they couldn't think of anything new, they could just say a Hail Mary or the Our Father for anyone. "God is always listening to us," said the old man. "Just don't be greedy with your prayers. God will only give you what He knows you need," said the old man. "Glad we followed you in the church, mister," said Jim. "What's your name, mister?" "You can call me Bernie," said the old man. "If you don't mind, I am going to finish my prayers. You are welcome to stay and pray too." The boys thought it would be a good idea to stay a little longer. They each had thought of people they could pray for. There was the old man down the street that nobody talked to. They prayed that he would find a friend. The boys agreed on their way home they might stop and talk to him, to see if he would like to join them in church and pray one afternoon. Maybe he would like that. They thought of the people who are hungry and have no food. They prayed they would have something to eat today. They also thought that maybe if they asked their parents, they could give up one week's allowance so that could be used to buy some food for the food pantry of the church. They had other ideas come to them as they prayed. After some time the three got up to leave the church. Rick asked the old man what he prayed for. The old man smiled and said he prayed that the boys would learn how to pray and ask for things for everyone else but themselves. In praying for others, they would become better young men. Jim and Rick smiled at each other and said in a soft voice, "Prayers work really well on a Saturday afternoon." The old man looking straight ahead, nodded and told the boys they work well all the time.

"Our prayers may be awkward. Our attempts may be feeble. But

since the power of prayer is in the one who hears it and not in the one who says it, our prayers do make a difference." Max Lucado

You are remembered in my prayers as I hope I am remembered in yours. 🍷

Children's Liturgy of the Word

At the 10:30 a.m. Mass each Sunday, following the Opening Prayer and before the First Reading, children are invited to come forward to the Sanctuary to go with the teachers to their own space where they are led through the Sunday scripture readings, prayers, and activities.

All children are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Children's Liturgy will be on break in July and return in August.



Come, Spirit of Wisdom, dispose our hearts to know and value the things of heaven above the things of the earth and show us the way to salvation.

Come, Spirit of Understanding, enlighten our minds to the mysteries of salvation and grant that we may come to a fuller knowledge of you.

Come, Spirit of Counsel, guide us in the way of your commandments. Incline us to do good. Keep us from evil and bring us to everlasting life.

Come Spirit of Fortitude, strengthen us in every trial and help us in our struggle against evil. Never let us be parted from you.

Come, Spirit of Knowledge, help us to see beyond the passing joys of this world to the glories you have prepared for us.

Come, Spirit of Piety, stir up our hearts to true holiness and love of you. May we always seek you in spirit and in truth.

Come Spirit of the Fear of the Lord, teach us ever to set the Lord before us and to avoid whatever is displeasing to you. Bring us all one day to the fullness of your love.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.
Amen.



The Sequence

BY TYLER J. GREENWOOD

On this Solemnity of Pentecost, we reflect on the gift that Jesus asked of his Father for his friends, the Holy Spirit. By breathing the Holy Spirit upon those fearful disciples that first Pentecost, Our Lord intended the Spirit to be a gift that would be present everywhere and at all times. The Church invites us to renew our profession of faith in the presence and in the action of the Holy Spirit today.

After the Second Reading at Mass this Pentecost Sunday, we have the privilege of joining the Church in singing a treasured hymn known as the Sequence. The Sequence (*Sequentia*) has been in the liturgy since the late eighth century. There was a time in the history of the Church where Sequences were very common additions to the Mass, resulting in one for almost every feast day.

The Council of Trent (1545-1563) led to many important changes in the Catholic Church. While only a small portion of that council was dedicated to music, the changes that occurred greatly influenced Church music. In order to combat what was seen as placing the musician's skills above the worship of the Lord, most of the "Sequences" were removed from the Mass. In 1560, the Missal of Pope Pius V was published and only four Sequences remained: *Victimae paschali laudes* (11th century) for Easter; *Veni Sancte Spiritus* (12th century) for Pentecost, *Laude Sion Salvatorem* (c.1264) for Corpus Christi, and *Dies Irae* (13th century, removed after Vatican II in 1970) for All Souls and Requiem

Masses. In the year 1727, the 13th century *Stabat Mater* was added for Our Lady of Sorrows. These five days in the course of the Church's year are of such importance to the Catholic faith that the "extra words" of worship are important to help express the great joy and solemnity of these feast days. In 1970, the *Dies Irae* was removed from Requiem Masses in the revised Roman Missal. The Third Edition of the Roman Missal (2010) states that the Sequence is optional, except on Easter Sunday and Pentecost Day, and is sung before the Alleluia.

This sequence for Pentecost, *Veni, Sancte Spiritus*, known as the Golden Sequence, is regarded as one of the greatest masterpieces of sacred Latin poetry. This hymn has been part of the Roman Missal since the 16th century, inviting various composers from then on to accompany this sacred and beautiful text with their musical arrangements. The text of this hymn has been attributed to three different authors: King Robert II, the Pious of France (970-1031), Pope Innocent III (1161-1216), and Stephen Langton (d.1228), Archbishop of Canterbury, of which the last is most likely the author.

The rhyme scheme in this poem is quite rich and complex. The sung Gregorian chant version of this hymn starts subtly and then builds through the center with soaring notes, gently setting us down at the end. It brings to mind the motion of the Holy Spirit not only throughout the entire history of the Church, but in our

daily lives, too. It is the Spirit who soars from heavenly heights to the farthest corners of the earth.

The first three words, "*Veni, Sancte Spiritus*" - "Come, Holy Spirit" are an invocation imploring God, the Holy Spirit to come into our midst, to "renew the face of the earth" (*Ps* 104:30). The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us "Every time we begin to pray to Jesus it is the Holy Spirit who draws us on the way of prayer by his prevenient grace. Since he teaches us to pray by recalling Christ, how could we not pray to the Spirit too? That is why the Church invites us to call upon the Holy Spirit every day, especially at the beginning and the end of every important action. The traditional form of petition to the Holy Spirit is to invoke the Father through Christ our Lord to give us the Consoler Spirit. Jesus insists on this petition to be made in his name at the very moment when he promises the gift of the Spirit of Truth. But the simplest and most direct prayer is also traditional, 'Come, Holy Spirit,' and every liturgical tradition has developed it in antiphons and hymns" (*Catechism*, 2670-2671). We so eagerly pray that this Spirit comes from the "celestial home" to "shed a ray of light divine".

A few stanzas down, we call the Holy Spirit the best "comforter". In doing so, we are reminded that this Spirit knows us completely, having the ability to pierce into our hearts, to see our deepest desolation and sin. Rather than leaving us in our state of distress and sorrow, is it not God, through His Spirit who brings us true comfort and restores us to our original baptismal dignity? "In our labor, rest most sweet; grateful coolness in

the heat; solace in the midst of woe.” Surely this brings to mind the words of Christ himself: “Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.” (Mt 11:28).

We go on to address the Spirit as the “most blessed light”, imploring him to fill the depths of our hearts with light and therefore banishing the darkness around us. It is that divine light which causes us to grow and to be nurtured in the ways of Christ and His Church. It is through that blessed light in which we can be awakened from the drowsiness of our all too familiar ways of living and be radically changed to truly accept our call to live as sons and daughters of our loving God.

Pope Francis, during his morning Mass homily on April 25, 2015, reflected: “We can study the whole history of salvation, we can study the whole of Theology, but without the Spirit we cannot understand. It is the Spirit that makes us realize the truth - or in the words of Our Lord - it is the Spirit that makes us know the voice of Jesus.” Just as through the Holy Spirit the Apostles were given the gift to understand and speak in different languages, so too does that same Spirit give us the gift to better understand Christ and to recognize him as our Risen Lord and Savior.

May the words of this time-honored hymn of the Church serve as inspiration for a stronger devotion to Christ as we seek His guidance in our everyday lives. As the Easter season comes to a close with Pentecost, we transition into the season of discipleship. God wants us to be assured that we are not alone in carrying out the task of evangelization which he has entrusted to us. We have been given an “advocate”, the Holy Spirit, to be with us always, to guide us, to comfort us, to heal us, and to strengthen us on the earthly pilgrimage to our heavenly reward where we are promised “joys that never end.” Come, Holy Spirit! 🌿

A Message from the Music Director

My sincere thanks to Bishop Bransfield, my Diocesan colleagues, and all of the staff and parishioners of the Cathedral for their generosity, kindness, and hospitality this past year! It has been a privilege to serve your community and I hope that you continue singing God’s praises with gusto! To our dear choir members and cantors I also offer a particular note of gratitude for sharing SO much of your time and talents with the community. I am very proud of the wonderful work that you have accomplished and all of the beautiful liturgies to which you have added splendor and glory to the honor of God. It has been a special joy to meet all of you and work with you so closely. Please be assured of my continued prayers for the life and vibrancy of the parish and the music program.

Thank you once again and God Bless you!

Dr. Michael Match

The Pope’s Monthly Intention

The Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. You are invited to answer the Holy Father’s request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for this month’s intention:

National Leaders

That national leaders may firmly commit themselves to ending the arms trade, which victimizes so many innocent people.



DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

June 5, 2017 through June 11, 2017

- Monday: Tobit 1:3; 2:1a-b Ps 112:1b-2, 3b-4, 5-6
Mark 12:1-12
- Tuesday: Tobit 2:9-14 Ps 112:1-2, 7-8, 9
Mark 12:13-17
- Wednesday: Tobit 3:1-11a, 1-17a Ps 25:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9
Mark 12:18-27
- Thursday: Tobit 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5
John 17:20-26
- Friday: Tobit 11:5-17 Ps 146:1-2, 6-7, 8-9, 9-10
Mark 12:35-37
- Saturday: Tobit 12:1, 5-15, 20 (Ps) Tobit 13:2, 6, 7, 8
Mark 12:38-44
- Sunday: Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9 (Ps) Daniel 3:53-56
2 Corinthians 13:11-13 John 3:16-18



Liturgical Calendar for this Week

June 5 - Saint Boniface (672-754), started life as Winfrid, a member of a Benedictine monastery in England. He was elected abbot, but resigned in order to become a missionary. The pope gave him the name Boniface and sent him to Germany, where he served as bishop for thirty years. It is said that he won the confidence of the people when he took an ax to the sacred oak of Thor, and it immediately crashed to the ground. He was martyred on June 5, 754, as he was preparing to administer the sacrament of Confirmation.



June 6 - Saint Norbert (1080-1134), a subdeacon and canon in the Rhineland, had a conversion experience similar to St. Paul, in which he was thrown from a horse during a violent thunderstorm. Following this event he had a change of heart. He became increasingly aware of the need to renounce the trappings of the world and to preach reform to the canons. His preaching led him to the valley of Premontre where he laid the framework, along with thirteen disciples, for a reform movement that became known as the Canons Regular of Premontre, the Premonstratensians, or Norbertines. These Norbertines lived together according the Rule of Saint Augustine, wore a simple white habit, and challenged the clergy through preaching and example to recommit themselves to celibacy and simplicity. Although their message was not always well received by the clergy, more and more young men felt called to join the Norbertines. Because of his extraordinary leadership and reforming spirit, Saint Norbert was appointed Archbishop of Magdeburg, Germany.

June 9 - After serving as head of a cathedral school in Syria, **Saint Ephrem** (306-373), a Doctor of the Church, fled to a cave near Edessa to take up the life of a monk. While devoting himself to an austere life marked by solitude and fasting, he earnestly wrote hundreds of hymns and commentaries on Sacred Scripture. His hymns and discourses on scripture provided deep insight into the paschal Mystery of Christ and opposed Gnostic tendencies among various sects. Crowds were attracted to his eloquent preaching; therefore he became known as “the harp of the holy spirit.” Later in life he was ordained a deacon and helped the people of Edessa weather a terrible famine. He died in this city in 373, a victim of the disease he contracted while caring for those infected with the plague.



“The Holy Spirit transforms and renews us,
creates harmony and unity,
and gives us courage and joy for mission.”

-Pope Francis



Upcoming Events at the Cathedral

June 18 Corpus Christi Mass
with Solemn Eucharistic Procession

Summer Mass Attendance for Travelers

With the availability of internet access, there is no reason why summer travelers cannot participate in the Holy Mass on weekends. You can access masstimes.org or google **Catholic Church (City/State)** to find a church. Please don't take a vacation from Our Lord during the summer.



Catholic News Throughout the Globe

POPE FRANCIS:

NEW BISHOP OF PENSACOLA-TALLAHASSEE Pope Francis has named Father William A. Wack, C.S.C., 49, as bishop of Pensacola-Tallahassee, Florida. Father Wack is a member of the Congregation of Holy Cross and pastor at St. Ignatius Martyr Parish in Austin, Texas. The appointment was publicized in Washington, May 29, by Archbishop Christophe Pierre, apostolic nuncio to the United States.

HAVE ZEAL AND HOPE Pope Francis on Tuesday, May 30, received the Bishops of Albania, who are in Rome for their *Ad Limina* Visit. The Holy Father emphasized the need to “go out, to have zeal and hope, namely, a very strong look full of hope in God.” He also invited them to “promote vocations, a pastoral program that passes through witness, to be united, serene, and happy because if one is serene and happy he is also a model.”

PRAY TIRELESSLY “Pray without tiring, because we can only be “fishers of men” if we first realize that we have been “caught” by the Lord’s tenderness.” Pope Francis stressed this to participants in the plenary assembly of the Congregation for the Clergy, which opened on Tuesday, May 30. In his remarks, the Holy Father went on to say: “We can also learn from the Gospels that the Lord’s choice falls on little ones, and the mission to proclaim the Gospel, entrusted to the disciples, is not based on the greatness of human strength, but rather on the willingness to let oneself be guided by the gift of the Spirit.”

GENERAL AUDIENCE During the General Audience on Wednesday, May 31, Pope Francis continued his catechesis on Christian Hope, noting “To abound in hope means never to be discouraged; it means to hope ‘against all hope’” (Romans 4:18), namely, to hope also when every human motive for hope fails, as it was for Abraham, when God asked him to sacrifice to Him his only son, Isaac, and as it was, even more so, for the Virgin Mary under Jesus’ Cross ... hope does not disappoint, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. The Holy Father also reminded that the Spirit nourishes hope not only in men’s hearts, but also in the whole of creation. Pope Francis concluded his message by praying “Brothers and sisters, on the forthcoming feast of Pentecost, which is the birthday of the Church, may the gift of the Holy Spirit make us abound in hope.”



Around and About

HANDBELL CONCERT - June 8 @ 7pm – St. Alphonsus Church, Wheeling Enjoy a relaxing summer evening in a beautiful historic church while listening to the music of the St. Michael Parish Handbell Choir joined by guest instrumentalists; the concert is under the direction of Mr. Chad R. Carter. This event is free and all are invited to attend. St. Alphonsus Church is located at 2111 Market Street in the historic Centre Market section of Wheeling.

RUMMAGE SALE - Our Lady of Lebanon Church, 2216 Eoff Street, Wheeling, WV on Saturday, June 10 from 8:00 am to 2:30 pm Half-price and bag or box sale on Sunday, June 11 from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. Proceeds benefit the Church.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE - Seats remain for a 9-day Pilgrimage to the Holy Land from November 6-14, 2017. The itinerary includes 1 night in Tel Aviv, 2 nights in Galilee and 4 nights in Jerusalem. The Guide and Spiritual Director is a Franciscan priest who lives in Israel. For additional information and brochures, contact John Tagnesi, Toll free 1-888-544-4461 or jtag1964@verizon.net

From the Diocesan Office of Safe Environment

The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston is committed to the protection of its children and young people. The Diocese complies with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People by maintaining an Office of Safe Environment. To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact the West Virginia Bureau for Children and Families/Child Protective Services by calling the Child Abuse Hotline at 800.352.6513. To report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact one of the Bishop’s designees at 888.434.6237 (toll free) or 304.233.0880: Sister Ellen Dunn, ext. 264; Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Msgr. Frederick Annie, ext. 267, or Msgr. Anthony Cincinnati, 270. For more information on the Diocese’s Office of Safe Environment, please go to www.dwc.org, then click the “Diocese” tab, then click “Office of Safe Environment” under the “Offices” menu. To learn more about the Catholic Church’s efforts in preventing sexual abuse of children in the United States, please visit <http://www.usccb.org>. Under “Issues and Action,” click “Child and Youth Protection” from the drop down menu.

The Cathedral of Saint Joseph

Parish Mission Statement

Saint Joseph Cathedral Parish is called to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ as a community.
We are committed: to our urban neighborhoods, to being the Cathedral of the diocese,
and to fellowship, formation, sacrament, and prayer.



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6:00 pm (Saturday)
8:00 am
10:30 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

12:05 pm Monday through Friday
9:00 am Saturday

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

11:15-11:45 am Friday
5:00-5:45 pm Saturday
Or by appointment

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK / COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

Please call the parish office to arrange for a visit.

BAPTISMS / INITIATION

Both Baptism and the Rite of Initiation for Adults
can be arranged by contacting the parish office.

MARRIAGE

Engaged couples who are members of the
Cathedral parish should contact the parish office.

PARISH REGISTRATION

Registration forms can be obtained through the
parish office.

Please notify the parish office of address changes.



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