

**Announcements**  
**For the week of May 21, 2017**

**Happy Birthday to Mrs. Wilma Young who celebrated 92 years young on May 1st and Happy Birthday to Mrs. Alma Haynes who will be celebrating 86 years on May 24th.**

**Ladies lets continue our Living the Eucharist experience. Join the Women of Grace at their annual conference on Saturday June 24th, 2017 at 8am.**

**ATTENTION ALL HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE GRADUATES. Please sign up on the sheet in the back of the Church. We are asking for donations from parishioners to help with Project Graduation. Contact: Mrs. Margaret Denson.**

**The Knight of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary Annual Recruitment is this weekend before and after all Masses.**

**Save the Date: Blessed Sacrament 2017 Octoberfest Dinner Sale Fundraiser, June 4th, presale only . Deadline to order June 1.**

**To all Church Ministries and Organizations: If you have any items of importance related to your ministry stored in the Sacristy Room located at the rear of the Choir seating, please have all items removed by Friday, May 26. All items will be moved to the Storage building behind the hall after Friday, May 26. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.**

**The Rectory will be closed Monday, May 29th in Observance of Memorial Day.**

**Please pray for all our Military, all the Sick and Shut-In and their families.**

**Take home a copy of this week's bulletin for other announcements.**

**May 21, 2017**

**GOOD EVENING/GOOD MORNING PARISHIONERS, FAMILY, FRIENDS AND VISITORS! (PAUSE)**

**WELCOME TO OUR MOTHER OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH. WE ARE IN THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD.**

**TODAY WE CELEBRATE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER. KINDLY TURN TO YOUR NEIGHBOR AND EXTEND A GREETING OF WELCOME. (PAUSE 20 SECONDS).**

**BE GOOD STEWARDS OF THE PARISH, GIVE GENEROUSLY IN TODAY'S COLLECTIONS. THE SECOND COLLECTIONS ARE FOR CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN AND SOCIAL OUTREACH.**

**THEME:**

**As we continue our Easter season reflections on the meaning of Christ's resurrection in our lives, we begin to hear more and more frequent mentions of the Spirit, in preparation for our coming Pentecost celebration. As we gather for worship today, let us pray for the coming of the Spirit every day into our lives, and for our openness to receiving that same Spirit.**

**OUR CELEBRANT FOR THIS MASS IS:**

**(Priest Name) Fr. Noel Effiong**

**4:30 P.M.–**

**7:00 A.M.-**

**10:00 A.M.–**

**AFTER THE OPENING PRAYER:**

**In the Gospel today we will hear Jesus speak of another Advocate given to us by the Father, the spirit of truth. Our first reading from the Acts of the Apostles records the coming of that same Spirit into the early Christian community in Samaria. As we hear these reading today, let us reflect on the ways that we too have not been left as orphans and enjoy the presence of the Spirit here in our community and in our lives, helping us to keep God's commandments and share the Good News.**

# INTECESSORY PRAYERS

## The Sixth Sunday of Easter, Cycle A

May 20-21, 2017

**Priest:** My brothers and sisters, let us join our prayers to Christ's by praying that we would also belong to the Father, and intercede for our world, neighbors, and loved ones...

**Response: Come Holy Spirit!**

- ◆ For the Church, may the inspiration of the Holy Spirit guide her under the leadership of Francis our Pope and Curtis our Bishop and may the baptized live a life worthy of their calling, we pray to the Lord...
- ◆ For those preparing for Ordination and those being called to become priests, religious, deacons or lay ministers, may they hear and answer God's call with openness to the Spirit, we pray to the Lord...
- ◆ For our parish community of *(add your parish name)*, may we know and defend Christ with gentleness and reverence and use the gifts of the Spirit to become the presence of Christ for others, we pray to the Lord....
- ◆ For all who have died, especially *JoAnn Thompson, John Labrie, Freddie and Gladys Wiltz* and for the intentions of this Mass may they who hoped in the Lord, be brought to life with Him in the Spirit, we pray to the Lord...
- ◆ In silence, we pray through Jesus, who lives in us, for our own intentions and for the intentions of others...*[pause 10 seconds; the presider alone concludes . . . ] we pray to the Lord.*

**Priest:** Loving and eternal God, you sent your Son so that we might know your love for us. Grant that through your Spirit, we may remain in You, and show our love of you by serving others. We pray this through Christ our Lord. AMEN

# **TO ALL MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY**

May 21, 2017

**PLEASE WELCOME THE VISITORS**

**ALSO PASS OUT THE CHILDREN'S  
BULLETINS TO THE LITTLE ONES!**

**Make sure that you sign the sheet in the book.**

Remember to use the white bags for the collections.  
Please try and refrain anyone from walking during the  
1st reading, 2nd Reading, the Gospel and the Homily.

**Remember to take the count of those present at each Mass and  
turn the count sheet in after the 10:00AM Mass**

**This is very important. Secure collection after Mass**

**Second Collections  
Catholic Communication Campaign  
And  
Social Outreach**