

## **PENTECOST SUNDAY- May 23, 2021**

Today is Pentecost Sunday, the birthday of the Church. Originally a Jewish feast observed fifty days after Passover; Pentecost celebrated the grape harvest and the giving of the covenant at Sinai. Pentecost became a Christian celebration because of the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples gathered in the Upper Room fifty days after Easter. At this first Pentecost after the resurrection and ascension of Jesus, as recorded in the Acts of the Apostles, the Holy Spirit was manifested as a divine Person to the Church sent to fulfill the paschal mystery of Christ as He had promised.

At the same time on this feast, the Holy Spirit manifested the Church to the world through the preaching of St. Peter the Apostle. St. Peter's first sermon explained the meaning of the event and called those who listened to conversion to Christ by accepting baptism, with the result that three thousand were converted that day. Ever since that day, the Holy Spirit has been guiding the work of the Church and is inspiring the work of the new evangelization—sharing the good news of God's love to strengthen the believers and calling others to faith in Christ.

### **A Few Changes and Updates at St. Charles Borromeo Rectory**

I wish to inform you that Mrs. Kathleen Kozak will retire from her duties in the Rectory Office at the end of June, 2021. Kathy has given her heart and soul, in countless and numerous ways, going the extra mile, in service to all of you, especially the parishioners of St. Charles. She will be greatly missed in the day to day operation of rectory life. Although retired, you will see Kathy and Larry at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days as faithful parishioners.

I wish to inform you that Mrs. Lori Farrell will step down as the Coordinator of Religious Education as of June, 2021. Lori will help in the transition to our new Coordinator and will remain as a Catechist for the upcoming PREP year in September. Lori has labored long and hard as the glue holding the PREP Program together over these last several years. I am grateful for her love and care for the well-being and spiritual growth of the children and parents of our Partnering Parishes involved in the Parish Religious Education Program. Lori will remain as the Parish Secretary in the Rectory Office.

I wish to inform you that Sister Theresa Marie Moore, of the Parish Visitors of Mary Immaculate, (our community of Sisters living at the Sacred Heart Convent, Clifton Heights), will become the new Coordinator of the Parish Religious Education Program. Up to this time, Sister Theresa Marie has been serving as a Religious Educator at St. Peter and Holy Spirit Parishes in New Castle, Delaware, the Diocese of Wilmington.

Sister MaryAnn Nerney, I.H.M. has been recuperating after having delicate and successful surgery to correct neck and spine issues on April 26th. Sister resides at Our Lady of Fatima Convent, Secane. She is doing well and anxious to return. However, Sister needs to see the surgeon on the 1<sup>st</sup> of June and await his examination before she can return to the Rectory Office to resume her duties.

I ask your prayers and patience in this time of transition at St. Charles Borromeo Rectory as we adjust and realign job descriptions, duties and responsibilities.

God Bless,  
Monsignor George A. Majoros, Pastor