

**For The Bulletin Of
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From Father Robert

Breath means life. In case of a heart attack or drowning, the first thing a responder does is to begin CPR, an emergency measure intended to keep oxygen flowing through the victim's system so the brain keeps functioning. If the victim begins breathing again on his or her own, we are overjoyed that the person has a new lease on life, is given a second chance, has not used up their "nine lives." Yes, breath means life. Breath is precious. Breath enables us to be.

In today's gospel, Pentecost takes place on Easter evening. The giving of new life on Easter and the giving of the Spirit on Pentecost coalesce in the one Body of Christ, the church. Something entirely new has happened. This body is filled with the joy of the divine Presence, the grace of risen peace, the eagerness of being sent forth, the breath of new creation, the power of forgiveness. Each day when we – Christ's Body, the church – allow the Holy Spirit to work in and through us, Easter-Pentecost happens once again. Each day when we open ourselves to the breath-life of the Holy Spirit, we ourselves are made anew. There is no end to the new life that the risen Jesus and His Spirit breathe into us. There is no end to our

re-creation in the Spirit, in the Body of Christ.

Being the risen Christ's body, the church, means that our new life in the Spirit binds us into a community. But, alas, sometimes we do not live in accordance with the identity we've been given. No wonder Jesus links the sending of the Spirit with the commission to forgive sins! Forgiveness heals the breach between two persons or groups, heals the divergence of lives, ensures that we remain "one body" in Christ. The only way we can share risen life is that there be no breach among us – "whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons." Forgiveness, then, stands as a bounden duty for those sharing in risen life. This forgiveness is about building right relationships, about opening doors between ourselves and others rather than closing them, about allowing the peace of Christ to replace the fears that stifle our connecting to one another. The risen Christ breathes into us the Spirit – this capacity to be new creations who forgive – then sends us out into the world to unleash this Spirit. Every day is an Easter-Pentecost.



Living The Paschal Mystery

Pentecost is more than celebrating the "birthday" of the church – it celebrates our "birth" into risen life and being sent forth armed with peace to forgive others. We can speak of a "birthday" of the

church (the church being the Body of Christ) only when we make the church a reality through forgiveness of one another. Then every day is a “birthday” – a birthing of the risen life of Christ in each other. Forgiveness is the church’s CPR.

Forgiveness is sometimes the most difficult thing we do; so many simple acts in our everyday living demand that we seek and give forgiveness. This is why Jesus sent the Spirit: to empower us, through the common risen life we share, to forgive, to heal divisions in the community, to be peacemakers. We overcome our fears and unlock the doors of our closed relationships when we reach out to others in forgiveness.

As we conclude the Great Fifty Days with today’s feast, what new awareness has come to you about Risen Life? How has this Easter Season differed from those in the past? What hopes do you have for yourself as we go forward into Summer’s Ordinary Time?

- Jesus breathes the Spirit into me and...
- I realize that I am a member of the Body of Christ when...because...
- I am eager to fulfill the mission which Jesus has given when...

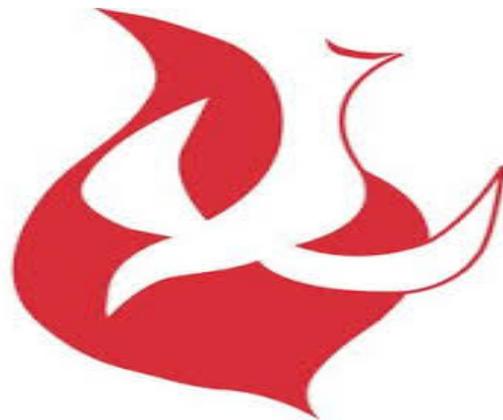
About Liturgy

The early Christian community members were recipients of many unusual manifestations of the Spirit and we hear about many of them during these weeks of Easter when we read from the Acts of the Apostles. The first reading for today’s solemnity – the Lukan account of the giving of the Holy Spirit on that first Pentecost – includes such a

phenomenal account: those who received the Holy Spirit “began to speak in different tongues.” Taking this passage literally, it is popular for some parishes to proclaim this reading from Acts or the Intentions at the Universal Prayer in the various languages represented by the assembly members. The problem with this approach is that the novelty obscures the power of the proclamation in terms of its real message. We focus on the *phenomenon* rather than on the *hearing* of the “mighty acts of God” or understanding the announcement of an intention so one can really enter into the prayer. The real power of liturgy doesn’t come from what we *do* to the ritual, but how we receive God’s Presence acting to transform us into persons entirely new.



The Floral Arrangements at the Altar and Ambo today are placed to the Glory of God and In Honor of our Neophytes who complete the Period of Mystagogia today from **Carole Miller and Father Robert** along with the RCIA Team.





Norway Trip Set

Several weeks ago, I met with Linda Grelli from Black Diamond Travel and we discussed the different possibilities for a trip to Scandanavia. We decided on a 16 day trip that will take us to Copenhagen, Denmark, followed by touring Sweden, and concluding in Norway. The cities to be visited include: Copenhagen, Roskilde, Stockholm, Sigtuna, Uppsala, Falun, Dales and Lakes to Lillehammer, Geiranger, Fjaerland, Fjordland, Leikanger, The Flam Railway to Bergen, Mountains and Fjords to Oslo where the trip will conclude. We will fly on SAS round trip from San Francisco. The tentative dates are from August 6, 2018 to August 22, 2018. Because of the fluctuation of the dollar, we are not yet able to give you the price of the airfare and land portion of the trip. I am only able to take 30 people. If you are interested in going, please speak with me and I will place your name on the list. Once we know how many are going, I will arrange a meeting to discuss all the details. The tour is arranged through Insight Tours which is an outstanding company with whom I have traveled in the past. Linda Grelli has asked that you NOT call her at Black Diamond Travel to ask about the trip! Thank you for your consideration. As of today's bulletin there are now 18 individuals signed up.

Thank You

...to the members of our Environment Committee who created such a beautiful environment for Pentecost and the next two weeks: **Rich Confetti, Don Benson, Dorothy O'Connor, Carole Miller, Denise Moss, Harlan Young, Lorraine Lohmeier, Tom Catchings, Jose Palomino, Theresa Nelms and Pat Kramer.**

...to those who continue to clean and prepare the church for the weekend and the week ahead: **Cathy Romeo, Angela Bueno, Emilia Freking, Carole Miller, Steve Rojek, Jun Bajet.**

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Peter Degl'Innocenti, Pam and Rich Confetti, Vincent Rodriguez, Harlan Young, Rowena Cayaban, Monika Kauer, Cynthia Enrique, Belen Farin, Nancy Santos and Rose Salamanca.

...to **our counting teams** who are here every week to count the weekly collections.

...to our volunteers who assisted in the parish office last week: **Jeannine Ford, Harlan Young, Melodye Costanza, Yvette Young, Alicia Perez, Joe Fanfa, Bev Iacona and Lorraine Lohmeier.**

...to our St. Vincent de Paul and Mobile Mall volunteers who transported last week's donations: **Frank Russo and Barbara Jackson.**

...to our faithful weekly bulletin assembly team: **Carole Miller, Dave**

Costanza, Judy Quicho and Belen Farin.

...to our wonderful Parking Lot Security who keep watch over our vehicles during weekend liturgies: **Don Benson, Steve Rojek and Bob Goncalves.**

Newly-sworn Chief Tammany Brooks To Visit Our Parish



On Sunday, July 2nd, at our 10:00 a.m. Eucharist, we will have the honor of welcoming our newly-sworn Police Chief, **Tammany Brooks**, to the parish. We will have the opportunity to bless him for his new position and the great responsibilities that come with being the Chief of Police. It is also Hospitality Sunday so you will be able to meet and congratulate him after the liturgy in the Gathering Plaza. Welcome, Chief “T!”

Y.L.I. Pasta Dinner Fundraiser & Father Robert's 70th Birthday Celebration

Y.L.I. decided to try something new and approached the idea of holding our annual Pasta Dinner at St. Ignatius of Antioch. In the past years this event has always be held at Most Holy Rosary. We presented our request to Father Robert and he immediately went to his calendar and placed us on April 30, 2017. Once the approval was received by our Institute the planning started.

Announcements were placed in bulletins, on fence posts, in grocery stores and beauty parlors, not to mention they were mailed throughout the bay area to Father Robert's former parishes. Oh my, the reservations started pouring in and my phone never stopped ringing for several weeks. I thought I was working for an Italian Restaurant taking reservations for 2, sometimes 6 to 8 people. Rich Confetti and & Don Benson kept warning me that we should expect 350 to 400 people. Knowing that we usually serve between 200 - 225 guests, I started to stress and then we dug in and said WE could make this happen. Tables and chairs were set up, tables covered in the usual red/white checked coverings with wine bottles and grapes for decorations inside the Parish Hall, outside on the patio and on the lawn area under the pine trees. It looked amazing and so inviting. The smell of spaghetti sauce and garlic bread waived in the air and everyone enjoyed all the festivities. Birthday wishes were sung throughout the afternoon to Father Robert as well as to Dorothy Lamendola for her 89th Birthday. Wine flowed and desserts of cake and ice cream ended the meal. Nobody left hungry and in fact nobody wanted to leave.

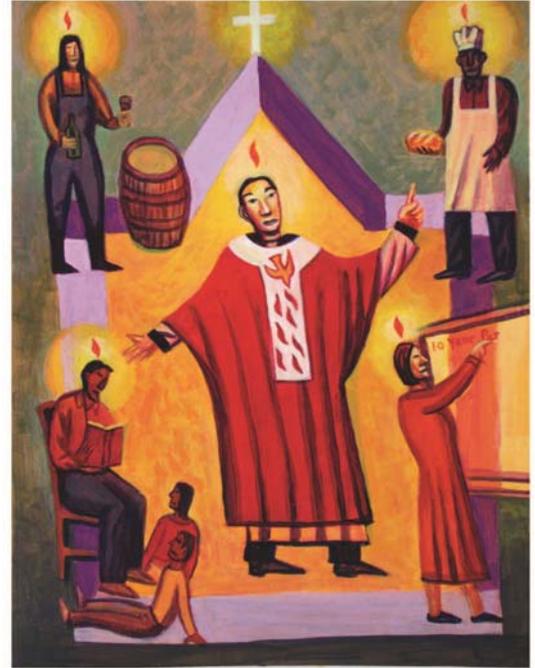
A shout out to the Social Committee and Knights of Columbus #12587. We want to express our gratitude and appreciation for all your hard work; setting up and taking down tables and chairs, working the wine bar, working in the kitchen carrying pots of hot water, cooking and stirring pasta to perfection, donating vegetables & preparing the antipasti plates for our guests, along with garbage detail. Your groups donated cases of wine, vegetables, dipping sauce and raffle prizes. You asked us “what can

we do for you” rather than “us asking for your assistance.” This goes without saying, you are true apostles of your Church.

This whole event was served by many, many Y.L.I. sisters, who put their aprons on with pride and served meals, stirred the magic pasta sauce, made the salad, cut the garlic bread, and cut and served cake & ice cream. Some donated multiple gift baskets and cases of wine, salad fixings, garlic bread and salami. All the cakes were donated by our members. A special cake was made for Father Robert by one of our members.

To wrap it up, we served over 375 dinners and raised over \$7,250.00. Once all expenses were paid, we showed a balance of \$6,200 which was then split between St. Ignatius of Antioch and Most Holy Rosary Churches. We presented Father Robert with a check of \$3,100 at the May 27th - 28th Masses. We appreciated all the support given to us to make this a spectacular and memorable event that will go down in the history books. We will be back next year and know we can all work together to make this happen again.

With sincere gratitude,
Committee Chairperson, Jeannine Ford



Spirit of Life

Almighty Father,
shower upon us the sevenfold gifts of
your love,
that we may bask in your salvation
and live lives full of service and joy.
Filled with the gifts of the Spirit,
may we go out from our communities,
ready to share the fruits of the Lord's
Passion, Death, and Resurrection
with the whole world.
May the Spirit who is our life and
breath enliven us
and may our unique gifts be shared
with the entire Body of Christ.
We ask this through our Lord
Jesus Christ,
your Son, who lives and reigns
with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God for ever and ever. Amen.