

**REFLECTION for the Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**Fr. Don**

As we draw nearer to the Feast of Pentecost and the end of the Great Ninety Days- 40 days of Lent and 50 days of Easter, our scripture readings focus on the coming of the Advocate, the Holy Spirit. God, in this form, will accompany us as we live faithfully our life's journey. Jesus tells us in today's Gospel that we should never be troubled or afraid- *'My peace I give to you.'*

God, the Father, is in heaven. Jesus, God the Son, is about to ascend into heaven to sit at His Father's right hand. Now dawns the advent of the Trinity's third Person, God the Holy Spirit. Again, if we read the words of today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that *'the Holy Spirit will teach you everything, and remind you of what I have said to you- my promises, my Way of living, my Love.'*

Do we believe this? Do we live our lives in firm and confident belief that God is with us? Do we have the good sense to turn to God in prayer each morning when we wake- to praise God, to 'put our lives in God's hands', and to seek God's blessing on our day's many tasks? Do we have the good sense to turn to God before we go to sleep each night to thank God for the gift of the Holy Spirit and our Guardian Angel, to ask for a good night's sleep, and to ask to see tomorrow whether we see it here on earth or see it in the joys of heaven- our eternal home?

If we believe this, then God is calling us to an abandonment to hope. What is that? Well, as I see it, it is an emptying of ourselves, a purging of our pride, our self-centeredness, and our insistence in 'doing it my way.' It is, to use a popular phrase- letting go and letting God.

It is difficult to abandon our natural human ways, to let go and to trust in the Divine. We are conditioned to self-preservation. Watch an animal when it is cornered to see the truth of this. What makes us different from them is our divinely infused soul. And it is in that soul that the Holy Spirit finds a home. The Spirit dwells within us ever-ready to *'teach us everything.'*

Isn't it a great sustaining and comforting feeling, a blessed assurance, to know that the Holy Spirit is at our beck and call, it is a free life saving gift from God, indeed the gift is God.

All throughout Easter we have been reading about the first disciples of Jesus. They had such boldness about them. They were beaten, flogged, and ridiculed, but they persevered in their work of evangelizing the Gentiles. How easily they could have given up under such persecution; but they persevered. They believed in the words and the hope Jesus had proclaimed.

They did so because they were convinced that their call was to abandonment to hope. There hope was in the Lord. The Spirit was their guide; they succeeded marvellously. And so can we!!

# Sacred Heart Parish

**A Stewardship Parish In Love With Christ**

**Parish Information**

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**Liturgical Celebrations**

Weekend Masses:  
Saturday - 4:30 pm  
Sunday - 11:00 am

Masses in Week Days:  
Tues, Wed, Thurs 7 pm  
Fri 2pm (Lohnes)

Holy Hour of Adoration:  
Third Sunday of the Month,  
at 2 pm

Reconciliation  
Wed after Mass,  
or by request

Marriages:  
Six month notice is required.  
A year's notice is recommended.

Baptisms:  
Celebrated at Weekend Mass  
after preparation session.

**May 1, 2016**  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

### RECEIVED WITH THANKS

April 23, 24

Collection	\$1643.00
Building Fund	25.00
Mass Stipends	50.00
Votive Candles	44.00
Parish Insurance	5.00
Holy Lands Collection	5.00

### MASS INTENTIONS

May 2	No Mass
May 3	Basil Donahue
May 4	Jack & Joan Hearn
May 5	Basil Donahue
May 6	Intention of Rita Hall/John Mendes
May 7	Michael & Ada George
May 8	Parish Community

**TIMES : see front of bulletin**

### FIRST COMMUNION

This Sunday, May 1, the children who have been preparing for this awesome gift will receive their First Communion. Congratulations to each of you.

### BINGO

This Sunday afternoon at 2 pm in Sacred Heart School cafeteria. Lots of good prizes, plenty of space, lots of smiles, come play!!

### May 6 SPRING CONCERT CANCELLED

Due to unforeseen circumstances arising from illness, the parish is announcing that our Variety Concert is cancelled. We assure you that, in less trying times, we will present to you a night of local talent.

### PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

All members are reminded that the next meeting is scheduled for **7 pm this Monday evening**. It will take place at the parish house.

### THANK YOU

Sr. Donna Kelly has finished her time with us as our organist on Sunday mornings. We wish her, and Sr. Mildred, well as they begin the next phase of their Ministry in Ontario. God-speed!

### LADIES GROUP FUND-RAISER

Here's a chance to get involved in a worthwhile event in our parish. Please take a book of tickets to help the Ladies Group in their effort to raise funds for the parish. The beautiful hand-made quilt can be viewed at the back of the church.

### YOU ARE INVITED (TWICE) DOWN & UP

At 2 pm on this Sunday May 1, there will be a special Mass celebrated down in Stella Maris Church in Benoit's Cove. Bishop Hundt will be the celebrant. You are invited to come to join the Parish in thanking Sr. Mildred and Sr. Donna for their ministry. ALSO, you are invited to attend the priestly ordination of Andrew White. This blessed event takes place up at the Cathedral on Sunday, May 15, at the 5 pm Mass.

### LADIES GROUP MEETING

All parish women are invited to this meeting. It will be held at the parish house this Sunday evening beginning at 7 pm.

### 2015 FINANCIAL REPORT

It was presented and discussed at our Annual Parish Meeting last Sunday evening. If you want to view it- it is now available on our website and a few copies are placed at the back of the church. You may direct any questions or inquiries regarding it to the Parish Office.

### ROSARY FOR MAY

The Ladies Group will lead the recitation of the Holy Rosary before each Saturday Mass during the month of May. They will begin the rosary 20 minutes (4:10) before the start of Mass. Please plan to come early and join in this Marian devotion.

### BIBLE STUDY

This group meets each Monday evening at 7 pm in the parish house. We would like to encourage/ invite others to join us for sharing the Word of God in scripture and for fellowship.

### BIBLES AND CATECHISMS

We have sold out of the large print **NRSV Bibles** again. If you still want one, let us know and we will order more. Four copies of the **Catechism of the Catholic Church** are still available at \$20 each. Every Catholic home should have a copy of both of these books.

### CATECHETICAL CONFERENCE

This Diocesan training session for catechists will be held at the Civic Center in Corner

Brook on Friday, May 13 (7-9 pm) and on Saturday, May 14 (9am -4pm).

We are hoping some people from our parish will attend.

### PAMPHLET MINISTRY

Many beautifully illustrated and inviting pamphlets are now available for free at the back of the church. This week we highlight the one dealing with **END OF LIFE ISSUES**, it contains much wisdom. Please have a look and take any that are of interest to you.

### MOUNT PATRICIA CLEANUP

Do you have a loved one buried there? There will be a general clean-up on Monday evening May 2 from 6-8 pm. Please bring your family, some gloves, and some garbage bags and join others in this annual event prior to Mother's Day.

**THE GIFT: A Holy Spirit Based Faith Building Course** This will be offered on **May 14 & 15 at Sacred Heart School cafeteria from 9am. to 4pm. each day.** For more info contact

Wayne or Amelia Dicks at 388-1048. This weekend is free of charge & lunch will be provided. The Holy Spirit enriches our lives with Wisdom, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Compassion, and Self-control.

PRAYER FOR YEAR OF MERCY

*Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, have mercy on me, a sinner.*

MAY is MARY'S MONTH

TRY TO RECITE THE ROSARY.