

Reflection for May 23, 2021

Pentecost

from Jon Metz

Come, Holy Spirit, Come! Pentecost is an exciting time in our Church. As we look at today's readings we are reminded of the presence of the Holy Spirit in the lives of the disciples. Pentecost is the moment the Church began. It is the moment when the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles and shared the gifts of knowledge, understanding, wisdom, reverence, courage, right judgement, and wonder and awe in the presence of God.

We can celebrate this moment in a very practical way as we witness many confirmations over this week. Confirmation, of course, completes the sacraments of initiation, but it is also a wonderful reminder of the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives. It is during confirmation that a candidate is "Sealed with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit." This week we are celebrating 3 different confirmations. On Monday, May 17, Bishop Haines came to St Sebastian to confirm 11 of our high school students. On Sunday, May 23, Fr. Larry will be receiving into the Catholic Church and confirming Brittney Hillmann at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Then, later that day, at 3:30 p.m., at the Cathedral, Archbishop ListECKI will be confirming two adult Catholics from St Sebastian: Matt Maloof and Ramon Estrada-Delgado. All of these candidates have been preparing over the last year for this moment, and we as a community rejoice in celebration. Please keep them all in your prayers.

- Do you have a relationship with the Holy Spirit? How would you describe it?

- How can you support our newly confirmed in their journey of faith?

- What do you remember from your own confirmation?