

*Come
Holy
Spirit*





FROM OUR PASTOR

PENTECOST THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN OUR TIME

When Jesus ascended into Heaven, He promised that the Holy Spirit would come upon the Apostles. He reminded them that He would be with them always until the end of time. With that, Jesus showed great trust and confidence in His Apostles by sending them out to make disciples of all the nations. For the three years the Apostles had been with Jesus they saw how the Savior always cared for the poor and the needy. By his actions Jesus taught them that it is more blessed to give than to receive.

One of the great ways to follow the direction and inspiration of the Holy Spirit has been through the ministry of our St. Vincent dePaul Society. I thank GEOFF MORRISON for this beautiful tribute that he has written:

BRIGGS HOFFMANN changed our lives.

Marilyn and I retired from full-time teaching in the School District of Clayton in 1998. Briggs waited perhaps two weeks before recruiting me for the Annunziata Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Before I knew quite what was happening, he and I were driving to south St. Louis to visit several Bosnian refugee families.

In 1980 or 81, the Annunziata Conference of the St. Vincent dePaul Society was established, led by David Blanton and Briggs Hoffmann. When Mr. Blanton died in 1982, Briggs took over and led the organization for the next eighteen years. Under his leadership, ministries were established in North and South St. Louis and in East St. Louis, funded by Annunziata parishioners. Vincentians help the poor and refugees with rent and utilities payments, food, clothing and household items. They also intervene, on behalf of their clients with utility companies, landlords, and, sometimes, the police. They provide job and legal information. Known only by their first names, Vincentians provide a helping hand and a lot of encouragement.

As Briggs and I got to know each other in 1998, I asked him what motivated him to devote so much of his time to SVDP. He said that during World War II, his unit was pinned down before terrific cannon and tank fire during the Battle of the Bulge. When there was a pause, he stood up and only a sergeant also stood. Every man in his company had been killed. Since there would be patrols searching for survivors, the two men split up to make their way west to the main US Army. When the firing resumed, Briggs spied a barn, where he hid for three days. Finally, he rejoined the army and marched into Germany by the end of the war. But in the years that followed, he wondered why he had been saved. Did God have some plan for him?

When I joined in 1998, Briggs introduced me to the Bosnian refugee population, many of whom were Muslim, displaced by the Balkan War. Later, we served Afghans, Pakistanis and many Africans, in addition to a large U.S. native population. My wife, Marilyn became involved initially because Muslim widows are not allowed to have unaccompanied men in their homes. Later, French-speaking Marilyn communicated with Africans from former French colonies.

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We were grateful to Briggs because he showed us the face of poverty and the desperation of immigrants who were driven from their homes by violence. He showed us the poverty in our own U.S. Through his influence, we discovered a rich new area of service. It changed our lives in a good way.

"Our general rule is that we spend \$100 per family - that is unless the Holy Spirit tells you differently." Growing up in the 1950s, the "Holy Ghost" was a vague aspect of my Catholic belief. But Briggs taught me, and later Marilyn, that the Holy Spirit is real. It's that voice in your mind that says, "This family needs a little more money, a little more attention." To understand this phenomenon, one has to experience it. We are grateful to Briggs for enlarging our understanding of our own faith.

Finally, Briggs taught us the power of Christian love. In 2009-10, I was treated for cancer. During the grueling five months of surgery and chemotherapy, Briggs and Don Carmody brought communion to Marilyn and me each non-hospital day. Since Don was still working, Briggs appeared most frequently. Each day, there would be prayers, communion, and a few words of encouragement. Invariable, our 88 year old friend would exit saying, "Now, if you two need anything, just call me."

By coincidence, Cardinal player and announcer, Mike Shannon, died at the time of Briggs' funeral. Monsignor Leykam asked me to serve his mass. As I sat on the altar during the private mass, a couple of thoughts came to mind. First, if all the people whom Briggs helped during his 100 year life attended his funeral, there would have been no empty pews or aisles. Second, Briggs certainly "re-paid" God for saving his life at the Battle of the Bulge! Finally, if Mike Shannon was the most loved St. Louisan, Briggs Hoffmann was the most loving St. Louisan.

May you rest in peace, old soldier. You fought the good fight. You finished the race.



**Please pray
for all who have served or are
serving in the U.S. Military,
First Responders, Health Care Workers
and everyone impacted by the coronavirus.**

Cadet William Boldt ,USMA, West Point
Captain Winston Boldt, U.S. Army
Lt. Col Michael Butler, Chaplain U.S. Army
Lt. Col. Eric Carlson, U.S. Army
Major Courtney Collins, U.S. Army
LCDR Michael Collins, U.S. Navy
Captain Molly Collins, U.S. Army
2nd Lt Norman Benedict (Buddy) Conley IV, U.S. Army
Major Patrick M. Cronin, U.S. Army
William Donovan, U.S. Airforce
Martin Drakes, U.S. Marine Corps
John R. Driscoll, U.S. Navy
Timothy Fox, Jr. S.O. 2, U.S. Navy
Soosan Good, U.S. Army
Lt. Charles Horn, M.D., U.S. Navy

Clare Lane, U.S. Airforce
1Lt. Robert Mandel, U.S. Army
Col. John M. Oberkirsch, U.S. Army
James Peterson, *retired* U.S. Marine Corps
GSGt. Ryan Rittenhouse, U.S. Marine Corps
Master Sgt. Patricia Roddy, U.S. Marine Corps
Maj. Rommel L. Romero, U.S. Air Force
Chelsea Schaffer, U.S. Army
Frankie Schaffer, U.S. Army
Sgt. Eric Secrease, U.S. Army
SSgt. Anthony J. Smith, U.S. Army
PFC. Nicholas Spangler, U.S. Army
Captain August B. Valentine, U.S. Marine Corps
Sgt. Michael White, U.S. Army Rangers
Cpl. Robert Wigginton, U.S. Marine Corps

Please let us know if there has been a change of rank or active military service, so we can keep this prayer list up-to-date. Please call the rectory to add the name of a loved one who is serving in the military.



MEMORIAL DAY Mass at 7 a.m.

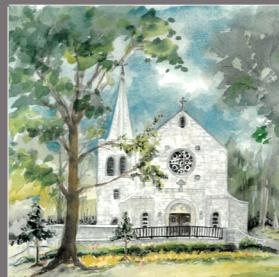
Remember All Who Served in Your Prayers

Our Parish Office will be closed Monday, May 29th,
in honor of Memorial Day.



The Chaplet of Divine Mercy
and
Mother Teresa's Expedited Novena
(9 Memorares)
are recited at 3:00 p.m. daily at the Carmelite Monastery.

You may pray aloud or join in silence.
You are invited to attend whenever your schedule permits.



Annunziata
is open for private prayer
Monday thru Saturday
8:00 am — 3:00 pm

INFORMATION ANYTIME!

Annunziata.org

- The latest bulletin
- Access to online Masses
- Much more!

Please consider a gift to the
Annual Catholic Appeal.

Let us ***Reach out in Love*** to those who are
most in need so they can experience
the Lord's mercy in our embrace.



REACH OUT IN LOVE
AND FILL EVERY HEART WITH HOPE

Please make your check payable to **ACA**
and drop it in the collection basket.

REMINDER

Casseroles for St. Patrick's Center
should be dropped off at the Rectory

FRIDAY, JUNE 2ND

no later than 10:00 a.m.

Casseroles should be **FROZEN** when dropped off!

THANK YOU for your support of

the St. Patrick Center

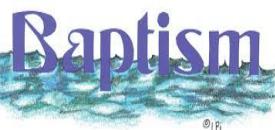
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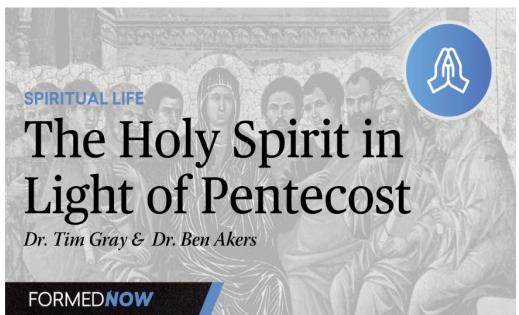
Wedding Banns
Matthew Belanger & Sydney Schneider
will celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony June 3, 2023



Blake Foster DeCola, Jr.

son of Blake & Caroline DeCola
was baptized on May 21, 2023

ANNUNZIATA offers FORMED for FREE



The Holy Spirit in Light of Pentecost

This week we celebrate the Solemnity of Pentecost, often referred to as the birthday of the Church. Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Ben Akers as they discuss Christ's sending of the Holy Spirit in this monumental event. After watching, you'll recognize the meaning of Pentecost for our lives today.

**Choose from a great selection of wonderful programs!
Watch in private on your phone, iPad or computer;
or connect to your TV and watch with the whole family!**

Where **faith** and
healing unite

Glennon Sunday June 4

 **SSM Health
Cardinal Glennon
Children's Hospital**



**Walker,
Glennon Kid**

May 28, 2023

Pentecost Sunday

Church of the Annunziata

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday (Vigil Mass) 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 7:00, 9:00, and 11:00 a.m.
Monday - Saturday 7:00 a.m.

**All Masses are streamed at
www.Annunziata.org**

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m.

Holy Communion for Homebound Parishioners

Please call the Rectory to make arrangements.

Sacrament of Baptism

By appointment, usually on Sunday at 12:15 p.m.
Please call the Rectory for more information.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Please call the Rectory for information.



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*Our warm WELCOME to all!
If you wish to join our Parish Family, please contact the Parish Office.*

May 28, 2023

Pentecost Sunday

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14;
Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7; Jn 19:25-34
- Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 & 23;
Mk 10:28-31
- Wednesday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16;
Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Lk 1:39-56
- Thursday: Sir 42:15-25;
Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9;
Mk 10:46-52
- Friday: Sir 44:1, 9-13; Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13;
Mk 11:11-26
- Saturday: Sir 51:12cd-20; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11;
Mk 11:27-33
- Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9;
Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 (52b);
2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18

From Death to New Life



Betty Anne Estill O'Neill	May 28, 1999
Marjorie Mae Mathis	May 28, 2012
Ron L. Yates	May 28, 2020
William J. Bramman	May 29, 1983
William F. Remmert	May 29, 1989
Audry Liebig	May 29, 1992
Nadine Selkirk Donahue	May 31, 2022
Dumont Gardner Dempsey	June 1, 1986
Edward Joseph Griesedieck, Jr.	June 1, 2005
Lamy Halloran	June 1, 2017
Paul E. Johansen	June 1, 1995
Donald Etzkorn	June 3, 1998
Eleanor C. Johnson	June 3, 2000



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 27

- 7:00 a.m. Lipic Family
5:00 p.m. Jim O'Brien

Sunday, May 28

- 7:00 a.m. Matthew Buckley
9:00 a.m. Celebrant's Intention
11:00 a.m. People of the Parish

Monday, May 29

- 7:00 a.m. Service Men & Women,
Living and Deceased

Tuesday, May 30

- 7:00 a.m. Frederic Zaegel IV

Wednesday, May 31

- 7:00 a.m. Carol Dubuque

Thursday, June 1

- 7:00 a.m. Mico Barkofske

Friday, June 2

- 7:00 a.m. Living Members of the
Bommarito Family

Saturday, June 3

- 7:00 a.m. David Ahner, Jr.
5:00 p.m. Roger Altvater

Sunday, May 28

- 7:00 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. James Leopold
9:00 a.m. People of the Parish
11:00 a.m. Celebrant's Intention

Annunziata

LIVESTREAMS ALL MASSES

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*One click to connect to the current Mass or to view past
Masses*



Pray the Rosary

Monday thru Saturday
Immediately after the
7:00 a.m. Mass