



SANCTIFIED AND MADE HOLY



Pentecost Sunday – the birthday of the Church. It is a day to open our minds and hearts to the Holy Spirit that descended upon the apostles, Mary, and the followers of Christ gathered in the upper room.

Let us gain wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, and knowledge to do God’s will like St. Faustina Kowalska wrote, “Once we open ourselves to the influence of the Holy Spirit, He Himself will fulfill what is lacking in us.”

It had been more than a week since the apostles watched Jesus ascend into the clouds to Heaven. On this particular day they were praying with Mary the Blessed Mother. What happened next may have taken them by surprised, even though Jesus had told them an advocate would be sent by God. At the last supper, Jesus said, “the Advocate, the holy Spirit, that the Father will send in my name—he will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you. So, Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. Not as the world gives, do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.”
– John 14:26-27

The Holy Spirit came down like a dove where they were and with a driving wind “tongues as of fire” (Acts 2:3) descended on them. Once timid disciples were now enthusiastic apostles able to speak Christ’s word. It was this moment when they completely understood the Passion of our Lord, and that it took the death of Christ and the resurrection in order for all people who believe to join Him in Heaven.

More amazing, the men began speaking languages they previously didn’t know. On that very day devout Jews from every nation were in Jerusalem for the Jewish feast of Pentecost, which for them was celebrated at that time as a harvest feast as well as a commemoration of Moses’ having received the Jewish law on Mount Sinai.

The apostles went out immediately evangelizing. About 3000 people were baptized that day after hearing St. Peter’s passionate message calling for repentance and conversion (Acts 2:14-41).

Editor’s note: the art with this story is “Pentecost” by Rene De Cramer, of Blegium (1876-1951).

GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Saint Paul share the gifts of the Holy Spirit that dwell in each of us (1Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13), and tells us how sharing these gifts enriches the Church.

These fruits of the Spirit are in St. Paul’s his Letter to the Galatians 5:22-25:

“What the Spirit brings is ... love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

“If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.”

Let us listen to St. Paul and recognize these gifts, using each one for the benefit of others, our world, and the Church.

Holy Spirit Prayer

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

V. Send forth your Spirit, and they shall be created.

R. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray.

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

Monday after Pentecost – the day the Church began – is the Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church. Pope Francis instituted this feast in 2018 acknowledging, “This celebration will help us to remember that growth in the Christian life must be anchored to the Mystery of the Cross, to the oblation of Christ in the Eucharistic Banquet, and to the Mother of the Redeemer, the Virgin who makes her offering to God.”

In his formal decree, Pope Francis wrote Mary “standing beneath the cross (cf. Jn 19:25), accepted her Son’s testament of love and welcomed all people in the person of the beloved disciple as sons and daughters to be reborn unto life eternal. She thus became the tender Mother of the Church which Christ begot on the cross handing on the Spirit. Christ, in turn, in the beloved disciple, chose all disciples as ministers of his love towards his Mother, entrusting her to them so that they might welcome her with filial affection.”

We don’t worship Mary as some non-Catholics believe, we honor her and her role as the Mother of God. We pray for her intercession through the Hail Mary, the rosary, novenas, and litanies among others. The Church considers her the greatest teacher, and perfect example of true and loving discipleship. As she offered Jesus and the disciples her prayers and motherly love, she offers us the same through her intercessions.

Just as the apostles chose to gather and pray with her on Pentecost, the day the Holy Spirit descended upon them, let us pray with her, asking her to intercede for us in our times of need.

Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.

Editor’s note: the art with this post is by Erika of Little Agnes Designs, Topeka, Kansas, available at www.etsy.com/shop/LittleAgnesDesigns



O Immaculate Mary, Mother of the Church, with the choirs of angels and our holy patrons, we humbly prostrate ourselves before your throne. Look upon the hearts of us who present to you our homage of veneration and love.

Ever since the Church was born from your Divine Son’s wounded side on the Cross, you have never ceased to cradle in your maternal embrace your Son’s Mystical Body.

Revive within us the desire for holiness; mold us into true apostles of the Faith; strengthen our love for the Church and help us to see that the Church is truly the Body of your Son on earth. Protect the Church from all attacks of evil.

O Mother of Sorrows and of Hope, into your hands we place ourselves, our families, and all members of the Church by your powerful intercession bring healing and strength to all hearts.

Protect married and family life. Help priests to grow in holiness and zeal for the Catholic Faith. Obtain for the Church an increase of vocations to the holy priesthood and the consecrated life. Strengthen those preparing for marriage. Protect our children and young people from spiritual and bodily harm.

In you, Holy Mother of God, we confide, sure of your intercession with your Son, all of our needs and the needs of the Church.

Beneath your patronage we take refuge, O Lady Ever Virgin and Glorious Mother of God. Cast your gaze of mercy upon us who need your love and help. Keep us always under the mantle of your maternal love. Amen.

Mother of the Church and Queen of the Holy Rosary, pray for us!

Prayer shared by Bishop William Waltersheid, auxiliary bishop of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, on a street evangelization prayer card.

PRIESTHOOD, DIACONATE ORDINATIONS SET FOR THIS SPRING

By Colleen Rowan, The Catholic Spirit

WEST VIRGINIA—In the coming weeks, the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston will be blessed with two ordinations to Holy Orders. Deacon John Soplinski will be ordained to the priesthood on May 31 at 5 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling. A week later, 20 men will be ordained permanent deacons on June 7 at 3 p.m. at the Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Charleston.

This will be the first presbyteral ordination for the diocese in three years and one that the vocations director has been anticipating.



“I am so excited for Deacon John Soplinski to become Father John Soplinski. I’ve known John since his first year in seminary and have seen him grow into the servant and spiritual leader that he is today,” said Father Brian Crenwelge, who is also pastor of St. John University Parish in Morgantown and director of Campus Ministry for West Virginia University in Morgantown. “He is a man of sincere faith. He will be able to be a generous instrument of God’s mercy to those to whom he ministers. I cannot wait for him to share with me in the ministerial priesthood of Jesus Christ. As the famous Dominican, Jean-Baptiste Lacordaire, once wrote concerning the priesthood, ‘My God, what a life; and it is yours, O Priest of Jesus Christ!’”

Deacon Soplinski said he is excited to begin his priesthood and to serve the faithful of the diocese who have supported him through his vocational journey.

“They have been so generous the past six years; their prayers helped in a large measure for this day to be possible,” he said.

What does he hope for in priesthood? “To follow the example of Bishop Brennan and the many priests that have mentored me—to serve God and His people without counting the cost,” he said.

Soplinski’s home parish is Sacred Heart of Mary in Weirton. He attended Sacred Heart of Mary Grade School and Madonna High School in Weirton, as well as St. Vincent College in Latrobe, Pa., where he received a Bachelor of Science in public policy analysis. He is the son of Gary E. Soplinski and the late Mary Patricia Soplinski. His stepmother is Susan Soplinski. He previously worked for the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources from 1997-2001, and then Pittsburgh Public Schools from 2001-2017. He has attended Mount St. Mary’s Seminary in Emmitsburg, Md., since 2018.

His first assignment in priesthood will be announced following his ordination.

Permanent Deacons

The ordination of the 20 men to the diaconate next month will be the first permanent deacons ordained for the diocese since 2016. Deacons are ordained to ministry and service where they assist the bishop and his priests in the celebration of the divine ministries, distribute holy Communion, assist, and bless marriages, proclaim the Gospel and preach the good news, preside at funerals and, most especially, dedicate themselves to the ministry of charity.

There are two types of deacons in the Catholic Church: the transitional deacon, who will go on to ordination to priesthood; and the permanent deacon, who is ordained for perpetual ministry in the diaconate.

The 20 candidates to be ordained as permanent deacons in West Virginia next month come from all corners of the state. Three of candidates are from the Martinsburg Vicariate: Bryce Timberlake is a member of St. James the Greater Parish in Charles Town; Patrick Michel is a member of St. Joseph Parish in Martinsburg; and David Torlone is a member of St. Leo Parish in Inwood.

Blessed Sacrament Parish in South Charleston has two candidates: Tony O’Leary and Tommy Ross. Additional candidates from the south are Rick Allen of St. Francis de Sales Parish in Beckley, EJ Brucal of Sacred Heart Parish in Williamson, Michael Kawash of the Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Charleston, and Ronald Piaszkowski of Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Huntington.

Candidates from central West Virginia are Michael Brumley of St. Patrick Parish in Weston, John Butler of St. Matthew

Parish in Ravenswood, Victor Cwynar of St. Francis Xavier Parish in Parkersburg, James McCullough of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Stonewood, and Aaron Talbott of St. Brendan Parish in Elkins.

Candidates from the Northern Panhandle are Dr. John Basil of St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Weirton, William Klug of St. Vincent de Paul Parish in New Martinsville, Robert Krall of St. Michael Parish in Wheeling, Jacob Manning of the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling, Thomas McFadden of St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Wheeling, and Jason Miller of St. Paul Parish in Weirton.

“I wouldn’t trade the last four years of formation for the world,” said candidate Michael Kawash. “If I was told that I wouldn’t be ordained at this point, I wouldn’t have a single regret over spending the last four years in formation—everything I’ve learned, the friends I’ve made, the growth in spirituality, all of it has made for a most valuable life experience.”

“I am looking forward to serving God’s people as a deacon,” he continued. “I have learned as part of our formation that the diaconate is actually the model of the Church, which is to serve. So, I am very much looking forward to ministering to the faithful in this way and modeling the service of Christ to all whom I encounter.”

Deacon John Yaquinta, coordinator of the diocese’s Permanent Diaconate Formation Program, said that when he was ordained in 2016, he never imagined that God would one day call him to be a companion to the 20 men on their journey to ordination.

“Each one of these men has been called to lay down his life in humble service, and that is exactly what they will do as they lay prostrate on the floor of the Co-Cathedral on June 7,” said Deacon Yaquinta, who is also permanent deacon at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Stonewood. “They have let go of hobbies, interests, and even relationships in order to have more time for study, prayer, and formation. They have stepped out of their comfort zones and embraced new forms of service in their parishes. I am very grateful to Bishop Mark Brennan and Father Dennis Schuelkens for entrusting me with their formation. And I look forward to many years of service with each one of them in the College of Permanent Deacons in this Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston.”

Their formation was through St. Meinrad School of Theology in Indiana.

Once ordained, the diocese’s new deacons will receive their assignments.



Permanent Diaconate Ordination



3pm, June 7, 2024

Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Charleston

HISTORIC MOMENT FOR THE CHURCH BEGINS

Saturday, May 18, 2024, is the start of something huge! On this day 24 young men and women will lead thousands of local pilgrims on the first of more than 6,500 miles that make up four routes of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage.

Along highways, rural roads, and across rivers of this great land, the Eucharistic Lord will be processed for all to see.

National Eucharistic Congress's Tim Glemkowski shared in a letter to Catholics across the US who are participating in or following the national pilgrimage – our historic moment for our Eucharistic Processions across the country.

Together, they'll process from the margins of America towards Indianapolis for the 10th National Eucharistic Congress.

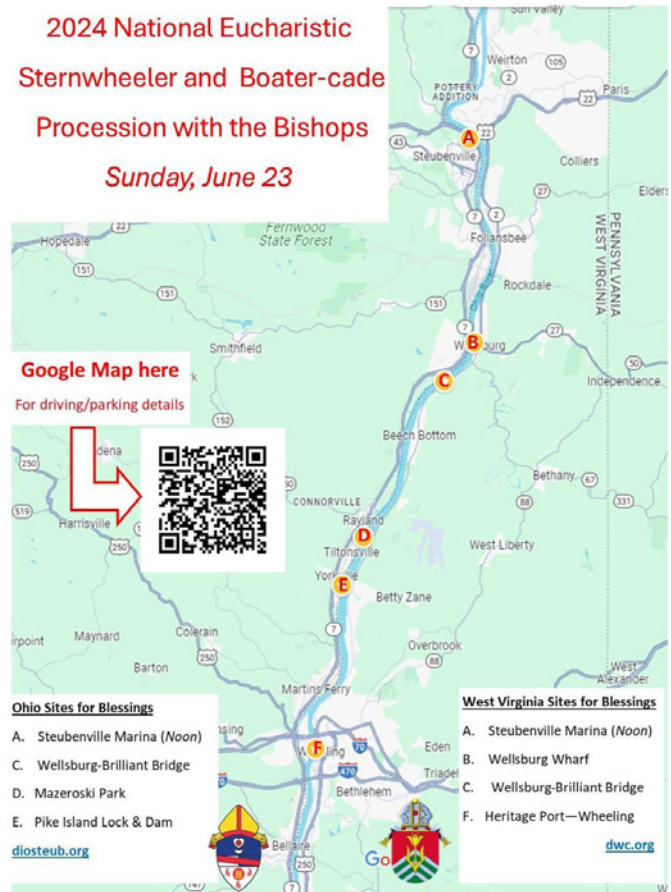
"We're going to make history as we walk with the Author of history Himself in the Most Blessed Sacrament throughout the cities, valleys, and plains of the United States," Glemkowski said. "Just imagine the Eucharistic experiences that will be recounted by thousands of people for months—even years—after the Pilgrimage!"

The routes begin from Lake Itasca, MN, from the north; New Haven, CT, from the east; Brownsville, TX, from the South; and San Francisco, from the West. The procession across America will end in Indianapolis for the 10th National Eucharistic Congress, July 17-21.

"In addition to those who join the pilgrimage or witness it in wonder as it passes by, consider the millions who will see videos, news segments, and articles about this unique and beautiful journey to transform our nation in Christ," Glemkowski's letter continued.

Eucharistic processions began eight centuries ago, honoring when Jesus gave us the gift of the Eucharist at the Last Supper, "A

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Sternwheeler and Boater-cade
Procession with the Bishops
Sunday, June 23**



new way to walk with him—by making us part of his mystical body," Glemkowski said. "And for nearly 800 years, Corpus Christi processions have brought Jesus through the streets so that others may encounter him personally, just as the Apostles did two millennia ago.

"Imagine the wonder of a child who sees a hundred faithful processing with the monstrance through her small, Bible-belt town.

"Imagine pictures of the Pilgrimage in hundreds of local newspapers and in stories on local TV stations... not to mention the national secular press. What are these Catholics doing?

"Imagine joyful and confident pilgrims, priests, and witnesses being there to answer: This truly is the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Our Lord—the same truth that inspired the greatest saints of history to give up everything and follow him," he wrote.

For more information, maps, opportunities to support the mission, and more go to: www.eucharisticpilgrimage.org #NationalEucharisticCongress #NationalEucharisticPilgrimage

Editor's note: the map along with this article is courtesy of The Steubenville Register.



NATIONAL Eucharistic Pilgrimage

Be Part of this Historic Event!

The pilgrimage comes to the Northern Panhandle of West Virginia June 20-24

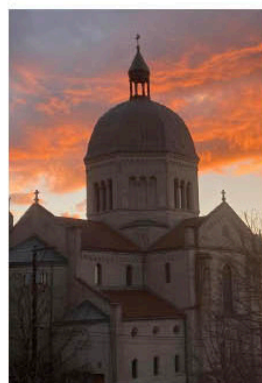
FROM THE EAST

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Route



Welcome perpetual pilgrims to the Mountain State!

Gather with them for Masses, Eucharistic Adoration, Eucharistic Processions, praise and worship, and special programs as they share their experiences. Watch the Eucharistic Procession on the Ohio River led by Bishop Mark Brennan and Bishop Paul J. Bradley and receive a blessing. Pilgrimage events are open to all! Full schedule is on the right.



Pilgrimage Events

Thursday, June 20, National Eucharistic Pilgrimage Kickoff in Weirton

St. Joseph the Worker Church: Meet the perpetual pilgrims and gather for Mass, Adoration, and praise and worship—8-9 a.m.

Eucharistic Procession from St. Joseph the Worker to Sacred Heart of Mary Church with Adoration and Benediction to follow—begins at 9:30 a.m.

Sharing Session & Reflection by Perpetual Pilgrims at Sacred Heart of Mary—11 a.m.-noon

Eucharistic Adoration with praise and worship at St. Paul Church—7-8 p.m.

Friday, June 21

Morning Mass with the perpetual pilgrims at Sacred Heart of Mary—8:30-9 a.m.

Breakfast with Perpetual Pilgrims at Sacred Heart of Mary—9:30-10:30 a.m.

Sunday, June 23

“Put Out into the Deep” on the Ohio River!”

Bishop Mark Brennan and Bishop Paul Bradley, apostolic administrator of the Diocese of Steubenville, will board a sternwheeler and lead a Eucharistic Procession down the Ohio River. Boatercade with the two bishops leaves the Steubenville Marina at noon and will stop at four sites on both sides of the river where faithful can receive a blessing. Blessing sites: Steubenville Marina, Wellsburg Wharf, Wellsburg-Brilliant Bridge, Mazeroski Park (Ohio), Pike Island Lock and Dam, and Heritage Port in Wheeling. Final destination is Bellaire Marina in Bellaire, Ohio.

Arrival of National Eucharistic Pilgrimage in Wheeling—7:30-8:30 p.m. Cathedral of St. Joseph. Bishop Brennan and the faithful of Wheeling will welcome the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage at the cathedral.

All-Night Eucharistic Prayer Vigil—8:30 p.m. (June 23) -8 a.m. (June 24) at the cathedral.

Monday, June 24

Mass at the cathedral celebrated by Bishop Brennan—8:30-9:30 a.m.

Solemn Eucharistic Procession through the streets of Wheeling from the cathedral to St. Alphonsus Church—9:30-10 a.m.

Participating Northern Panhandle Parishes

Weirton:

St. Joseph the Worker
Sacred Heart of Mary
St. Paul's

Wheeling:

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For more information, visit:

www.eucharisticpilgrimage.org/st-elizabeth-ann-seton-route

Quo Vadis Retreat

Middle School Discernment Retreat

Boys in 6th, 7th, and 8th grades are invited!

Noon on June 17
through 1pm on June 20

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Opportunities for Charitable and Spiritual
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The camp is staffed by laypeople, priests
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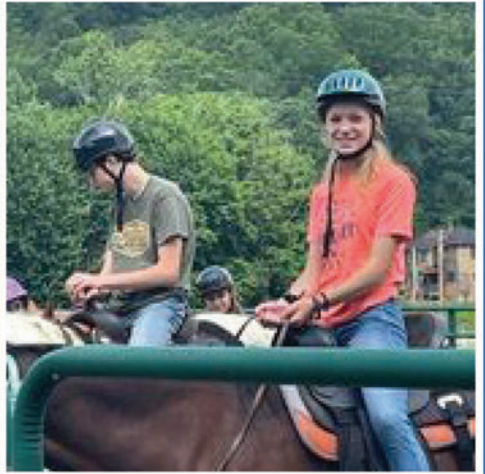
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Diocese's Catholic School Students Honored with Aquinas and St. Sebastian Medals

Aquinas Medal Recipients

The Aquinas Medal, the highest honor a student can receive from the diocese, was awarded to 24 students (one from each of the diocese's Catholic schools). It is presented to students who exemplify the ideals of Catholic education—faithful discipleship; excellence in learning; leadership; and service to school, parish, and community.



Juliana Arnold,
St. Mary Central School,
Clarksburg



Ashlyn Combs,
St. Michael Parish School,
Wheeling



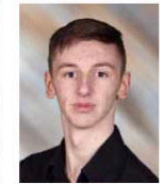
Mari Evkovich,
St. Paul School,
Weirton



Jaxson K. Guenther,
St. Joseph School,
Martinsburg



Aidan Thomas Gump,
Fairmont Catholic Grade School



Dawson Huggins,
Corpus Christi School,
Wheeling



James Jordan,
St. Patrick School,
Weston



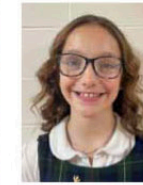
Manohar Karnam,
Parkersburg Catholic Elementary School



Sophia Kurko,
Our Lady of Peace School,
Wheeling



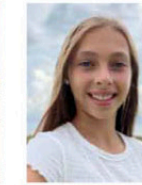
Sebastian Lasko,
Parkersburg Catholic High School



Sagrada Lopez,
St. Francis of Assisi School,
St. Albans



Jamie Loudermilk,
St. Vincent de Paul Parish School,
Wheeling



Jacqueline Mascio,
St. Francis de Sales Central Catholic School,
Morgantown



Cortlyndt Maupin,
St. Francis de Sales School,
Beckley



Kamryn McDowell,
St. Joseph Central Catholic High School,
Huntington



Emilie McNeil,
Charleston Catholic High School



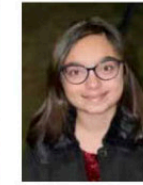
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St. Joseph Catholic School,
Huntington



Brian Ngo,
Notre Dame High School,
Clarksburg



Cameron R. Noble,
Madonna High School,
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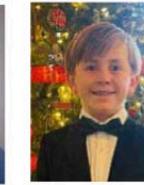
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SS. Peter & Paul Catholic School,
Oak Hill



Pasqualina Rose Pulice,
St. Joseph the Worker Grade School,
Weirton



Thomas A. Ryncarz,
Central Catholic High School,
Wheeling



Phillip M. Wade,
Sacred Heart Grade School,
Charleston



Michelle Yemba,
Our Lady of Fatima Parish School,
Huntington

St. Sebastian Medal Recipients

The St. Sebastian Medal was presented to 13 high-achieving student athletes from the diocese's Catholic high schools. It is presented to athletes who exhibit sportsmanship, teamwork and academic excellence and who show respect for their schools, classmates, teammates, opponents, parish, and community.



Isaac Schmitt

Central Catholic High School,
Wheeling



Kathryn Tiu

Charleston Catholic High School



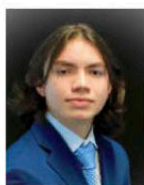
Samuel Delgra



Avery Persinger

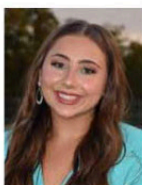


Olivia Persinger



Jonah McKay

Madonna High School, Weirton

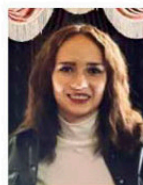


Mia Pietranton



Nathan Brunny

Parkersburg Catholic High School



Mary Tokodi-Ruth



Andrew Vilseck

St. Joseph Central Catholic High School, Huntington



Lillith Comeau



Cole D. Goldizen

Notre Dame High School,
Clarksburg



Stormee Frymier

PENTECOST SUNDAY

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11

The Lord descends in fire and wind.

Responsorial: Psalm 104

“Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.”

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

The Spirit calls the baptized to ministry.

Gospel: John 20:19-23

On the first day of the week, the risen Christ imparts the Holy Spirit.

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PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Church, let the Holy Spirit renew and revive us as better Christians and a better Church, serving others and proclaiming the gospel in our words and actions, let us pray to the Lord. . .

That Holy Spirit fill the hearts of our nations' leaders with peace, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For all who are weakened by depression, grief, or illness, that they may find the hope in Christ to help them through difficult times, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For our habitual and special intentions, and all those we said we would pray for, let us pray to the Lord. . .

Lord hear our prayer

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