

**PASTOR’S NOTE:**

For most of my Christian life I did not give much thought or emphasis to God the Holy Spirit. I would pray to the Father and look to the Son as a model of how to act or behave. My faith felt more on the outside of myself rather than on the inside. It was like the reins restraining even worse behaviour. This began to change when I was assigned to Jamaica. When asked to give a talk at a church, it was the custom that the people would first pray for the speaker. For me, this meant that I would bow my head and the congregation would sing a prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to descend upon me and guide me in my words. It felt as if I were soaking in the Holy Spirit and did not doubt that the Spirit directed and inspired. There was the experience of being freed to proclaim Christ, to go and proclaim the Good News as we hear in this week’s first reading – “in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” We often think of the Spirit as acting in such moments when inspiration is needed and requested, but I have come to believe that in addition, the Spirit transforms and reshapes our hearts. It is through the Spirit that the life of Jesus Christ and the living of our faith moves from outside of ourselves to inside, to our hearts. The life of Christ, through the Spirit, can become our own life.

On Thursday I read a brief article about Darwin Ramos, a boy from the Philippines who died at the age of seventeen in 2012. Pope Francis has declared him a “Servant of God,” the first step in becoming declared a saint in the Church. He was born in a poor family. As a child he begged for money on the streets of Manila. He also scavenged for plastics in the city dump. All this was to help his family. At the same time he was diagnosed with a fatal disease effecting his muscles. Soon he was unable to walk. He was put in the care of a local children’s organization in 2006 and was baptized into the faith in 2007. Of his illness, this young boy said, “For me, it’s a mission. For me to know him better, that I learn to trust him and believe in him . . . in God, in Jesus because he, only, knows all things of this world and because he is not overburdening me. He is in charge! And this is what I need to do while I can still hold on.” The day before he died, Darwin gave a note to the medical staff at the hospital. He gave them “a huge thank you” and told them he was “very happy.”

This brief story helps us to understand the power of the Holy Spirit. Yes, the Spirit inspires and guides, but God offers even more. God the Holy Spirit transforms and reshapes our hearts into God’s own heart. Our faith does not have to remain outside of ourselves. It does not have to be merely a rein restraining our sinful acts. God offers even more. God offers himself. And the Holy Spirit calls us to be what God desires. He calls us not to be servants but to be friends.

God Bless and Take Care! *Fr. John*

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**Celebrating Confirmation**

Join us on **Saturday, June 15** as young people in our parish receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Mass begins at **7pm** and will be followed by a reception in the lower halls. Please keep these young people and their families in your prayers as they prepare for the celebration of the sacrament.



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**Parish Picnic - Mark the Date!** The picnic will take place **Saturday, August 3** in the afternoon. Details will follow in upcoming bulletins. Put the date in your calendar and plan to be there.

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**Novena to the Sacred Heart:**



Join us in prayer Monday through Friday at 4:30pm in the Church from June 19 to 27. Our prayer will include the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. For those unable to join us in the church, copies of the novena will be available with next Sunday’s bulletin.

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**Fr. John’s Summer Schedule:**

In addition to being Pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes, Fr. John is also the Jesuit Director of Camp Ekon. Consequently, from June 29 through July and August, Fr. John will split his time between camp and Lourdes. He will be here every Sunday evening to Tuesday afternoon and will be up at the camp for the rest of the week. If you would like to make an appointment to see Fr. John, just call the parish office at 416-924-6257 to make an appointment. Fr. John is looking forward to it!



**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday, June 10**

8:00 am Thanksgiving - TERESITA BAGORIO  
[Laila & Monica Bagorio]  
12:10pm PURIFICACION & Restituto Guevara + [Guevara Family]

5:15 pm Carlito Salva + [Shirley]

**Tuesday, June 11**

8:00 am MAUREEN WEEKS' Intention [Paul O'Neill]  
12:10 pm JASMILINDA A. ABELLA + [Edna Servos]  
5:15 pm ESTHER DE JESUS RODRIGUEZ + [Thomas]

**Wednesday, June 12**

8:00 am MARIE MARTHE JUNEAU + [Family]  
12:10 pm Youngsook Park's Intention [Kabsoon Phu]  
5:15 pm GLORIA MENDOZA QUILANTANG + [Family]

**Thursday, June 13**

8:00 am Michael Cameron + [Friend]  
12:10pm Thanks to St. Anthony [Joseph Kaposi]  
5:15 pm Thanksgiving & God Blessing – Grazyna Kielar [Family]

**Friday, June 14**

8:00 am PAMELA MARY HOSANG + [Joan Hosang]  
12:10pm Earnest Pitilal + [Lucy Nicome]  
5:15 pm IRENE WARECKI + [Susan]

**Saturday, June 15**

8:00 am John Matis + [Daniel]  
12:10pm EMELDA ADAMS & Deceased Adams Family  
[Karan Adams]

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:**  
*Soterania David Albana, Errol Ansay, Leo O'Donnell*

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**Marygrove Camp Collection:** this weekend there will be an opportunity for those of you who may wish to contribute to the St. Vincent de Paul's Marygrove Camp. Envelopes will be made available in your pews and we ask you to please place your envelopes in the Offertory basket with the regular Offertory collection. Thank you for your generosity and support.

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**Our Lady of Mount Carmel  
Niagara Falls Pilgrimage**

Join St. John the Baptist Parish, for their annual Pilgrimage to the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Niagara Falls on Saturday, July 13 8:45am - 6pm. The cost is \$30. Please bring your own Food. For more info or for tickets, call Carlos 416-360-7005

# Looking to Get Involved?

**Great!**

Learn more by visiting us online at [www.lourdes.to](http://www.lourdes.to)

On our website you can:

- Learn more about **volunteer opportunities** in the parish
- Family Teams (Kids@Mass, Sacramental Prep, and more)
- Outreach Teams (Food Bank, Elderly Visitation, and more)
- Liturgical Teams (Choirs, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers)
- And more
- Sign up to **start serving**
- Learn more about **Alpha**
- Find a **group** that's right for you

Or call the office at 416-924-6257 or email [info@lourdes.to](mailto:info@lourdes.to) and a member of our team will be happy to answer any questions.

**We can't wait to connect with you!**

**BEAUTY FROM OUR FAITH**

*Lord Jesus Christ, pierce my soul with your love so that I may always long for you alone, who are the bread of angels and the fulfillment of the soul's deepest desires. May my heart always hunger and feed upon you, so that my soul may be filled with the sweetness of your presence. May my soul thirst for you, who are the source of life, wisdom, knowledge, light and all the riches of God our Father. May I always seek and find you, think upon you, speak to you and do all things for the honor and glory of your holy name. Be always my only hope, my peace, my refuge and my help in whom my heart is rooted so that I may never be separated from you.*  
~ St. Bonaventure

Lourdes @ a glance: the week of June 9 to 15, 2019						
Sun 9	Mon 10	Tues 11	Wed 12	Thurs 13	Fri 14	Sat 15
Feast of Pentecost Kids at Mass Confirmation Class	Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church	Alpha 6pm How can I resist evil?		Edge		Confirmations 7pm