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Celebrating Pentecost!

Bringing the Pantheon's Pentecost Descent of the Holy Spirit to ND's Family Mass!



Below is the choral "competition" of our Joyful Noise and Adult Choirs at the 11:30 Mass! Special thanks to Music Director Jim Keefe and Mrs. Elko (Joyful Noise Director) for this joy-filled rendition of Looking For A City by Marvin Dalton.



*Here among the shadows, in a lonely land, we're a band of pilgrims on the move,
burdened down with sorrows, shunned on ev'ry hand, looking for a city built
above. Lookin' for a city where we'll never die. There the sainted millions never say
goodbye. There we'll meet our Savior and our loved ones, too, COME, O HOLY
SPIRIT, All our hopes renew!*

Hanover Township Memorial Day Parade



Special thanks to all who came out to march with us at the Hanover Township Memorial Day Parade or to cheer from the sidelines! What a privilege and a joy to remember and honor those who have served our nation and protected our freedom. We were especially proud to honor our very own Chet Kochan, Grand Marshall of this year's celebration!

Marriage Ministry - Closing a Year of Fruitful Ministry!

By Ministry Co-Leader, Ann Bono

Near 30 couples (some first-timers and veteran attendees) gathered for the Year End Dinner sponsored by the Marriage Ministry. Good food, laughter, and wonderful fellowship were shared by the couples attending that evening.



Guest speakers **Jim and Linda Baratte** spoke about how **“Love is always the right choice”** and treated our couples to stories of their complicated, humorous, and memorable love story. Here is what a few had to say about the evening.



“We were blessed to attend last Friday’s marriage ministry event and to hear Jim and Linda Baratte bear witness to their 38 years of marriage. We have come to admire Jim and Linda in our time as parishioners at Notre Dame for their unfailing warmth and kindness, and even more so than expected, we were deeply moved by their sharing. Their willingness to look deeply and honestly into their own lives, and to translate those experiences into words of wisdom and guidance for the rest of us, was truly inspirational. For us, as parents of young children, their words reinforced how important it is to create a foundation of love and faith in our home that can help sustain us through life’s inevitable challenges and to bring meaning to life’s joys. We also were reminded that marriage takes a lifetime of work and commitment

and to let God's love guide us as we continue to learn and grow as spouses and parents. May God bless Jim, Linda, and their children and grandchildren."



"This was our first time attending a Marriage Ministry event. Everyone was incredibly kind and welcoming. The witness talk was inspiring, and the participants had a real sense of camaraderie. We are very grateful to be part of the Notre Dame community. It has had a very positive impact on our spiritual lives." Kevin and Nathalie V.

"Thanks also to Eric & Debby Kispert and Joe & Ann Bono for their work in putting on a great event and for their incredible years-long dedication to the marriage ministry. Nights like this remind us how blessed we are to be part of the Notre Dame family." Ed and Lee N.

"We have been to many couples' witness talks, and each time we have heard these amazing talks, it has helped us learn more about each other and our marriage which helps strengthen our prayer-filled marriage foundation even further. We feel so blessed to be part of such a wonderful ministry guided and supported by amazing couples. It is always a nice evening - catching up with old friends and meeting new ones." John and Lori M.



It was also a night to celebrate and thank **Eric & Debby Kispert**, who have co-chaired the ministry for the last five years and will be moving on to other

commitments after Eric's ordination to Deacon. We are grateful for all the leadership the Kisperts have shown and their continued support, including a retreat they will host in November. To show our appreciation, they received a number of gifts, including a picture book detailing many of the events from the past five years.



"Over the past five years, Eric and I have had the privilege to co-lead the marriage ministry with Ann & Joe Bono. We envisioned expanding the ministry to a broader offering that would attract greater participation. Seeing such well-attended events with couples of all ages has been wonderful. It also has been fun to offer new events that have become "fan favorites" (e.g., The Not-So-Newlywed Game, the Year End Dinner, hikes, and Couples' Witness Talks). As Eric begins his ministry as a deacon, we will be stepping down from leadership. However, we will always remain faithful members of this precious ministry. Know that we are grateful for the beautiful sendoff and the heartfelt gifts of appreciation. We leave with tremendous joy in our hearts and confidence that the new leadership will nurture the ministry and its members for many years. Thank you all! Eric and Debby Kispert



Joe and I (Ann) Bono will remain co-chairs, adding Tanya, Erwin D'Souza, Ellen, and Scott Kobil to the team. In addition to continuing some of the existing events, a number of new events are being considered for the upcoming year. Stay tuned for more details!

Ready to be Confirmed!



This wonderful group of teens gathered last Thursday for a Confirmation Rehearsal Dinner. This evening, Bishop Kevin will celebrate Mass and administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to each. May the gifts of the Holy Spirit they are about to receive bring great fruitfulness in their lives moving forward as disciples of Jesus and witnesses of our Catholic faith!

Annual Corpus Christi Diocesan Food Collection

Due to the unprecedented requests for assistance from Catholic Charities' food pantries and in order to fulfill our obligations to the poor, Bishop Sweeney has authorized a Diocesan-wide food collection in all parishes and agencies on the Feast of Corpus Christi, Saturday/Sunday, June 10 & 11, 2023.

Our parish has been specifically asked to provide **canned fruit, juice, and paper towels**. Bring donations for these items to our Gathering Space on that second weekend in June.

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June 10 & 11, 2023

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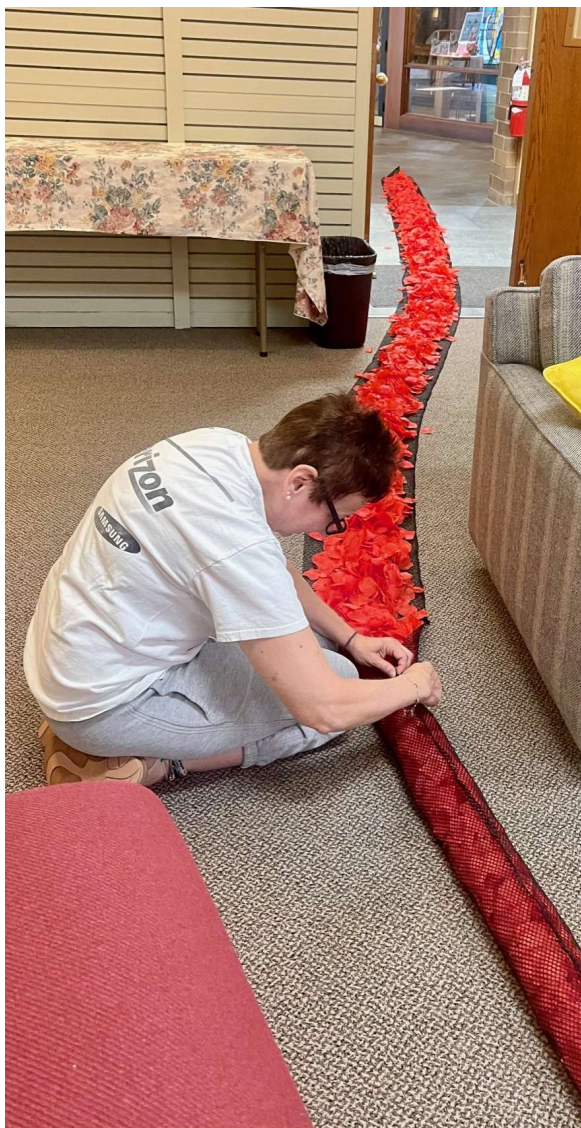
Monetary donations will also be accepted and can be made online at [ccpaterson.org/corpus...](https://www.ccpaterson.org/corpus) Please mark Saturday and Sunday, June 10th and 11th on your calendars and join our parish in participating.

**This week's Mass
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**Parishioner
Announcements**

Memories that share our story...

Preparing the Holy Spirit for Pentecost!



Thanks, Maria, for your labor of love!

Family Mass







11:30 Mass





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