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It is worth at least one phone call or email to find out more. Please contact Deacon Jeffrey Fortkamp at 614-578-5420 or jdfortkamp@gmail.com.



PENTECOST SUNDAY MAY 23, 2021

FROM THE DESK OF FR. DOOLEY

May 23, 2021

Hello friends,

We have arrived at the end of our Easter Season. The First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles (2:1-11) recalls the Pentecost episode and the Holy Spirit commissioning the Church to preach the teachings of Jesus. If you open to the first chapter of Acts, you will see that the Church is in a conundrum. One of the apostles, Judas, had betrayed Jesus and died in a very gruesome way. A scandal arose in the Church – a close friend of Jesus did not believe in the Son of God. Sin had entered at the very beginnings of the Church. The importance of having 12 Apostles was crucial to the other 11 Apostles. Matthias would be elected to replace Judas. What was the criteria for the election of Matthias? One had to be a witness from the beginning of the Lord's earthly ministry. The early Church understood the command of Christ to share their gifts and talents with each other in the community.

Pentecost is our beginning today. The Pentecost event is still happening in the life of the Church. The Holy Spirit is asking us to preach and teach with our words and actions. Even with the challenges and opportunities in the world, we are called to be hopeful realists. As we know, the Church is in a conundrum today (as the Church has been in most of its history). Today, we must ask: are our parishes and ministries open to the changes and surprises of the Holy Spirit? Already in 1970 (!), the French theologian Louis Bouyer (1913-2004) described priests and bishops in the Church as "administrators of a machine whose purpose and workings no one knows." A terrifying analysis, which should haunt every member of the Catholic Church. I often wonder what Fr. Bouyer would say about the Church and parish life in the year 2021. We must be honest and look in the mirror.

COVID has pushed the fast-forward button on our parishes in the United States. We can look to the Church in Europe and see this is happening at a rapid rate. In a recent interview with Cardinal Hollerich of Luxembourg, he states that the COVID pandemic has accelerated the decline of the Catholic Church by 10 years. He predicts practicing Catholics "will be smaller in number, because all those who no longer came to Mass, because they came only for cultural reasons, these 'cultural Catholics' of the left and the right, will no longer come." He continues "They have seen that life is very comfortable. They can live very well without having to come to church. Also, First Communions, catechism for children, all this will go down in number, I am sure of it." We await to see what happens on this side of the Atlantic.

The age of COVID has been full of challenges and what-ifs: Will people come back to Church? (We have seen an increase over the past two months!) And as you may have heard, the Bishops of Ohio have lifted the dispensation, effective June 5/6 (The Return to Public Sacramental Life - Catholic Diocese of Columbus - Columbus, OH (columbuscatholic.org) But still, will peo-

ple come back? Are current parish structures vessels of the Holy Spirit and do they help the People of God to a deeper friendship with Christ? Are parishes just present in people's lives for baptisms, funerals, First Communions, the occasional wedding and that's it? Do parishes have holy, normal, healthy and sustainability models of ministry to spread the Good News in their communities? Are parishes, parish schools, and parish schools of religion (Sunday Schools) working as one unified community? (This is something that Mr. Jim Silcott, Mrs. Jennifer Pawley, and I strive to do here at OLP.) These are questions that WE as a community must answer.

We are entering into a new era in Catholic Church in our country. The previous generations in this country built a Catholic world with Her many institutions. The Church in the United States enjoyed prestige in numbers from the 1920s-1970s. Unfortunately, the institutional Church has been living on those fumes for these past 30-40 years. We must stand back from the collapse and see what remains in the ruins.

While these are existential challenges, we have been given an opportunity. When is the Spirit at work at OLP? How can we continue to allow the Holy Spirit to grow in our liturgies, ministries, and charitable works?

The Holy Spirit came upon the Apostles, and the Holy Spirit comes upon the us here at Our Lady of Peace right now. Will we explore new ways to bring the Gospel message to the Clintonville neighborhood and in our parish? A temptation can come over our parish at this time — "just keep everything as it was." Jesus didn't keep things "the same" in his ministry and preaching among the people. Neither do we as a parish. If we do keep all things the same, we simply become prisoners of the past pretending to be asleep to the Gospel demands in today's world.

We cannot afford to let this opportunity of growth and grace pass us by in this parish. How is the Spirit moving you to be involved in ministry in our parish? What are your gifts that you can bring forward in our liturgy, music, faith sharing groups, and service?

Here we are here in 2021 at our wonderful parish. What is your response? Do you believe in the power and surprises of Holy Spirit?

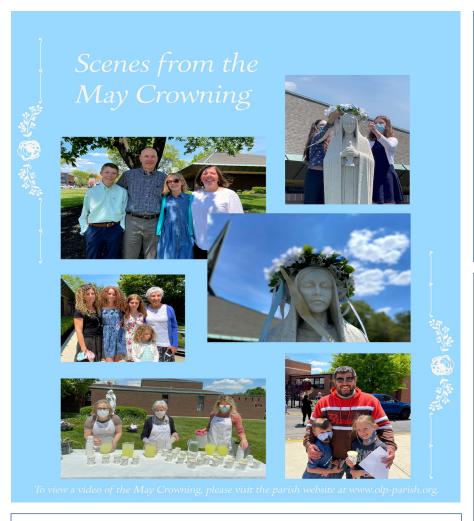
What will the future hold for OLP? Buckle up.

Come Holy Spirit, Fr. Dooley

Note Well: Join us for a special Mass on Monday, May 31st at 8:30am for the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Memorial Day.

Note Well. #2: Congrats to our First Communicants today! May they know of the deep love of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist!

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If you have a petition for which you would like the Prayer Line to join in praying, please call Chris at 614.906.0129. Prayer requests are kept confidential.







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MESSAGE FROM GOVERNOR MIKE DEWINE

Dear Education Leader,

Thank you for your hard work this year to provide safe and healthy in-person educational opportunities to Ohio's students. As you may have seen, the Centers for Disease Control recently revised their recommendations around mask guidance for individuals who are fully vaccinated. While Ohio will be amending its health orders to comply with this new CDC guidance, in order to maintain consistency and model safe behavior for Ohio's students, these changes do not affect the existing order requiring the use of facial coverings and other health protocols in our schools. With limited numbers of students vaccinated, it is important that we continue these safety measures through the end of the current school year. I appreciate the efforts that you have undertaken locally to protect students and I look forward to continuing to work together for Ohio's kids.

Thank you, Governor Mike DeWine PENTECOST SUNDAY MAY 23, 2021

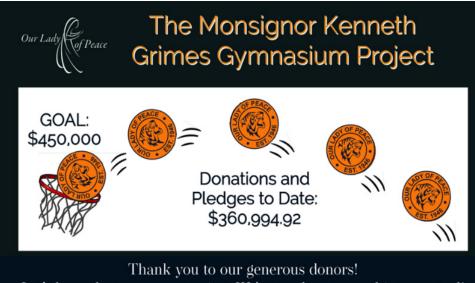


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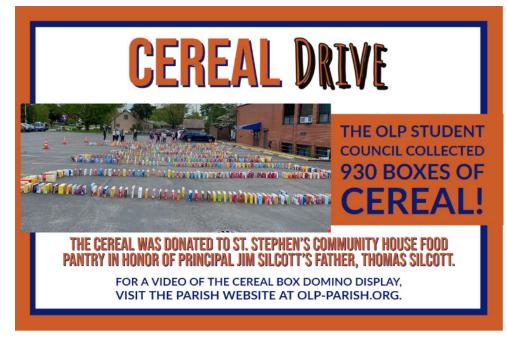
AS WE COMMEMORATE OUR 75 YEARS, WE WANT TO HEAR YOUR STORIES AND MEMORIES ABOUT OUR PARISH!

Please call Katy in the parish office to schedule a time to video record your story. (614.263.8824 ext 007)

All stories and memories will be compiled into a commemorative video at the end of the anniversary year.



Let's keep the momentum going. We're so close to reaching our goal!



REGULAR WEEKLY ROSARY

Do you pray daily or are you new to the practice? The Our Lady of Peace Prayer Ministry would like to invite you to join us in praying for the parish through the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. Join us even if you're "late" as we begin with sharing prayer requests & praises. Anyone not leading the Mystery is muted once we begin. Make sure to join the Prayer Ministry Flocknote group to receive reminders and the Zoom link directly – or use bit.ly/OLPRosary to join us on Thursday!

Meeting ID: 896 6910 4853

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SUMMER PROGRAMS

St. Francis DeSales High School Summer Camps - Registration Now Open It's time to register for a summer camp (or two!) at St. Francis DeSales High School. SFD Summer Camps are a great way to meet new friends while improving your skills, whether it is in the classroom or on the athletic field. Check out the camps taking place this summer at SFDHS by visiting www. sfdstallions.org/summercamps.

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