

Pentecost Sunday
May 24, 2015

Salesian Perspective

Jesus breathes new life into his disciples. Jesus announces that mutual forgiveness will be the mark by which his community will be recognized. And as God has forgiven them in Jesus, Jesus tells them to forgive one another as a sign of the new life they share.

(St. Luke's account of Pentecost in the Acts of the Apostles describes the coming of the Spirit in a much more dramatic fashion than John. As the Spirit descends on the disciples as tongues of fire, the disciples begin to make bold proclamation of the Good News in an astounding way. In John, Pentecost takes on the form of a more intimate conversation and communication.)

The very same Spirit is given to each of us at our Baptism. The Spirit's presence has been strengthened in us through Confirmation. (In some Christian traditions – mostly in the East - Baptism and Confirmation as essentially administered/celebrated back-to-back at the same time.) We are one in the Body of Christ because we all share the one Holy Spirit.

Each of us has special gifts that have been given to us as a way of manifesting the Spirit's presence in us. Our gifts are given not solely for our own good, although that's a good place to start! Ultimately, our gifts of the Spirit are meant for the good of others. When we use our gifts for others, we witness to our oneness in Christ. No one's gift or ministry or work is more important than anyone else's - all are needed for the unity of the community of the Church.

Each of us is important because we bring a gift or talent or way of working that no one else can bring to the group. We all lose something when an individual person's gifts are not welcomed or used in the community. We need one another in order to experience the full wonder of God's love for us.

"Come, Holy Spirit, come!" This is a bold request on our part. Are we really open to the outpouring of the Holy Spirit that God wants to give us? Are we willing to use the gifts of the Holy Spirit in order to be drawn more deeply into the Mystery of God's love? Can we find new ways to use these gifts in our efforts to love one another during the day?

May this feast of Pentecost be a rebirthing in each of us of all the spiritual gifts that help us stay centered in the Holy Spirit.

Rev. Michael S. Murray, OSFS,
Executive Director of the De Sales Spirituality Center.

No one is esteemed before God for having lived long--but only for having lived well.

- St. Francis de Sales

~ Spring Mass Schedule ~



Saturday 6:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am
Sunday 6:00 pm (Spanish)
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 8:30 am



Connect with our Parish!!! "LIKE" *Our Lady of the Seas Catholic PARISH*

Music for the Liturgy 9:00 am

Processional: # 570 One Spirit, One Church
Gloria (Mass of Creation)

Psalm Response: "Lord, send out your spirit and
renew the face of the earth."

Alleluia: (Celtic Mass)

Presentation: # 649 Peace

Communion: # 648 Peace Is Flowing Like A River
499 One Bread, One Body

Recessional: # 572 Sing A New Church - vs. 1 & 3

Our Stewardship 5/10/2015 Weekend

	<u>Buxton</u>	<u>Spanish</u>	<u>Ocracoke</u>
Offertory	\$1,083.00	\$284.00	\$266.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 966.00		
Attendance	263	43	20
Principal Balance as of 4/30/2015	~ \$465,019.42		

The Reading for today's Mass are found in the
Glory & Praise at number **793 B**

1st Reading ~ Acts of the Apostles 2:1 – 11

2nd Reading ~ Galatians 5:16 – 25

Gospel Reading ~ John 15:26 – 27; 16:12 – 15



Summer Fund Raiser

Our Church Family has a unique opportunity to pay down our \$465,000 mortgage. A family has generously offered to match our second collection from Memorial weekend through Labor Day weekend, up to a total of \$75,000. Here's how it works: We are asked to find individual or group sponsors for each weekend. The sponsors will match the amount in the second collections for their weekend. For each sponsored weekend our Donor Family will also match that collection. For example; if the second weekend collection totals \$500, the weekend sponsor or sponsors will donate \$500 and our Donor Family will also donate \$500. \$500 becomes \$1500. **We currently need only 2 more sponsors. If you are interested in becoming a weekend sponsor please contact Dave Kelmer 986-2719.** If you are unable to sponsor a weekend please be generous with the second collection. All money collected during this period will be used to reduce the mortgage, however 5% will be retained and put in an emergency reserve fund.



When a parishioner or family member is in the hospital or homebound. Fr Fred would appreciate the opportunity to visit and offer his services. Also if you would like a Eucharistic Minister to visit you at home during an illness or when unable to attend Mass, please call Fr. Fred 252-995- 6613 or Anita 252-995-7892.



May we always remember those who fought for our freedom this Memorial Day!!!

'Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Amen.'



Join us Wednesday **June 17** at Our Lady of the Seas at **7:00 pm** for a **concert featuring vocalist/guitarist Kim Kalman. "YOU RAISE ME**

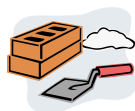
UP" will accept donations that will benefit the church. Kim will be performing material from her Christian CDs. Visit www.kimkalman.com for more information.

DONATING MADE EASY ON OUR WEBSITE!!!



Our Lady of the Seas website now has the ability to accept on-line donations. It is a secure easy way to make your donation and is available 24-hours a day for your convenience www.ourladyoftheseas.org

PAVERS FOR THE WALKWAY



The church is working on a new batch of pavers for our walkway. If you are interested in purchasing a paver, for your convenience the form is

located hanging on the wall at ALL the exits of our church. Or, on the church website, click on the FORMS button on the left, download, fill it in and mail it with your check. <http://www.ourladyoftheseas.org>

Our Local Food Pantry

IF YOU HAVE UNOPENED, NON-PERISHABLE FOOD that you haven't used during your stay, please donate it to the Food Pantry. You can use our 24-hour drop-box on the porch of the Social Hall anytime. If you prefer to buy food for the pantry, "standard" sizes rather than bulk items are preferred..

Checks may be made out to United Methodist Men, PO Box 1591 Buxton, NC 27920.

Thank you for your generosity!



Pope Francis in Philly!! The World Awaits You and so does the Pope! It's official...Pope Francis is coming to the 8th World Meeting of Families! Plan your trip to

Philadelphia, PA for September 22-27, 2015. The city will come alive with multicultural family-centered activities, a congress for youth and for adults and a Papal Mass. Register NOW! For more information see: <http://www.dioceseofraleigh.org/worldmeeting>

A Lovely Memento...

"The Welcoming Light of Our Lady of the Seas"

Our parish's beautiful limited-edition fine art prints that you see on the cover of this bulletin make lovely remembrances of your wedding, anniversary celebration, child's baptism, or vacation. "The Welcoming Light of Our Lady of the Seas" is signed and numbered by the artist - Linda Browning. Each print comes sleeved, backed, and ready to frame in a 12"x16" mat. Price: \$39.50. Proceeds go towards our debt reduction. Thank you!

Summer Reading Material

Looking for a Change of Pace? There are oodles of books out there for Catholics looking for some good fiction for their summer reading. Check out [Catholic Fiction.net](http://CatholicFiction.net) for a great list to get you started. You'll find descriptions of all the best classics as well as a few contemporary surprises. Enjoy browsing for your next great summer read!



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Pray with your children: Nighttime prayer is a natural time to teach prayer to children and to develop in them this important habit. When

you pray the meal prayers, use a variety of prayers and prayer forms including spontaneous prayers for the heart. Teach them how to bring their concerns and needs to Jesus in prayer. They will learn only what you model for them.

Pray as Spouses for your children: Find a prayer that you can say as husband & wife asking the Lord to consecrate your family to him and to the Mission he has for you. Some couples compose their own prayer and pray it regularly. If a couple can pray together the witness of united prayer speaks untold volumes to the children.