

STAR OF THE SEA, CANSO  
ST. AGNES, LITTLE DOVER  
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, QUEENSPORT  
ST. JOSEPH'S, PORT FELIX

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**PENTECOST SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024**

**WEEKEND MASS TIMES**

**Saturday, May 25** - 4:30 p.m. - St. Vincent de Paul - ♥*For the Faithful*

**Saturday, May 25** - 6:00 p.m. - St. Joseph, Port Felix - †*Rita David*

**Sunday, May 26** - 9:30 a.m. - St. Agnes Hall - †*William "Junior" Peitzsche*

**Sunday, May 26** - 11:00 a.m. - Star of the Sea, Canso - †*Vincent Cohoon*

**WEEKDAY SCHEDULE:**

**Thursday, May 23** - 6:00 p.m. - St. Anthony's Chapel - ♥*For the Faithful*

**COMMUNION CALLS** - If you know of anyone who is unable to get out to Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion, please call the parish office to have their name added to the list.

**REFLECTION ON TODAY'S READINGS:** *The Power of the Holy Spirit*

*Today, we celebrate Pentecost. Fifty days after the Resurrection, the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples. The fifty days recall the Jubilee of the Old Testament: a period of redemption and of letting slaves go free. Thus, Pentecost is the replacement of the Jubilee. We are the Church of Pentecost. Jesus sends the Holy Spirit to us so that we may become true sons and daughters of God. Every time we grant or receive forgiveness; every time we show concrete signs of reconciliation, justice, fraternity, openness, honesty, active charity; every time we transmit a genuine faith, every time we confess that Jesus Christ is Lord; every time we allow the Spirit to use us through his many gifts; every time we resist temptation, we experience a new Pentecost. Anyone who wishes to make the right choices in the affairs of life, to discern the truth on all occasions, to avoid sin and every occasion of sin must be disposed to receive the Holy Spirit. Give the Holy Spirit space to direct your life. He is a person you can receive and experience. Welcome him into your life as a special friend.*

**BUTTERFLY MEMORY TREES** - Your support is much appreciated, thank you to all who helped any way. Profit recorded below.

## **SUNDAY COLLECTIONS - THANK YOU!**

### **Star of the Sea**

Envelopes(19)	641.00
Loose	35.00
Butterfly Memory Tree	920.00
Cemetery (2)	150.00
Letter Campaign Donations	13,450.00

### **St. Agnes**

Envelopes(18)	280.00
Loose	10.00
Cemetery (1)	50.00

### **St. Joseph**

Envelopes(16)	210.00
Cemetery (4)	250.00

### **St. Vincent de Paul**

Envelopes (5)	155.00
Butterfly Memory Tree	10.00

## **ST. AGNES NEWS**

Groundskeeper - we are seeking a responsible person to take care of the parish cemetery. **Please contact the parish office.**

Bingo - Sundays at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall

## **ST JOSEPH NEWS**

Regular Weekly Bingo - continues Saturdays, at 7:30 p.m. in St. Joseph Parish Hall.

## **STAR OF THE SEA NEWS**

Property/Finance Committee - Tuesday, June 4 at 4:00 p.m. New members needed!!

### Ministries Schedule, May 26

Lector - Donna Lewis

Cleaners - May 26 - June 1- Baker girls

Raking rocks - a very special thank you to those who helped out with this, much appreciated. It looks great!

## **WAYS & MEANS**

Spring Fling - profit was \$3,728.00! a huge thank you to all for your generous donations, you continue to step up when we need it.

**Ticket Sales - on a Camping Package will be the next event - Tickets available June 1, Draw date July 2**

**PLEASE NOTE:** With the approach of mowing season we are asking parishioners & general public to remove any items (that will interfere with mowing) from graves in parish cemeteries. Items can be replaced in the fall. Parishioners/Family members are encouraged to visit our cemeteries to pay respect and also to maintain headstones and ornaments. Thanking you in advance for your cooperation.

## **ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD OF DEACON DAVID RANKIN**

St. Ninian Cathedral, Antigonish - May 31, 3:00 p.m. Deacon David Rankin warmly invites all to his ordination to the priesthood. There will be a light reception to follow.

### **NOTES**

**The Antigonish-Guysborough County Women's Resource Centre** is offering a Living with Loss grief support group for women. Group facilitators are Women's Support Outreach Worker Marcia Connolly and Community Engagement Worker Natalie Sangster. Weekly - Mondays starting May 13 - June 3; 1 - 3 p.m. - Shamrock Club, Canso. For information, or to register, please call (902) 863-6221. **Registration is required.** 8-12 participant spaces are available.

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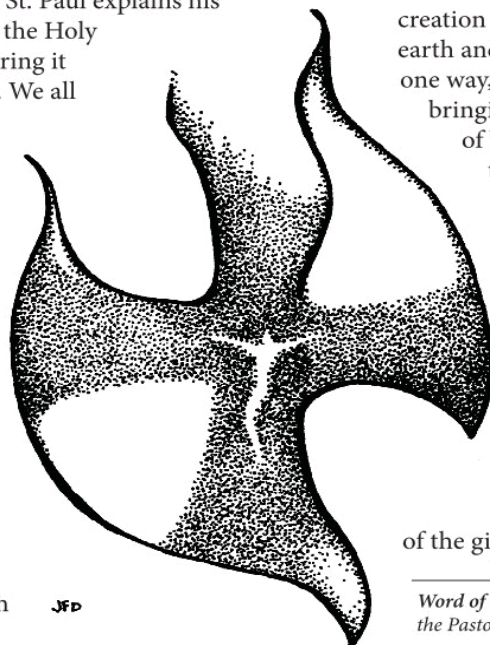
## **From Babbling to Fluency**

*This Week's Readings at Mass*

- ▶ Acts 2:1-11 - Descent of the Holy Spirit
- ▶ 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 - Many gifts, one Spirit
- ▶ John 20:19-23 - Jesus gives the Holy Spirit to the disciples

In the first reading today, Luke tells us that the Spirit came upon the disciples dramatically and gave them the gift of tongues—the ability to communicate with foreign visitors who were from all over the known world. It is a scene that is almost an exact reversal of the story of the Tower of Babel found in Genesis. In that story, everyone in the whole world spoke the same language. In their selfish pride, they came together to build a city and a tower to reach to heaven to “make a name for ourselves.” God humbled them by confusing their language so they could no longer understand one another. Their speaking sounded like nothing more than “babbling,” and for that reason, their city became known as Babel. With the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, the scattering of people and confusion of languages is overcome by the Spirit so that everyone can hear and understand “the mighty acts of God.”

In the second reading, St. Paul explains his understanding of how the Holy Spirit works by comparing it to our physical bodies. We all understand that our different body parts have different functions and that all are needed for our health and well-being. St. Paul taught that the Holy Spirit can be understood to work among us in the same way. As individuals, we have all been given certain spiritual gifts that the world needs and which



“As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”

### **Sheepish Question:**

How can I most effectively serve the Gospel as a member of my faith community?

can benefit everyone. The source of all those different gifts is the one Holy Spirit.

In the Gospel reading, we hear John's account of how Jesus gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples: he breathed on them. That image would have reminded them, and their fellow Jews, of the story of creation when God made Adam out of the dust of the earth and breathed into him, bringing him to life. In one way, when Jesus breathed on the disciples, he was bringing them to life in a new way. Now, instead of being huddled behind locked doors because they were afraid, they are given the courage and strength to go out and spread the Good News with all those who hadn't yet heard of Jesus and his message of love.

### **Questions of the Week**

- ① What are some gifts you feel you have been given in order to serve the world?
- ② In what area(s) of your life right now do you feel the need of the gifts of the Holy Spirit?

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