

## From the Pastor's Desk

### Novena to the Holy Spirit Come, Holy Spirit

You name the blessing, cause or intention, and someone has probably written up novena prayers for it.

In [Catholic tradition](#), a novena is a [devotion](#) consisting of [prayer](#) on nine successive days, asking to obtain special graces. The word itself comes from a Latin word, novem, meaning nine. (Our month of November confuses things in my mind, since it is the eleventh month in our calendar. But it was the ninth month in an early Roman calendar.) Though the novena is primarily a devotion used by members of the Catholic Church, it has spread to the [Orthodox](#), [Anglican](#), and even some [Lutheran](#) churches.

The practice of saying novenas is derived from Scripture. After [Jesus' Ascension](#) into heaven, he told his disciples to pray together in the upper room and devote themselves to constant prayer (Acts 1:14). The apostles, the [Blessed Virgin Mary](#), and other followers of Jesus prayed together for nine consecutive days, concluding in the descent of the [Holy Spirit](#) on [Pentecost](#).

So, the original novena was prayed on the nine days before Pentecost, from the Ascension until Pentecost. This week brings Ascension Thursday, although in our diocese the feast is transferred to Sunday. In any case, if you want to pray a novena to the Holy Spirit (or a novena the gifts of the Spirit), begin on Friday, May 22 though Saturday, May 30, the Vigil of Pentecost. That would mean nine days for prayer: a novena.

Looking for a prayer? Try one of these:

The traditional "Come Holy Spirit" prayer is: Come, Holy Spirit, and fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your divine love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth. O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit instructed the hearts of the faithful, grant, that by the same Spirit we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in his consolation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The words to be prayed over the 9th graders who are to be confirmed today are: All-powerful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by water and the Holy Spirit you freed your sons and daughters from sin and gave them new life. Send your Holy Spirit upon them to be their Helper and Guide. Give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of right judgment and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence. Fill them with the spirit of wonder and awe in your presence. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pray for nine days. Pray with hope and confidence.

*Father Rob Waller*

**The LORD**  
**Has Revealed His Saving Power**  
**To The Nations.**

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

### Monday, May 18, Pope John I

7:00 p.m. Ruth Wilson (Rose Fredwest)

### Tuesday, May 19

7:30 a.m. James Callahan (Frank & Phyllis Samoya)

### Wednesday, May 20, St. Bernardine of Siena

7:30 a.m. Virgil Middleton, Birthday Remembrance (Famly)

### Thursday, May 21, St. Christopher Magallanes & Companions

7:30 a.m. "Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion"

### Friday, May 22, St. Rita of Cascia

7:30 a.m. Carl & Marie Stalzer & Willard & Frances Wisby  
(Carl Stalzer)

11:45 a.m. Robert Tanner (Clayton Family)

### Saturday, May 23

7:30 a.m. Joseph Feldcamp (Frank & Phyllis Samoya)

5:15 p.m. Pat Rohrig (George & Barbara Baer)

### Sunday, May 24, Ascension of the Lord

8:00 a.m. Mary Howell (Glenn Howell & Connie Matton)

9:30 a.m. Carol Lamprecht (Gene Lamprecht)

11:00 a.m. People of St. Andrew Parish

#### *SEM Villa*

10:00 a.m. Joseph Higgins (Family)

#### *SEM Terrace*

11:00 a.m. Louis & Martha Kneipp

### *Vocation Views*

It was God who chose us to go forth and bear fruit that will last. Let your heart rejoice in God's call to you. What is the fruit of your life? (John 15:9-17)

### **Please pray for**

all the sick of our parish, our shut-ins, nursing home residents, recent hospitalized parishioners and hospitalized

**Remember in your prayers** all of our deceased family members, especially, Corey Nickell and Rose Northcutt. May they rest in the peace of the Risen Lord.

### *Serving in the Armed Forces*

Let us offer our prayers and our care now, and work to bring all military personnel of all nations back to their families safe and sound and whole. This week's "Serving in the Military" features: Lance Cpl. Jonathan Pizzo, Charlene's Hinnert's grandson, who will be deployed to Afghanistan in June. If your son, daughter, grandchild, niece, nephew or any family member is serving in the military, please call the Parish Office.

### *Congratulation to those celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary in 2009*

Martin & Jan Shank McRoberts - February 18<sup>th</sup>

Clarence & Ann Wendel Blanchard - June 27<sup>th</sup>

Paul & GERALYN Bailey Esz - July 4<sup>th</sup>

William & Juanita Jacobs - August 8<sup>th</sup>

Francis & Earlene Hageman Kayden - September 5<sup>th</sup>

James & Mary Ann Seigel Madewell - September 12<sup>th</sup>

George & Barbara Bruce Baer - November 7<sup>th</sup>

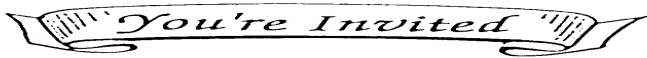
### *First Holy Communion*

The following First Communicants were inadvertently left off the list that appeared in the bulletins: Claire Sager, Faith Hooper, Ava Vilardo, Vittorio Zenezini, Ted Lizak & Gabriel Richey. We welcomed all of our second graders to the table of the Lord in the Holy Eucharist.

### *Dear St. Andrew Prayer Chain,*

Thank you for all your prayers during my recent surgery. I have good news that I am now cancer free. Your prayers helped me tremendously.

Laverne Messink



St. Andrew Seniors have been invited by SEM Haven Nursing Facility (225 Cleveland Avenue) to a free luncheon on Tuesday, May 19 at 12 noon. Our menu will be roast beef, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, soup and salad, cobbler for dessert and a drink. Plus, all will be given freshly baked cookies to take home. There will be a presentation on their rehabilitation facility after the luncheon. For transportation, please call Metchy Hance, 831-5383, Bernie Mulligan, 831-7278 or the Parish Office.

**Bingo Parent (Team #3) Workers for May 19**  
Berns, A. Evans, Farlow, Gleim, Holbert, Potter, Randolph, Steffen, Wenstrup & Woodard  
**Bingo Caller:** Terri Morrison

**Men's Softball**

every Wednesday at the SEM Villa fields, 6:30 pm. All men of the parish, high school boys included, are invited to join us.

**SMILE Youth News**

**Junior High and High School Students:** There is a SMILE SEM Villa Game Night this Thursday, May 21 from 6:30-8pm. Call Catherine at the Youth Office if you have any questions.

**Calendar for 2009-2010**

All group and organizations, who have used our facilities this past year, think about the coming year and what you want to schedule for 2009-2010 (July – June). All requests for the use of parish facilities by any group, organization or individual should be submitted the Parish Office by May 26.

**Take Steps Be Heard for Crohn's & Colitis Walk**

Sunday, May 31 at Sawyer Point. Registration is at 4:00 pm – Walk begins at 5:30 pm. Please call Pam Cerveny, 831-4892 if you would like to walk with me and my sisters, if you would like more information, or if you would like to make a donation.

**Vacation Bible School 2009  
God's BIG Backyard**

When: June 22-26 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
Who: All children from preschool (3 yr old) – 5th grade  
Where: St. Elizabeth Seton Campus  
Cost: \$25 per child, \$35/two children and \$40/family  
Registration information available in the church vestibule. Please complete registration and return to the Parish Office (or collection) ASAP. Registration due by June 8. We also are seeking adult and teens to help sow the seeds of service into the hearts of our children. For more information, please contact: Julie George, 965-0207 (julie@thejagwiregroup.com) or Carrie Birkle, 831-6488 (carrie@reachouttechnologies.com)



**The Ladies Sodality wishes to Thank all the gourmet bakers** whose delicacies amounted to \$233.15 for the Bake Sale table. **Thank you to the Green Thumb gardeners** who shared their extra plants for a total of \$1,184.85 at the Plant Sale. **And thanks to the Parishioners who brought their "treasures"** to the Flea Market, which we sold for \$1,847.70. And a special thanks to all the helpers who worked so diligently to make our event a success. Our efforts paid off and we had fun working together! Most of the profit will go towards altar purchases throughout the year. **PLEASE NOTE** Thank you for your assistance in providing supplies for the Plant Sale on May 2. Please do not place any

more flower pots and baskets on Parish grounds as they are not needed until the plant sale next year. Your cooperation is appreciated.

**Thank You to the Sponsor of the Week**

Robert Vieson, D.D.S.

**Baptism Program**

The May Baptism Program had to be canceled; one will be scheduled in June (either the 7 or 14). Please call the Parish Office and let us know if you will be attending a June Baptism Program and which date would be most convenient.

**PARISH SUPPORT - May 10, 2009**

Sunday Envelope Collection (360 of 860)....\$11,509.00  
Sunday Loose Collection.....\$690.41  
Dimes Collection.....\$7.30

**MANY THANKS TO JAY AND TERESA PORCARO** for donating an outdoor table and 4 chairs for the Parish Office. Feel free to use the table and chairs located on the right side of the Parish Office for meetings or conversations.

**"LEAVING A LEGACY OF LOAVES" SOCIETY** - Do you want to leave a Legacy to St. Andrew Church? You can do so by leaving St. Andrew in your will; no gift is too small. An example would be that one family would choose to designate \$1,000 from their estate; another family may indicate they are using an IRA for their donation. St. Andrew Church can also accept estate jewelry, real estate, insurance policies, or Charitable Trusts. Just tell Fr. Rob you want to designate a gift in your will for St. Andrew, and you will be included in this group.

**"Buy It In Milford" Coupon Books are now available.**

Each book costs \$20.00 and you receive a \$10.00 Savings Card free with purchase. All proceeds go toward the **SASEAS School 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Washington D.C.** in the spring of 2010. Books are available at each school office, or call to reserve a book; Seton Campus, 575-0093, St. Andrew Campus, 831-5277, Seton Parish Office, 575-0119 and St. Andrew Parish Office, 831-3353.

**The Ladies of Seton**

will be having a special guest speaker, Sister Rita Hawks, who will speak on Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton at their Thursday, May 28 meeting. They invite St. Andrew Parishioner to this presentation which begins at 7 pm in the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton cafeteria, followed by refreshments. This is a great opportunity to learn more about Elizabeth Ann Seton's patron saint. The speaker, Sister Rita was a teacher at the high school level for many years, and has held many positions in education and in the Church. We are sure you will enjoy both meeting her and listening to her speak. If you plan to attend, please email Sheila Woodard, [smwoodard@zoomtown.com](mailto:smwoodard@zoomtown.com) or call, 722-3084 so they can have an idea on attendance. We'd love to see YOU join us for an enjoyable and educational evening.



**If one of our new parishioners lives in your neighborhood, stop and say HELLO and WELCOME them to St. Andrew**

John & Vicki **Shearman & Children:** Daniel & Natalie  
781 Twin Fox Drive, Milford 965-0193  
Kris & Jessica **Cannon & Son:** Davis

5188 East View Drive, Milford 248-4179

Betty **Wetterer**

5226 Terrace Ridge Drive, Milford 965-0499

**Please join** Most Reverend Coadjutor Archbishop Dennis Schnurr in remembrance of our dearly departed family and friends as he celebrates the annual Memorial Day Mass at Gate of Heaven Cemetery on Monday, May 25 at 11:00 am. (Mass will be moved to Good Shepherd Parish in the event of inclement weather.) The cemetery office will be open extended hours on Sat. and Mon. to assist visitors. These hours are 9 am to 3 pm.



## *THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH*

### *Monday, May 18*

9:30 am SALT Meeting Room,  
Parish Center  
7:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting Parish Office,  
Room #1  
7:00 pm Christ Renews His Parish Women's #6  
Andrew's House  
7:00 pm SMILE Mission Trip Meeting  
Church Hall  
7:30 pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Room,  
Parish Center

### *Tuesday, May 19*

#### **Seniors Luncheon at SEM Haven**

5:00 pm Children's Choir Practice Church  
7:00 pm BINGO (Team #3) Parish  
Center  
7:00 pm Christ Renews His Parish Spiritual Directors  
Andrew's House

### *Wednesday, May 20*

9:30 am Wednesday Bible Study Meeting Room,  
Parish Center  
5:00 pm Girl Scout Training  
Church Hall  
7:00 pm Toastmasters Meeting Room, Parish Center  
7:00 pm Holy Land Partnership Meeting  
Andrew's House

### *Thursday, May 21*

6:30 pm SMILE GAMES Night at SEM Villa  
6:30 pm Altar Attendant Training  
Church  
7:00 pm Choir Practice Church  
7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous Parish Office,  
Room #1  
7:00 pm Christ Renews His Parish Men's Team #7  
Andrew's House

### *Saturday, May 23*

8:00 am Christ Renews His Parish Team #/ Parish  
Office  
10:00 am Girl Scout Training  
Church Hall

### *Sunday, May 24*

11:00 am RCIA Meeting Room,  
Parish Center