



## “FROM THE DESK OF FATHER JONATHAN”



**MAY 24, 2015**

Today is Pentecost Sunday, the celebration of the first coming of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples. We also celebrate the presence of the Holy Spirit in all of our lives today. Because we believe that the Holy Spirit will guide us and give us strength and courage, as earlier announced, today we initiate various new efforts as a parish. First, we will be commissioning several "Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist", who will assist the priests in distributing the Blessed Sacrament, especially to those parishioners who are homebound and unable to come to the church. Please call the parish office if you know of anyone who would benefit from receiving the Eucharist in their homes. Fr. Urbano is leading this effort. Second, we launch a Youth Group for junior high school students. The first activity will be a one day retreat on Saturday, May 30th. Boys and girls in 7th, 8th, and 9th grades are welcome. We will do a few activities this summer, and our regular meetings will begin in the fall.

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Finally, beginning today, and over the next four weeks we will have a "Registration Campaign" for parish membership. We are asking everyone who worships here regularly to fill out a membership sheet at the end of mass. Even if you have been a member of the parish for 75 years, please help us update our records by filling out a sheet. This will help us accomplish one of our goals for the year of better communication. You will notice on the registration sheets that we have defined the parish mission, in line with what the parish has been doing for more than 100 years. We have also identified three commitments we wish to propose as a goal for every member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. They are: 1) regular worship 2) financial support 3) service to the parish. In the coming months we will compile and publish a list of the many ways a parishioner can serve the parish, no matter your state in life. These three commitments are listed on the registration sheet. To do all of this we need the help of the HOLY SPIRIT. So we say together, "Come Holy Spirit"!

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