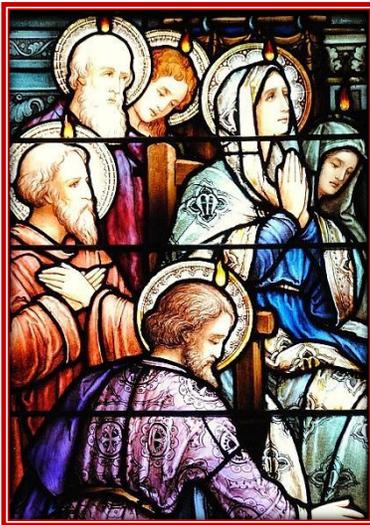
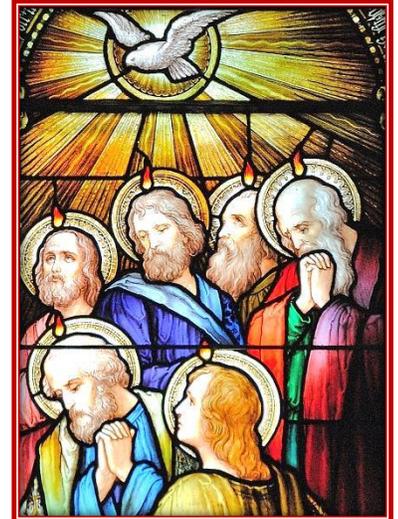




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Forty days after our celebration of the Lord's Resurrection/Easter Sunday, we celebrated His return to the Father's right hand/Ascension Thursday, and began keeping vigil in the Upper Room with Mary and the Apostles. Today, ten days after the Ascension and fifty days after the Resurrection, our vigil ends, and the Holy Spirit puts His seal on the glorious season of Easter with our celebration of Pentecost!



The fifty days of Easter came and went at Our Holy Redeemer but not without leaving their mark. During that period, four adult members of the Freeport community (Mary Frances Ament, Anthony Infante, Nadine Militrano, and Ruth Ann Militrano), with their reception of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation) became fully initiated into the Catholic Church, 16 babies were Baptized in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, 129 children received Holy Communion for the first time (please pray that they continue to be brought to church), and eight adult Baptized Catholics received First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation to become fully initiated themselves! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The glorious days of Easter in Freeport left their mark on the Parish in other ways as well. During that period, over forty people, with the help of parishioners Linda Siani, Carolyn Jiminez, and Carolyn Terzulli, completed a seven week journey of discipleship called *Following Christ* and are eagerly looking forward to a seven week mission of evangelization called *Sharing Christ*, that the Parish plans to offer in the Fall. Deacon Bruce Burnham, in conjunction with the Viet Nam War Veterans Association, presented our VII Annual Pre-Memorial Day Prayer-vigil that with the help of guest speaker Deacon Robert O'Donovan, not only gave fitting tribute to the men and women of our Armed Forces, but educated and inspired everyone in attendance!

Now that the days of Easter are over, we might ask ourselves: what are we going to do now? Certainly, with the remembrance of those fifty days we can look forward to the Priestly Ordination of Rev. Mister James Hansen and four other Transitional Deacons at Saint Agnes Cathedral on 20 June 2015. Closer to "home" and with the help of today's beautiful bulletin cover, we can look forward to being led by the Spirit of Our Holy Redeemer to the Nautical Mile for our second annual Summer Concert Series, which begins on 10 June 2015, and the 5 July 2015 return of Mass on the Waterfront. What however, are we going to do here at home, where coming home is what it's all about? If you have any ideas please call home!

