

***Renewing the Church in Manville  
Prayer Service: June 25, 2012***

**Presider:** God, come to our assistance.

**All:** Lord, make haste to help us.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.**

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

*OPENING PRAYER*

**Presider:** Almighty God, we call upon your Holy Spirit to bless our efforts to Renew the Church in Manville. May we be guided by wisdom and prudence and truly serve the Body of Christ bringing honor and glory to your holy Name.

*PROVERBS 8:1,4-12*

**All: I, wisdom, live with prudence, and I attain knowledge and discretion.**

**Men:** Does not wisdom call,  
and does not understanding raise her voice?  
'To you, O people, I call,  
and my cry is to all that live.  
O simple ones, learn prudence;  
acquire intelligence, you who lack it.

**Women:** Hear, for I will speak noble things,  
and from my lips will come what is right;  
for my mouth will utter truth;  
wickedness is an abomination to my lips.

**Men:** All the words of my mouth are righteous;  
there is nothing twisted or crooked in them.  
They are all straight to one who understands  
and right to those who find knowledge.

**Women:** Take my instruction instead of silver,  
and knowledge rather than choice gold;  
for wisdom is better than jewels,  
and all that you may desire cannot compare with her.

**All: I, wisdom, live with prudence, and I attain knowledge and discretion.**

*SCRIPTURE (JAMES 1:2-8)*

My brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of any kind,  
consider it nothing but joy,  
because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance;  
and let endurance have its full effect,  
so that you may be mature and complete,  
lacking in nothing.

If any of you is lacking in wisdom,  
ask God, who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly,  
and it will be given you.

But ask in faith, never doubting,  
for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea,  
driven and tossed by the wind;  
for the doubter, being double-minded and unstable in every way,  
must not expect to receive anything from the Lord.

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*PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT FOR WISDOM*

**All:** Holy Spirit, who with the Father and the Son in the beginning hovered over the deep and formless void to give it shape, and breathed the breath of life into humanity and every living creature, come now from Heaven, come now from your throne of glory.

**Be with us and help us; work with us and teach us what is pleasing to You. You, who know all things, guide us to be prudent in all our undertakings, and protect us by your glory. Only then will everything we do, be acceptable in your sight. Amen.**

*INTERCESSIONS (RESPONSE: **COME, WISDOM OF GOD**)*

**Presider:** God of all Holiness and hope, cleanse the church from all that is selfish, complacent and worldly, that we might reflect your glory and bring hope to those who seek direction and meaning to their lives. Hear us as we pray...

**All: Come, Wisdom of God.**

**Presider:** God of all wisdom and honor, give our leaders integrity and our world the openness to listen and the courage to forgive. Hear us as we pray...

**All: Come, Wisdom of God.**

**Presider:** God of all healing and wholeness, give to those who are in pain or suffering all that they need both physically and spiritually. Hear us as we pray...

**All: Come, Wisdom of God.**

**Presider:** God of eternity, as you welcome into your Kingdom those who have died we thank you for the example of their lives. Hear us as we pray...

**All: Come, Wisdom of God.**

**Presider:** I now invite you to voice your own intentions.  
Hear us as we pray...

**All: Come, Wisdom of God.**

**Presider:** May the wisdom of God help us to keep the needs of the faithful in Manville as our highest priority as we discern His will for our faith communities. Let us now pray with confidence as our Savior has taught us:

*OUR FATHER*

*CLOSING PRAYER*

Almighty God and heavenly Father, open our eyes to see you at work in our world: grant us wisdom in using our gifts, grace to enliven the church in Manville, and courage to transform our community. By your Holy Spirit equip us for the challenges ahead, excite us to follow your vision and empower us in witness and service. To you be the glory through Jesus Christ our Savior and mighty redeemer. Amen

