



Holy Spirit Catholic Community



“Wind of the Spirit”

Stained Glass Window

Located in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel behind the tabernacle is the beautiful, commissioned, stained-glass window entitled, “Wind of the Spirit”. This window was designed and constructed by Ellen Mandelbaum from Long Island City, New York. Ellen uses different techniques in her work, from traditional stained glass technique to painting on the glass and then re-firing it. Some of her paint includes metallics which take on a different color as the light changes throughout the day and night.

Ellen depicts the wind of the Spirit moving around and through us. Starting with the prairie grasses at the bottom of the window, the wind of the Spirit begins to rustle and then takes flight through the air. Many parishioners have seen different aspects of the Spirit while meditating in the chapel. Here are some of their reflections. “I love the colors, how the wind moves in the blue sky.” “I can see a dove with its wings spread right in the middle of the window...it looks like it’s open and free and I should be willing to accept it.” “The Spirit is unexpected; it may come as a bright red intersecting our lives or as a splatter, spreading through the air like at the top of the window.” The next time you are praying in the chapel, take time to look at this unique window and reflect on how the Spirit is moving in you!

