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ARE FORGIVEN THEM,
AND WHOSE SINS YOU RETAIN
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JOHN 20:22-23

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NEXT WEEK'S APPOINTMENTS

LECTORS

Sat. June 11 - 4:00 PM - Joyce Cunningham, NOT FILLED
Sun. June 12 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci,
Susan Podoletz
Sun. June 12 - 10:00 AM - Barbara Bundy, Bob Olson

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Sat. June 11 - 4:00 PM - Ryan Donoughe, Sadie Swope
Sun. June 12 - 8:00 AM - Emily Miller, Amber Yasolsky
Sun. June 12 - 10:00 AM - Camille Krug, Abigail Hovance

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Sat. June 11 - 4:00 PM - Connie Baker,
Susanna Tomlinson
Sun. June 12 - 8:00 AM - Lou Ann Clark
Sun. June 12 - 10:00 AM - Donna Moyer,
Dolores Capriotti

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Sat. June 11 - 4:00 PM - Betsy Lloyd, Billy Sweet,
Dennis Moughemer, Karen Moughemer
Sun. June 12 - 8:00 AM - Ginny Reeder, Jane Strasser,
Diane Turcovsky, Daniel Turcovsky
Sun. June 12 - 10:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan, Walter Bloom,
Patrick Podoletz, Wendy Campbell

SACRISTAN

Sat. June 11 - 4:00 PM - Joyce Cunningham
Sun. June 12 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci
Sun. June 12 - 10:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan

SCRIP

Sat. June 11 - 4:00 PM - Julie Beiswenger, NOT FILLED
Sun. June 12 - 8:00 AM - Christopher Palazzi,
NOT FILLED
Sun. June 12 - 10:00 AM - Peg Madden, Marge Rudolph



PENTECOST SUNDAY
JUNE 5, 2022

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A Few Words from the Pastor:

OUR CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS! – We are most grateful to all who have participated in the celebration of our St. John's School Reunion last Saturday. It was a perfect reunion, with lots of sharing of stories and renewing of old friendships! A SPECIAL THANKS to Ginny Reeder and her crew for a great party! Now we look forward to our Gala celebration with Bishop Mark on June 26th! Formal invitations for the celebration with Bishop Mark have been sent! If you have not yet responded to your invitation, please consider doing so! If by chance you did not receive an invitation, call our parish office! Get out the word! As the hymn goes, "All are welcome." We anticipate a good attendance!!

OUR NEWLY ORDAINED PRIEST ASSIGNED TO ST. JOHN'S AND ST. ROSE! Father Brian Norris, a son of St. Mary's Parish in Hollidaysburg, was ordained to the priesthood last Saturday and has been assigned as parochial vicar to serve our two parishes. Father Norris will reside here at St. John's, but will have his office at St. Rose. We will share pastoral responsibilities, very much in the way that Father Nelson Xavier has done. Father Nelson will receive his new assignment later this month. These assignments take effect at the end of June. Our prayers and congratulations to both!

PENTECOST SUNDAY: ITS BIBLICAL ROOTS! - The term Pentecost comes from the Greek word meaning "fiftieth". It refers to the Jewish spring harvest festival of Shavuot celebrated on the fiftieth day after Passover. It is also known as the "Feast of Weeks" and the "Feast of 50 days" in rabbinic tradition. The date for the "Feast of Weeks" originally came the day after seven full weeks following the first harvest of grain. Christians kept the name of "Pentecost" but began to calculate the date of the feast based on Easter rather than Passover.

A SPECIAL MEMORIAL HONORING MARY! Having attentively considered how greatly the promotion of this devotion might encourage the growth of the maternal sense of the Church, as well as a growth of genuine Marian piety, Pope Francis in 2018 decreed that the *Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church*, should be inscribed in the Roman Calendar on the Monday after Pentecost and is to be celebrated annually.

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL. The Secretariat of Evangelization and Catechesis has announced that the dioceses of the United States are being invited to embark on a three-year National Eucharistic Revival. The theme for this Revival is "*My Flesh for the Life of the World*." Each Diocese has been invited into a mission of renewing the Church by enkindling a living relationship and encounter with Jesus Christ through the Holy Eucharist, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, and Spiritual Enrichment.

Our Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown along with dioceses throughout the United States will launch in unity this Eucharistic Revival on Corpus Christi Sunday, June 19, 2022, with a 7:00 p.m. outdoor **MASS** at the Shrine of our Lady of the Alleghenies in Loretto celebrated by Bishop Mark and Concelebrating Priests at 7:00 p.m. (Weather permitting). Also included in this day will be **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION** in the Basilica of St. Michael, from 3:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. and the **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** both indoors and outside also from 3:00 - 6:30 p.m. At the close of Mass, a **EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION** will take place from the outside Altar and around the Shrine area. Concelebrating Priests, Deacons, the Knights of Columbus, Catholic Daughters, the Legion of Mary, and this years' **First Communicants** as well as anyone who is able, are invited to join in the procession.

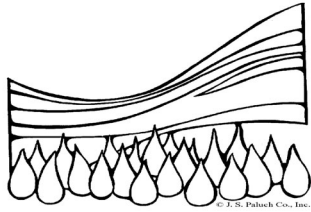
SELECTION OF NEW PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS – The following have accepted the invitation to be considered for our Parish Council through the drawing of lots at the Masses on June 19, Corpus Christi Sunday: Barbara Harpster, Connie McManuels, Maria Spayd, Amber Yasolsky, Tyler Mueller, Carolyn English, Mary Truesdale, and Mary Susick. Six of nominees will be chosen by lot at our Sunday Masses, after we have prayed for the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

June Prayer Intention of Pope Francis

For families

We pray for Christian families around the world; may they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives.





**Pentecost Sunday
June 5, 2022**

[I]n one Spirit we were all baptized
into one body.

— 1 Corinthians 12:13a

Schedule for the Week

Sunday, June 5 - Pentecost

8:00 AM - Mass for *People of the Parish*

10:00 AM - Mass for *Orville Caldwell* requested by
Barbara Bundy

Monday, June 6 - The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

8:30 AM - Communion Service

Tuesday, June 7 - Weekday

8:30 AM - Mass for *Leonard & Mary Catherine Majestic*,
in memory of their anniversary, requested by
Barbara Bundy

Wednesday, June 8 - Weekday

5:30 PM - Confessions

6:00 PM - Mass for *Daniel Kubitsky* requested by
Donna Messner

Thursday, June 9 - Weekday

8:30 AM - Communion Service

Friday, June 10 - Weekday

8:30 AM - Communion Service

Saturday, June 11 - Vigil of The Most Holy Trinity

4:00 PM - Mass for *Terry McManuels* requested by
Dave & Connie McManuels

Sunday, June 12 - The Most Holy Trinity

8:00 AM - Mass for *People of the Parish*

10:00 AM - Mass for *46th Year Anniversary Remembrance*
of Fred & Karen Mazzarella requested by
Karen Mazzarella

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: Each one of us, young and old alike, is personally called today by the Holy Spirit in to the same mission as that of the first Apostles; to advance the kingdom of God in our corner of the world. The Holy Spirit speaks to us in our "own language" to give us the Good News of the Gospel and urges us to share it. We can think of our own language as the particular gifts, talents and passions we possess. We truly serve a personal God who sees each of us as unique and individual creations. And our own mission to fulfill in grateful service of the Kingdom of God. When we surrender ourselves to God, putting Him first in all aspects of life, our time, talents, and finances, we can count on life that is challenging, yes, but even more so a life as a great adventure because it is a life guided and directed by the very source of power and creativity, the Holy Spirit. (*Stewardship Reflection*, Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. 2019/05/03)

May 21/22 2022

Envelopes	\$ 2,706.00
Loose Offerings	\$ 308.00
Children's Offerings	\$ 10.00
Parish Development	\$ 50.00
Catholic Home Mission	\$ 10.00
Ascension	\$ 1.00
Food Bank Collection	\$ 10.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,606.00
Total Offertory	\$ 4,701.00

Catholic Ministries Drive

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Goal - \$42,211

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Total Payments/Pledges/Donations \$190,861

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14; Ps 87:1-3, 5-7;
Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 17:7-16; Ps 4:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 18:20-39; Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab, 8, 11;
Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: 1 Kgs 18:41-46; Ps 65:10-13; Mt 5:20-26

Friday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16; Ps 27:7-9abc, 13-14;
Mt 5:27-32

Saturday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-10;
Mt 5:33-37

Sunday: Prv 8:22-31; Ps 8:4-9; Rom 5:1-5;
Jn 16:12-15

SUMMER OUTDOOR MASSES: All the faithful of the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese are invited to our outdoor Masses every **Sunday evening at 7 PM** at the beautiful **Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies**. The first Mass of the season will be celebrated May 29th! Outdoor Masses will continue through Labor Day weekend- September 4, 2022. Please bring a lawn chair. In the event of inclement weather, the Mass will be celebrated in the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel. The Chapel House of Father Demetrius Gallitzin is not open for personal tours. However, we will be open for visiting hours this summer. The hours that one may visit the Chapel House are: June 5, June 19, July 17, July 31, August 14, and August 28 from 3:00PM to 6:00PM.

ST JOHN'S PRAYER LIST

Please call Ginny Reeder (695-7671) or email her at giny.reeder@gmail.com to add or remove someone from the prayer list. PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING and their caregivers and give thanks for those who have recovered. *Lord we ask for your blessings and care for these and all people in need:*

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Bernie Beiswenger • Scott Brenneman • Dan Burley
Cari Ann • Arthur Campbell • Cheryl Cherry
Michelle Cooney • Mary Lee DeStefano
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Leann Frazier • Dr. Susan Gandy • Donna Harpster
Norman Hastings • Don James • Nancy James
Tim Jimenez • Lisa • Sherri Maffettone
Genevieve Mathias • Angela Mazzei • Susie Miller
Karrie McCall • Sylvia Louise Mills • Ailani Myers
Patricia Olson • Linda Pletcher • Mary Rajnish
Ryan Raybuck • Allison Recker • Vicki Riley • John Rita
Carol Rodgers • Olga Romerowicz • Mike Rudolph
Bruce Shank • Anne Showalter • Betsy Slat
Mary Jo Stephenson • Tim Temofonte
Marion Tessitore • Mary Truesdale • Kathy Wagner
Lois Werfel**

Please respect the person's right to privacy and secure permission before placing a name on the Prayer List. We ask that when a person recovers you call the office and have their name removed from the list.

USE SCRIP: Scrip fundraising is a program that enables families to raise money for St. John's. Scrip is just another way to pay for everyday purchases using gift cards in place of cash, checks, and credit cards. You purchase gift cards from us at face value, and we order those cards from Great Lakes Scrip Center at a reduced price. Stop by the scrip table before or after Mass for more information. You can also order scrip gift cards and track your scrip rebates online, all in one convenient location: raiseright.com.

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FAITH FORMATION NEWS

**Registration for the 2022-2023 Year is now open.
Please contact Diane Ryan for more information:
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814-942-5503**

2nd Grade Catholic School students must be registered to receive their First Communion at St. John's in the spring.

9th-11th Grade Catholic School students must be registered to receive the sacrament of Confirmation.

FEAST OF ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CELEBRATION: Please join us for a celebration honoring the Feast of St. Anthony of Padua on Tuesday, June 13th at St. Bernardine Monastery, Hollidaysburg. The event will include an outdoor Mass, Blessing of St. Anthony's Bread, and Blessing with First Class Relic of St. Anthony. Mass will begin at 10:00 AM, followed by bread distribution. The celebration will be rain or shine as it will be under a tent and please bring a chair!

FATIMA DEVOTIONS: The Franciscan Friars, T.O.R., from Loretto, invite you to participate with them in celebrating the Fatima Devotions on Monday June 13th, 2022 at 6:30pm in the Sunken Gardens at Mount Assisi (In case of inclement weather we will be at the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel). We are really looking forward to seeing you.

100TH ANNIVERSARY NEWS

June 26: Our final event of our 100th Anniversary year is on Sunday, June 26. Bishop Mark Bartchak will preside at the 10:00 Mass that day, followed by a luncheon at the Casino.

A formal invitation has been mailed to parishioners. Please RSVP by May 31 if you plan to attend lunch at the Casino.

If you did not receive an invitation in the mail, please call the office - 814-942-5503.



WELGE SCHOLARSHIP: Students registered at Blair County Parishes who will be college juniors or seniors this fall may apply to receive one of four \$500 grants from the Adelaide Welge Scholarship Endowment. Please visit the "Grants & Scholarships" page of the Independent Catholic Foundation website (www.icfoundation.us) to download an application, which should be returned to the Foundation no later than 4:00 PM, Wednesday, June 8. Award recipients will be notified in July and announced on the Foundation's Facebook page.

FAITH DAY JUNE 25, 2022: The Family Life Office of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown invites you to join us for the return of Faith Day at Delgrosso's Amusement Park! This year, Faith Day will be held on Saturday, June 25 in conjunction with the World Meeting of Families in Rome.



While admission to the Park is always free (opens @ 8am), for those attending Faith Day, Ride-and-Slide passes are reduced to \$20! Normally, \$31.95! The day will culminate with Mass with Bishop Mark at the large pavilion at 4:30pm. Following Mass, we will share a meal. You must purchase a meal ticket in advance for \$10/person, which includes rotisserie chicken, penne pasta, salad, pickle, a roll, an ice cream cup and a beverage. You can purchase a smaller children's portion for \$8, or a vegetarian meal for \$9, which includes everything but the chicken. This discounted dinner price must be purchased in advance by Friday, June 17, by using the order form in your parish bulletin or going to our online ticketing page <https://ajdiocese.weshareonline.org/ws/opportunities/FaithDay2022atDelGrossosAmusementParkTipton>

or by scanning the QR code. Please note that if you would prefer to purchase through the park food vendors or restaurants, or to bring your own dinner, you are welcome to do so. We are looking forward to celebrating with you again!



FAMILIES AND THE GOSPEL: Today's gospel tells us God actually wants to take up residence in your family, "We will come and make our home with you." Every family is called to be a tabernacle where God dwells. Is Jesus a permanent member of your family or a temporary guest? Today the promise is given. The choice is ours. *Reprinted with permission: A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar.*

CARMELITE COMMUNITY OF THE WORD TRIDUUM OF INTENTIONAL PRAYER FOR HAITI: The Carmelite Community of the Word Sisters would like to invite you to take part in three days of prayer in anticipation of the Feast of Mother of Perpetual Help, who is the Patroness of Haiti. We will begin our intentional prayer on June 24, 2022 and continue for three days until the feast on June 27, 2022. Please join us in reciting the Prayer to Our Mother of Perpetual Help, which can be found on our website: www.ccwsisters.org. We will also provide some additional information about Haiti and the Little Sisters on each of the three days on our website. Please join us in prayer for this country that needs so much.

Pentecost SUNDAY

Then there appeared to them tongues
as of fire, which parted and
came to rest on each one of them.

Acts 2:3



JUNE 5, 2022

GOD'S ONGOING WORK

In today's Gospel Luke, the author of Acts, links the "time of Pentecost" to the Jewish Feast of Weeks. This was a harvest festival, fifty days after Passover. The feast became a celebration of God's gift of the Torah, the law of Moses, remembering Exodus 19. Luke suggests that just as the Feast of Weeks was a culmination of Passover, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit was a culmination of the Resurrection. In both Passover and Easter, God's extraordinary saving action rescued God's people from oppression and death. Because of these actions, the stage was set for the gift of Torah, and similarly for Christians, the gift of the Spirit. The ongoing presence of the Spirit sustains us to face life's burdens gracefully. The Spirit also challenges us daily to mature in our capacity to love, and to take part in God's ongoing work to rescue all God's people.

WHAT GOD IS UP TO

The Christian community gathered in the Upper Room, awaiting the Holy Spirit, has long stirred the Christian imagination. In our own time, when the Church has a long history of Christian faith but now faces many challenges, we might return to this image. Like the first disciples, we often don't know what to do next. What used to work for us doesn't work as well. We need to stay together, honor diversity, reflect upon the roots of our faith, and remain rooted in prayer.

Yet there is more. Pentecost has happened and is happening. The Spirit has already burst out into the world, already stirring among those who are confused about God. The Book of Acts tells the story of a Church continually pushed out by the Spirit, to join in what God was already up to, out in the world. We too are invited not only to remember our unity and our roots, but to pay acute attention to how the Spirit is working in our local communities.

VARIETY OF GIFTS

In today's second reading, Saint Paul wrote to the Church in Corinth, a community encountering tensions and divisions over spiritual gifts. Paul reminds them that the Spirit shares a variety of gifts; none is better than any other, and all are needed by the whole Church. The Spirit is revealed in the diversity of gifts offered by individuals and by distinct groups. The Spirit desires that the Church live as an interdependent, cohesive whole, as the Body of Christ.

A parish can be a collegial partnership where parishioners, clergy, and ministry staff can confidently share God's gifts. Gifts from persons and groups of diverse backgrounds can be honored. Gifts that tend to be less visible, such as in finance, custodial work, or administration, can be celebrated as much as those in preaching and music. May we notice God's grace in this diversity.

TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 2:1–11

Psalms 104:1, 24, 29–30, 31, 34

1 Corinthians 12:3b–7, 12–13 or

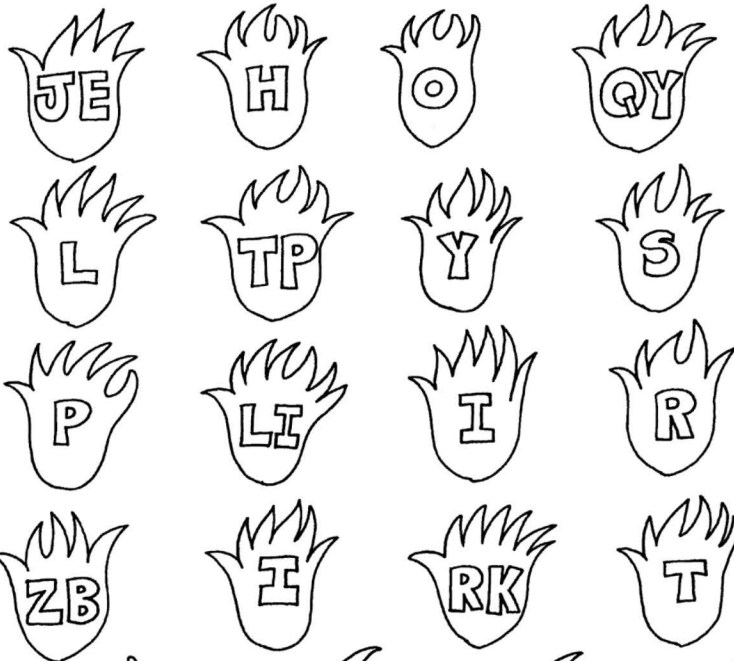
Romans 8:8–17

John 20:19–23 or 14:15–16, 23b–26

God's Word for Children

God has sent us a helper to help us
do right and make good choices.
Color all the flames with two letters.

The letters that are left will spell the helper's name.
Write it onto the blanks in the fire at the bottom.



Thank you, God, for the

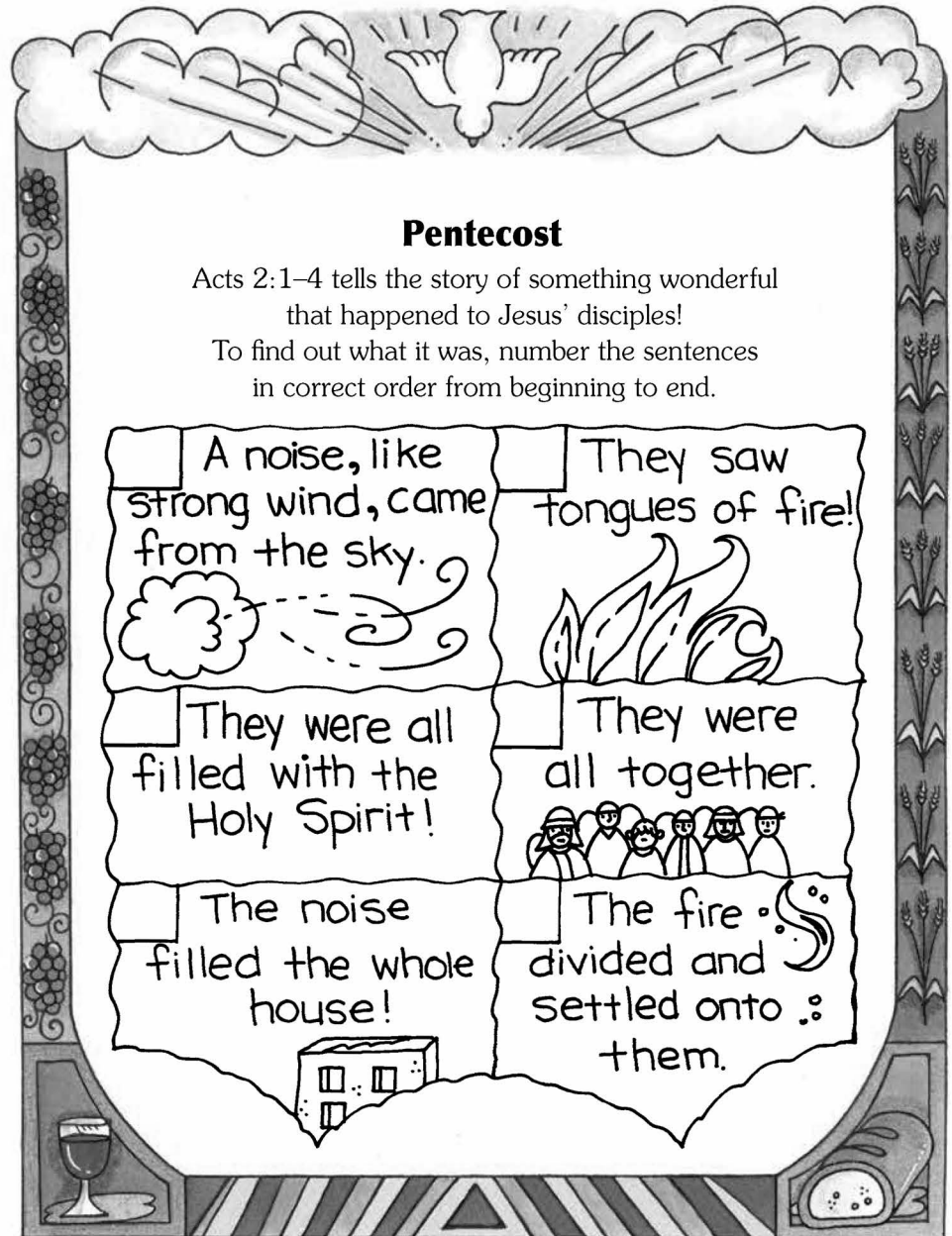
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Pentecost

Acts 2:1-4 tells the story of something wonderful
that happened to Jesus' disciples!
To find out what it was, number the sentences
in correct order from beginning to end.

<input type="checkbox"/> A noise, like strong wind, came from the sky.	<input type="checkbox"/> They saw tongues of fire!
<input type="checkbox"/> They were all filled with the Holy Spirit!	<input type="checkbox"/> They were all together.
<input type="checkbox"/> The noise filled the whole house!	<input type="checkbox"/> The fire divided and settled onto them.



And they were all filled with the holy Spirit
and began to speak in different tongues.

Acts 2 : 4



COME, HOLY SPIRIT



On the feast of Pentecost, before the Gospel is proclaimed, we sing or pray the *Veni, Sancte Spiritus* ("Come, Holy Spirit"). This prayer is called a Sequence, a hymn of praise sung on certain feasts during the liturgical year—Easter, Pentecost, and the solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi).

The Holy Spirit is often represented as fire, wind, or a dove. The Sequence refers to the Holy Spirit by many different names and images. Here are a few. Choose one or two and draw your own illustration. Talk with someone or think about how these names and images help us to understand more about the Holy Spirit's work in us.



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