

***Pentecost Sunday***  
***May 28, 2023***

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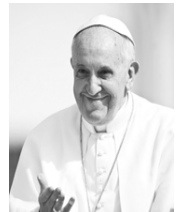
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***MASS SCHEDULE***

***MONDAY - 8:30 AM TUESDAY - 8:30 AM***  
***WEDNESDAY - 6:00 PM***  
***THURSDAY - 8:30 AM FRIDAY - 8:30 AM***  
***SATURDAY - 4:00 PM***  
***SUNDAY - 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM***

***May Prayer Intention of Pope Francis***  
***For Church Movements and Groups***

We pray that Church movements  
and groups may rediscover their  
mission of evangelization each day,  
placing their own charisms at the  
service of needs in the world.



***NEXT WEEK'S APPOINTMENTS***

**LECTORS**

Sat. June 3 - 4:00 PM - James Krug, Joyce Cunningham  
Sun. June 4 - 8:00 AM - Susan Podoletz, Darlene Scarpaci  
Sun. June 4 - 10:00 AM - Iris Tatar, Barbara Bundy

**ALTAR SERVERS**

Sat. June 3 - 4:00 PM - Sadie Swope, Abigail Hovance  
Sun. June 4 - 8:00 AM - Emily Miller, Nicholas Helsley  
Sun. June 4 - 10:00 AM - Evie Koch, Estella Koch

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

Sat. June 3 - 4:00 PM - Connie Baker, NOT FILLED  
Sun. June 4 - 8:00 AM - Lou Ann Clark  
Sun. June 4 - 10:00 AM - Susanna Tomlinson, Bob Olson

**MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY**

Sat. June 3 - 4:00 PM - Dennis Moughemer, Karen Moughemer,  
Larry VanSickel, Paula VanSickel  
Sun. June 4 - 8:00 AM - Ginny Reeder, Jane Strasser, Mary Truesdale,  
Ed Stoltz  
Sun. June 4 - 10:00 AM - Dolores Capriotti, Walter Bloom, Peg Madden,  
Wendy Campbell

**SACRISTAN**

Sat. June 3 - 4:00 PM - Ray & Mary King  
Sun. June 4 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci  
Sun. June 4 - 10:00 AM - Dolores Capriotti

**SCRIP**

Sat. June 3 - 4:00 PM - NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED  
Sat. June 4 - 8:00 AM - Christopher Palazzi  
Sun. June 4 - 10:00 AM - Peg Madden, Marge Rudolph

## A Few Words from the Pastor:

**MEMORIAL DAY MASS AT 9 AM** – Monday is our secular version of All Souls Day and was originally called Decoration Day until 1971. The years following the end of the Civil War in 1865 saw American communities tending to the remains and graves of an unprecedented number of war dead. All the previous wars and conflicts fought by the United States combined would still not add up to the body count produced by the Civil War. On the first official Decoration Day -- May 30, 1868 -- Ohio Rep. James A. Garfield, a former general and future U.S. president, addressed a crowd of 5,000 gathered at Arlington National Cemetery. *Please join us for Mass at 9:00 to pray for our departed veterans and family members.*

**PENTECOST!** We celebrate today the glorious feast of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and the Church. Pentecost comes from the Greek word meaning "fiftieth". It refers to the Jewish festival of Shavuot celebrated on the fiftieth day after Passover. May we be renewed this day in our generous response to the gifts of the Spirit given to us in Baptism and Confirmation.

**GRADUATIONS ARE HERE!** The month of May brings with it the graduation of our children from grade school, high school, college and beyond. The word "Commencement," which is at times considered an ending, actually means "beginning," as our young people move forward and "commence" into adulthood. Our congratulations to all!

**MASS FOR OUR GRADUATES!** Mark your calendars for our celebration of our graduates on Saturday, June 24, at 4:00 PM Mass.

**SUMMER IS FOR LEISURE** - How often people come back from a high energy vacation rather exhausted, needing time to recover. As the summer is upon us, it might be valuable to reflect upon the deeper meaning of leisure. The gift of leisure is not simply the result of having spare time, a holiday, a weekend, or vacation. The Bible tells us that on the seventh day God rested. We are to do the same. Genuine, God-given leisure is, first of all, an attitude of mind, a condition of the soul. It is an attitude of non-activity, an inward calm, of silence. It means not being busy, but letting things happen. It brings with it a certain serenity. It involves our sitting quietly and being content to let things take their course. It is the attitude of those who are open to everything; not of those who grab and grab hold, but those who leave the reins loose and are free and easy themselves. May God bless us with a leisurely summer, a summer blessed with leisure!

**REACHING OUT TO EVANGELIZE** - With Covid behind us, is important that we renew our commitment to our outreach to those wishing to learn more about the Faith, and who may seek full initiation into the Church. We are most grateful to Mark Krepich, who for many years has continued to take the lead in this ministry. We are now seeking additional team members who can share in this work of evangelization. This ministry is fundamentally one of accompaniment: Catholics willing to accompany those desiring to be Catholic. Please consider this invitation to share your faith with others. You may contact Mark ([mark.krepich@gmail.com](mailto:mark.krepich@gmail.com)) or Msgr. Becker with your interest.



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**The Wild Goose with Fr. Dave Pivonka**

The Wild Goose series is truly a work of the Holy Spirit from 4PM Media and the The Ministry of The Wild Goose. "Wild Goose" was a term that the ancient Celts had for the Holy Spirit. It is a 14 part series featuring Fr. Dave Pivonka TOR and various interviews. Shot in various locations from Niagara Falls to the California desert. The Wild Goose invites viewers to an encounter, or a renewed encounter, with the Holy Spirit.



An offering from the  AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE and  OPUS PRESS



Congratulations, Fr. Norris, on the First Anniversary of your Ordination! St. John the Evangelist Parish is blest to have you and are so thankful to have you as a role model to so many in our parish. May God grant you grace and strength to continue the good work that you have started. Happy Anniversary and may God continue to bless you with many great years of service to God and His people!

## Schedule for the Week of May 28

### Sunday, May 28 - Pentecost Sunday

8:00 AM - Mass for *Wiona Reeder* requested by Bob & Ginny Reeder

10:00 AM - Mass for *Dave Litzinger* requested by Carole Litzinger

### Monday, May 29 - The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

9:00 AM - Mass for *People of the Parish* requested by Mary

### Tuesday, May 30 - Weekday

8:30 AM - Mass for *Orville Caldwell* requested by Barbara Bundy

### Wednesday, May 31 - The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

5:30 PM - Confessions

6:00 PM - Mass for *Leonard & Mary Catherine Majestic* requested by Barbara Bundy

### Thursday, June 1 - St. Justin, Martyr

8:30 AM - Mass for *Carolyn Rouch* requested by Bob & Ginny Reeder

### Friday, June 2 - Weekday

8:30 AM - Mass for *Darla Frye* requested by Anthony Frye

### Saturday, June 3 - Vigil of The Most Holy Trinity

4:00 PM - Mass for *Barbara Neral* requested by Deacon Gene Neral

### Sunday, June 4 - The Most Holy Trinity

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

10:00 AM - Mass for *Rose Marie Nail* requested by Mary Ann Cole

**EWTN APP:** You can enjoy EWTN Live Streams (TV & Radio), many of the popular TV and Radio shows On Demand, prayers and devotionals, and keep up on the latest Catholic news. Also included free is the full RSV-CE Bible and Gospel of Mark Audio from the Truth & Life New Testament Audio Bible. To download the app, go to ewtnapps.com.

#### 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: Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23; Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Lk 1:39-56

Thursday: Sir 42:15-25; Ps 33:2-9; Mk 10:46-52

Friday: Sir 44:1, 9-13; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a, 9b; Mk 11:11-26

Saturday: Sir 51:12cd-20; Ps 19:8-11; Mk 11:27-33

Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9; Dn 3:52-55; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER:** The Holy Spirit gives us gifts and guidance in a very personal way. We are meant to use these gifts to build up the Body of Christ. The outpouring of the Spirit was a personalized way of "gifting" the apostles, allowing them each to reach different people, sharing with them the "mighty acts of God." Embracing the stewardship way of life means that we allow the Holy Spirit to guide us in the best use of the unique gifts He has given to each of us, to accomplish the particular mission entrusted to us.

Jesus gives us this mission in our Gospel passage from John, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." But we must not let this responsibility overwhelm us. Jesus Himself, tells us "Peace be with you."

As this Easter season comes to a close, let us be at peace. And let us resolve to lean on the Holy Spirit more and more as our guide through the stewardship way of life. ([www.CatholicSteward.com](http://www.CatholicSteward.com), 4/21/2023)

#### May 13/14

Envelopes	\$ 4,072.00
Loose Offerings	\$ 428.00
Children's Offerings	\$ .20
Parish Development	\$ 45.00
Catholic Communication	\$ 25.00
Catholic Education	\$ 50.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$ 170.00
Ascension	\$ 25.00
2nd Sunday Food Collection	\$ 297.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,743.00
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 6,685.20</b>

2023 Catholic Ministries Drive Goal - \$41,761

January 1, 2023 to April 30, 2023

Gifts/Pledges \$31,885

Pledge Balance (Not yet received) \$425

Total Gifts/Pledges (Received) \$31,460

**BABY DRIVE:** The Altoona Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Prince Gallitzin #2625 will be collecting baby items for Catholic Charities and other agencies in need until June 11th. Please place your donated item(s) in the baby box provided in the Gathering Space. As always, thank you very much for helping with this endeavor. God bless you all. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mary Grace Horton @ 814-942-0397 or Jennifer Crum-Waite @ 814-215-1067.

#### LAKEMONT FIRE CO. CHIX BBQ THIS SUNDAY, MAY 28:

Please support our neighbors & friends at the Fire Company with their fundraiser. 1/2 Chicken, Homemade Baked Beans, Applesauce, Roll & Butter - \$12.00 CASH - DRIVE THRU ONLY, 11:00 am until sold out. Any questions call Stan Neal @ 814-312-8056.

### **ST JOHN'S PRAYER LIST**

Please call Ginny Reeder (695-7671) or email her at [ginny.reeder@gmail.com](mailto:ginny.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:*

**All Garvey Manor Residents • Anne Showalter  
Idy Caporuscio • Mary Lee DeStefano  
Michael DeStefano • Sherryl Hartman • Patricia Olson  
Ryan Raybuck • Reed Stellabotte**

**HOME WITH THE LORD:** Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of:

***Frank Swalga***

*May he rest in the peace and joy of the Lord.*

**FAITH DAY:** 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 Sunday, June 25th. The high point of the day will be Mass with Bishop Mark at 4:30pm followed by a community dinner. Admission to the park is always free, but there will be reduced price Ride-and-Slide passes available, as well as a dinner that can be purchased. More information to come in the coming weeks!

**SAMARITAN COMMITTEE UPDATE:** St John's Parish continues to promote the Corporal Works of Mercy with the work of the Samaritan Committee. In April we were able to donate \$350 to 10 agencies and church food pantries in our area to address the needs of hunger. Thank you for your continued donations on Second Sunday of non-perishable food, time, talent and your treasure. At this critical time in history, we appreciate your efforts to attend the ever growing need to assure those in our community who are less fortunate have food in their household.

Respectfully,

Susanna Tomlinson - Samaritan Committee

**SUNDAY EVENING 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 28th! Outdoor Masses will continue through Labor Day weekend- September 3, 2023. 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 11, June 25, July 9, July 23, August 6, and August 20 from 3:00PM to 6:00PM.

### **FAITH FORMATION NEWS**

*Registration is now open for the 2023-2024 school year.*

*If you would like more information or have questions, please contact Diane Ryan at 814-942-5503 or email [stjohnsecretary@atlanticbb.net](mailto:stjohnsecretary@atlanticbb.net).*

**GOING ON VACATION?** Please use Online Giving to catch-up on offertory. Go to **[www.stjohnsaltoona.org](http://www.stjohnsaltoona.org)** and click on the Online Giving link, it's quick and easy. Your support during summer months helps sustain our parish.

**62<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL FESTIVAL AT HOLY NAME PARISH, EBENSBURG:** June 2, 3 and 4 featuring a Fish Dinner (Fried or Baked) on Friday from 4:00 to 7:00 PM, (Adults \$13.00, children under 12 \$6.00) and a Turkey Dinner on Sunday from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM, (Adults \$13.00, children under 12 \$6.00). Take out dinners available. Refreshments, games, baked goods, activities for kids, flea market, basket raffle with over 100 baskets and more!

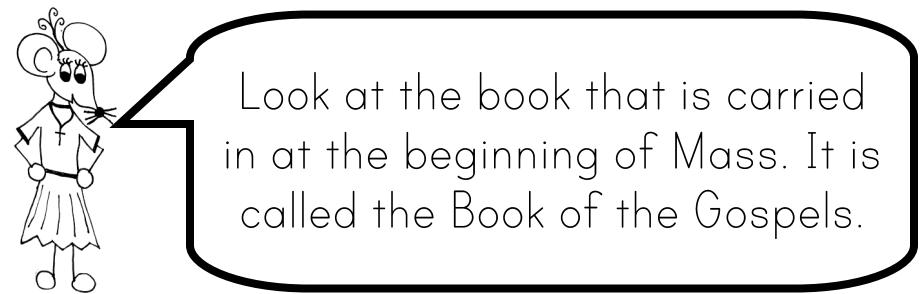
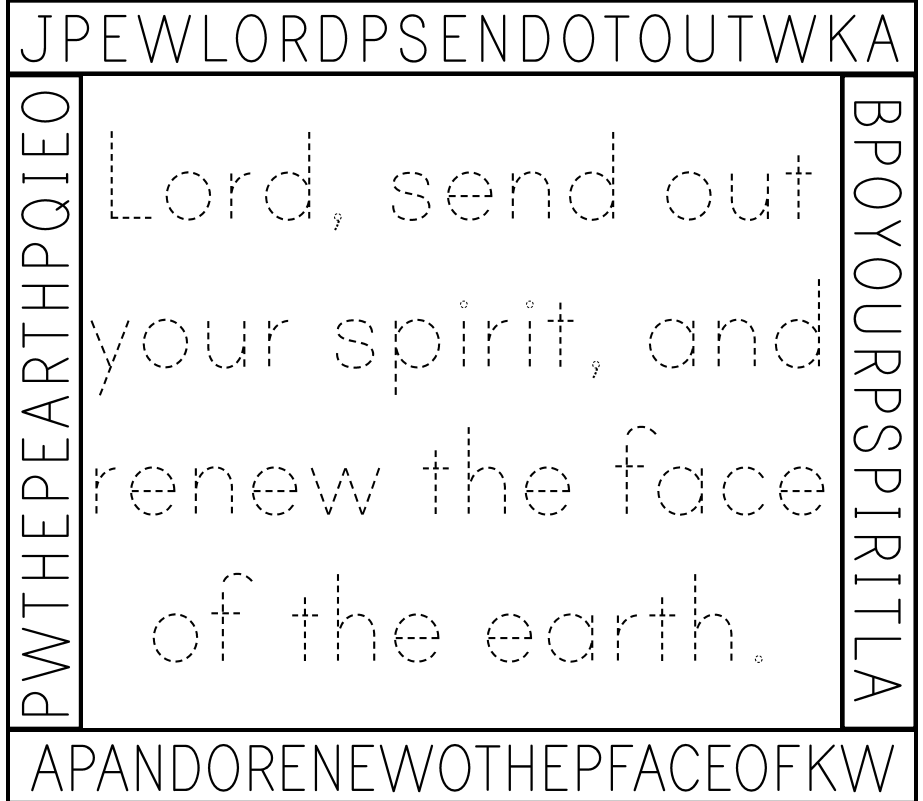
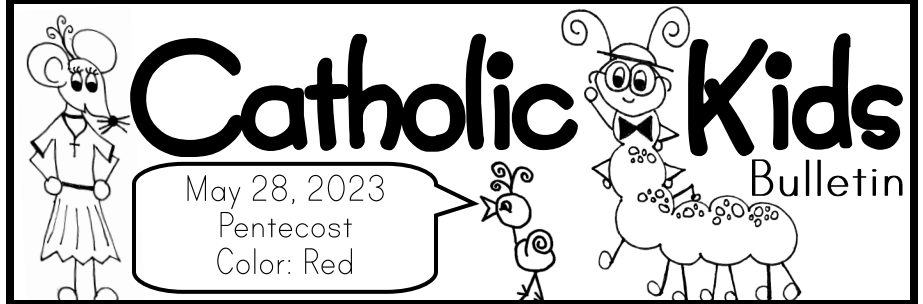
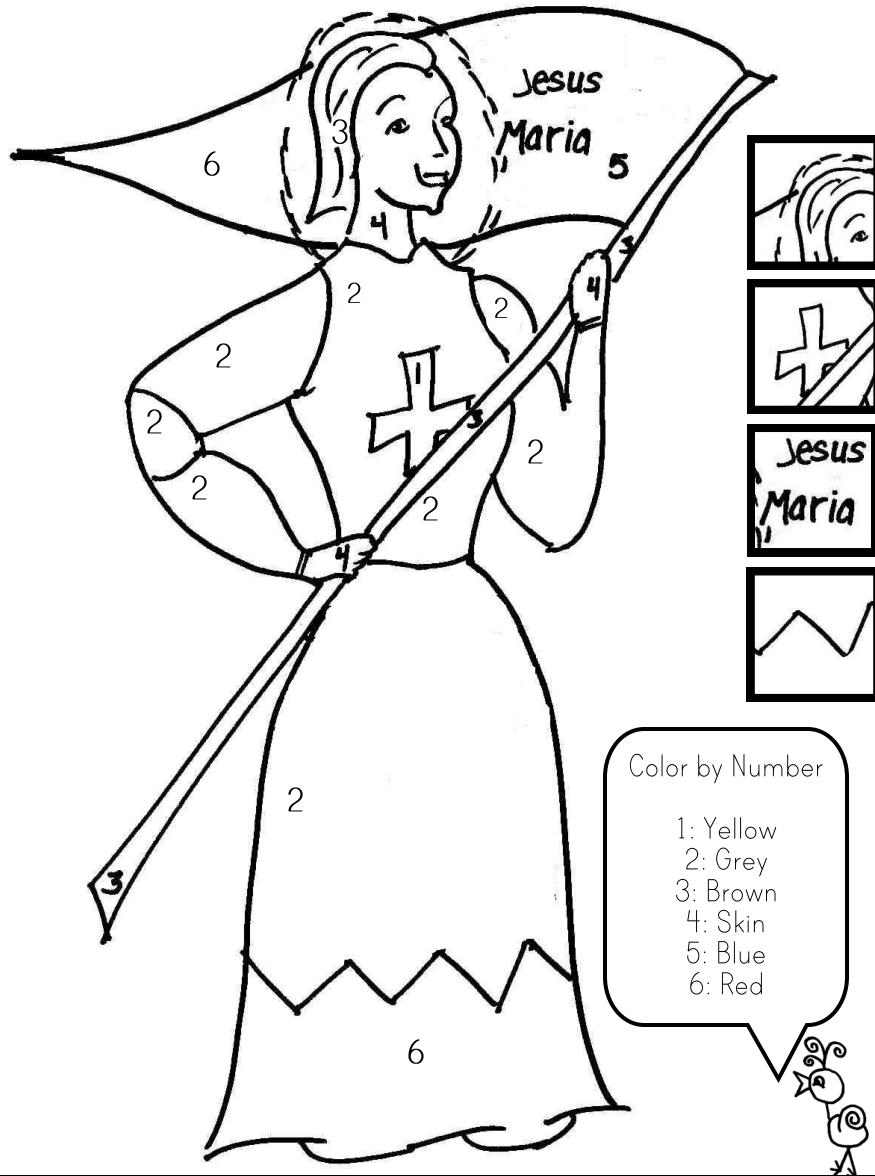
**MAY 31<sup>ST</sup> MOMENT OF PRAYER:** The General Secretariat of the Synod is inviting everyone in the Church to a moment of prayer on May 31st (Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary) in support of the upcoming first session of the 16<sup>th</sup> Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops. Each diocese has been asked to designate a place in which this prayer may be made by members of the faithful from throughout the diocese. Insofar as Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup> is the patronal feast of Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Johnstown, everyone is encouraged to participate in a special parish Mass at Visitation that evening at 6:00 p.m. Confessions will be heard at Visitation prior to the Mass from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Others are encouraged to set aside time for prayer in parishes or at home. It is recommended that recitation of the Rosary, Prayer to Mary Mother of the Church (Patroness of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown) or the Prayer for the Synod be offered. A partial indulgence is being granted for all those who participate.

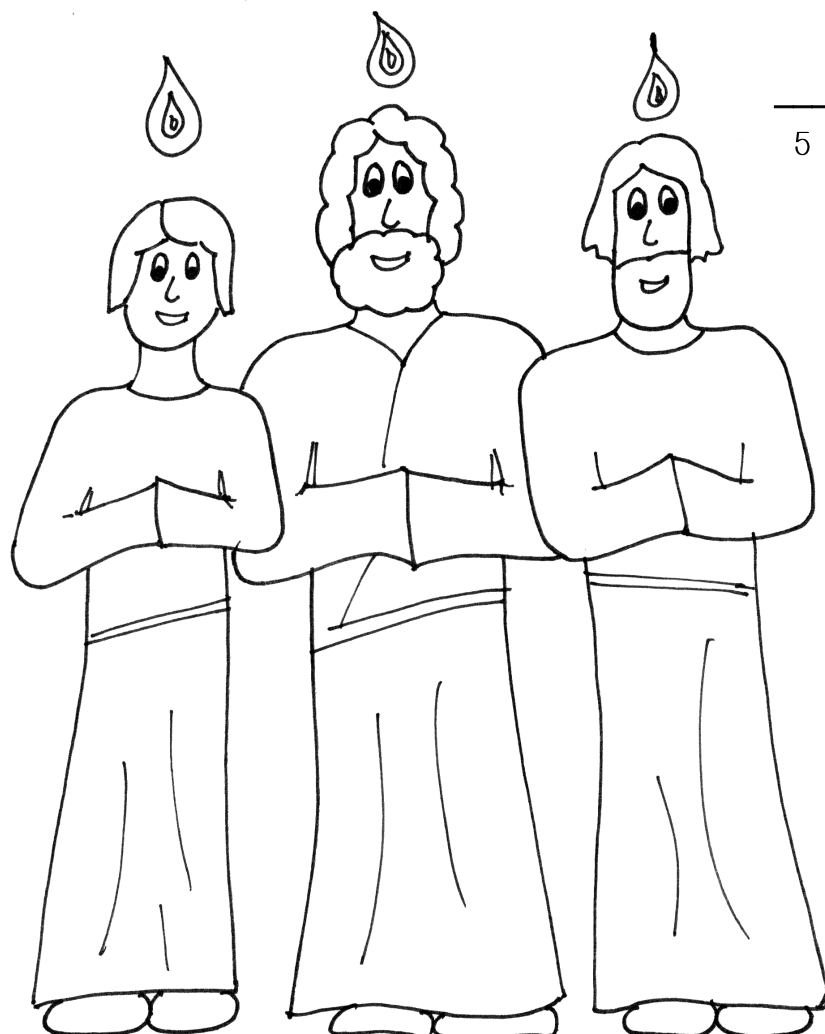
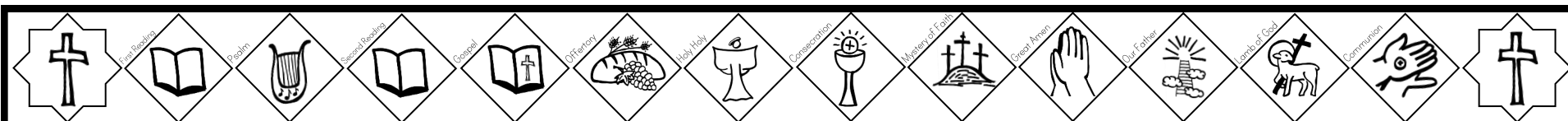
**DAY OF DISCERNMENT:** The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown Office of Vocations is sponsoring a Day of Discernment on Wednesday, May 31 from 2:00-6:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Victory Parish in State College. The event will give those who are open to a vocation to the priesthood a great opportunity to meet and interact with priests of the diocese and a diocesan seminarian. There will also be prayer, fellowship, and a great meal. The Day of Discernment is open to all men who are high school age or older. Please register by emailing Diocesan Director of Vocations Father Peter Crowe at [vocations@dioceseaj.org](mailto:vocations@dioceseaj.org) or by calling him at (814) 317-2681.



# Saint Joan of Arc

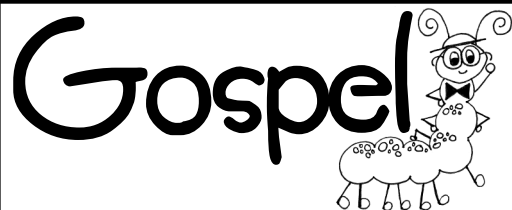
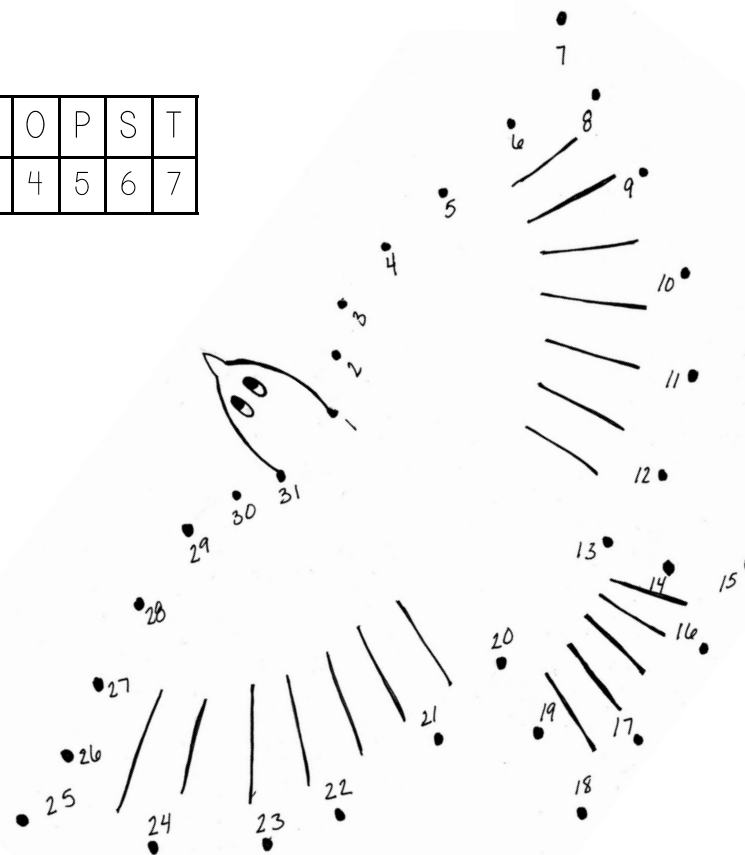
Saint Michael the Archangel told Saint Joan of Arc to lead the French army. Joan was only 16, but she followed God's message and won!





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Jesus visited the disciples and told them to, "Receive the Holy Spirit."  
The Holy Spirit is the third part of the trinity. It helps us to have strong faith in God  
and to make good choices. The Holy Spirit is shown as fire and a dove.