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RE Weekly

Holy Spirit Catholic Community Newsletter

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*"When the day of Pentecost came. All the believers were gathered **together** in one place." Acts of the Apostles 2:1.*

Those are the words I read as I read the story about the Holy Spirit coming to the disciples on Pentecost. The word **together** hit me in a new way as I keep hearing, "We are all in this together." And I thought but we aren't all gathered at church at this time!

As we aren't physically altogether, we are still the church, the disciples weren't in church either, they were gathered in a room. This week in the RE Newsletter we find special ways to celebrate the Holy Spirit in your domestic church of the home.

Jane

SUNDAY

God

Family

Friends

The church has always proclaimed that the family is the domestic church. Use this resource from the diocese as a chance to grow in love with Jesus as a family. In this resource, called "God Family Friends", mom or dad reads the Sunday Gospel aloud then there's a game, crafts,

and dinner discussions. Each Sunday a new "God Family Friends" will be sent to you.

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MONDAY



Pentecost video for children



Happy Birthday to the church

TUESDAY

This past Sunday we celebrated the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost, I thought you might like to learn something new about our Church, Holy Spirit Catholic Community.

Did you know many Catholic altars contains relics of Saints? This is an ancient tradition from the very earliest days of the Church.

What's a relic? A part of a deceased Saint's body or belongings kept as an object of reverence.

When Catholicism was still illegal under the Roman Empire, members would meet in underground catacombs to escape persecution. They would celebrate Mass on the stone slabs covering the tombs of martyrs to show reverence for the sacrifice they made for Christ.

What are the catacombs like? I was able to go down into the catacombs when I visited Italy. In the catacombs it was dark, damp, and so quiet. It was hard to visualize people celebrating mass on the top of the graves.

When Emperor Constantine legalized Christianity, Mass no longer needed to be held underground. Moving above ground, they didn't leave behind the tradition of venerating the relics of saints. Churches were often built over the remains of martyrs, but when not possible, a first-class relic was placed within the altar and covered by a stone slab.

Did you ever notice the mass begins with a kiss? When the priest kisses the altar, he shows reverence not only for Jesus as the literal cornerstone of the Church which the altar represents, but also continues the tradition of showing reverence for martyrs. It serves as a reminder when we are at Mass, we celebrate with all the saints and angels in Heaven.

Is there a relic in Holy Spirit Catholic Community's altar? No at our church there can't be a relic from the Holy Spirit, so there is a piece of limestone from the quarries of Jerusalem. It is engraved with a simple cross. We also have gold mosaic tile from Jerusalem in the baptismal font and the tabernacle.

(Some content taken from Catholic U)



WEDNESDAY

Did you know **WIND**, as a symbol of the Holy Spirit is mentioned in scripture?

“When the Day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like **a mighty rushing wind**, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.” Acts 2:1-2

“The **wind** blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is **born of the Spirit.**”– John 3:8

Make a ***Pentecost Pinwheel*** with your family. Blow on the pinwheel, does it move? The movement of the spinning pinwheel will help demonstrate that even though we cannot see the wind, we feel and hear it. We see God working through scripture and prayer even though we cannot see Him.



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Step 1: Start with a square of paper, we used red to emphasize the flame of the Holy Spirit.

Step 2: Fold your square from corner to corner, then make a pencil marks about 1/3 from the center of your folded "x."

Step 3: Cut along each line just to the pencil mark.

Step 4: Fold every other corner to the center and stick a pin through all four of the points.

Step 5: Push the pin carefully into the eraser of a pencil, making sure not to push all the way through. You could also use a twig or stick you found in the yard.

*You can decorate the pinwheel before folding the corners and pinning it to the pencil. We made a border along the outside and wrote the words Pentecost and Holy Spirit on ours!

THURSDAY



Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.
And kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.
And you will renew the face of the earth.

Lord,

by the light of the Holy Spirit
you have taught the hearts of your faithful.
In the same Spirit
help us to relish what is right
and always rejoice in your consolation.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

FRIDAY

A birthday wouldn't be complete without something sweet. Try this no bake cupcake recipe this weekend with your family. Do you see the flames on top?

NO BAKE CUPCAKE RECIPE

What you need:

2 cups whipping cream
2/3 cup powdered sugar
1/4 cup cocoa powder
1 1/2 tsp vanilla
Wafer cookies, or oreos
cupcake liners
Cinnamon hard candies
Butterscotch hard candies

How to make it:

Beat the cream, powdered sugar, cocoa and vanilla together until it forms stiff peaks. Put 2 wafer cookies or half of an Oreo at the bottom of a cupcake liner. Put about 2 tablespoons of the cream mixture on top of the wafer or cookie then top with another wafer or cookie. Repeat the layers until you have reached the top of the liner. Top the cupcake with a final swirl of the cream mixture. We used a pastry bag, but any any quart or gallon sized bag will do. Put cream in the bag, snip off the corner and voila, a homemade pastry bag. Chill until firm. One hour at least, but several hours or overnight is optimal.

While waiting for the cupcakes to chill, make the candy flames.

Unwrap the cinnamon and butterscotch candies from the clear wrapper. Use a baking sheet with sides and line it with foil. Place the round candies in alternating colors on the pan. Bake at 375 for about 18 minutes or until they are completely

melted. While still hot, take a knife and swirl the colors together. Cool completely. Break candy into different size pieces to look like flames. Press the candy "flames" into the cupcake. Store cupcakes in the fridge until ready to eat. Enjoy!



OTHER NEWS

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Jane, Kim, and Claire



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