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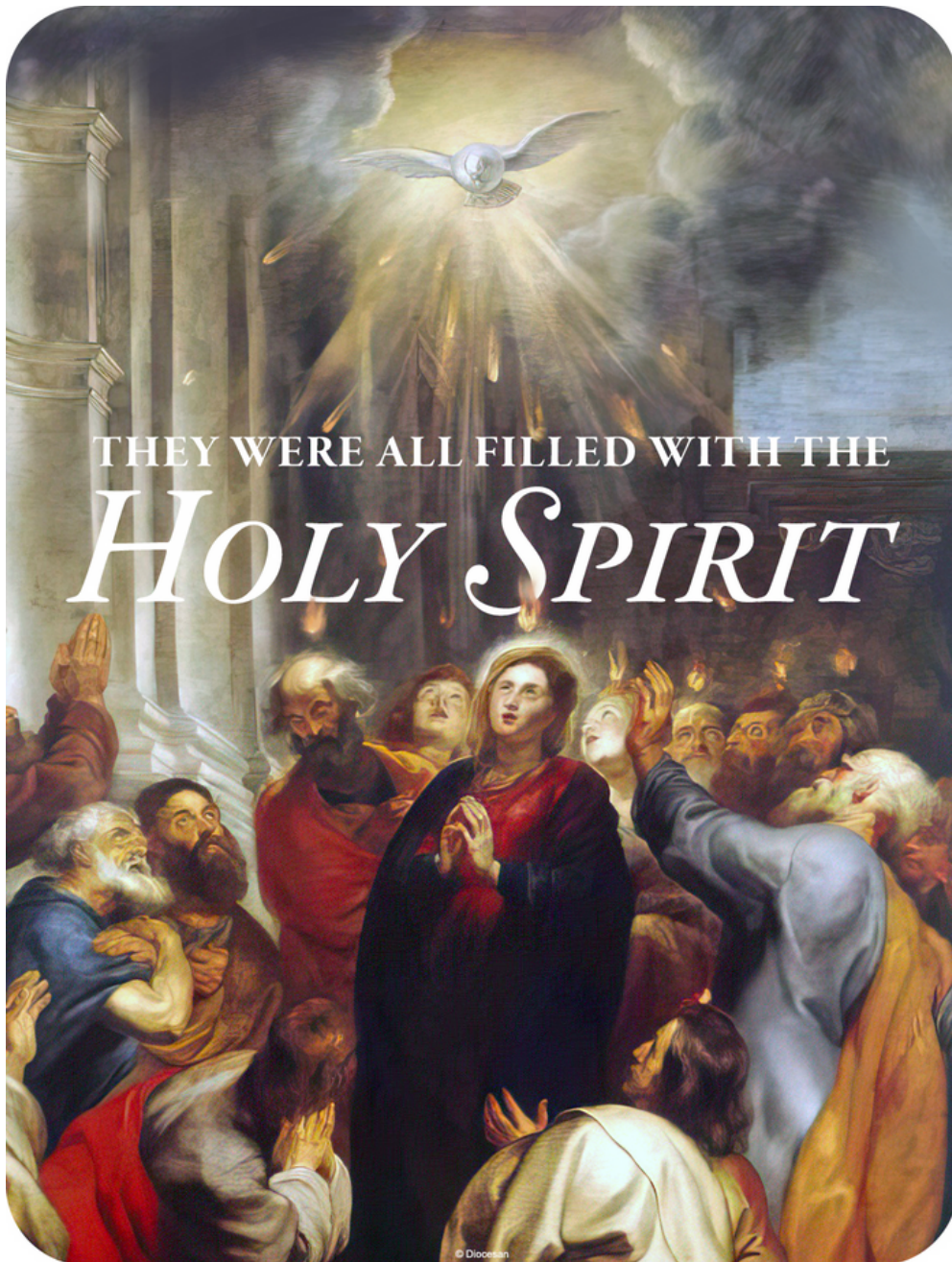
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COME, HOLY SPIRIT
FILL THE HEARTS OF THE
FAITHFUL

VEN, ESPÍRITU
SANTO, LLENA LOS
CORAZONES DE TUS FIELES

MAY 28, 2023

BIBLICAL NOTES ON PENTECOST



A Jewish Feast?

The Jewish Feast of Pentecost, or Weeks, fifty days after Passover, was one of the three great pilgrimage feasts of Israel (Deut 16:16). It was originally a harvest celebration but later also became a commemoration of God's giving of the covenant and the law on Mount Sinai. For Christians, the coming of the Holy Spirit fulfills this meaning of Pentecost. The celebration of the gift of the law now embraces the giving of the new law in the Spirit (Rom 8:2), the writing of the law on the heart (Jer 31:31-34; 2 Cor 3:2-6)

Speaking in different tongues:

The fact that Jews from many different nations all heard the disciples speaking in our own tongues of the mighty acts of God portends that the ancient tragedy of Babel (Gen 11:1-9) is now being reversed. The people at Babel had arrogantly tried to "make a name" for themselves by building a tower to the heavens—symbolizing the human attempt to seek power, wealth, and security without any reference to God.

In consequence God confounded the universal human language into many different languages, which made it impossible for them to complete that tower. Instead, they were scattered throughout the world as separate nations, each with its own language.

At Pentecost, the Spirit-given ability of Jesus' disciples to speak in various languages signifies that God is beginning to overcome human divisions. Now the Spirit has miraculously enabled Jesus' followers to speak and be understood in many languages from all over the known world.

The unifying power of the Spirit will be frequently demonstrated throughout Acts as people who would never before have associated with one another—Jews and Gentiles, slaves and prominent people, the upright and the formerly impious—share a common life of brotherhood and sisterhood in the Church.

Too much wine????

This puzzling linguistic phenomenon causes the listeners' bewilderment and even garners some mocking comments: "They have had too much new wine." But there is irony in this mockery. In the Old Testament, new wine, or sweet wine, symbolized the joy and abundant blessings that God would give his people in the messianic age (see Joel 4:18 LXX; 1 Amos 9:13-14 LXX). Jesus hinted that he himself would give the "new wine" of divine life (Mark 2:22; see John 2:10). At Pentecost it becomes clear that the new wine is the Holy Spirit, the gift of God's love poured into human hearts (see Rom 5:5).

STEWARDSHIP
MAY 21, 2023

Offerings	\$1562.00
Ascension	\$225.00
Rainy Day	\$117.00
Total	\$1904.00

BECOME A SPONSOR OF OUR NEW BULLETIN

If you have a business and want to advertise, or if you want to put a personal message for a loved one or in memory of someone, we have space on the last page of our new bulletin.

Please call the office at 570-925-6969 or contact Adam Snyder at ASnyder @Diocesan.com or 814-771-8628

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 27

Kathy & Richard Walker by Mary Ellen Neal

Sunday, May 28

Nicholas Sabo by Justa Sabo

Monday, May 29 (Memorial Day)

No Mass

Friday, June 2

No Mass

Saturday, June 3

Edward & Mary Ann Pointon by Kathy & Rick Walker

Sunday, June 4

Christina Capriola (Birthday Blessings)
by Mark & Patricia Sullivan

Mass intentions are available in memory of, or in honor of a loved one. The donation for having a Mass said for a personal request is \$10.00. You can drop your request in the collection or contact the parish office.

IN YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE REMEMBER:

- INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER,
- ALL PRIESTS INCLUDING:
 - FR. MOWERY
 - FR. ST. HILAIRE AND
 - FR. SOLA
- CARL BARCHIK
- MICHAEL BARDI
- MAUREEN BECK
- LORENA BENNET
- BUTCH BOGART
- CHRISTINA CAPRIOLA
- RUSSELL CASTROGIOVANNI
- COBERT FAMILY
- HONOR DELL
- RYAN DELL
- VIVIAN WHITENIGHT HYNICK
- BOB KALIE
- MARGARET KALIE
- AUSTIN KELSEY
- JOSEPH LABONTE
- MARY ANN LEVAN
- BERNIE NICHOLS
- NANCY OMAN
- RICHARD SCAVONE
- JACKIE SCHERER
- MAX WHITENIGHT
- JOSEPHINE WILSON
- NANCY WISBAR
- SONNY WOMELSDORF
- MARY ANN ZEVENEY
- ALL THE PARISHIONERS OF CTK.



LITURGICAL ROLES

Lector Schedule

May 28 - Stephen Root
June 4 - Pete Yastishock

Extraordinary Minister

May 28 - Shanna Haden
June 4 - Lee Ann Boiwka

Collection Stewards

May 28 - Joe & Lee Ann Boiwka
Anne Eustice & Sharon Tishler

LITURGY OF THE WORD

"Easter isn't just about Jesus' resurrection from the dead, but our rising to new life."

The first Easter - that day in human history where Jesus Christ was raised from the dead - is not simply a historical fact, but a theological and spiritual reality in which we continue to live. We are immersed in the life that was created for us in his rising, and we celebrate that "little Easter" in every Sunday Eucharist. Through the grace received there and the gifts of the Holy Spirit, we are sent as workers in the kingdom, helping to renew the face of the earth.

In the first reading, we hear about the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the first followers of Jesus who begin speaking in different tongues. Saint Paul says that there are different kinds of spiritual gifts and forms of service, but the same Spirit and Lord who produces all of them in everyone. In the Gospel, Jesus appears to the disciples, saying peace be with you and showing them his hands and his side.

CONTACT INFORMATION UPDATES

Did you know that many parishioners are in our system without a working phone number? As more people drop their landlines, we are in urgent need of updated phone numbers and email addresses. We keep all contact information private.

Please call the office at 570- 925-6969 or email us at ctk@epix.net to update your information.

DAY OF RECOLLECTION

Saturday, June 24th, 9:30 a.m. at Christ the King.

The Secular Order of the Discalced Carmelite Community of the Blessed Virgin of Mount Carmel & St. Joseph is having a

Day of Recollection to be held at Christ the King led by Father Andrew St. Hilaire. If you are interested, please pick up a registration form in the back of church & return to Meg Geffken. Registration deadline is June 18 and cost is \$20.00 which includes lunch and materials.

UNBORN CANDLE DONATIONS

\$3.00/ week,
\$5.00/ 2 weeks or
\$10.00/ month.

Month of May - Meg Geffken for Kohberger Family

BENTON FOOD BANK

For the month of June we will be collecting canned soup due to the Food Bank by June 18th. The Food Bank at the N4C's is the 3rd Tuesday of every month.

PENTECOST COLLECTION

The Pentecost Collection is this weekend. Your generosity helps to fund education of future priests and care of sick priests. Please be generous!

The Parish Office will be closed Monday, May 29th in observance of the Memorial Day Holiday.





A PRAYER FOR OUR VETERANS

Oh God, Our Heavenly Father, You have blessed us with brave men and women who are willing to defend our freedom. May Your protection and grace surround them each day. Let your healing hand be upon those who suffer wounds and injuries, May those who have made the ultimate sacrifice rest forever in Your Holy Presence. Comfort the families who mourn and are left to remember the precious lives of their loved ones. Help us to honor and support them. Let us ever be mindful of each sacrifice made on behalf of the American people by our sons, daughter, husband and wives, mothers, fathers, and friends. Amen

WALK FOR LIFE

Your Loving Choices, our local Pregnancy Care Center, is having their Walk For Life on Saturday, June 3! Register online at www.ylcfriends.org and help raise money for this amazing ministry! We meet at the YLC office on Market Street, Bloomsburg, at 9:30 a.m. to begin the Walk. There will also be a simple breakfast and games for children! Call Rhonda Dougherty at 570-441-3732 if interested.

HOSPITAL BED

If you are in need of a hospital bed, please contact Peg Kalie at 570-683-5831.

CYE NEWS

Many thanks to our wonderful, delightful children, many who participated with very few absences, who helped us grow in faith with them. Additional thanks to the parents who have entrusted their children to our care, knowing that we have very dedicated catechists who not only proclaim the Catholic faith but who live it in their daily life and witness it to the children in their attendance and participation in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. We are blessed here at Christ the King with exceptional catechists. We urge you to consider joining our CYE catechetical team as a catechist, aide, or substitute.

Catechists for CYE during this past year:

Preschool/ Kindergarten - Maryann Grenazinski, Grades 1, 2, 3 - Ms Betty, Grades 4, 5, 6 - Ginny Weibel
Confirmation Prep - Debbie Haden - May she rest in eternal peace in the arms of our loving Savior.
High school youth group - Shanna Haden, Dedicated and Reliable Substitutes - Sue Root & Amanda McHenry.
Have a wonderful summer filled with rest, laughter, and a firm commitment to celebrate the Eucharist each weekend, wherever your travels may take you.

WORLD YOUTH DAY

We have the opportunity to sponsor two of our parishioners here at Christ the King who will be attending World Youth Day 2023 in Lisbon, Portugal. Eric Weibel and Father Andrew are attending this year and will personally be absorbing the cost of \$2,998 per person.

It is for young adults ages 18-39 who will have the opportunity to experience this exciting adventure to convene with the Holy Father and young people from around the world. The pilgrimage will take place July 30th - August 7th and will also include a visit to Fatima where our Blessed Mother famously appeared to the three shepherd children. The costs include lodging, flights and other travel accommodations.

If you are interested in donating to help with their expenses, please make your check payable to Catholic Campus Ministry which can be tax deductible. You can drop it in the collection or give to Father Andrew or Lee Ann. Please mark on the envelope "World Youth Day", Thank you in advance for your generosity!