

# Our Lady of Victories Church

(serving Harrington Park, River Vale and the Pascack/Northern Valley)

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**SUNDAY, May 31, 2020 A.D.  
Pentecost Sunday**



**THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE/CONFESSION:**

Monday - Friday 7:30am - 7:50am.

First Friday at 6:00pm - 6:50pm

Saturday at 11:00a.m.-Noon; 3:00pm -3:40pm

**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:**

To register for Baptismal preparation and Baptism, call the rectory.

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Mr. Thomas Lagatol

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**CONFESSIONS everyday 11AM-12PM (Lower Church)**  
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## Fr. Wojciech's Corner

"Water comes down from Heaven as rain, and although it is always the same in itself, it produces many different effects (...) While remaining essentially the same, it adapts itself to the needs of every creature that receives it" - that is how St. Cyril of Jerusalem describes the work of the Holy Spirit within us. There are many symbols of the Holy Spirit: fire, water, dove, wind/breath, wine, cloud-glory.

The Solemnity of Pentecost this Sunday reaches the peak of the celebration of Easter with Christ victorious over death. The Risen Lord has appeared to His disciples for 40 days. Then He ascended into Heaven with our glorious body introducing us into God's divinity. And now, since His generosity never ceases, He wants us to share even His very breath, His Spirit. That Spirit is the GREATEST GIFT - THE GIFT. That GIFT enabled Christ to love His enemies till death. Now He wants US to share His GIFT, the same LOVE. Let us not stop this OUTPOURING of the Holy Spirit.

Thank you for all your good wishes, kindness, cards etc., for the occasion of the 17<sup>th</sup> anniversary of my Sacred Priesthood. OLV parish was a gift for my 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Sacred Priesthood. May God reward you all.

### 5 Quotes from St. John Paul II on Pentecost

"In the Acts of the Apostles, St Luke describes the extraordinary manifestation of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost as a communication of the very vitality of God who gives himself to men. This divine gift is also *light and power*: *light*, to proclaim the Gospel, the Truth revealed by God; *power*, to infuse the courage of witnessing to the faith, which the Apostles begin at that very moment" (May 18, 1997).

"How can we not give thanks to God for the wonders the Spirit has never ceased to accomplish in these two millenniums of Christian life? Indeed, the event of grace at Pentecost has continued to bear its marvelous fruits, everywhere instilling apostolic zeal, a desire for contemplation, the commitment to live and serve God and our brothers and sisters with complete dedication" (May 31, 1998).

"Mary Most Holy, since Pentecost you have kept watch with the Church as she prays for the Holy Spirit: remain with us at the centre of our extraordinary Upper Room. To you, whom we venerate as *Our Lady of Divine Love*, we entrust the fruits of the City Mission, so that through your intercession the Diocese of Rome may offer the world a convinced witness to Christ our Saviour" (May 22, 1999).

"On the day when we celebrate the memorial of the Church's birth, we want to express *heartfelt gratitude to God* for this *twofold*, and ultimately *one*, witness, which has involved the great family of the Church since the day of Pentecost. We want to give thanks for the witness of the first community of Jerusalem which, through the generations of martyrs and confessors, has become the inheritance of countless men and women down the ages around the world" (June 10, 2000).

"The Church of Christ is always, so to speak, in a situation of Pentecost: she is always gathered in the Upper Room in prayer, and at the same time, driven by the powerful wind of the Spirit, she is always on the streets preaching" -John Paul II (June 8, 2003).

### With or Without

This man, I forgot his name, was one of the main evangelizers in Christianity. When told by his son that the surgery was unsuccessful and that he will never see again, his only comment was "I mean, son, I shall never see your face again?" "No, dad, probably not in this world." "Well, son, I have done what I could for God and for his people with my eyes. Now I shall do what I can for God and his people without my eyes!"

## 50 or PENTECOST

The Feast of Pentecost. The word Pentecost means fifty. The number fifty points to fullness, to ripeness, to a time that is ready for something to happen. This feast has three levels :

A. Harvest Festival. Israel, fifty days-seven weeks to the day-after the sickle was first put to the grain there was a harvest festival. Fifty days after the grain harvest, processions of pilgrims bore baskets of their first fruits to the temple as an offering in thanks for the harvest. It was something akin to our Thanksgiving day.

B. Torah Festival. In later Judaism (two centuries before Christ) Pentecost was seven weeks to the day after the Passover Sabbath to celebrate the giving of the Law at Sinai where God had made a people for Himself. Akin to our Independence Day.

C. Spirit Festival. Evangelization Festival. Prophetic Festival. Seven weeks to the day after Jesus died and rose from the dead, He breathes the wind and fire of His Spirit upon His Church. This is the fulfillment of the Harvest festival: Fifty days after the sickle had been put to the grain, fifty days after Jesus was hung on a cross, crucified and buried, fifty days after the promised Seed that had been buried in the ground sprouted to life, there was a harvest festival of the resurrection - the reaping of the souls. This is also the fulfillment of the Torah feast: Fifty days after His exodus through death into life, Jesus forms a people, His Israel, His Church. On this day, with the descent of the Holy Spirit, Christ's mission is completed, and the New Covenant is inaugurated. Today we are at the fiftieth day of the Easter celebration: seven weeks of seven days, a week of weeks, now culminating in a festival fiftieth day. The Church's birthday. A day of celebration for the outpouring of the Spirit and the spread of the Gospel to all nations. The red paraments remind us of Pentecost fire, the fire of Jesus' love poured out in the Holy Spirit towards others.

## SPIRITUAL EXCERPT

### Sport at the Service of the Spirit

"Sport, properly directed, develops character, makes a man courageous, a generous loser, and a gracious victor; it refines the senses, gives intellectual penetration, and steels the will to endurance. It is not merely a physical development then. Sport, rightly understood, is an occupation of the whole man, and while perfecting the body as an instrument of the mind, it also makes the mind itself a more refined instrument for the search and communication of truth and helps man to achieve that end to which all others must be subservient, the service and praise of his Creator." - Pope Pius XII, "Sport at the Service of the Spirit"

**Saint Cyril of Jerusalem:** Why did Christ call the grace of the Spirit - water? Because all things are dependent on water; plants and animals have their origin in water. Water comes down from heaven as rain, and although it is always the same in itself, it produces many different effects ... Like a dry tree which puts forth shoots when watered, the soul bears the fruit of holiness when repentance has made it worthy of receiving the Holy Spirit. The Spirit strengthens man's self-control, shows another how to help the poor, teaches another to fast and lead a life of asceticism, makes another oblivious of the needs of the body, trains another for martyrdom.

## A special txt:

R u empty enough 4 da spirit 2 fill u up?

Pray for Those in the Military

US Army

Captain Ben Clemente
RRT Specialist James Crumb
Specialist Peter Dippolito
Major Michael Franson
Sergeant First Class Charles Greene
Captain Shawn Linn
Lieutenant Gigi McElroy
Colonel John McLaughlin
Captain John G. Miele
US Air Force
Chief Master Sergeant Shawn Llewellyn

US Marine Corps.

Corporal Shanna Bennett
Corporal Matthew Brady
1st Lieutenant Ryan Colomeo
Lance Corporal Thomas Iafate
Corporal Joseph Levine
US Navy
Lt. Commander Julia Cheringal
Ensign Jon Clemente
Lieutenant Joseph Jaeger
Lieutenant Andrew Jaeger
OS2 Daniel T. LoVecchio

Prayer for the Safety of Soldiers

Almighty and eternal God, those who take refuge in You will be glad and forever will shout for joy. Protect these soldiers as they discharge their duties. Protect them with the shield of Your strength and keep them safe from all evil and harm. May the power of Your love enable them to return home in safety, that with all who love them, they may ever praise You for Your loving care.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Pray for Our Sick

Please Pray in the name of JESUS, the Healer, that the sick of the Parish may be restored to health and all those who assist and care for the sick will be given the strength to continue God's Will: baby Cordelia, baby Emmet Fischer, baby James Amicucci, baby Jonathan, Richard Bolton, Robert Brawley, Dominic Carini, Sal Cenicola, Helen Choma, Kevin Columbo, Marie D'Ascenzo, Maryann Dean, Lorraine Degerdon, Vincent DePaola, Marge Devitt, Carl Falasca, Jay Filipponi, Marie Filippone, Mary Foley, Amy Hartwell, Peter Kellar, Milan Krupa, Mary Lowe, James McGarry, Robert Milli, Gianna Moscatello, John Pal, John Peterson Jr, Joan and Buddy Phalon, Marie Piazza, Canice Prince, Louise Ricciardi, Vincent Ricciardi, Veronica Roman-chuk, Beth Sacco, Anthony Sanchez, Mike Tobia, Brian, Carla, Chris, Christina, Dierdre, Edward, Elba, Fiona, Jennifer, Joann, Karen, Lisa, Lucas, Lynn, Michael, Patrick, Paul, Peter, Robert, Roseann, Sean, Sharon.

Spiritual Communion composed by Cardinal Rafael Merry del Val

As I cannot this day enjoy the happiness of assisting at the holy Mysteries, O my God! I transport myself in spirit at the foot of Thine altar; I unite with the Church, which by the hands of the priest, offers Thee Thine adorable Son in the Holy Sacrifice; I offer myself with Him, by Him, and in His Name. I adore, I praise, and thank Thee, imploring Thy mercy, invoking Thine assistance, and presenting Thee the hom-age I owe Thee as my Creator, the love due to Thee as my Savior.

Apply to my soul, I beseech Thee, O merciful Jesus, Thine infinite merits; apply them also to those for whom I particularly wish to pray. I desire to communicate spiritually, that Thy Blood may purify, Thy Flesh strengthen, and Thy Spirit sanctify me. May I never forget that Thou, my divine Redeemer, hast died for me; may I die to all that is not Thee, that hereafter I may live eternally with Thee. Amen.

Send me, Lord, wherever you please, for when I am sent by you, then I am quite sure that you will help me - in whatever situation I find myself - to fulfil what you ask. Amen.

—ST. FRANCIS DE SALES featured in YOUCAT Prayer Book

Mass Intentions

(offered privately by Fr. Wojciech)

Monday, June 1 - Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
8:00 Mary Cecon R/b Jeanne Marie Walsh
12:00 Virginia Hendricks R/b Karen Accavallo
Tuesday, June 2 - Ss. Marcellinus and Peter - Martyrs
8:00 Evelyn Pedersen R/b the Pedersen Family
12:00 Ralph Passante R/b Michael and Barbara Fizulich
Wednesday, June 3 - St. Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs
8:00 Jean Bentivegna R/b the Bentivegna Family
12:00 Anne Bellini R/b Carole Bellini
Thursday, June 4 - St. Francis Caracciolo, Religious
8:00 Rev. Thomas McHugh R/b the Zaccaro Family
12:00 Michael Giotta R/b Ann Giotta
First Friday, June 5 - St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr
8:00 Intentions of Julianna and Candelaria Herrera R/b the Giron Family
12:00 Benjamin Obutelewicz R/b Regina Bond
7:00 Michael A. Casenta R/b Colleen Connors-Casenta
First Saturday, June 6 - St. Norbert of France, Bishop
8:00 Rose Roccanova R/b Dennis and Kathleen Falotico
12:00 Souls In Purgatory
4:00 Nancy Skwiat R/b Ted and Pat Fischer
5:00 Mildred Masucci R/b Jim Beardsley
Sunday, June 7 - THE MOST HOLY TRINITY - St. Robert of England - Abbot
7:30 Yvonne Albericci R/b the Younghans Family
8:15 Intentions of Donna Siracusa R/b Marita Morgan
9:30 Dorothy Sullivan R/b Anne and Bill Cote
10:45 Michael Horton R/b the Stella Family
12:00 Charlotte and Thomas Kerrigan R/b Stephen Kerrigan
1:00 Remedios A. Mendoza R/b Ofelia Roque
6:00 Brent Boyer R/b the Hansen Family
7:00 People of the Parish

Sanctuary Memorials

The Blessed Virgin Mary Votive Lamp will burn this week for the repose of the soul of Millie Sutter, r/b Ruth and Ed Zajkowski.
The St. Joseph Votive Lamp burns this week for the souls in Purgatory.
The Bread and Wine which will become the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ at Mass this week have been donated in memory of Alfred Villafuerte, r/b Matt and Mary Ann Donohue-Ryan.
The Altar Flowers have been donated in memory of William and Muriel McGinnis, r/b Peter and Carole Stonitsch.

Sanctuary Offerings

If you would like to donate flowers for the Altar, flowers for BVM and St. Joseph, please contact the rectory. Flowers, Bread and Wine, the BVM Votive Lamp, and St. Joseph Votive Lamp, the Sanctuary Lamp in the Church and in the Convent can be dedicated on a weekly basis.

My Parish—COVID-19—My Responsibility

We thank all those who so generously continue to support our parish by mailing in your donations. At the same time, we understand that some have been laid off from their work or experiencing decreased income and are unable to continue their donations at this time. Donations / offering envelopes may be mailed to:

OLV Rectory, 81 Lynn Street, Harrington Park, NJ 07640.

Thank you for your generosity.

## PENTECOST

### THE CHURCH'S BIRTHDAY

On Pentecost the Apostles left the Upper Room, the site of the Last Supper, where they had been barricaded for fifty days. (The Greek word, Pentecost, means 'Fiftieth day'.) For fifty days the Apostles prayed with Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and other holy women and men; once they were infused with power from on high, they began what is also called the "Age of the Church". From Pentecost until the Parousia (The Greek title for the Second Coming of Christ in glory) the work Jesus began during His earthly life will continue through His Body on earth today: the Church. And so Pentecost is rightly called the Church's birthday.

**IF YOU** are a member of one of the 11 Orthodox Churches your Church seceded from the Roman Catholic Church in the year 1054.

**IF YOU** are a member of one of the 20 groups of The Lutheran Synod your sect was founded by Martin Luther in 1517.

**IF YOU** are a member of one of the 17 groups of The Mennonites your sect was founded by several reformers in 1523.

**IF YOU** are a member of the Episcopal-Anglican Communion your Church was founded by Thomas Crammer in 1534.

**IF YOU** are a member of one of the ten groups of The Presbyterians your sect was founded by John Knox in 1560.

**IF YOU** are a member of one of the 23 branches of The Baptists your sect was founded by John Smyth in 1600.

**IF YOU** are a member of one of the 19 groups of Methodists your sect was founded by John and Charles Wesley in 1739.

**IF YOU** are a member of The Disciples of Christ your group was founded by Thomas and Alexander Campbell in 1827.

**IF YOU** are a member of one of the 7 branches of The Church of Latter Day Saints your religion was founded by Joseph Smith in 1830.

**IF YOU** are a member of one of the 5 branches of The Seventh Day Adventists your sect was founded by William Miller in 1831.

**IF YOU** are a member of the Salvation Army your group was founded by William Booth in 1865.

**IF YOU** are a member of the Jehovah Witnesses your religion was founded by Charles Russell in 1872.

**IF YOU** are a member of the Church of Christian Scientist your group was founded by Mary Baker Eddy in 1879.

**IF YOU** are a member of nine groups of The Pentecostal Assemblies your sect was founded by revivalists in 1901,

**BUT IF YOU** are a member of the Roman Catholic Church, **only you** can trace your Church's foundation to the disciples and Jesus Christ on Pentecost. It was on this day that the Holy Spirit came down to the 12 disciples to enlighten and empower them to take charge and fulfill the commands of Jesus Christ. The Roman Catholic Church, unlike the 400 or more groups that have broken off from it, remains One in Faith, One in Fold, with One Shepherd.

### How to Become a Saint

It was Saint Peter who, after reflecting on this prophecy: "May another take his office" (Psalm 109:8b), directed the approximately 120 brothers to nominate someone to take Judas' place after he hanged himself after betraying Jesus. The only criterion was that the candidate had to have been with them throughout our Lord's earthly ministry. They proposed two men: Joseph, called Barsabbas, also known as Justus, and Matthias; after praying they drew lots which they took as the sign God has chosen Matthias. (The white smoke came centuries later; besides, this was not a papal election for Peter's replacement) Before the 1960's liturgical reforms of Vatican II, the Feast of Saint Matthias was February 24. It was moved to May 14. Why? The Acts of the Apostles (1:15-26) records how, after Christ's Ascension, the Apostles and others gathered with Mary, the Mother of Jesus, in the Upper Room where they had eaten the Last Supper. This was the Church's first novena, nine days of intense prayers, from the Ascension to the Coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. The Feast of St. Matthias now often falls during the time he was actually added to the college of Apostles!

## THE LAWYER

The apostles and Mary were locked away in the Upper Room, fearing for their lives, afraid to venture forth, unsure of what God wanted them to do, unable to proclaim the Good News to all the world. They needed help, and they needed it badly. The Son sent the Spirit from the Father! The Father and the Son sent an Advocate, a defense lawyer, who would plead their cause. (The Greek term for Advocate is Parakletos from which we get the term Paraclete.) This Advocate would confirm, guide, lead, remain, and strengthen. Without the Spirit, there could be no Church, since the Spirit binds, enlivens, and infuses the Church with what it needs to live. Once they received the Holy Spirit, they left the Upper Room, and began to preach the faith of the Church: Jesus Christ is Lord.

### DID YOU KNOW?

- January is dedicated to the Holy Name.
- February is dedicated to the Passion.
- March is dedicated to St. Joseph.
- April is dedicated to the Holy Eucharist.
- May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary.
- June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart.
- July is dedicated to the Precious Blood.
- August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart.
- September is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows.
- October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary.
- November is dedicated to the Souls in Purgatory.
- December is dedicated to the Divine Infancy.
- Sundays are dedicated to the Holy Trinity.
- Mondays are dedicated to the Holy Angels.
- Tuesdays are dedicated to the Apostles.
- Wednesdays are dedicated to St Joseph.
- Thursdays are dedicated to the Holy Eucharist.
- Fridays are dedicated to the Passion.
- Saturdays are dedicated to Our Lady.

### A DYNAMO

It has been said that we only use ten percent of our brain. Even though this 10 percent statistic has no scientific basis, it is a fact, easily detectable in our everyday life, that we are making use of only a small part of our possible mental and physical resources. The same can be said of our Christian life.

A lady went to a jeweler to have her watch fixed. He disappeared to the back and soon returned with it running perfectly. Surprised, she asked how he could fix it so soon. He told her it only needed a new battery. "Battery? Nobody said anything about a battery. I've been winding it every morning!"

So many Christians do not realize the inner power of the Holy Spirit to handle things they think they must take into their own hands. We can do so many more things and do them stress free if we pull Him on our side. In His book *The Church: What We Are Meant To Be*, Ken Hutcherson writes, "When the Holy Spirit came at Pentecost, it wasn't dynamite, it was a dynamo! Dynamite makes a loud noise, kicks up a lot of dust, and it's over. A dynamo is a continual source of power. It builds and builds and builds, and the power never stops flowing."

### KIDZ KORNER ANSWERS

1. Tongues of Fire.
2. God-the 3<sup>rd</sup> Person of the Trinity.
3. Mary.
4. Speak and understand all languages.
5. Confirmation

## Best Sermons

The best sermons are lived, not preached, and here are a few testimonies.

1. Today, I interviewed a grandmother for part of a research paper I'm working on for my Psychology class. When I asked her to define success in her own words, she said, "Success is when you look back at your life and the memories make you smile."
2. Today, I asked my mentor - a very successful business man in his 70s - what his top 3 tips are for success. He smiled and said, "Read something no one else is reading, think something no one else is thinking, and do something no one else is doing."
3. Today, after a 72 hour shift at the fire station, a woman ran up to me at the grocery store and gave me a hug. When I tensed up, she realized I didn't recognize her. She let go with tears of joy in her eyes and the most sincere smile and said, "On 9-11-2001, you carried me out of the World Trade Center."
4. Today, after I watched my dog get run over by a car, I sat on the side of the road holding him and crying. And just before he died, he licked the tears off my face.
5. Today at 7AM, I woke up feeling ill, but decided I needed the money, so I went into work. At 3PM I got laid off. On my drive home I got a flat tire. When I went into the trunk for the spare, it was flat too. A man in a BMW pulled over, gave me a ride, we chatted, and then he offered me a job. I start tomorrow.
6. Today, as my father, three brothers, and two sisters stood around my mother's hospital bed, my mother uttered her last coherent words before she died. She simply said, "I feel so loved right now. We should have gotten together like this more often." YES, WE SHOULD!
7. Today, I kissed my dad on the forehead as he passed away in a small hospital bed. About 5 seconds after he passed, I realized it was the first time I had given him a kiss since I was a little boy.
8. Today, in the cutest voice, my 8-year-old daughter asked me to start recycling. I chuckled and asked, "Why?" She replied, "So you can help me save the planet." I chuckled again and asked, "And why do you want to save the planet?" Because that's where I keep all my stuff," she said.
9. Today, when I witnessed a 27-year-old breast cancer patient laughing hysterically at her 2-year-old daughter's antics, I suddenly realized that I need to stop complaining about my life and start celebrating it again.
10. Today, a boy in a wheelchair saw me desperately struggling on crutches with my broken leg and offered to carry my backpack and books for me. He helped me all the way across campus to my class and as he was leaving he said, "I hope you feel better soon."
11. Once, I was traveling in Kenya and I met a refugee from Zimbabwe. He said he hadn't eaten anything in over 3 days and looked extremely skinny and unhealthy. Then my friend offered him the rest of the sandwich he was eating. The first thing the man said was, "We can share it."

### A little humor ...

**How do we know the Apostles drove a Honda?**  
When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together of one accord.

**A recent study has found that women who carry a little extra weight live longer than the men who mention it.**

## Catechism of the Catholic Church § 797-799 (trans. rev.)

"What the soul is to the human body, the Holy Spirit is to the Body of Christ, which is the Church" (St Augustine)... The Holy Spirit makes the Church "the temple of the living God" (2 Co 6:16; 1 Co 3:16). Indeed, "it is to the Church herself that the 'Gift of God' has been entrusted.... In it is in her that communion with Christ has been deposited, that is to say: the Holy Spirit, the pledge of incorruptibility, the strengthening of our faith and the ladder of our ascent to God.... For where the Church is, there also is God's Spirit; where God's Spirit is, there is the Church and every grace" (St. Irenaeus).

The Holy Spirit ... works in many ways to build up the whole Body in charity: by God's Word ...; by Baptism, through which he forms Christ's Body (1 Cor 12:13); by the sacraments, which give growth and healing to Christ's members; by "the grace of the apostles, which holds first place among his gifts" (Vat II, LG 7); by the virtues, which make us act according to what is good; finally, by the many special graces (called "charisms"), by which he makes the faithful "fit and ready to undertake various tasks and offices for the renewal and building up of the Church" (LG 12). Whether extraordinary or simple and humble, charisms are graces of the Holy Spirit which directly or indirectly benefit the Church, ordered as they are to her building up, to the good of men, and to the needs of the world.

**Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit,  
That my thoughts may all be holy.  
Act in me, O Holy Spirit,  
That my work, too, may be holy.  
Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit,  
That I love but what is holy.  
Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit,  
To defend all that is holy.  
Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit,  
That I always may be holy.**

-St Augustine

**COLORS** While the liturgical color of the Easter season is gold, on this last day we have red. For the first thousand years of the church, there were no firm rules for using colors. Only wealthy churches could afford a full array of colors, and most places used the best vestments, no matter the color, for the greatest feasts. The Church spelled out an exact plan for color, including red for Pentecost, only in 1570, but local differences held on until the 1800s. Color experts tell us that red is a hot color, best used for fast paced, upbeat, active experiences. It is hard to be neutral before red, as any matador will tell you. It invites commitment, draws you in. It is a stimulating color, engaging the eye, stirring hunger. It is the most fitting color for this day when we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit into our lives, a dynamic presence overturning neutrality in favor of passion and commitment.

## KIDZ KORNER

1. The Holy Spirit appeared as what on Pentecost?
2. Who is the Holy Spirit?
3. What woman was in the Upper Room when the Holy Spirit arrived?
4. After the Holy Spirit left, the apostles were able to do what?
5. What Sacrament is closely associated with the Holy Spirit?

Answers on page four.