Sixth Sunday of Easter

Whoever loves me
will keep my word,
and my Father
will love them,
and we will come
to them and make our
dwelling with them.

John 14:23

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ST. JOHN THE BELOVED PARISH

May 1, 2016

NOTES FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord is celebrated on the 40th day of Easter which falls on a Thursday. For practical reasons, our Diocese celebrates this great feast on the following Sunday, May 8th this year; the reason being that The Ascension, which we profess in the Nicene Creed and in the Apostles' Creed, is one of the chief feasts of the Christian year. Celebrating it on Sunday allows the majority of the faithful to participate in the feast.

The Ascension implies Jesus' humanity being taken into heaven. The ascension is one of the major milestones in the gospel narrative of the life of Jesus, the others being baptism, transfiguration, crucifixion, and resurrection. The fulfillment of the Sending of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost is the wonderful outcome of Christ returning to God the Father in heaven.

Do you need to be Confirmed? If you are already baptized a Roman Catholic and have already received your First Communion and are over the age of 18, you are invited to receive the sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, May 15, 2016 at 1 p.m. in St. Margaret of Scotland Church. Please contact the Parish Office (302-999-0211) to register and attend the classes with Deacon Tom Bailey.

If you have not already made a pledge to the 2016 Annual Catholic Appeal, please consider to do so. The Diocesan Appeal assists Bishop Malooly, through the diocesan offices, to reach out in mercy and love to those in need --- the hungry, the homeless, the unemployed, the distressed, the unchurched, our children and our elderly.

Each parish has a studied target, our target this year for St. John the Beloved Parish is $176,000. United as a parish we also unite with all the other diocesan parishes to create a resource that support the Church's Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. Thank you for your support of the 2016 Annual Catholic Appeal.

-Father Joe

Parish Office: 302-999-0211 Fax: 302-999-9184

Masses: Saturday - 5:00pm, 7:00pm

Sunday - 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am, 5:00pm

Weekday Masses: Monday-Friday: 6:30am, 8:00am

Saturday: 8:00am

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE
Saturday 4:00 - 4:45pm
To schedule with priest, please call the parish office.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
Contact the Parish Office to schedule a Baptismal Preparation Class.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE
Please contact parish priest or deacon one year prior to the wedding.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK
Anyone seriously ill or facing surgery, please call a priest to make arrangements.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults - (RCIA)
Are you interested in becoming a member of the Catholic faith or in learning more about the Church? For information please call the parish office.

HOLY DAY MASSES
As announced

DEVOTIONS—Mondays
Adoration, 6:00pm
Novena and Benediction, 7:00pm **First Saturday Devotions** are held each month at St. John the Beloved Church beginning with mass at 8:00am.

PRAYER GROUP - Tuesdays
Bible study, praise music, intercessory prayer
St. John Bosco Conference Room
9:45 a.m. to 11 a.m. All are welcomed.

The Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality meets the first Sunday of the month at the 7:30 am mass to honor our Blessed Mother. Please join us after mass to pray the rosary.

REFRESH - Wednesdays
(weekly retreat with evening prayer and praise music)
Church 5:45pm-6:45pm

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Catholic Cemeteries
All Saints: 737-2524
Cathedral: 656-3323
Gate of Heaven: 732-3690

LITURGICAL INSIGHTS

The Light of Christ II

Continuing the series of insights on the newly-installed transoms and the Sacraments of Initiation that they represent, this weekend the focus is on the Sacrament of Confirmation, represented by the transom to the far right as you enter the church.

Central to this transom is the Holy Spirit, Who descends in the form of a dove upon Jesus at His own baptism in the Jordan River, thus anointing Jesus (Luke 3:22).

In the transom, the Holy Spirit is in flight, wings spread wide revealing His far reach throughout Creation, reminding us that this same Spirit, present at the beginning of Creation, is "a mighty wind sweeping over the waters" (Genesis 1:2) that brings order out of chaos.

To let the Light of Christ shine in us and bring ordered virtue out of the chaos of sin, the Holy Spirit gives His seven gifts, indicated by the seven tongues of fire, similar to those that alighted on the head of each Apostle in the Upper Room on Pentecost (Acts 2:3).

The seven gifts are Counsel, Understanding, Knowledge, Wisdom, Piety, Fortitude and Fear of the Lord, and they help the confirmed live authentic discipleship.

Notice that, like the living water in the transom representing the Sacrament of Baptism, the tongues of flame draw upward as if swept up towards and animated by the Holy Spirit. Similarly, those inflamed by the fullness of the Holy Spirit upon receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation are also swept up towards the inner life of the Trinity and are animated by zeal for God and His Church.

As at Baptism, Confirmation confers an ontological change on the persons who receive it. That is, the persons are changed at the very level of their soul, marked forever for Christ, allowing His Light to shine in and through them, so that while one might **receive** the Sacrament of Confirmation on a particular day at a particular time, one **participates** actively and fully in the Sacrament throughout the rest of one's life by praying for and incorporating the Spirit's seven-fold gifts in flourishing discipleship.

We keep our youth in prayer as they prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation on May 14.

Next week, Liturgical Insights will focus on the transom that represents the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

At Confirmation, which the youth of our parish will receive on May 14, Bishop Malooly will anoint the forehead of the confirmandi (that is, persons to be confirmed) with the holiest of all holy oils, the Sacred Chrism. This oil is used at Baptism around the crown of the head of the newly baptized, anointing her / him as priest (a life of holiness), prophet (a life of evangelization) and king (a life of discipleship and of stewardship of the faith).

At this second Sacrament of Initiation, the Bishop anoints the confirmandi with Sacred Chrism saying, "Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit," at which time a miraculous, though indiscernible, event occurs.

Mass Intentions For The Week

Week of May 1:

Mon	6:30	Jeanette Clark
	8:00	Brett J. Harris
Tue	6:30	Debbie Detterline
	8:00	James Breslin
Wed	6:30	Adele Alessi & Fran Alessi, Sr.
	8:00	Joseph Pruitt
Thur	6:30	Nene Maglana
	8:00	Adeline Sarro
Fri	6:30	Margaret L. Noarigo
	8:00	Nora Maier
Sat	8:00	Our Parish Family
	5:00	All Mothers Living and Deceased
	7:00	All Mothers Living and Deceased
Sun	7:30	All Mothers Living and Deceased
	9:30	All Mothers Living and Deceased
	11:30	All Mothers Living and Deceased
	5:00	All Mothers Living and Deceased

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 -- 16:4a

Tuesday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 -- 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53 (for Ascension); otherwise Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20

Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday: Acts 7:55-60; Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9; Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20; Jn 17:20-26 or (for Ascension) Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17- 23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53

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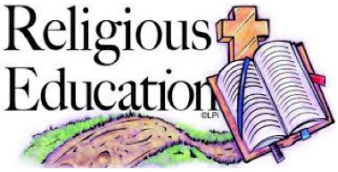

Thank you to the families that continue to support their children through all the programs offered by the Religious Education Office. Your dedication as the primary catechists for your children is demonstrated in the response given to registering your children in all the programs offered. As of May 1, we have received an overwhelming response to all the program options offered. This is a testament to your commitment for your children to learn and grow as Christian disciples. By committing to Vacation Bible School, RE classes and Sacramental Formation, your faith and witness leads your children to a deepening commitment to their faith and to our Church. Thank you so much!

Please remember that if you have an eighth grader interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, please complete the registration form as located on the RE website. There is a parent/candidate meeting on May 3 at 6:30pm in the Church. We look forward to welcoming your family to the preparation process for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

The Summer Program is closed for further registrations. We still have availability in our Sunday morning and Tuesday evening programs. Letters of acceptance for program time assignment have been mailed. Please submit your registration as soon as possible. We are very excited for the year to come and look forward to welcoming you and your family to our program. Registration information can be found on the RE website.
If you have any questions, please contact the Religious Education office at 302-994-7757. Our website is located via this link: http://sjbde.org/religious-ed-program

Ministry Minute

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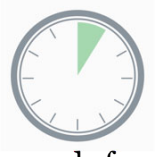

Pitcher and Basin

Sunday, July 31 thru Saturday, August 6, 2016. Pitcher and Basin invites young people from around the Diocese of Wilmington to join together with their friends to give back to the community.

There will be one week in Cambridge and Easton, MD where we partner with Habitat for Humanity Choptank to continue the good work started in those community in 2007. Participants must be 16 years old or older to participate in Cambridge. More information on registration will be announced in the coming weeks.

Youth Ministry Meets 1st & 3rd Sunday 6:30pm-8:00pm in the John Bosco Conference Room (Hall)

ALL THE ADVANTAGES

We want to give our children what we didn't have; but let's make sure we give them what we did have: our faith.

--Anonymous

SCHOOL NEWS

Follow St. John the Beloved School on the web:
www.saintjohnthebelovedschool.org

FRANCISCAN VALUE FOR MAY: Inclusion – loving others as Jesus did; embracing others as they are; celebrating difference because it enhances our lives as well (courage, acceptance, caring).

"Start by doing what's necessary,
Then what's possible,
And suddenly you are doing the impossible."
St. Francis of Assisi

GOOD NEWS!

Advanced Band and Advanced String Trio did a great job in the National Catholic Band Festival at Villanova University. Congratulations to the band members and band director, Mr. DiVirgilio.

The **Chromebook Conference** held on April 9th was very well received. Over 60 educators attended this all day event. There were many workshops held throughout the day, led by our teachers and guest presenters. Students Abby Jarrell, Heather Banas, and April Elliott gave presentations and everyone was very impressed with their knowledge and skills. More Chromebook conference student volunteers were: Caitlin Lam, Jennifer Cardamone, Maddy Fontana, Tiernan Taggart, Gina Hobbs, Amanda Tucci, Elizabeth Ritter, Timmy Lenz, Max Lenz, Noah Reice, Coyle Reice. Lunch was provided and donated by Café Napoli. Thanks to Miss Luce and Miss Derr for coordinating this event. Thanks also to the many parents who donated gifts for the raffle and refreshments for our guests.

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD RESULTS: Congratulations to our 4-5-6 grades Science Olympiad participants. Their hard work and dedication yielded good results. Thanks also to their moderators, Mrs. Rubini and Mrs Dunfee, and to the volunteers who helped to prepare the children.

4th Grade: Interpreting Graphs, Trey Prospero, First Place
Estimation: Mason Nowaczyk and Nate Sullivan, Second Place.
Ocean Life: Chad Dohl, Fourth Place.
Sports Science: Matthew Guariano, Mason Nowaczyk, Nate Sullivan, Fourth

5th Grade: Interpreting Graphs: Christopher Albert, First Place
Chopper Challenge: Jimmy Kulenguskey, Cassie Sheridan, Second Place

6th Grade: Chopper Challenge: Cassidy Becker, Madilyn Donlon, First Place
Interpreting Graphs: Jake Nowaczyk, Second Place
Disease Defense: Katie Wenrich, Fourth Place

8th Grade Sports Banquet

A special evening to honor all 8th grade SJB and Religious Education athletes will be held on Tuesday, May 10th at 6:30pm in the hall. All athletes who participated in the SJB sports programs this year are invited to attend. The event includes dinner, awards, and a video presentation. All coaches are encouraged to attend this event to support the athletic program while honoring the athletes. Please contact Nicole Guariano at 369-2913 for tickets and information. The tickets are $8.50 each and should be purchased in advance. All athletes receive a complimentary ticket.

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LEISURE GROUP

Come One, Come All Seniors to help us celebrate our 41st anniversary!!!

After the 11am Mass on Tuesday, May 10, Leisure Group will meet in the hall for our celebration luncheon. Join us for the fun, games and prizes.
Bring a friend!!

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Jesus House Prayer & Renewal Center is searching for an Office Manager who will organize and coordinate office operations. This person will be exceedingly well organized, flexible and enjoy the administrative challenges of supporting the goals set by the Board of Directors. Must be proficient in Microsoft Office and have a working understanding of Quickbooks Pro. Please send Resume' and contact information to:
angie.malmgren@gmail.com

St. Joseph on the Brandywine Book Club:

June 13

When Elizabeth I ruled England, the Catholic Church was outlawed, Catholic priests were considered traitors, and every person had to choose between loyalty to country and fidelity to faith. *Treason* by Dena Hunt chronicles seven days in the lives of a young priest who continues to minister to hidden Catholic communities and a young woman who must hide her faith from her Protestant husband. We invite you to join us in the parish Family Center on Monday, June 13, from 12:45 to 2 p.m. The meeting immediately follows the 12:05 Mass, and you are welcome to bring a brown bag lunch. To register, contact Michelle Hogan at 302.622.8878 or hogan514@verizon.net. For more information and directions to St. Joseph on the Brandywine parish in Greenville, go to our website: stjosephonthebrandywine.org.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES
Diocese of Wilmington

To honor Mother's Day, Catholic Charities is sponsoring a diaper drive to support our Diaper Bank. As the only affiliate of the National Diaper Bank Network in Delaware, we provide diapers to families in need. Currently, our Diaper Bank serves over 100 families! To help support our Diaper Bank, please make a donation of diapers, baby wipes, or other baby hygiene items. Donations can be brought to any Catholic Charities location throughout the month of May. You will receive a tax receipt for your donation. You can also donate gift cards or cash. Visit our website at www.cdow.org/charities to donate online using a credit card.

If you know someone in need, have them call Bayard House at 302-654-1184 to learn how to participate in the program.

Spring cleaning? Catholic Charities can turn the household goods you no longer use into a welcome addition for a household in need. We need your clean and useable furniture, appliances, beds, mattresses, and household goods.

Do you have any items to donate? Bring them to our Wilmington Thrift Center, 1320 E 23rd Street, Wilmington 19802. Store hours are Mondays through Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Have large items? We can provide pickup!

For additional information about the donation program, or to make arrangements for a large donation, please call 302-764-2717 or email at Thrift@ccwilm.org. Don't forget - all donations are tax-deductible.

Catholic Forum

Listen to Catholic Forum every Sunday morning at 10:05 a.m. on WDEL 101.7 FM, 1150 AM and www.wdel.com. Next Sunday, May 8th we will celebrate Mothers' Day when Kimberly Ellis from Bayard House is the guest. For photos, information regarding upcoming guests, podcasts and more, "Like" Catholic Forum on Facebook at www.facebook.com/catholicforum. Listen to past episodes of Catholic Forum online at catholicforumradio.libsyn.com or search "Catholic Forum Radio" on iTunes podcasts.

VOCATIONS

In today's gospel, Jesus tells His disciples that the Father will send the Holy Spirit, who will remind them of all that He told them. Through that same Spirit, many are called to participate in Jesus' work in a variety of ways as priests, deacons, religious brothers and religious sisters. Sometimes the call can seem very clear and direct; at other times it can be more subtle. If you've ever thought that God might be prompting you to consider a religious vocation, please contact Father Norman Carroll, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113, vocations@cdow.org). Be sure to visit our website: www.cdow.org/vocations!

Ministry of Caring Sandwich Schedule

May 5 & 6

Eucharistic Ministers

Donations of sandwiches are welcome from all parishioners. Delivery can be made to the hall kitchen door on Thursday evenings 6:30pm to 7:00pm and Friday morning before 9:30am. These sandwiches are taken to the Emmanuel Dining Room to help feed those in need. We are especially in need of sandwiches on the 1st and 4th Fridays of the month.

PARISH LIFE HELP

We will be making ravioli spaghetti for the carnival on the following days: May 3rd, 17th and 24th from 8:30 until noon in the hall kitchen please join us, any help is needed. For more information call: Ceil at 998-9544 or Irene at 999-7840.

2016 4TH ANNUAL SJB CARNIVAL KICK-OFF 5K RUN/WALK SATURDAY, JUNE 4TH, 2016

Race Time: 9:00 AM (Registration opens 8:00 AM) – Rain or Shine
Location: St. John the Beloved Church- 907 Milltown Road (Rear Parking Lot)

Entry Fee: $20 Pre-registration adults and $10 for kids (under 12) until Thursday, June 2nd at noon
$25 Day of Event
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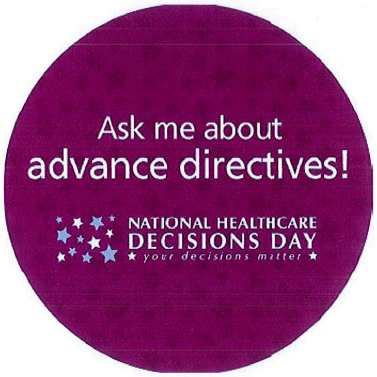

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 6:30 PM

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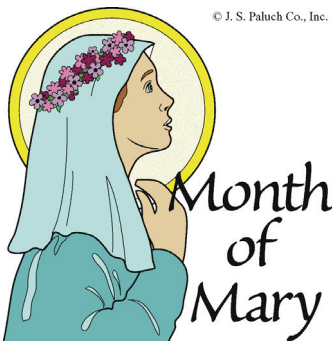
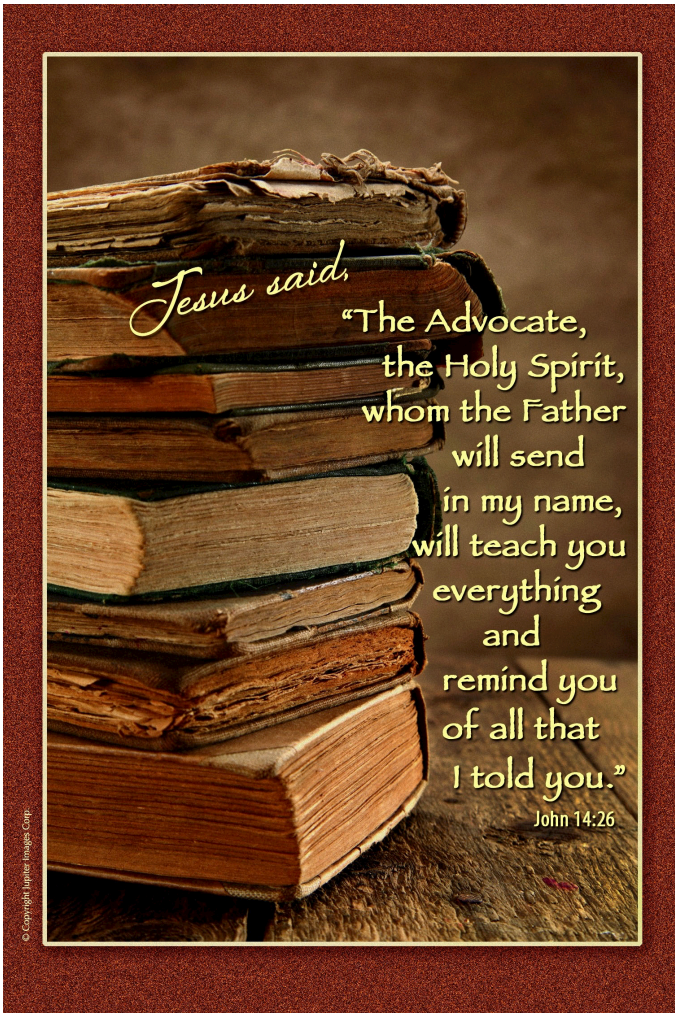


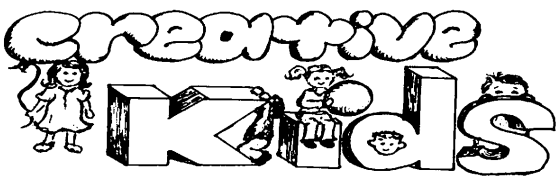


MARRIAGE MOMENTS

Sunday May 1: Trip down Memory Lane #14 - Remember your first long trip together - either for fun, to meet each other's family, or even a funeral. What did you like about making travel plans together? What was a stress because of your differences? What have you learned?

PARENTING POINTERS

Sunday May 1: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." (John 14:15) Just as God gave us commandments, healthy families have rules that help keep order and keep the peace. What are some of your family rules? Do you need any new ones? Let go of outdated ones? Discuss together.



Heavenly Crescents

You will need:
1 refrigerated package of crescents
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup cinnamon

1. Open crescent roll and divide into already cut portions.
2. Mix sugar and cinnamon and sprinkle mixture evenly across each crescent.
3. Roll each crescent from the long side to the point and place on a baking sheet.
4. Cook as directed on package.

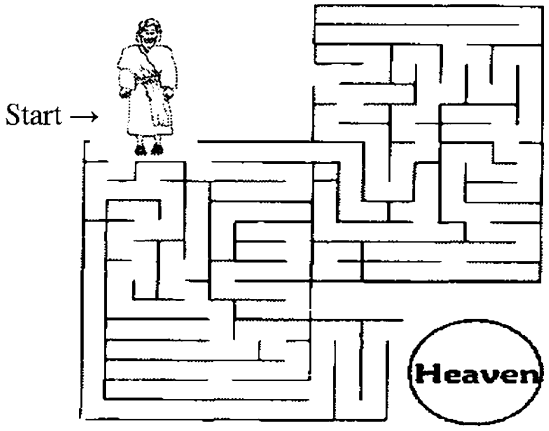
GOD'S WORD FOR CHILDREN!

Sixth Sunday of Easter Year C

Jesus tells the disciples that He is leaving them to be with the Father and they should not be afraid. He said, "Whoever loves Me will keep my word, and the Father will love him, and will come to him."

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8
Rv 21:10-14, 22-23 Jn 14:23-29

Directions: Help Jesus get to the Father in Heaven



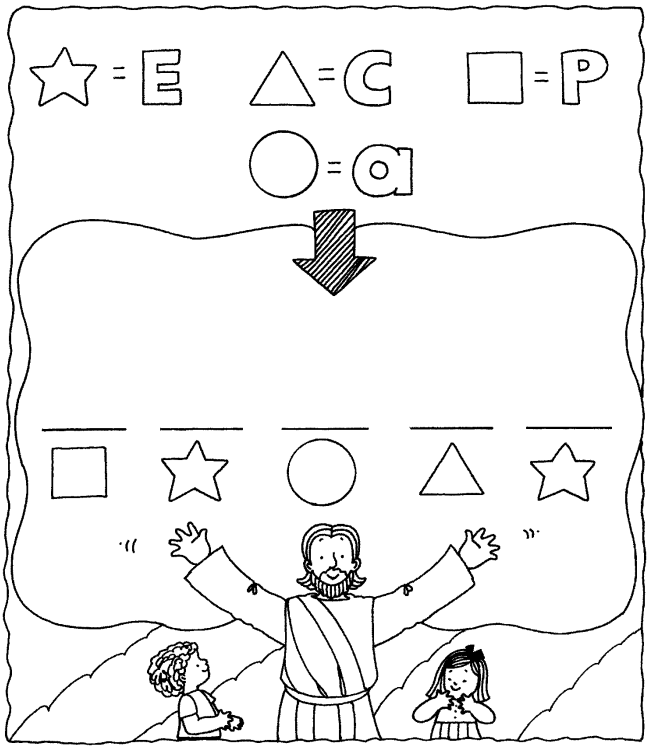
Jesus said that the Holy Spirit would be sent to remind us of all that Jesus taught.

Directions: Make as many new words as you can with the letters in Holy Spirit.

HOLY SPIRIT

1._____
2._____
3._____
4._____
5._____
6._____
7._____
8._____

While Jesus was on earth he told his disciples he was leaving something with them. Use the shape code to find what it was.



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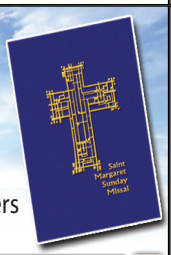

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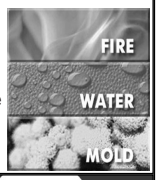

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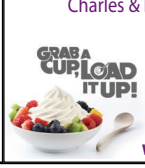

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