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They were all filled  
with the *Holy Spirit*

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## PENTECOST

Today we keep another great feast, that of Pentecost, when we remember the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles. Fifty days ago we celebrated Easter and during that time we have been hearing about the risen Jesus's appearances to his disciples. Jesus has now returned to the Father (as we reflected upon recently, when we explored the meaning of the Ascension of the Lord). Now Jesus fulfills his earlier promise that "the advocate, the Holy Spirit" will be sent to the disciples (John 14: 15-31). The feast of Pentecost concludes the fifty days of our season of Easter (in fact, the word "Pentecost" comes from an ancient Greek word "pente-koste", meaning fifty days.) Well, all of this is fine and good, but what exactly do we celebrate today...?

The feast of Pentecost, like so many of our feast days and prayers, actually has its roots in a Jewish celebration, namely that of the "first fruits" or "the weeks". This key feast was celebrated some seven weeks after the Sabbath of the Passover. It was a time to give thanks to God for the first fruits of the spring harvest and to renew the *covenant* or relationship between God and His people. This gives a clue to many of the things that we celebrate today, especially if we look again at our readings, hymns and prayers at the Mass for Pentecost.

On the day of Pentecost, the apostles were renewed

and, in fact, changed in their relationship with God. Before the Holy Spirit came upon them, they were weak and frightened men, cowering in the upper room in fear (as we are told at the beginning of our First Reading in Acts 2: 1-11). After they had received the Holy Spirit they were strengthened and became bold and powerful witnesses to the risen Jesus. In this sense, Pentecost is called "the birthday of the Church." They received not the first fruits of the spring harvest, but the fruits or gifts of the Holy Spirit: wisdom and understanding, right judgment and courage, knowledge and reverence, wonder and awe. This giving of the gifts of the Holy Spirit is continued in the church through every generation and place seen, above all, in the sacrament of Confirmation.

The Gospel also tells us that the apostles receive the authority to become special instruments of God's love and mercy as the Holy Spirit is breathed upon them (John 20: 19-23). This also is continued in the Church through the sacrament of ordination. Those who are to be ordained are literally *ordered* (that is both changed in their very being and also commanded) to be ministers of that same love and mercy through their leadership, their teaching and preaching and through the celebration of the sacraments.

This radical renewal of relationships extends even further. We can notice, for example, how when Peter preaches on the day of Pentecost, each person present understands him in his own language. In other words, the division that can be caused by all the different languages spoken in our world (as we hear in the story of the Tower of Babel in Genesis 11: 1-9) is now overcome by the one message and one language of Jesus Christ. After all, the Holy Spirit is often called the "bond of love" or the "Spirit of unity". So, today, with this wonderful feast of Pentecost, we also celebrate the unity that following Jesus and having faith in him can bring: we are indeed one family, brothers and sisters, in Jesus Christ.

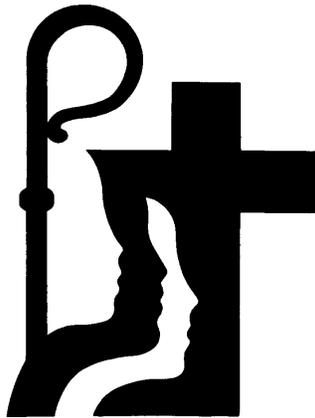
As our season of Easter comes to its close, let us give thanks for the first fruits or the gifts of the Holy Spirit that we have received. It is a good time to renew our appreciation of those seven gifts of the Holy Spirit and also to realize, once again, that these gifts are given to us to be shared with others. All of us have received that mission, or even commission, to preach the Gospel. We often do this simply by trying to live and to witness to our faith in the everyday events and encounters that make up our daily life. Let us, like the apostles, not cower in some upper room, but rather boldly go out and witness to our faith. Finally, let us remember once again, those who were recently confirmed, their sponsors and their families in our prayers.

Fr. Anthony

## A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

by Bud Ozar

Like the disciples in today's Gospel, there are times we shut the doors of our hearts to people or events. It's how we create emotional distance. Permanent distancing is lethal and prevents the PEACE Jesus offers you today.



## Our 2017 Bishop's Appeal

As of this past weekend we have received approximately 245 commitments totaling \$57,554.00 toward this year's Bishop's Appeal. The average gift is still approximately \$235. We extend our thanks and gratitude to everyone who has responded to this year's appeal in

such a generous way.

Last year we received approximately \$70,000 in gifts and pledges; so we have about \$12,500 more to equal that level.

We are now in the process of sending out notes to those we have not yet heard from. Please join in praying that we will once again exceed our goal.

**Please keep in mind**, commitments to the Bishop's Appeal can be made online at [theBishopsAppeal.org](http://theBishopsAppeal.org). Call us at 828-1334 if you need any assistance. You can also call the Bishop's Appeal Office at 453-6680 for assistance.

## Be Part of the Conversation

Be part of the Church of the Twenty-first Century. Follow Bishop Edward Scharfenberger and the Diocese of Albany on social media.

Go to the links below and join our local faith community online.

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**Webpage:** visit the website of the Diocese of Albany at [rcda.org](http://rcda.org)

This weekend we welcome Seminarian Matthew Houle, who will be with us on summer placement (until mid-August). Please do welcome Matthew (of course!) and please continue to remember all our seminarians in your prayers.

WELCOME MATTHEW!

## Resurrection Church Clean-up

Next Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, join with other parishioners in cleaning up the facilities at Resurrection Church, Germantown. Have the fun of working together with other parishioners in a positive way; and have the satisfaction of knowing that you actively contributed to maintaining the upkeep of your material and spiritual resources.

## Fathers Day Masses

On Fathers Day, Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, we will remember fathers (both living and deceased) of our parishioners. Please hand in the Fathers Day Envelopes next weekend, so they can be on the altar for Fathers Day.

## THE WORD AMONG US

*The Word Among Us* – June issue has something for everyone. It is available in the front vestibule for \$1.00 a copy. Keep using this valuable tool to learn and experience the power of God's Holy Word

## SACRIFICIAL GIVING

What we share generously and knowingly will come back to bless us in countless unknown ways.

### HUDSON

Regular Offertory Last Weekend (May 28).....	\$6,399.00
Feast of the Ascension.....	\$1,649.00
Church in Central Europe.....	\$ 446.00
Seminarian Support.....	\$ 91.00

### GERMANTOWN

Regular Offertory Last Weekend (May 28).....	\$1,899.00
Feast of the Ascension.....	\$ 297.00
Church in Central Europe.....	\$ 271.00
Seminarian Support.....	\$ 15.00

## SACRAMENTS

*The sacraments are wonderful gifts from God to us. Through outward, visible signs, the sacraments are channels of God's and love and mercy and so they draw us into the life of the Trinity. They therefore also continue the saving mission and ministry of Jesus Christ in and through His body, the Church. Below is some information on how to make contact regarding the celebration of the sacraments.*

**BAPTISM:** Congratulations! If you would like to arrange preparations and a date for Baptism, please contact the Parish Office.

**RCIA:** For those inquiring about the Catholic Faith or wishing to complete their sacraments: welcome! Please contact the Parish Office and we will be very glad to help you further.

**RECONCILIATION:** Celebrated on Saturdays 2.30-3.45 pm in Hudson, before and after Masses in Germantown, or at any time by appointment. (Note: it is best to call ahead first to check on the availability of a priest)

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Priests regularly visit the hospitals, nursing homes and the homebound. Please do contact the Parish Office if you or someone you know is in need of the anointing of sick.

**MARRIAGE:** Congratulations! So that proper arrangements (paperwork, preparations etc.) can be made, please contact the Parish Office or Fr. Anthony at least six months before the desired date.

**VOCATIONS:** If you are considering a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate or religious life, please contact Fr. Anthony to share thoughts and

## Having thoughts of becoming a Catholic?

At some point in their lives, many people find themselves interested in the Catholic Church. Whatever your reason, know there are many like yourself who desire a closer relationship with Christ and a community in which to thrive and worship to help deepen the relationship.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults helps individuals journey to a deeper understanding of Jesus and the Catholic faith. It is a life-changing journey. To find out if this is right for you, or for more information, please call Michael Van Allen at the Rectory Office: 518-828-1334. Or email him at [holytrinityhudson.org](mailto:holytrinityhudson.org).

## Taking care of a loved one?

Do you take care of loved one, age 60 or above, and find it difficult to get away? Perhaps grocery shopping, appointments, or just a quick errand or two. Taking care of a senior can be difficult and finding relief can certainly be a challenge.

The Columbia County Office for the Aging may be able to assist you. The Respite Program may be able to find someone to watch a loved one for a brief period of time to give a caregiver a break. Contact the Columbia County Respite Program at 518-828-4258 for details.

### PASTOR'S INFORMATION

If any of the following items pertain to you or your family, please check the box by that item. This information will be a great help.  
(Please tear off and put in the collection basket, or mail to the rectory.)

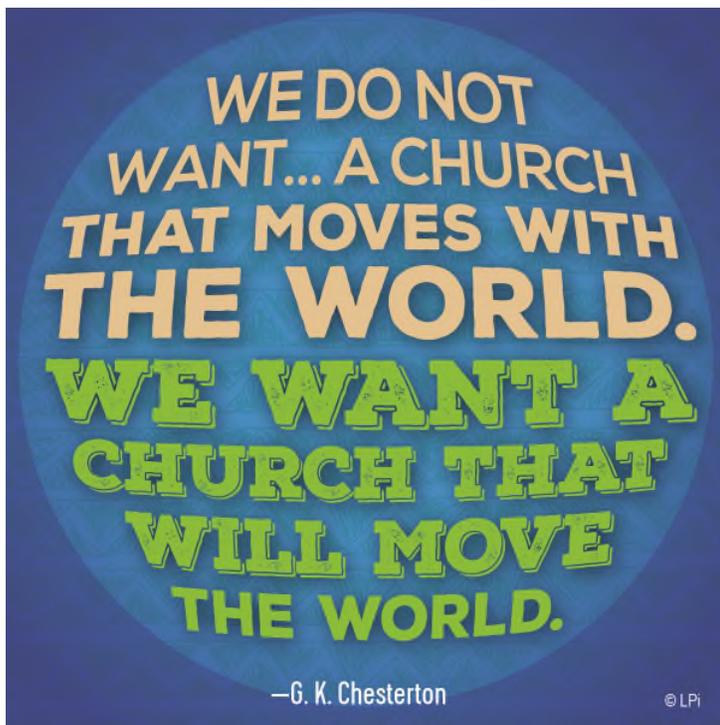
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 Request collection envelopes  Need information, please phone  
 Request free subscription to **The Evangelist**, our diocesan newspaper  New telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_



## READINGS AND HYMNS (HUDSON)

Reading: p. 186. Opening Hymn: # 293 Closing: # 287

### MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

#### MONDAY: Weekday (June 5)

7:15 AM Kathryn McDonald - Mary Kutski  
Alice Krisniski - Bob & Janice Pendergast

#### TUESDAY: Weekday (June 6)

7:15 AM Dec'd, of Gasbarri & Marotta Families - Dee Marotta  
Alice Krisniski - Charles & Mary Ann Vieni

#### WEDNESDAY: Weekday (June 7)

7:15 AM Jon Wilder - Family  
Richard Erickson - Elaine Erickson

#### THURSDAY: Weekday (June 8)

7:15 AM Mary & William DeJoy - Daughter Matilda  
John Grandinetti - Judy & Tony Bucci

#### FRIDAY: Weekday (June 9)

7:15 AM Kathryn McDonald - Dolly & Lee Van DeCarr  
(HUD) James Van Deusen - Elaine Erickson  
9:00 AM Living & deceased of the Parish  
(G'TWN)

### HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY

#### SATURDAY VIGIL MASS: (June 10)

4:00 PM Joseph Pazera - Wife Liz & Family  
(HUD) Peter G. Colarusso Jr. - George Malchow  
Lucille Kappel - Janice & Tom Brodowski

5:30 PM Al Bartolotta - Gloria & Frank Santacroce  
(LNLTH)

#### SUNDAY MORNING MASS: (June 11)

9:00 AM Justin, Helen, Robert Beynart - John Beynart  
(HUD) Thomas Donohue (16th Anniv.) - Joan Donohue  
Kathryn McDonald - Alice Swertinski

11:00 AM All Living & Deceased of Holy Trinity Parish  
(G'TWN)

### Readings for the Week of June 4

Sunday: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

Monday: Tb 1:3; 2:1b-8/Ps 112:1b-2, 3b-6/Mk 12:1-12

Tuesday: Tb 2:9-14/Ps 112:1-2, 7-9/Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday: Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a/Ps 25:2-5ab, 6, 7bc-9/  
Mk 12:18-27

Thursday: Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a/Ps 128:1-5/  
Mk 12:28-34

Friday: Tb 11:5-17/Ps 146:1b-2, 6c-10/Mk 12:35-37

Saturday: Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20/Mk 12:38-44

Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52-56/2 Cor 13:11-13/  
Jn 3:16-18

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### SUNDAY, June 4



#### COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

Once again we will be accepting donations of cash or packaged non-perishable food items on behalf of Catholic Charities Food Pantry. Checks should be made out to Holy Trinity Parish with "Food Pantry" put on the Memo line, or put it in an envelope marked "Food Pantry."

### TUESDAY, June 6

- **St. Anthony Novena:** 7:00 p.m., Church

### WEDNESDAY, June 7

- **The Gathering:** 7:30 to 9:00 p.m., at the St. Mary's Academy Library. For more information, call Charles Vieni at 851-7981

### THURSDAY June 8

- **Bible Study:** 7:00 p.m. St. Mary's Rectory

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