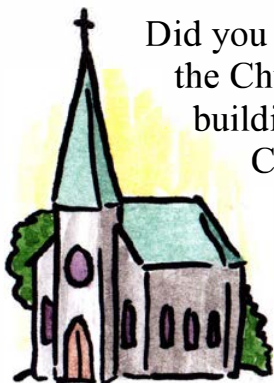




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“Let the little children come to me” – Matthew 19:14

Happy Birthday, Church!

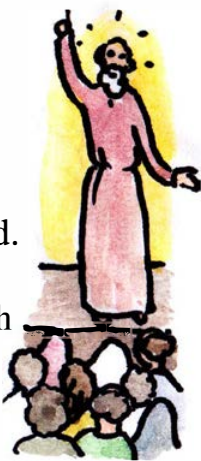


Did you know that Pentecost Sunday is the Church's birthday? Not the church building, but the people who are the Church.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Why is Pentecost the Church's birthday?

Because on that day, the Holy Spirit first came to the apostles and sent them out to become the Church and to teach the good news about Jesus everywhere in the world.



The Holy Spirit works through the Church in many ways. He inspired the men who wrote the Bible. He teaches us through priests and missionaries and teachers.

Did you know that He even inspires us to pray?

You can pray that God will send you the Holy Spirit every day. Jesus tells us in the Gospel that God will give the Holy Spirit to whoever asks.



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Ask the Bishop

Q. Did the soldiers who crucified Jesus go to hell?

-Roman Pohoreskey, age 8, St. Gabriel, Chesterfield

A. We might sometimes wonder what happened to the soldiers who crucified Jesus. We know from the Scriptures that some of them did believe. For

instance, in St. Mark's Gospel, the centurion said, "Truly, this man was the Son of God!" when Jesus died (Mk 15:39). We don't really know what happened to the soldiers, though.

We can be sure that Our Lord forgave everyone, and that he is loving, merciful, and just. He gave them every chance possible to know the truth about him. It's up to them whether they seek and accept his forgiveness.

Q. Why did God kick the devil out of heaven?

-Olivia Pohoreskey, age 5, St. Gabriel, Chesterfield

A. The way I think of it, God, in his infinite love, sustains the life of all his creatures, even though his creatures – in their freedom – might reject God. God wants to give all his creatures the joy of heaven, but the devil rejected heaven and fled out of pride and envy.

Being in heaven means being in the presence of God – adoring and loving him. God always exists, even when someone says “no” to him. God still keeps them in existence, even if they refuse to acknowledge God and enjoy eternal life in heaven.

God wants all of his creatures to be with him in heaven, but it's our sinful actions that keep us away from him. Both angels and humans have freedom of choice, and as incredible as it sounds – some of the angels chose to turn away from God.

The wonderful thing is that God will never stop loving us!

Q. Do you have a church you love most?

-Mrs. Whitley's 1st grade class, St. Mary Star of the Sea School, Hampton

A. I have a lot of special memories at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. It's where I was ordained a priest, and over the years, I've attended many special events there.

There are a lot of beautiful churches – including the Basilica of the Assumption in Baltimore, which is not as well known. It's not really the beauty of the building, but the feelings you get when you're there thinking about God, celebrating Mass and singing hymns.

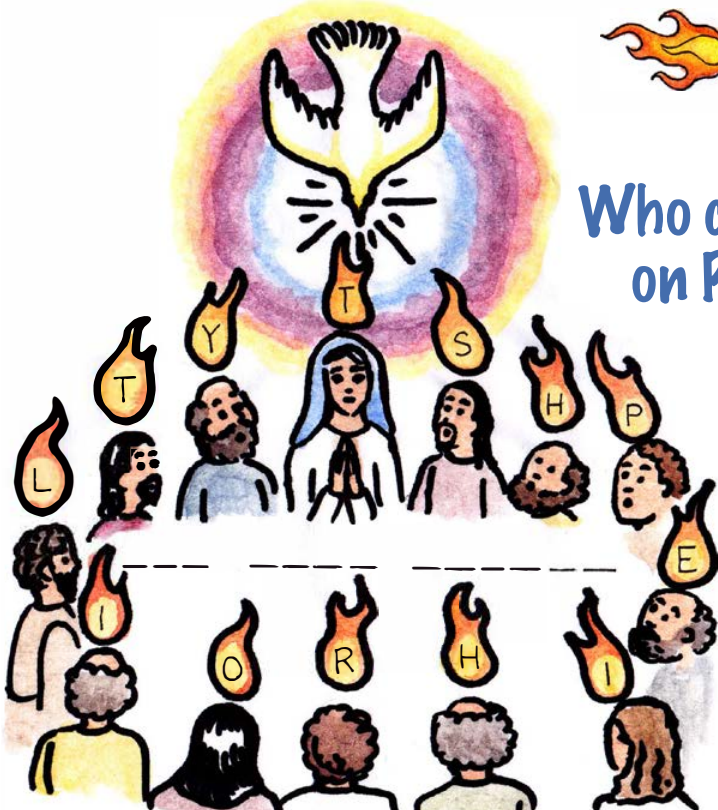
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Include your full name, age, and home parish.

 Pentecost Sunday 
May 19

Who came to the Apostles on Pentecost Sunday?



Fill in the blanks with the letters in the flames: go around the Apostles clockwise skipping every other letter. Start with Mary.

