

Living Christ's Mission: Pentecost

For the past six weeks, we have been celebrating the joy of ministry work here at OLPH. Each Sunday, we have listened to a reading from the Acts of the Apostles. These readings reflect how the members of the early Church ministered to one another, lived in close community, and reached out to others with the message of salvation.



When Jesus ascended into Heaven, he promised to send an advocate to take His place. When the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles in tongues of fire, the apostles were at once enlightened, emboldened, and empowered to be witnesses to Christ and to spread His Mission. Filled with the wisdom of the Holy Spirit, they had the courage and the passion to preach and to be understood by all. The transformation of the apostles by the Holy Spirit enabled them to come out of hiding, to show their faces, to lift their voices, and to give testimony to the Kingdom of God.



The Archdiocesan Transformation Initiative has been referred to as “a new Pentecost,” a time when each of us can rekindle the flame within our own hearts. The cross within the flame, which is our Transformation logo, reflects the Pentecostal theme of the Church as Christ-centered and Spirit-driven.

If we allow ourselves to be transformed by the fire of the Holy Spirit, there is no stopping the good that we can accomplish in the world. Let us be bold enough to truly live our Faith, to set the World on fire with the love of God, a love that is manifest through love of and service to our neighbor. As disciples, we are the face of Christ to others, His warm and welcoming flame, His outstretched arms, His giving heart.

We are blessed at OLPH with many wonderful Ministries that offer opportunities to be models

of Christ's love through service to others. At the end of our lives, we will not be judged by what we have accumulated but by what we have given away, in how we have ministered to one another, and in how we have used our talents to serve the world. We all have a light that shines through the gifts that we offer and the talents that we share.

Choose a ministry! Become involved! Know the joy of service! If you are already involved in a ministry, now is the time to reach out and ask someone to join you. Our new “Each One, Bring One” campaign is all about inviting someone to accompany you to Mass, a Ministry meeting, a Parish event, walking together in love of God and service to others. As it says in Luke 11:13: “No one after lighting a lamp puts it in a cellar or under a bushel, but on a stand, that those who enter may see the light.” Let us not be afraid to step up and reveal our individual lights. We can then stand together and make the world shine!

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