This month we will celebrate the great Feast of Pentecost on Sunday, June 8th. Each year and at each level of the Atrium, we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost with the children. We come to know about Pentecost through:

**The Liturgical Colors**
The youngest children are introduced to the colors of the Church year. They come to know the color **red** as a color of great love and the color of the Holy Spirit.

Talk to your children about the color for Pentecost and why the Church chose that for the Feast of Pentecost? As a family, prepare to wear **red** to Church that weekend.

**The Liturgical Calendar**
The older children discover the great feasts of the Church Year, those being Christmas, Easter and Pentecost.

What do each of these feasts tell us about Jesus?

**The Pentecost Celebration**
All the children celebrate the gifts of the Holy Spirit in the Pentecost Celebration. Ask your child to share what gift of the Holy Spirit they would most like to receive as we celebrate Pentecost?

How will your family celebrate the Feast of Pentecost? What is one practical idea that will become your family tradition?

- Wear **red** to Church (share a family Pentecost selfie on our Facebook page)
- Read the **story of Pentecost**
- Read Isaiah 11:2 – 3a. What does the prophet Isaiah have to do with Pentecost?
- Since Pentecost is considered the “birthday” of the Church, celebrate with cupcakes or a cake (you are not obligated to have cake, but strawberries on top look like tongues of fire)
- At mealtime, discuss your “Holy Spirit Moments” of the day: when did you feel the presence of the Holy Spirit? When were you aware of the presence of a particular gift of the Holy Spirit at work?
- Using red paper, make your own cards with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit for your family prayer table. The gifts are Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Knowledge, Fortitude, Piety and Fear of the Lord.