

Ideas for Parish Celebrations of the Great Feast of Pentecost

Preparation in advance of Pentecost

- establish a Parish Pentecost Celebration Committee
- encourage participation in the nine day Novena to the Holy Spirit
- Prayer service on Pentecost Vigil with meditation and faith sharing
- All night vigil on Pentecost eve
- seven week Life in the Spirit Seminar
- teaching series on preparing for the Pentecost
- prayers to the Holy Spirit included in the parish bulletins
- Celebration of Confirmation at the Pentecost liturgy for those who have not yet received

During the Pentecost Mass

- name tags for everyone that includes their confirmation name
- all were instructed to wear red shirts, sweaters, dresses, shoes, ties, jackets, arm bands
- Vigil of the Pentecost Mass
- before Mass begins, recitation and singing of the Litany to the Holy Spirit
- parish mission statement read after the Creed We are are called
- recognition of those who serve at Mass
- acolytes, sacristans, choir, musicians, lectors, ushers, extraordinary ministers
- reading of scriptures or the Our Father in multiple languages
- a time of silence after Communion with instructions on how to listen to the Holy Spirit
- after Communion, reciting of the Prayer to the Holy Spirit
- music to include trumpets, drums and various instruments provided by youth
- at closing of Mass, readings on the Holy Spirit including Litany to the Holy Spirit
- at closing of Mass, lighting of individual candles from the Easter candle and processing out into the world

After the Services

- prayer teams to pray over individuals for the gifts of the Holy Spirit
- brunch or party celebrating the birthday of the church with specially decorated cake
- gifts for the three oldest parishioners and the three most recently joining the parish
- ecumenical service with other churches
- prayer service with scripture, petitions reflections on Holy Spirit
- overview presentation of Living in the Spirit
- Praise and Worship to God the Holy Spirit
- praying the Novena to the Holy Spirit

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