



The Vine...

Connecting the Body of Christ one to another

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FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Friends,

There's a parable you may have heard before. It's common in many cultures, though it seems to have originated long ago with a rabbi somewhere in Europe during the Middle Ages.

In the parable, a traveler visits Hell, and finds everyone seated at tables with good food in their bowls. But everyone is starving, because they have only long-handled spoons, and they can't lift the food to their mouths. Then the traveler visits Heaven and finds exactly the same situation – except that each person is using their long-handled spoon to feed the person sitting across the table from them.

I've been reminded of this parable as I think about the use of masks during the Coronavirus pandemic. The medical authorities tell us that the purpose of wearing a mask is not so much to protect ourselves as it is to protect others. When the mask catches *my* breath, it prevents any infection I may harbor from getting into *your* air, and likewise your mask prevents any infection you may harbor from getting into someone else's air.

Long-handled spoons, cloth masks – both are tools, and both are examples of something simple and profound; they are examples of how we “seek and serve Christ in all persons,” as we have promised in our Baptismal Covenant.

I am excited to be preparing for our first regathered service of Holy Eucharist on July 5. I long to see you all, even in masks, though I know some of you will not be able to return physically yet. We will continue to post services on the website and on Facebook for those of you who are still worshipping from home.

God bless you all.

Faithfully,

Mother Annette

Church News

DOLLARS AND CENTS

(From Mother Annette)

If you have been sending in your pledge regularly, *thank you!*

As we regather for in-person worship, instead of passing the alms basins, we will have a large offering basket by the entrance door. You can drop your pledge envelopes or other offerings in the basket as you come into the church.

If you are not coming back to church this month, you can continue to send in your pledge by mail to our locked mailbox. Please remember to put your check in your church envelope inside your mailing envelope, and to write your name and the amount on the church envelope. This helps the tellers who are counting and recording the pledge payments.

Thank you to all who are keeping up with their pledges!

LOCAL FOOD PANTRIES

Eastern Interfaith Outreach (EIO) Update

EIO has continued to feed those in need during this COVID-19 situation! The EIO office is closed to inside business; however, the volunteers are still receiving monetary donations as well as food supplies from the Maryland Food Bank, which they then distribute to those in need outside of the

building. They have fed over 400 families during this pandemic time!

Even when Holy Trinity opens its doors again, we will not be able to collect food donations. However, EIO is still in need of monetary donations. As able, please plan to donate to EIO monetarily. **Make your check payable to “Eastern Interfaith Outreach” and mail it to:**
Eastern Interfaith Outreach
P.O. Box 7878
Essex, MD 21221

If you or someone you know is in need of food, EIO can be reached by either leaving a message on their answering machine (410-391-6181) OR by calling “211” and following the prompts for Baltimore County food pantries and choosing the option for EIO.

Thank you.

St. Clare Catholic Church

The food pantry at St. Clare Catholic Church is still available at 714 Myrth Avenue in Essex. They are open on Tuesdays from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon for people to drop off donations or to pick up food items if in need. Those receiving aid must bring ID showing that they are residents of either the 21220 or 21221 ZIP code. When arriving at St. Clare’s, enter the parking lot on the fire station side, go past the steps, to the back of the school. The doors are right around the corner on that end of the building. Drop off and pick up of food items will be done outside of those doors.



THE FLORENTINE FAMILY

Greetings from the Florentines! As you can see, Mikey and Mattie are still busy growing!



JULY BIRTHDAYS

Mary Bogert – 7/1
AnnMarie Sample – 7/2
Sydney Weber – 7/2
Frank Hagner – 7/3
Donna Neal – 7/5
Roger Simeone – 7/6

Tyler Schultz – 7/9
Tim Fields – 7/10
Lorraine Wojtkowiak – 7/10
Ruth Anthony – 7/11
Julie Gillooly – 7/15
Don Alves – 7/17
Dave Florentine – 7/20
Mason Nines – 7/20
Joanna Dombrowski – 7/23
Alice Martin – 7/24
Tamara Dishon – 7/27
Millie Reichert – 7/28
Bill Barton – 7/31



JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Ron and Jackie Ross – 7/24
Stanley and Roberta Krenzer – 7/26

ANY ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS, SEE LEAH



PRAYER LIST

Please note: We will update our prayer list during July. Please re-confirm names that should remain on the list by sending Leah an e-mail at HTOfficeSecretary@gmail.com or calling the office on Tuesday or Thursday morning between 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. Thank you.

O God of heavenly powers, by the might of your command you drive away from our bodies all sickness and all infirmity: Be present in your goodness with your servants, that their weaknesses may be banished and their strength restored; and that, their health being renewed, they may bless your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mary Bogert
 Melody Magin (Mary Bogert's Daughter)
 Charlotte Nicholson (Janice's Sister)
 Alice Martin
 James Florentine (Dave's brother)
 Elizabeth Shifflett (Ron's aunt)
 Ellen Wallace
 Danny Mitchell
 Bill & Di Anderson (Joan's son and daughter-in-law)
 Chris Anderson, Sr. (Joan's son)
 Joan Anderson
 Ryan Perry (Helen's grandson)
 Debbie McCall (Helen's daughter)
 Ruth Anthony
 Joanne Piper
 Tina Barberia (Teresa's family friend)
 James Baker (Millie's brother)
 Margaret Oduor

Gladys Agandi
 Heather Hildebrand (friend of John and Jeannie)
 Tina Goins (niece of John and Jeannie)
 Kathleen Monroe (friend of John and Jeannie)
 Valerie Mehl
 Rachel Nealis
 Madi Novak (Anne's great niece)
 John Morris
 Jeannie Morris
 Judy Harle
 Kenneth Harle
 Bob Metz
 Todd Metz (Bob's son)
 Bill Hightower (Cindy's brother)
 Linda Quinn (Mary Anne's sister-in-law)
 Jane V. Quinn (Mary Anne's mother)
 Chris Ratajczak (Darlene's son)
 Leonard Ratajczak (Darlene's husband) **
 Edward McClanskey (Darlene's friend)
 Dewald Family (Ratajczak family & friends)
 Phyllis Thomas (Denise's aunt)
 Nancy Taylor
 Pat McGee
 Richard Chin (friend of Lynn French)
 Michelle Chin (niece of Richard Chin)
 Wilbur Zink (family of Janice)
 Jesse Fields (Tim's son)
 Julie Crosby
 Bella Wilhide (Lynne Clementoni)
 Chris Acly
 Deb Pirog

** As you know, transplantation of an organ can not only save a life but can greatly improve the quality of life. Leonard Ratajczak, Darlene's husband, needs a kidney transplant. If you or someone you know might consider donating a kidney, please be in touch through Deacon Cindy. And please pray for Len and for all those awaiting organ transplants.

PLEASE ADVISE LEAH OF ANY ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS

PRAY FOR OUR HEALTHCARE WORKERS

Please pray for members of our congregation who work in health care settings:

Laura Nielsen, Cindy Christopher+, Pam Gatchell, Denise Thatcher, Josh Rodriguez-Hobbs+, Don Alves, Mary Acly, Tamara Dishon, Jody Leonard, Joey Reichert, Lisa Balderson.



COFFEE HOUR

There will be no coffee hour so long as we are in Phase Orange. When we are ready to enter Phase Yellow, there will be specific instructions about coffee hour.

PARISH HALL RENTAL

The parish hall is rented on a strictly first come, first serve basis. If you would like to rent the hall, you must speak with Leah Seay, Parish Secretary. All events are to end at or before 11:00 pm, and the hall is to be cleaned and ready for use the next morning. **NO HALL RENTALS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**



FLOWER MEMORIALS/ THANKSGIVINGS

If you would like to offer flower memorials or thanksgivings, please complete a form with your instructions, along with a check for \$30.00, and return them to Teresa Schutte-Regester.

The 2020 forms are available from Leah in the church office. Memorials are on a per Sunday basis, not per name. More than one person may donate on any given Sunday.

HOUSEKEEPING NOTES

Since we do not have a paid cleaning service for the church, all parishioners are responsible for cleaning. In the church itself, please follow the instructions for sanitizing the pew at the end of the service you attend. In the restrooms, please follow the posted instructions for sanitizing the toilet, sink, light switches, and door handles. If you need to use a mop for a spill, or if the restroom runs out of toilet paper or paper towels, please report the matter to an usher. Note that the parish hall is off limits on Sundays. If you're not sure about any of these instructions, just ask.

COVID CORNER

Temporarily, we have replaced the “Church Humor” section with “COVID Corner”. This has been a stressful time for many of us. However, please see below for a bit of humor in the situation.



MESSAGES

Anne Knott maintains the primary list of e-mail information. However, if you change your email address and you don't give the change to Anne, it is not possible for her to notify you of situations impacting the parish. Anne can be reached at annesews@verizon.net.

MAILING LIST UPDATES

For changes to your home address or phone number, call the parish office at 410-687-5531 on Tuesday or Thursday between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon.

VESTRY OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

Senior Warden - Christine Kinard
Junior Warden - Wes Thatcher
Treasurer - Mary Acly
Registrar - Theresa Ridgeway
Financial Secretary - Jean Bowen

Vestry Members:

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| Arielle Juberg | John Morris |
| Christopher Acly | Laura Nielsen |
| Scott Rodriguez-Hobbs | Loretta Gischel |



FINAL WORD FROM THE EDITOR

Items for the August Newsletter are due by July 15.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

July 2020

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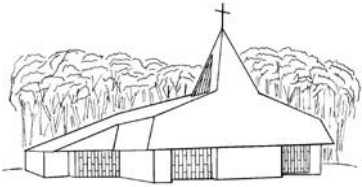
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| Usher | J. Huber | M. Acly | J. Huber | M. Acly |
| Usher | B. Barton | C. Acly | B. Barton | C. Acly |
| Usher | Chrissy F. | B. Metz | Chrissy F. | B. Metz |
| Lay Reader | Anne M. | R.Ross | R. Ross | Anne M. |
| Intercessor | Deacon | J. Huber | Deacon | J Huber |

10:00 A.M.

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| Usher | Sam S. | Chris K. | John M. | Sam S. |
| Usher | Leah S. | Loretta G. | Denise T. | Leah S. |
| Usher | Asa S. | Arielle J. | Arielle J. | Asa S. |
| Usher | Denise T. | Gloria G. | Tyler S. | Loretta G. |
| Intercessor | John M. | Denise T. | Richard G. | Denise T. |
| Reader | Teresa S. | Teresa S. | Teresa S. | Richard G. |

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO SERVE ON ANY OF THESE DATES, IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO FIND AN AUTHORIZED REPLACEMENT.



July 2020

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | 1 | 2 <i>10am-12pm Office Staffed</i> | 3 | 4 |
| 5 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist | 6 | 7 <i>10am-12pm Office Staffed</i> | 8 7 pm – Chat&Compline (Zoom meeting) | 9 <i>10am-12pm Office Staffed</i> 7 pm – Vestry Meeting (Zoom meeting) | 10 | 11 |
| 12 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist | 13 | 14 <i>10am-12pm Office Staffed</i> | 15 7 pm – Chat&Compline (Zoom meeting) | 16 <i>10am-12pm Office Staffed</i> | 17 | 18 |
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