



Trinity Tidings

June 2020

Day of Pentecost: Whitsunday



Sunday, May 31, will be the fiftieth day of the Easter season, the Day of Pentecost. I recall our worship service last year. The interior of the church was decorated with red helium balloons

and the youth of the parish served in various roles during the liturgy.

One year later, we currently find ourselves in a process of slowly re-opening life after a wave of pandemic. As we continue to do what ought to be done in order to protect both the parish and greater communities, we understand risk continues until there is a vaccine for Covid-19.

We also understand that with our eventual return to corporate worship, the re-opening of the building is only the first step in the process. There will be an incremental increase over time to the number of persons able to attend a service, the method of cleaning the building, Holy Eucharist and congregational singing on pause. The Church around the world has encountered many changes.

We commemorated Ascension Day last week, which signified the ending point for the activity of Jesus on earth. And yet, his ministry only changed into a new and more spectacular form. Jesus told his followers to remain in Jerusalem and wait there for the fulfillment of a promise. More was to come: wait and prepare for the work ahead.

This was the starting point for the preparation of Jesus' followers for the Spirit. And they were ultimately formed to be witnesses of Christ not only in Jerusalem, but also to the ends of the earth. The ascension signifies a new beginning.

On the Day of Pentecost humanity experienced, fully, the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. Just as previous generations have done, we ourselves continue to write the narrative of the Church as we proclaim the Good News in our time.

Opportunities for worship: as WNY begins the first phase of re-opening, I offer to you these opportunities for worship:

1. Sundays, 10:00 a.m. via Zoom online platform: Join Bp. Sean and others from the Diocesan Partnership. The diocese sends out an informative email about this service weekly.
2. Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m. via Zoom online platform: Join with me for this midweek service. A parish-wide informative email is sent out about this service each Wednesday morning.
3. Private in-person worship: an individual or persons of the same household can schedule a private service with me, which will take place in a newly formed worship space in Garland Hall. Social distancing guidelines will be followed.
4. Worship al fresco: contact me to schedule an outdoor service at your residence: on your deck, patio, or yard. Social distancing guidelines will be followed.

Please contact me if you have any questions about these four options.

In conclusion, I want to thank everyone for your donations to our First Responders Fund. We raised \$1200, which went to support local business and to provide meals for staff at both the Police and Fire Departments of Fredonia. Many Thanks!

--- Blessings, Fr. Jim

Important dates in June:

All in-person worship and events scheduled to be held at the church are suspended until further notice.

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**A Message from Bishop Sean:
Keeping Each Other Safe.
May 22, 2020**

Dear People of God in Western New York and Northwestern Pennsylvania,

On Wednesday, Governor Andrew Cuomo announced that he is now permitting New Yorkers to gather for worship in groups of ten people or fewer, as long as people wear masks and practice social distancing. Similarly, earlier today Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf moved ten counties in our partnership into the state's "green phase" of reopening, effective May 29. That phase permits gatherings of more than 25 people with appropriate social distancing. President Trump has also expressed the opinion that houses of worship should reopen immediately.

While I am glad for these indications in both of our states that we are making progress against the COVID-19 pandemic, and while I too think that faith communities are essential, this does not alter my request that our congregations refrain from in-person worship until at least July 1.

As Christians, our first responsibility during this pandemic is to ensure that we care for the most vulnerable people in our congregations and communities. The Centers for Disease Control has made it abundantly clear that people over the age of 65, and those with complicating medical conditions, should take special precautions to keep themselves safe from infection. This includes avoiding crowds. I do not want to re-open our church buildings at a time when it is dangerous for many of our clergy and members to join us. Nor do I want it to become our practice that we hold an in-person service for young, healthy people and an online service for those who are older or have pre-existing conditions.

Our partnership may be proceeding more cautiously than other churches and institutions, but wherever possible, we will move forward together and with an abundance of care for the communities we serve. Our ability to place the common good over our own very real desires for the Eucharist and in-person fellowship is borne of our Christian faith and charity. I encourage you to take heart from this powerful witness we are making in the face of uncertainty and fear.

As I wrote to you on May 6, the mission strategy group, which includes lay and clergy leaders from both dioceses, is developing a plan for returning to in-person worship as part of its larger exploration of how we will respond to the needs of our communities in the wake of the pandemic. In June, I expect to provide congregational leaders with detailed guidelines for re-opening buildings along with an update on possibilities for our shared mission in the months and years to come. These re-opening guidelines will take into account, but may not follow exactly, the Centers for Disease Control guidelines for faith communities released earlier today.

As Pentecost approaches, may the Holy Spirit renew in us a capacity for patience and perseverance and a willingness to sacrifice for the common good.

Faithfully,

+ Sean



*Never be afraid to trust
an unknown future to a known God.*

--- Corrie ten Boom (1892-1983)

Lectionary Readings for June:

www.lectionarypage.net

Sunday, June 7

First Sunday after Pentecost: Trinity Sunday

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Psalms 8

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Matthew 28:16-20

Sunday, June 14

Second Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 19:2-8a

Psalms 100

Romans 5:1-8

Matthew 9:35-10:8

Sunday, June 21

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 20:7-13

Psalms 69

Romans 6:1b-11

Matthew 10:24-39

Sunday, June 28

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 28:5-9

Psalms 89:1-4,15-18

Romans 6:12-23

Matthew 10:40-42

Birthdays in June

- 1 Emily (Volk) Smith
- 3 Lenore Jakiela
- 4 Janeil Rey
- 5 Bill Mosier
- 6 Cathy Berner
- 7 Jacob Caroselli
- 10 Julie Maytum
- 11 Bonnie Liener
- 13 Maggie Bryan Peterson
- 14 Gayle Skrzypek
- 17 Lindsay Parker
- 20 Charlotte Caroselli
- 23 Mark Maytum
- 25 Anne Klocek
- 26 Elizabeth Jane Reimer
- 27 Don Nash III
- 28 Rich Mancuso
- 28 Jaime Wright
- 30 Lisa Schultz

Wedding Anniversaries in June

- 9 Daniel and Jeanette Adamczak
- 13 Patti and Jared Cooper
- 16 Aaron and Emily Smith
- 28 Frank and Sallie Pullano

In Memoriam

- 5 Nathaniel Ludlum
- 11 Sarah Clark
- 24 Paul Jakiela

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Deadline for Submission of Articles

5:00 PM on the 20th of each month. Email your articles to rector@trinitychurchwny.org or provide to the Parish Office. All articles are subject to editing for length and clarity.

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Karin Wheelock

Lucille Bryant

Doreen Gould

Jack Torrance

Virginia Becker, Treasurer

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Outreach: Diane Sercu

Episcopal Church Women: Doreen Gould

Sunshine Group: Maureen Blackburn and Cathy Berner

Prayer Chain: Mary Lou Sherman

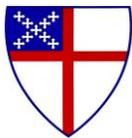
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Altar Guild: Jeanette Adamczak

Flower Guild: Melisa Eichmann

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*“Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ”
Ephesians 1:2*