



Trinity Tidings

July 2020



This time of pandemic has laid bare many issues once easily placed aside in our national conscience. In light of this, an authentic

conversation among us in our country about the sin of racism and the history of racism is long overdue. Now is the time to begin an honest process to bring about true racial reconciliation and healing.

Epidemics throughout history have often produced major changes of direction within a society. And this is one of those times. With the existence of Covid-19 we are reminded that all of our lives are closely linked together. With such an awareness, then one must ask the question: how should I respond to the other?

As followers of Jesus, we are asked to seek and serve Him in all persons, love our neighbor, and strive for justice and peace among all people. We are to respect the dignity of every human being. The good news is that with every encounter with our neighbor, God is present. This presence provides the help and strength we may need in relationship, especially during difficult circumstances.

The Hebrew term for *Peace* does not mean simply freedom from trouble or difficulty, but all that makes for our highest good. With God's help, let us begin to have the conversations and work needed to bring about true reconciliation and peace among the people of our country.

Suspension of in-person, public worship continues until further notice: our tremendous effort in New York to 'bring down the curve' of infection rate for Covid-19 has been successful. That said, the nature of the virus continues to pose a threat and rates of hospitalizations continue to rise around the country. Also, as areas of our state move into various phases of reopening, conditions and requirements change on a regular basis.

On June 17, Bishop Sean issued a letter to all congregations concerning an option of reopening their church building for public worship in July. This letter included a set of guidelines for reopening based on Center for Disease Control recommendations. Click on this link to read these documents: <https://episcopalpartnership.org/reopening-guidelines-released/>

I and the parish Wardens met together to discuss this option of reopening. Our conversation included the care of the parish family and guests, our concerns about the epidemic, changes that would be made in worship, and the implementation of these guidelines.

In the end, the decision was made to continue with the suspension of public worship until further notice. We plan to revisit this matter in the coming weeks. Until such a time of reopening for public worship, the options currently offered for online worship and for in-person, private worship will continue.

Thank You! I want to express my gratitude to an individual, who wishes to remain anonymous, for the substantial contribution made to the parish investment fund. Thank you for your faithfulness and dedication to Trinity Church. And on behalf of the congregation, thank you for your generosity!

--- Blessings, Fr. Jim

Important dates in July:

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

Thank you for keeping current with your offerings over the past four months. Please continue to use our mailing address, P.O. Box 467, rather than the church's street address.

Your second quarter giving statements will be mailed in July. Feel free to contact me with any questions. Stay safe, stay healthy!

--- Ginny Becker, Treasurer

And the people stayed home.

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And they read books, and listened, and rested, and exercised, and made art, and played games, and learned new ways of being, and were still.

And they listened more deeply.
Some meditated, some prayed, some danced. Some met their shadows.

And the people began to think differently.
And the people healed.

And, in the absence of people living in ignorant, dangerous, mindless, and heartless ways, the earth began to heal.

And when the danger passed, and the people joined together again, they grieved their losses, and made new choices, and dreamed new images, and created new ways to live and heal the earth fully, as they had been healed.

--- poem by Kitty O'Meara,
a retired chaplain who
resides in Wisconsin.

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Lectionary Readings in July:

www.lectionarypage.net

Sunday, July 5

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 9

Zechariah 9:9-12

Psalms 145:8-15

Romans 7:15-25a

Matthew 11:16-19; 25-30

Sunday, July 12

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 10

Isaiah 55:10-13

Psalms 65:9-14

Romans 8:1-11

Matthew 13:1-9; 18-22

Sunday, July 19

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 11

Isaiah 44:6-8

Psalms 86:11-17

Romans 8:12-25

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Sunday, July 26

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 12

1 Kings 3:5-12

Psalms 119:129-136

Romans 8:26-39

Matthew 13:31-33; 44-52

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The Collect for Independence Day July 4

Lord God Almighty, in whose Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Book of Common Prayer, pg. 242

Birthdays in July

- 2 Jack Torrance
- 4 Frank Pullano
- 5 Ryan Yerico
- 6 Patti Cooper
- 7 Robert Maytum, Jr.
- 7 Larry Harris
- 7 Tommy Kramer
- 9 Jennifer Caroselli
- 10 Rebecca Sedlmayer
- 12 Joseph Hermanck
- 13 Chris Eichmann
- 15 Kathryn McCloskey
- 16 Peggy Marsh Begier
- 21 Elizabeth Smith
- 22 Shawn Kinney
- 23 Sally J. Ludlum
- 23 Dean Shaw
- 24 Julie Maytum
- 26 Joel Hudson
- 30 Dave Sherman

Wedding Anniversaries in July

- 10 Jan and John Ingham
- 14 Cindy and Bob McCloskey
- 31 Lee and Maureen Blackburn

In Memoriam

- 2 Helene Babcock
- 2 Marion Sonnenfield
- 7 Robert Smith
- 14 Susan Roberts

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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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Jack Torrance

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Outreach: Diane Sercu

Episcopal Church Women: Doreen Gould

Sunshine Group: Maureen Blackburn and Cathy Berner

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Prayer Shawl Ministry: Ann Sullivan

Altar Guild: Jeanette Adamczak

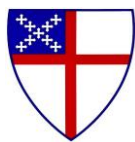
Flower Guild: Melisa Eichmann

Happy Independence Day!



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