



**Whitsun: The Spirit Moving Us Forward**



The first Sunday in the month of June is the Day of Pentecost, or Whitsunday.

How nice it will be to begin our summer months with this Principal Feast, recalling for us the presence and power of God among us.

The turmoil of life as found among pandemic continues. Such a time as this creates additional stressors for us in daily life. Such a time as this also enhances our awareness of unresolved matters in our society.

Supply chain issues abound with the obtaining of commodities and products. Currently, a low stock of baby formula has parents concerned. Military conflicts continue; the continent of Europe finds itself at war. Despots continue with their challenging of the world order so as to achieve their goals.

And this year alone, nearly 200 mass shootings have taken place in our country. A most recent event, of course, occurring in our own region at Buffalo’s East Side community. The proponents of racism and antisemitism have become more emboldened with their actions.

Throughout history, we find that periods of pandemic have always caused the winds of change to howl among humanity, and thus, sparks into motion the most notable changes within a society.

In our relationship with God, we are not promised a life free of pain, anxiety, or turmoil. What we are given is an abiding place in the presence of God, as well as a fortitude to move forward with life.

When our world has seemingly turned dark around us, we are able to grab hold of our spiritual reserves and reach out for the hope eternal offered to us. We stand with confidence that the Light of the World is never overtaken by the darkness of evil. We also accept the charge given to us by our faith to model for the world what it truly means to live the common life together.

As we move forward in the days ahead, please continue to offer your prayers for the victims of violence. Pray for our society and for true peace around the world.

Pray for the Church, and for the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

*Peace, JMC+*

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God to unfold us, God to surround us,  
God in our speaking, God in our thinking,  
God in our sleeping, God in our waking,  
God in our watching, God in our hoping,  
God in our lives, God in our lips,  
God in our souls, God in our hearts,  
God in our eternity.

*Adapted from Celtic Daily Prayer, from the Northumbria Community, P.364.*

**Important dates in June:**

**Sundays:**

8:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rt. I;  
10:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rt. II.

**ECW Meeting:** June 4, at 9:30 a.m.

**Vestry Meeting:** June 21, at 6:00 p.m.

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**Office of Public Affairs: TEC**

**Pastoral statement on mass shooting in Buffalo from Presiding Bishop Michael Curry**

[www.episcopalchurch.org](http://www.episcopalchurch.org)

*Posted: May 16, 2022*

My heart is heavy with the news that a white supremacist gunman took the lives of 10 children of God in Buffalo on Saturday. I grew up walking distance from the scene of this hateful crime, and my friends and I used to ride our bikes around the neighborhood. Buffalo's Black community raised and formed me. I grieve with the city and people I love.

The loss of any human life is tragic, but there was deep racial hatred driving this shooting, and we have got to turn from the deadly path our nation has walked for much too long. Bigotry-based violence—any bigotry at all—against our siblings who are people of color, Jewish, Sikh, Asian, trans, or any other group, is fundamentally wrong. As baptized followers of Jesus of Nazareth, we are called to uphold and protect the dignity of every human child of God, and to actively uproot the white supremacy and racism deep in the heart of our shared life.

Please join me in prayer for the shattered families in Buffalo. Please also join me in expressing profound gratitude for the intervention by Buffalo police that likely saved many other lives. Even amid tragedy, even when manifestations of evil threaten to overwhelm, let us hold fast to the good. It is the only way that leads to life.

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**Bishop Sean: We are in this for the Long Haul**

*At the May 17 joint Diocesan Councils meeting, Bishop Sean discussed the partnership's ongoing commitment to the people of Buffalo's East Side in the wake of the mass shooting on Saturday:*

"We are in this for the long haul. Our role is to be allies and to stand in solidarity," Bishop Sean told the councils. "We're not trying to take the spotlight. We're trying to take the lead in supporting what the East Side community tells us it needs and stay committed to our priority of racial reconciliation."

[Read Bishop Sean's May 16 letter](#) about how the partnership responded in the immediate aftermath of the shooting.

Read Bishop Sean's May 14 letter: [A Hate Crime in Buffalo](#)

[Watch the prayer service](#) that Bishop Sean led with Denise Clarke-Merriweather of St. Philip's, Buffalo on May 15:

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**Trinity Episcopal Church  
Vestry Minutes  
April 19, 2022  
As approved at the May Meeting**

**Present:** William Roberts, Senior Warden; Janeil Rey, Junior Warden; Karin Wheelock; Sally Ludlum, Mary Lou Vercant; Jennifer Wilkins; Virginia Becker, Treasurer, and The Reverend James Clement, Rector. **Excused:**

**Call to Order:** Fr. Clement called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., with an opening prayer.

**The Meeting Agenda** was approved as given, as moved by Sally Ludlum, seconded by Mary Lou Vercant.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Mary Lou Vercant, seconded by Janeil Rey, to approve the March 15, 2022 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

## **Committee Reports: Finance / Building and Grounds**

**Finance:** Virginia Becker reported. A motion was made by William Roberts, seconded by Sally Ludlum, to receive the Treasurer's report. Motion carried. See attached.

- William Roberts asked how much our line of credit is at Lake Shore Savings. Ginny Becker reported the line of credit is \$125,000.
- Memorial Fund Report: \$3,067.28, which is the same as last month.

**Buildings and Grounds:** Fr. Clement reported.

- A. W. Farrell Roofing began work at the start of Holy Week; the metal workers were present on Monday and the roofers began work on Tuesday. An additional leak was discovered in the parish hall prior to the start of this work, which was reported to A. W. Farrell by Fr. Clement and Ginny Becker.
- Gas meter was read today (4/19/22).
- Fr. Clement shared updated details regarding Olsen Paving. While speaking with Olsen about upcoming events at the church in May, he was informed that Olsen will need for Trinity to revisit its work order. This is due to the changing supply and economic factors with regard to materials. Fr. Clement requested that Olsen reissue its work proposal for consideration by Vestry.
- Fr. Clement also brought to the attention of Vestry an issue with the vinyl bricks installed on an exterior wall of Garland Hall. Due to weather conditions and possibly the built-up of snow being plowed in the area, these bricks continue to warp and become detached from the wall. In the past, the parish has replaced and reinstalled bricks as needed, but our supply of extra material has now been depleted. Fr. Clement inquired with Chautauqua Brick about repair options; however, they did not have any replacements to offer. He suggested that we consider a panel system on this particular exterior wall instead of individual bricks, and for Vestry to consider options for discussion at a later date.
- Sally Ludlum commented that the front entrance doors to the church are in bad condition, once again. Fr. Clement noted that Chuck Mangus restored them as best as he was able a few years ago with the use of a

marine varnish. These doors receive direct sunlight during the day. He will follow up with Chuck Mangus to inquire about additional service.

- William Roberts mentioned that the front steps of the church were also cracking again – most likely due to weather. Fr. Clement asked if anyone might know someone who is available for this small repair. Prior inquiries were not successful since the job is very minimal. It was noted that a bricklayer is currently working at the home of a parishioner. Fr. Clement will inquire about contact information for this person.

## **Additional Reports: Congregational Ministries**

- No reports received.

**Rector's Report:** Fr. Clement reported.

- He attended several in person and virtual meetings since the last vestry meeting, including a meeting of the Grant Committee and a joint meeting of the Grant Committee and Diocesan Council. He also attended a several-day clergy gathering in Ludlow, PA.
- Fr. Clement reported that Holy Week and Easter Day services went well.
- He has been able to resume more in-person pastoral visitations since coronavirus restrictions continue to change.
- He will attend a clergy retreat on May 5-6 at Chautauqua Lake.
- Fr. Clement reported that Trinity will take part in the regional Confirmation Service with Bishop Sean Rowe on Sunday, May 1. Jake Wilkins will be confirmed, and Jennifer Wilkins will be received during this service.

## **Old Business:**

- Janeil Rey inquired about the vestry handbooks. Fr. Clement will order these soon.
- Discussion was held about the parish obtaining a credit card for use with large and online purchases. Currently, individuals are required to make such purchases and then be reimbursed at a later date. The lack of a credit card can also be burdensome for those individuals whose personal credit

cards are on file for subscription-based services.

- Jenn Wilkins shared her experience with obtaining a credit card with other organizations.
- Janeil Rey will share information regarding ethical credit card companies for non-profit groups.
- Related to this discussion, Ginny Becker noted that the postal service has not been consistent or timely with the delivery of bills, especially with payment to Wells Fargo (office printer rental). On a prior occasion Wells Fargo did reverse the late fee charge one time. However more recently, despite a phone call to confirm advanced mailing, the bank did not agree to waive the late fee. To avoid future penalties Ginny has begun to pay ahead to ensure advanced delivery. A credit card for the parish will enable the parish to make online payments. Discussion regarding a parish credit card will continue at a later date.

### **New Business:**

- Fr. Clement reported that Trinity will host a Partnership Diocese Children & Youth Formation Event on Saturday, May 21, 2022 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Rev. Anne E. Kitch, a well-known specialist in the faith formation of children, leadership consultant, and author, will be the guest facilitator.
  - Fr. Clement will see that spaces needed throughout the church and parish hall buildings are ready for this event.
  - Trinity has been asked to provide snacks throughout the day. Lunch and other materials will be handled by the Diocese.
- Spring Rummage Sale on Saturday, May 14.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m. with a motion made by Janeil Rey, seconded by William Roberts. Carried.

Vestry concluded its time by reciting the Lord's Prayer together. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:  
Jennifer Wilkins, Clerk.

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## **Parish Notes**



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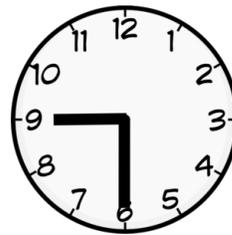
**We Welcome**  
the Wilkins to the  
Episcopal Church!

On Sunday, May 1,  
Jake and Jenn were  
presented at the  
Confirmation and  
Reception service  
with Bishop Sean  
Rowe at St. Luke's  
Church, Jamestown.

**Congratulations!**

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## **Summer Worship Schedule**



The Summer Worship Schedule  
will begin on **Sunday, June 5,**  
**at 9:30 a.m.**

There is one worship service on  
Sundays, at 9:30 a.m., during the  
months of June, July, and August.

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## **An Update on our Organist and Director of Music**

Dr. Ji Hyun Woo continues with her recovery from injuries sustained in an automobile accident a few months ago. This is going well, and she is hopeful that a return to Trinity will occur in several weeks' time.

In June, she plans to attend a Sacred Music Intensive Workshop that will be held at the Jacobs School of Music, Indiana University, in Bloomington.

Please keep Ji Hyun in your thoughts and prayers. We all look forward to her return!

## Parish Outreach

For the month of April, Outreach suggested that monetary donations be made to the Episcopal Relief & Development (ERD) fund to support families from Ukraine. Some of you may have donated directly through the ERD website. Thank you! Other parishioners donated through Trinity. Trinity collected a total of \$1145.

A check, along with a letter from the Rector, was mailed to ERD. This donation will buy blankets and hygiene supplies for families fleeing the violence in Ukraine. Thank you so much for your support. We are so grateful for the continued generosity of the Trinity's parishioners!

--- Outreach Team

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## June Outreach



Parish Outreach for the month of June continues with our collecting of items for the **Lakeshore Humane Society**. They are in great need of cleaning supplies.

Our "furry friends" are appreciative of your donations of Bleach, Paper Towels, and Laundry Detergent!

A collection bin is located in Garland Hall or items may be dropped off at the entrance door vestibule at any time.

THANK YOU!

## Spring Rummage Sale

THANK YOU ALL  
With the donation of all your stuff  
And our hard-working women.

TECW Spring Rummage Sale  
brought in \$832.

Never too early to start putting aside items for  
the fall!

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## TECW

### TECW NEEDS YOUR HELP

Although we have had a successful rummage sale the TECW support of the Friendly Kitchen Meal can use some extra help with our monthly meal. When this project began over 30 years ago the women donated all of the food and prepared the meal in the church kitchen. When the health department no longer allowed that the women chose to fund the project from their earned project money-what began with \$15 a month is now averaging between \$70-\$90 a month for just the basics. At the same time TECW became aware recently of the need to try and provide fresh vegetables and fruit when possible to supplement the usual. At the May meeting, after some discussion, the women voted to open up participation in this outreach to all parishioners and create a hybrid collection using their earned monies as a base added to any items donated (including monetary) by parishioners.

We are asking any parishioners that wish to help out to purchase **any amount** of the required items from the list below and deliver it to the church on the **FOURTH** Sunday of the month in the **box labeled Kitchen** in the vestibule of Garland Hall and entrance to the church. The collection day for June is the 26th. (Our shopping is done on the 4th Monday of the month so items will be fresh)

This will be A **ONLY ONE DAY** collection **EACH MONTH**. With more of these items being donated we can use our allotted monthly funds to purchase much wanted fresh vegetables and fruit. (Highly perishable items will not be included in list)

**Thank you** so much for any support you can give to this project. Every single item helps.

ITEMS NEEDED EVERY MONTH

12 -16oz boxes penne pasta  
8 heads of ice burg lettuce  
2 - 2 lb. bags regular size carrots  
1 bunch celery

Or a gift of cash to help with the purchase of meat and milk (this may be given directly to Bonnie Liener)

NEXT TECW Meeting- June 4th 9:30 Garland Hall.

--- Doreen Gould

The Revd. Cn. Twila Smith, Partnership Canon for Mission Program, offers her gratitude to Trinity Church for hosting the "Creating Spaces for Children Program" on May 21.

Even with the recent rise of coronavirus cases (as well as fuel prices!) a group of people from both dioceses and representing nine congregations were present.

The event was a great opportunity to learn together, share ideas, and build relationships.

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**Partnership Summer Camp**  
**to be held August 7-10:**  
**Registration Now Open**



From August 7-10, the Dioceses of Western New York and Northwestern Pennsylvania will hold a joint summer camp. Due

to changes in staff availability and facilities, the camp will now be held at [Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center](#) in Bemus Point, New York. Registration is now open.

Camp will start at 3 p.m. on Sunday, August 7 and end with a Closing Eucharist service, in which families are invited, at 11:00 on Wednesday, August 10.

Camp will cost \$200 to attend. Those that need financial assistance should have their parish priests contact [Wendy Schumacher](#).

[Register online.](#)

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**Lectionary Readings for June:**  
[www.lectionarypage.net](http://www.lectionarypage.net)

Sunday, June 5

*Day of Pentecost: Whitsunday*

Acts of the Apostles 2:1-21

Psalm 104:25-35,37

Romans 8:14-17

John 14:8-17, 25-27

Sunday, June 12

*First Sunday after Pentecost: Trinity Sunday*

Proverbs 8:1-4,22-31

Psalm 8

Romans 5:1-5

John 16:12-15

Sunday, June 19

*Second Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 7*

Isaiah 65:1-9

Psalm 22:18-27

Galatians 3:23-29

Luke 8:26-36

Sunday, June 26

*Third Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 8*

1 Kings 19:15-16,19-21

Psalm 16

Galatians 5:1,13-25

Luke 9:51-62

## Birthdays in June

- 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

### Trinity Tidings

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#### **Parish Clergy and Staff**

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Dr. Ji Hyun Woo, *Organist and Director of Music*

Sara Jagoda, *Sexton*

#### **The Vestry of the Parish**

William Roberts, Sr. Warden

Janeil Rey, Jr. Warden

Jennifer Wilkins

Karin Wheelock

Mary Lou Vercant

Sally Ludlum

Virginia Becker, Treasurer

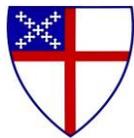


**Everyone is invited to join together for worship  
on Sunday, June 5, The Day of Pentecost: Whitsunday.**

**This Principal Feast will begin at 9:30 a.m.  
Fellowship and Refreshments to follow in the parish hall.**

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# *Trinity Tidings*



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