

July 17: William White *Bishop of Pennsylvania, 1836*

William White was born in Philadelphia, March 24, 1747, and was educated at the college of that city, graduating in 1765. In 1770 he went to England, was ordained deacon on December 23, and priest on April 25, 1772. On his return home, he became assistant minister of Christ and St. Peter's, 1772-1779, and rector from that year until his death, July 17, 1836.

He also served as chaplain of the Continental Congress from 1777 to 1789, and then of the United States Senate until 1800. Chosen unanimously as the first Bishop of Pennsylvania, September 14, 1786, he went to England again, with Samuel Provoost, Bishop-elect of New York; and the two men were consecrated in Lambeth Chapel on Septuagesima Sunday, February 4, 1787, by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York and the Bishops of Bath and Wells and of Peterborough.

Bishop White was the chief architect of the Constitution of the American Episcopal Church and the wise overseer of its life during the first generation of its history. He was the Presiding Bishop at its organizing General Convention in 1789 and again from 1795 until his death. He was a theologian of no mean ability, and among his proteges, in whose formation he had a large hand, were such leaders of a new generation as John Henry Hobart, Jackson Kemper, and William Augustus Muhlenberg.

White's gifts of statesmanship and reconciling moderation steered the American Church through the first decades of its independent life. His influence in his native city made him its "first citizen." To few men has the epithet "venerable" been more aptly applied.

--- *Lesser Feasts and Fasts*, pg. 295.

Congratulations!

We extend our best wishes for two persons of our parish family, Janeil Rey and Kirsta Wheelock.

Janeil has been appointed as the new Dean of the College of Education, Health Services, and Human Services at the State University of New York at Fredonia, effective this month.

Kirsta recently graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy with a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science and a commission as a U.S. Navy Ensign.

Our prayers and support go with both of you as you enter a new chapter of life's journey!

Important dates in July:

Summer Worship Schedule:

Sundays at 9:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite II.

Vestry Meeting: Tuesday, July 11, at 6:00 p.m.

Tea at the Episcopal Cottage: Tuesday, July 18, TECW Hosting.

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WNY & NWPA News

Canon Dempesy-Sims Takes New Role With Genesee Regional Initiative

www.episcopalpartnership.org

Posted: May 31, 2023

The Rev. Canon Cathy Dempesy-Sims, partnership canon for pastoral care and congregational support, will devote 90 percent of her time to ministry with the Genesee Regional Initiative beginning June 15. Bishop Sean announced her new role, in which she will also provide pastoral care to clergy and lay leaders in the Diocese of Western New York with 10 percent of her time, in a meeting with leaders of the initiative last week in Batavia.

As part of the partnership dioceses' strategy to deploy diocesan staff in congregations, Canon Dempesy-Sims has served St. James, Batavia, part of the Genesee Regional Initiative, as part-time priest-in-charge since 2021 and as lead of the regional initiative since January.

"In the last eighteen months, Cathy's ministry in the Genesee region has been transformative," Bishop Sean said. "Her care for the people and congregations in this innovative initiative has been extraordinary. Now, together, they are moving forward into a new season of ministry. I am grateful and delighted that Cathy has accepted my request to devote her time more fully to God's mission in this part of Western New York."

"The tenacity of the people here in the Genesee region, their willingness to try new things and their commitment to one another is inspiring," Canon Dempesy-Sims said. "In this new ministry, I plan on equipping each of our eight congregations with as much support as possible in congregational vitality, pastoral connections and lay leadership training. The goal of this regional initiative is to brighten the light of Christ in this increasingly unpredictable and difficult world and to inspire all of God's people here with and hope for the future. Together, our vital, hope-filled and responsive Episcopal presence in Genesee, Orleans and Wyoming Counties can flourish to the glory of God."

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Trinity Episcopal Church Vestry Minutes May 16, 2023 As approved at the June Meeting

Present: Janeil Rey, Warden; Sally Ludlum; Jennifer Wilkins; Mary Lou Vercant; Ann Sullivan; Cathy Berner (via video conferencing); and The Reverend James Clement, Rector.

Excused: Karin Wheelock; Virginia Becker, Treasurer

Call to Order: Fr. Clement called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m., with an opening prayer.

Meeting Agenda: Approved as presented with a motion by Mary Lou Vercant, seconded by Ann Sullivan. Approved.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Janeil Rey, seconded by Sally Ludlum, to approve the April 18, 2023 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Committee Reports: Finance / Building and Grounds:

Finance: Report presented by Fr. Clement as submitted by Ginny Becker. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report by Janeil Rey, seconded by Mary Lou Vercant. Motion carried.

- **General Fund:** All monthly obligations were met in April including Amherst Exterminators for the first exterior application. We received a refund of our security deposit (\$328) from national grid for having made 36 consecutive payments.
 - **Building Fund:** \$611.08.
 - **Music Fund:** \$29.25.
 - **Memorial Fund Report:** \$3,072.28.

Buildings and Grounds: Father Clement reported.

- Repair of women's toilet seat downstairs will be completed by Fr. Clement this week.

Additional Reports: Congregational Ministries:

Rector's Report: Fr. Clement reported.

- Fr. Clement continues with his pastoral, liturgical, and office responsibilities.
- He expressed his appreciation to everyone who hosted the events held after church on Sunday, May 7th, which included a coffee hour reception for the student choristers and The College Kitchen outreach.
- The final Sunday for the Chancel Choir prior to summer break is May 14th.
- The Summer worship schedule will begin on Sunday, June 4, at 9:30 a.m. with a service of Holy Eucharist, Rite Two.
- In coordination with Janeil Rey, the final day of Christian Education (Godly Play) will be on May 27th.
- Fr. Clement noted the parish receiving a letter from the ECW group with Church of the Ascension, Bradford, PA. They have begun a fund-raising project for medical equipment for Fr. Isaac Ihiasota's Foundation (St. Stephen, Niagara Falls). This foundation supports a community in Nigeria, Africa. More details about the foundation and this fundraising project will be presented to the congregation.

Outreach

- Shoes were delivered at the end of April. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

TECW

- Rummage Sale: Saturday, June 17th.

The College Kitchen: Jenn Wilkins reported.

- Sunday, April 23rd from 12-2pm – 100+ college students and community attendees, including Fredonia Police Department.
- Sunday, May 7th from 12-2pm – Big Melch's Smokin' BBQ – approximately 75 students.

Old Business:

- Bicentennial Celebration Picnic – September 10, 2023 – Church Service and Picnic. Cathy Berner offered her house to host, and has several tables and chairs. Jenn Wilkins has at least 2 large tents, plus at least 2 small tents. Janeil Rey offered her house as a rain date on September 17. Pulled Pork, baked beans, and mac and cheese are available for the meal. Potluck desserts or other items can be offered to supplement the picnic celebration.

New Business:

- Janeil Rey shared that there was a panel held in Buffalo on 5/12 to mark the anniversary of the Tops shooting in Buffalo; the bishop spoke as a part of this event.
- Ann Sullivan – requested assistance with preparing prayer shawls. She also inquired about summer coffee hour schedule – it was reported that we typically switch to lemonade instead of coffee. A suggestion was made to keep in simple – prepare lemonade in advance, and have cookies/treats available without a host being required.
- Ann Sullivan asked if the church has a defibrillator, which we do not have available at the church. She will inquire about the cost of a commercial versus personal option.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:28p.m. with a motion made by Mary Lou Vercant, seconded by Janeil Rey. Carried. Vestry concluded its time together with prayer. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at 6pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Jennifer Wilkins, Clerk

Parish Outreach

July and August

The Chautauqua County Rural Ministry is looking for donations for **Emergency Food Pantry Bags**. Trinity Outreach is supporting this initiative for July and August.

Please consider donating any of the following items: canned vegetables, canned fruit, pasta/sauce, canned meats, cereal/breakfast bars, mac & cheese, peanut butter/jelly, canned soup, and/or personal hygiene items. A variety of items are put in bags and made available in emergency situations. Donations will be delivered to CCRM periodically during the summer months.

Thank you for your support!

-- Outreach Team

A Message from the Treasurer

2023 Giving Statements

Thank you for your pledges and faithful giving! Second quarter statements will go out in early July. If you are behind in your pledge and able to, now is a good time to catch up to help with the cash flow needed to meet financial obligations. Feel free to contact the treasurer with any questions.

Be well, parish family, and have a safe summer!

Faithfully,
Virginia T. Becker, Treasurer

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Lectionary Readings in July:

www.lectionarypage.net

Sunday, July 2

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 8

Jeremiah 28:5-9

Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18

Romans 6:12-23

Matthew 10:40-42

Sunday, July 9

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 9

Zechariah 9:9-12

Psalm 145:8-15

Romans 7:15-25a

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Sunday, July 16

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 10

Isaiah 55:10-13

Psalm 65:1-14

Romans 3:1-11

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Sunday, July 23

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 11

Isaiah 44:6-8

Psalm 86:11-17

Romans 8:12-25

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Sunday, July 30

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 12

1 Kings 3:5-12

Psalm 119:129-136

Romans 8:26-39

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

The Collect: For the Nation

Lord God Almighty, you have made all the peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and in peace: Give to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will; 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. 258

Birthdays in July

- 2 Jack Torrance
- 4 Frank Pullano
- 6 Patti Cooper
- 7 Robert Maytum, Jr.
- 10 Rebecca Sedlmayer
- 13 Chris Eichmann
- 23 Sally J. Ludlum
- 24 Julie Maytum
- 26 Joel Hudson
- 30 Dave Sherman

Wedding Anniversaries in July

- 31 Lee and Maureen Blackburn

In Memoriam

- 14 Susan Roberts

Trinity Tidings

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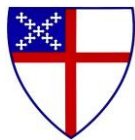
Sara Jagoda, Sexton

Happy Independence Day!



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