

# Trinity Tidings

# June 2024



Best Wishes to Nathaniel, Daniel, Anna, and Bella:  
Congratulations on your graduation from SUNY!

**Summer Worship Schedule:** The month of June has arrived and we will begin our summer worship schedule on Sunday, June 2.

**Church Parking Lot:** The parking lot behind the church building has been repaired and repaved! We thank Tabone Paving for their work on this project. Twelve parking spaces have been designated, including one handicap space next to the entrance door.

**Congratulations to the women of Trinity:** TECW raised just over \$1,100 dollars at the recent spring rummage sale! Much hard work and dedication went into having this sale so as to raise funds for various outreach programs. Well done!

**St. Paul's Cathedral, Buffalo:** The cathedral has called The Revd. Rebecca Barnes, rector at St. Luke's Church, Scranton, Pennsylvania, as its Dean and Rector. Her seating and celebration of New Ministry will take place in September. An announcement article can be found on The Partnership website: [The Rev. Rebecca Barnes Called As Dean of St. Paul's Cathedral, Buffalo - The Episcopal Dioceses of Western New York & Northwestern Pennsylvania \(episcopalpartnership.org\)](https://www.episcopalpartnership.org)

**New Deacons in the diocese:** On Saturday, May 18, at St. Paul's Cathedral in Buffalo, Bishop Sean ordained Phil Cunningham, Rich Inserra, and Jeffrey Tooke to the diaconate. In the coming months, they will continue their formation as they prepare to be ordained to the priesthood.

Cunningham will serve at the cathedral while he continues his theological education. Inserra will continue serving at Good Shepherd, Irving and Sacred Heart of Mary, North Collins as well as other congregations in the region; and Tooke will serve at Trinity, Buffalo and at other Buffalo-area congregations.

We rejoice with the newly ordained and their families!

**Sundays, June 16 and 23:** I will be away from the parish beginning the second week of June. The dates are tentative due to a car repair schedule from a minor accident several weeks ago. At this time, a service of Morning Prayer, with hymns, will take place on Sundays, June 16 and 23, at 9:30 a.m. The parish warden will officiate.

**I hope everyone** has a wonderful start to their summertime and vacation!

--- James +

***Important dates in June:***

**Sundays:** 9:30 a.m. service, with hymns.

**Parish Audit:** June 7, at 10:00 a.m.

**TECW Meeting:** June 8, at 9:30 a.m.

**Vestry Meeting:** June 25, at 5:30 p.m.

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## Episcopal News Service

### Episcopal Bishop Charles Henry Brent featured among chaplains in WWI 'Sacred Service' exhibit.

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*By: Melodie Woerman*

The work of Episcopal and other chaplains during [World War I](#) is highlighted in a new exhibit at the [National World War I Museum and Memorial](#) in Kansas City, Missouri.

[Sacred Service](#), which opened in time for Memorial Day on May 23 and runs through Sept. 7, 2025, explores chaplains' ministry through panels highlighting 19 men from Christian, Jewish and Muslim faiths. The panels are surrounded by photos, letters, diaries, vestments, Communion kits and other artifacts that help tell the story of clergy who served those who were fighting across Europe between 1914 and 1918.

"Sacred Service is a window into an experience in war that wasn't really looked at for the past 100 years," Patricia Cecil, the museum's specialist curator for faith, religion and WWI, told Episcopal News Service during a May 22 guided tour.

Chaplains played a unique role during the war, she said, not only because they were there to bring faith but also were noncombatants. "They are there just to help people," she said. "What can that teach us about World War I?"

Among the featured chaplains is the Rt. Rev. [Charles Henry Brent](#), The Episcopal Church's first missionary bishop to the Philippines who is remembered on the church's [calendar](#) on March 27. He also is the author of a prayer for mission that is part of the Morning Prayer service in the 1979 Book of Common Prayer. He later served as bishop of the Diocese of Western New York.

Brent was asked by Major General John J. Pershing, who was in charge of the [American Expeditionary Forces](#), to become the AEF's senior chaplain and he charged him with creating a systematic approach to military chaplaincy. Brent

knew Pershing from the Philippines, where he baptized and confirmed the future general.

Three Church of England clergy also are among those featured: the Rev. Edward Montgomery Guilford, who served troops during the [First Battle of the Somme](#), one of the largest and bloodiest battles of the war; the Rev. Neville Talbot, senior chaplain of the 6th Division of the British Expeditionary Force who founded [Talbot House](#) in Belgium as a place of respite and Christian hospitality; and the Rev. [G.A. Studdert Kennedy](#), who helped wounded soldiers during an attack on the German frontline and later became an author and poet.

Cecil said it was important to feature not only chaplains from a variety of faiths but also those who were affected by the war in different ways. "There were chaplains who felt that war strengthened their faith, chaplains who felt they lost their faith to war and chaplains who kind of didn't know what they were doing," she said.

The three Anglican chaplains embodied that. Talbot went on to have a storied ministry as bishop of Pretoria in the Anglican Church of Southern Africa and later as the assistant bishop of Southwell in England. Kennedy became a fierce advocate for the poor and working people through his work with the pro-worker [Industrial Christian Fellowship](#). Guilford had a different experience.

He witnessed troops in his unit take heavy casualties, and he lost faith in the church and questioned his faith in God. Despite saying he was fighting an inner war that he must try and win, he remained a chaplain out of duty and for the sake of his friends.

Many chaplains emerged from the war with a new understanding that faith should be accessible to more people, Cecil said. "They wondered what the practice of faith should look like in the world in which they now were living. How do we help people? How do we acknowledge that life is hard?" Some were emboldened to embrace modern, progressive ideas and causes. It also prompted some to see the need for people of different faiths to work together.

That was the case for Brent. He became a proponent of ecumenical cooperation and helped implement the [Faith and Order Movement](#). He

presided at a [world Faith and Order conference](#) in the summer of 1927 in Lausanne, Switzerland, which placed him on the [cover](#) of TIME magazine and helped make his name recognizable to many Americans outside The Episcopal Church.

For others, it changed the way they saw how the church should respond to the world and especially to people in need. Cecil said that chaplains began to see that faith's purpose was to help other people. "They asked questions like, what does it mean to be a human, and how do I live out my faith?" The reverberations of those questions would last for decades.

Father Angelo Roncalli, who served in an Italian medical corps as a stretcher-carrier as well as a chaplain, came to see that his calling was to support peace and human rights. He worked to save thousands during the Holocaust, and in 1958 he became [Pope John XXIII](#). He oversaw major changes in the life of the Roman Catholic church in the [Second Vatican Council](#).

Theologian [Paul Tillich](#) served as a Lutheran chaplain in the German Army. His witness to death and suffering caused him to leave behind a notion of a God that makes "everything work out for the best." He was forced from Germany by the rise of Naziism and moved to the United States, where his teachings and writings as a systematic theologian sought to bring together faith and culture.

Tillich's work had a [profound influence](#) on the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., especially his description of sin as separation. King went on to expand that concept to describe the inherently evil nature of racial segregation that undergirded the Civil Rights movement.

"It's a direct thread," Cecil said, not only between Tillich and King but between the experience of many of these chaplains during the war and "how they go on to build the world we are living in now." More than a century after what was known as the Great War, the ministry of chaplains remains a critical part of military life, the Rt. Rev. [Ann Ritonia](#), The Episcopal Church's bishop suffragan for [armed forces and federal ministries](#), told ENS. "They help ensure that soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines are spiritually ready to carry out their duties, and they also help them through the trauma of war," providing both spiritual care and emotional support.

Service members often seek out chaplains for their mental health needs, she said, because they know what they say will be held in confidence. Chaplains also help those they serve develop resilience, which can help reduce suicides. Many service members feel isolated, she said, especially those aged 18-26.

Each Memorial Day weekend, the front lawn of the World War I Museum and Memorial is filled with a field of American flags, known as Flags of Forgotten Soldiers, each representing the approximate number of veterans who die by suicide every week. This year there are 140 flags. Additional information is available in the [National Veteran Suicide Prevention Annual Report](#).

Ritonia said she needs more Episcopal chaplains, who serve not only across the U.S. Armed Forces but also in Veterans Administration medical centers and federal correctional institutions. Episcopalians especially are needed, she said, to provide ministry in an accepting and nonjudgmental way to everyone and especially to those in the LGBTQ+ community.

Acts of Congress in 2006 and in 2014 [designated](#) Kansas City's Museum and Memorial as the National WWI Museum and Memorial. Next to it stands the Liberty Memorial, a monument to Americans killed during the war was dedicated by President Calvin Coolidge in 1926.

A World War I memorial also [stands on the National Mall](#) in Washington, D.C., where it honors the 4.7 million Americans who served and the more than 116,000 who were killed. It was dedicated in 2021, and later this year a sculpture wall depicting soldiers' experiences will be installed.

*—Melodie Woerman is a freelance reporter based in Kansas.*

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## Trinity Episcopal Church Vestry Minutes

April 16, 2024

As approved at the May Meeting

**Present:** Sally Ludlum, Warden; Ann Sullivan; Cathy Berner (via conference call); Jake Wilkins; Mary Lou Vercant; Melisa Eichmann; Virginia Becker, Treasurer; The Reverend James Clement, Rector.

**Excused:** Jenn Wilkins.

**Call to Order:** Fr. Clement called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m., followed with an opening prayer.

**Meeting Agenda:** Agenda approved with a motion made by Ann Sullivan, seconded by Mary Lou Vercant.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Melisa Eichmann, seconded by Cathy Berner to approve the March 19, 2024 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

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

**Finance:** Report prepared by Ginny Becker and presented for consideration. Mary Lou Vercant made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, which was seconded by Sally Ludlum. Motion carried. See attached report.

- **General Fund:** All regular monthly bills were paid along with the annual NYS Worker's Compensation fee, quarterly Church Insurance, Belco maintenance contract, Fredonia water/sewage, *Observer* ad, and Forward Movement publications.
- **Snowden Lane Partners:** The investment accounts increased 2.9% for March.
- **Building Fund:** The balance at the end of October was \$611.19.
- **Memorial Fund Report:** The balance remains at \$3,072.28.

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

- Tabone's Paving will place Trinity on their work calendar after the asphalt plant opens.

- Amherst Exterminators conducted its spring spraying for insects and spiders.

### **Additional Reports: Congregational Ministries:**

**Trinity Episcopal Church Women:** Will host a special coffee hour reception on Sunday, May 12, following the 10:30 a.m. service. This date will be the final Sunday for the student choristers.

**Godly Play Curriculum:** Virginia Becker will instruct the final classes for the year. There are three sessions remaining until summer break.

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

- The Holy Week and Easter services went well. Thank you to the service participants, the organist, and the choir.
- Thank you to all persons who helped set-up for these worship services and decorated the church for the Easter season.
- The six-week Lenten Supper and Program went well. It was a meaningful and informative program about the last 24 hours of the life of Jesus.
- Fr. Clement attended The Partnership Clergy Chrim Mass held at the Church of St. Luke, Jamestown, on March 26.
- Officiated the funeral service for long-time parishioner David Sherman, which was held at Lind Funeral Home in Jamestown.
- Summer worship schedule will begin on Sunday, June 2. There will be one service of Holy Eucharist, Rite II, at 9:30 a.m.
- Fr. Clement has postponed his vacation time until further notice.

**Old Business:** None.

### **New Business:**

- Virginia Becker mentioned to vestry that the annual parish financial audit will be due in September. She will begin forming a committee for this work in the near future.

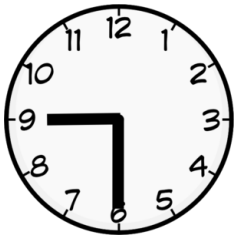
The meeting was adjourned at 5:56 p.m. with a motion made by Melisa Eichmann, seconded by Ann Sullivan. Carried. Vestry concluded its time together with prayer. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 21 at 5:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:  
Virginia Becker, Acting Clerk.

## Parish Notes

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### Summer Worship Schedule



The Summer Worship Schedule will begin on **Sunday, June 2, at 9:30 a.m.**

There is one service on Sundays, Holy Eucharist, Rite II, during the months of June, July, and August.

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### TECW

TECW MEETING  
**SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 9:30 a.m.**  
**in Garland Hall.**

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### **Lectionary Readings for June:**

[www.lectionarypage.net](http://www.lectionarypage.net)

#### Sunday, June 2

*Second Sunday after Pentecost*  
Deuteronomy 5:12-15  
Psalm 81:1-10  
2 Corinthians 4:5-12  
Mark 2:23-3:6

#### Sunday, June 9

*Third Sunday after Pentecost*  
Genesis 3:8-15  
Psalm 130  
2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1  
Mark 3:20-35

#### Sunday, June 16

*Fourth Sunday after Pentecost*  
Ezekiel 17:22-24  
Psalm 92:1-4, 11-14  
2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17  
Mark 4:26-34

#### Sunday, June 23

*Fifth Sunday after Pentecost*  
Job 38:1-11  
Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32  
2 Corinthians 6:1-13  
Mark 4:35-41

#### Sunday, June 30

*Sixth Sunday after Pentecost*  
Wisdom of Solomon 1:13-15; 2:23-24  
Psalm 30  
2 Corinthians 8:7-15  
Mark 5:21-43

### **Birthdays in June**

- 3 Lenore Jakiela
- 4 Janeil Rey
- 6 Cathy Berner
- 10 Julie Maytum
- 11 Bonnie Liener
- 13 Maggie Bryan Peterson
- 14 Gayle Skrzypek
- 17 Lindsay Parker
- 23 Mark Maytum
- 28 Rich Mancuso
- 30 Lisa Schultz

### **Wedding Anniversaries in June**

- 9 Daniel and Jeanette Adamczak
- 13 Patti and Jared Cooper
- 28 Frank and Sallie Pullano

### **In Memoriam**

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

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