



Trinity Topics
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TRANSITIONS

Trinity is midway through a year of transitions. We have been advised by the Bishop and the Archdeacon to review what has happened; what will happen throughout the summer; and diocesan and parish expectations for the fall and early winter.

When the Vestry met with Bishop Martins in October, 2015, the decision was made to ask the Bishop to allow Deacon Langford to remain at Trinity during the interim between Fr. Kip's retirement at the end of January and the calling of a new rector, whenever that might be.

All deacons are responsible to their Bishop; as such, it is Bishop Martins who assigns and supervises diaconal ministry in the Diocese of Springfield. One aspect of this episcopal oversight of deacons is to authorize the services at which a deacon may and may not officiate.

Deacon Langford has continued to work at Trinity six years beyond the normally mandatory canonical retirement age of 72. With the Bishop's permission (and Fr. Kip's concurrence), this has been a canonically appropriate arrangement. But with the calling of a Rector-elect, the Bishop feels it's time for Deacon Langford to remove himself from Trinity Church. His last day will be Sunday, July 31, 2016.

We have been further advised that the Bishop has a hard and fast policy about deacons. For instance, the canonical norm and the expectation of the *Book of Common Prayer, 1979* is that the Holy Eucharist will be celebrated every Sunday by an ordained priest. Since deacons are not priests, and are thereby limited to certain services of the church, they may not celebrate a service of Holy Eucharist or consecrate the elements of Bread and Wine. The most a deacon can do is a service in which the elements of Bread and Wine (already consecrated by a priest) are administered. This is not a so-called "Deacon's Mass;" there is no such thing.

That is what has happened for many Sundays at Trinity since Fr. Kip retired in January. Our diocese has several vacant parishes, and supply priests are hard pressed to bring services to the members of those parishes. In a very real sense Trinity has been lucky, blessed, to have a deacon assigned to us who could, with the bishop's permission, administer communion.

All of that is to explain why it was so important that Fr. Gus Franklin, Archdeacon Denney, and Bishop Martins were at Trinity for the really important services during Lent and Easter. And as an added blessing, Archdeacon Denney and members of St Luke's joined us on Ascension Day. Archdeacon Denney returned for Pentecost, and Fr. David Boase, retired Rector of St. Paul's in Alton, was the supply priest for Trinity Sunday, our Feast of Title. Fr. Gary Nowlin will be the Celebrant on June 5, and Fr. Boase will be the Celebrant on June 12. It is our hope and expectation that Fr. Nowlin will be able to celebrate Mass at least one Sunday in July. Fr. Boase will return once a month as Celebrant from August through November. Archdeacon Denney will celebrate the Holy Eucharist on Wednesdays beginning in mid-August.

It should be no surprise to know that the Vestry called **Zachary David Brooks** to be Rector-elect in mid-May. Mr. Brooks will be ordained a deacon in the Diocese of Massachusetts June 4, and will therefore serve under the direction of the Bishop of Massachusetts with permission from Bp. Martins when he assumes his position August 1, 2016. **Deacon Zach**, as he wishes to be called, will work with Fr. Boase and Archdeacon Denney from August to December and is eligible for ordination to the priesthood on or after December 4. Although a firm date for that ordination and installation as Rector of Trinity, Jacksonville has not yet been chosen, Bishop Martins has stated unequivocally he expects Trinity to have an ordained priest, who will be the Rector, by Christmas.

Our parish will then go forward into the new church year (which actually begins the first Sunday of Advent) fully equipped to fulfill our mission as representatives of Christ's Church in the World.

Graduations & Recognitions

Owen Blackorby, son of Brian and Mary Watts and grandson of Gayle Pollock, graduates on May 27, from Jacksonville High School. While recovering from his eye injury, Owen will attend Lincoln Land Community College. Then he will pursue a career in the military.

Allan Chon, grandson of Elizabeth Aldridge and son of Meg, graduates from Buena Vista High School in Arizona. He will attend the University of Arizona in the fall.

Enrique Chon, grandson of Elizabeth Aldridge and son of Meg, graduates from the University of Arizona with a geophysics major and mathematics minor. Enrique was named the Outstanding Senior in the Department of Geosciences.

Alice Tracey, daughter of Brian and Laura Tracey and granddaughter of Donald and Alice Tracey, graduates on June 4 from Arlington High School in Arlington, Massachusetts. Alice will attend the University of Michigan, where she has been accepted into the honors program.

James Alexander Welch, son of Rhea Welch and grandson of the late James and Bobby Jo Welch, graduates on May 29, from Rount Catholic High School. Alec will attend Illinois College, where he has been accepted in the pre-med program.

Birth

Thomas Paul Vogt, son of Steven and Betsy Vogt and grandson of Jeff and Hilda Radcliffe, was born on May 24!

***Congratulations
to All!***

SERVICES IN JUNE 2016

- June 5: **The Third Sunday
after Pentecost**
10:00 am: Holy Eucharist
- June 12: **The Fourth Sunday
after Pentecost**
10:00 am: Holy Eucharist
- June 19: **The Fifth Sunday
after Pentecost**
10:00 am: Liturgy of the Word
& Holy Communion
- June 26: **The Sixth Sunday
after Pentecost**
10:00 am: Liturgy of the Word
& Holy Communion

Fr. Nowlin will celebrate The Holy Eucharist on June 5.

Fr. Boase will celebrate The Holy Eucharist on June 12.



**Wednesdays at 10:00 am:
Morning Prayer**

June 1
June 8
June 15
June 22
June 29