



Trinity Topics

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**“Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely,
and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.” *Hebrews 12:1***

The month of June contains the feasts of some of the most important saints of the Church. St. Barnabas, who is celebrated on June 11, whose preaching, according to the Book of Acts, was so impressive that the people of Lystra got it into their heads (despite his protests) that he was the Roman god Jupiter. He is credited with bringing the Gospel to the island of Cyprus. On June 24, we celebrate the birth of St. John the Baptist, who was the first to preach the coming Kingdom of God and to recognize Jesus as the promised Messiah. On June 29, we celebrate Saints Peter and Paul. As I am sure we all know, Peter was the first leader of the Church, and Paul was the apostle to the Gentiles, who realized more than any apostle that the Gospel was meant for all nations. The calendar this month is filled with lesser known saints who showed that the work of God didn't stop after the last words of the Bible were written: Basil who stood up for the Nicene Creed when doing so meant certain banishment by the Byzantine Emperor; Cornelius Hill, the chief of the Oneida Indians who converted to Anglicanism; the Martyrs of Uganda who died rather than give up the worship of Jesus in the Church; and so many more. We celebrate all these lives at Trinity Church, and one of my dreams as a priest is that we could celebrate the feasts of the saints together at our altar.

We celebrate the saints because we know they are alive—even if they have died, they are alive to Jesus. Therefore, their work for the Church goes on. Honoring the saints, as we do at Trinity Church, is proclaiming the greatness of God, for in the holiness of these men and women and the wonderful things they have done, we see the power of God's forgiveness and love. In the saints we see that this Christianity business really does work. The life that Jesus describes in the Bible is not an impossible ideal or merely a collection of well-meaning platitudes. It's something that can and does happen when God is at work in the lives of people of faith. The saints show that God is indeed at work in our lives. The saints' miracles, whether great miracles that are inexplicable to science or little miracles of patient generosity, are real possibilities for ourselves, for in God all things are possible. We are given hope in our own struggle to find personal holiness and deepen our relationship with Jesus, a process called sanctification.

The saints are God's gifts to the Church, and it's so important to recall their lives because the saints show us what God's grace make us. This is why the writers of the Bible put the saints' deeds into writing. We can use the lives of the saints as examples for how we can be Christians ourselves. Their heroic lives can give us strength in times of trial, inspire us in times of loss and doubt, and teach us when the times we live in fill us with confusion. We all have our own calling in life—there are as many ways of being Christian as there are Christians, and the saints show us how the teachings of Jesus and the possibilities of his grace have been expressed in their own ways, in different times and places.

June is also the beginning of the liturgical season called Ordinary Time. The color of the season is green, which represents the verdant growth of God's grace in our hearts just as it grew in the hearts of the saints. Ordinary Time does not have to be ordinary! It is exactly ordinary life that Jesus has given us as the place to work out our own sainthood. The saints are the vine of the Church putting forth its many branches from its root in Jesus. You are one of these little branches and, after the example of the saints, you have your own miracles to work in the world. Spend June hearing what they have to say and praying for the grace that they have shown.

Father Zachary Brooks +

A Course in Anglican History: Part LI

The main religious conflict during the reign of William and Mary resulted from the fact that they had usurped their throne from King James II. As the Church was basically an office of the State, being a clergyman required an oath of allegiance to these usurper monarchs. 9 bishops and around 350 lower clergy refused to forsake their oaths to King James II and were removed from office. In what is known as the Non-Juring Schism, these clergy founded independent congregations. The nature of this schism was ambiguous—these were more unofficial congregations of the Church of England than a breakaway sect. Becoming a Non-Juror didn't per se mean one left the Church of England. Though it had many sympathizers in the Church of England, official Non-Jurors were never more than 1-2% of the population. Despite its small size and the fact that it didn't endure as a distinct entity into the modern age, the Non-Juring movement made a critical mark on the history of Anglicanism. It gave voice to people who believed being a Christian meant more than conformity to state sanctioned values. For the first time there was some inkling of an idea that Anglicanism could have an identity apart from the Kingdom of England. This newfound zeal for Christian life led to the formation of organizations that sought to spread the Gospel outside of the English context, such as the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts (the SPG). The SPG played an enormous role in the spread of Anglicanism in the American Colonies. Many of the Episcopal Church's most historic parishes were founded by vicars recruited by the SPG. The classic American church as a white clapboard building with columns along the front and a steeple was first created by the SPG as a base model for new church buildings in new contexts. Non-Jurors also resisted the drift away from Anglican ceremony in the Church of England, which preserved Anglican identity and later give rise to the Ritualist Movement. Finally, Non-Jurors in Scotland refused to accept the Presbyterianism of the Church of Scotland and established an independent denomination led by bishops called the Episcopal Church of Scotland, which would play a critical part in the creation of the Episcopal Church in the United States after the American Revolution.

This column is a monthly series on the history of Anglicanism and the Episcopal Church.

Corpus Christi

The Diocese of Springfield will celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi at St. Paul's Cathedral, Springfield at 5:30pm on Thursday, June 8. This service is a celebration of the "innumerable benefits" of the Lord's Supper and includes a special blessing and procession with the Eucharist.

Rites of Initiation

If you would like to be baptized, confirmed, or received into the Episcopal Church, or have a child you would like to receive one of these rites, please contact the Church office or Fr. Zach. These rites are a public declaration of your faith in Jesus, and require a period of preparation and instruction in the Christian faith.



News & Announcements

Doorbell Dinners

Trinity Church delivered Doorbell Dinners the week of May 15-19. Coordinator K-Lou Ashmore thanks those who helped: Kip & K-Lou Ashmore, Chuck & Joann Crim, Paula Herget, Forrest & Helen Keaton, Jo Ann Nelson, Hilda Radcliffe, Dana Ryan, Joyce Surbeck, and Ryan Worrall.

Church School & Summer

We need to extend special words of gratitude for our dedicated Church School teachers: Hilda Radcliffe, Abby Radcliffe, Gayle Clark, Laura Evans, and Allison Scott.

Now that classes are not held in the summer, we hope school-age children will attend the service upstairs with their parents. We will still have the nursery open for the younger ones. We ask parents and other parishioners to sign up to sit in the nursery once a month (or more) so that the children can be supervised. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the lobby.

Church School will resume on September 10.

Death

Johanna Horton died on May 13, 2023. The Burial Office will be celebrated on July 28.

*May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace, and rise in glory.*

Congratulations!

Neil Donald Tracey, son of Laura & Brian Tracey and grandson of Donald & Alice Tracey, was graduated from Georgetown University on May 20. The recipient of a Fulbright Scholarship, Neil will continue his studies of antitrust economics at the University of East Anglia in Norwich, England this fall.

Cail Lang, son of Laura Evans and grandson of Bruce & Melissa Evans, graduated from Jacksonville High School. Cail has enlisted in the National Guard. Cail is set to head to Fort Jackson in South Carolina on July 10, for basic training and then to Fort Lee, Virginia for schooling and additional training. Total duration of training will be about 26 weeks. Cail then plans to attend MTI in Springfield for the welding program.

Sarah Van Aken was awarded the Crystal Apple Award at Grant Middle School for going above and beyond for the students.

****If you have news you wish to share, please contact the Parish Office.***

Lectors:

June 4: Forrest Keaton
June 11: Cathy Nelson
June 18: Alice Tracey
June 25: Paula Woods

Acolytes:

June 5: Clayton Robb
June 12: Clayton Robb
June 19: Clayton Robb
June 26: Clayton Robb

Please let the Parish Office know if you need to trade dates. Two acolytes are preferred for each Sunday.

Ushers:

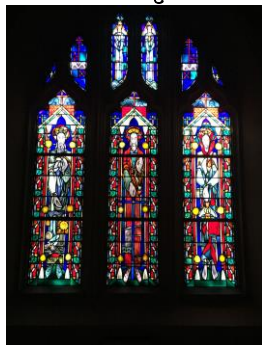
June 5: Chuck Crim
June 12: John Clancy
June 19: Chuck Crim
June 26: John Clancy

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The Vestry does not hold regular meetings in June and July.

Committees will continue their work.

Our Trinity window



SERVICES IN JUNE 2023

Sunday, June 4:

TRINITY SUNDAY

8:00 am = Holy Eucharist
10:00 am = Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, June 7:

10:00 am = Holy Eucharist

Sunday, June 11:

The 2ND Sunday after PENTECOST

8:00 am = Holy Eucharist
10:00 am = Holy Eucharist

Monday, June 12: St. Barnabas, tr.

10:00 am = Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, June 14:

10:00 am = Holy Eucharist

Sunday, June 18:

The 3rd Sunday after PENTECOST

8:00 am = Holy Eucharist
10:00 am = Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, June 21:

10:00 am = Holy Eucharist

Saturday, June 24:

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

10:00 am = Holy Eucharist

Sunday, June 25:

The 4th Sunday after PENTECOST

8:00 am = Holy Eucharist
10:00 am = Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, June 28:

10:00 am = Holy Eucharist

Thursday, June 29:

St. Peter & St. Paul

10:00 am = Holy Eucharist

Morning Prayer is said at 10 o'clock on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.