

# THE HERALD

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## RECTOR'S LETTER

### LETTER FROM THE RECTOR

June 2011

Dear Friends in Christ:

The feast of Pentecost on June 12 marks the end of Eastertide. But fear not: along with Pentecost, June boasts some of the biggest and best feast days of the church year: the Ascension, Trinity Sunday, and Corpus Christi. Each of these contributes something essential to our faith, and our observance of them provides us with important reminders of what identifies as Anglican Christians.

The end of June will also mark the conclusion of the "program year", which, at St. John's, means the choir will go on its well-earned summer hiatus; the Thursday Mass and Bible study will be suspended for the summer; and Sunday School for children will take the occasional scheduled break (see below for more details). Likewise, we will maintain our tradition of having only one service in the summer months, which will be at 10 a.m., and which will alternate (in large blocks) between Rite One and Rite Two.

Following in this newsletter is a survey, which all members of the parish are encouraged to fill out and send in, either by mail or by dropping it in the offering plate. If you're reading this online, just print the newsletter out, and fill in the appropriate pages. There will also be copies available on the table in the back. A parish survey is an information-gathering device that I used occasionally at my last parish, and now that I've been here over six months, it seemed a good time to try it at St. John's.

The survey seeks your (anonymous) opinions on parish life in the following areas: Worship, fellowship, outreach, and Christian education. It could very well be that most people are satisfied with the number and type of all these offerings currently found here. But, there might also be ideas for different ministries or activities that could emerge if only someone is asked. I am the only one that will read the surveys, so please feel free to be honest. The survey is being conducted now so that any new ideas can be carefully weighed during the summer, in preparation for their potential introduction in the fall.

The end of June will also find our own Deacon Alex having critically important knee surgery. After serving faithfully as interim chaplain at Mt. Nittany Hospital during Lent and Easter, he now finally has the opportunity to do this for himself. Please remember him in your prayers.

Faithfully yours,

**PARISH SURVEY: SUMMER 2011**

**Worship**

I have attended services in 2011.

Yes                      No

I am generally satisfied with the number and type of services currently offered.

Yes                      No

Overall, I think our services are:

Too traditional              Too contemporary              About right

I would like additional opportunities for worship during the week that do not interfere with my work schedule. This service could be Morning or Evening Prayer or the Holy Eucharist.

Yes                      No

I would attend an early morning service (7 or 7:30) or after-work service (6 or 6:30) one day a week.

Yes                      No

Due to my work schedule which often interferes with Sunday morning services, I wish there were an additional weekend service, at perhaps 5 p.m. on Saturday or 5 p.m. on Sunday, that I would regularly attend.

Yes                      No

I would be interested in an occasional Prayer Breakfast, which might feature light scripture study, or a sermonette by a guest presenter, on a church-oriented topic.

Yes                      No

I have the following ideas I'd like to share about worship:

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**Fellowship**

I have participated in a church-sponsored fellowship outing or event in the last year.

Yes                      No

I am generally satisfied with the current number and type of fellowship offerings available.

Yes                      No

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I would like to see more fellowship with other churches in Bellefonte.

Yes                      No

I would invite an unchurched or church-seeking friend to the right kind of fellowship event at St. John's.

Yes                      No

I have the following ideas I'd like to share about fellowship at St. John's:

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**Outreach/Mission**

I am aware of the outreach/mission offerings currently available through St. John's (Faith Centre; Centre Crest; Bellefonte Council of Churches projects).

Yes                      No

I am generally satisfied with the outreach opportunities currently available.

Yes                      No

I would be interested in doing a mission project, even as part of a team organized through another church.

Yes                      No

I would be interested in a mission trip, even as part of a team organized through another church.

Yes                      No

I believe mission starts at home, and would be interested in participating in a ministry that seeks to more formally support our own hospitalized, sick, or shut-in parishioners.

Yes                      No

I have the following ideas I'd like to share about outreach and mission at St. John's:

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**Christian Education**

I would definitely, faithfully attend an adult Christian Education class at St. John's if it were offered at a time convenient to me.

Yes                      Maybe                      Probably not                      No

What time would that be? (Sunday morning: before, or after, church; during the week, before, or after, work, etc.)

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I am bothered by the fact that I have been unable to attend an adult education class recently.

Yes                      No

I would be interested in a condensed (30 mins. or less) prayer- or scripture-oriented session that met before or after work during the week, perhaps (or perhaps not) offered in conjunction with a short service of some sort.

Yes                      No

I would be more inclined to attend a before-work or after-work service or class if there were at least coffee and a snack provided.

Yes                      No

I would be interested in an adult education class on the following topic (3 = very interested; 2 = a little interested; 1 = not really interested):

\_\_\_ Scripture                      \_\_\_ The Episcopal Church/What Anglicans believe

\_\_\_ Christian ethics/Situational ethics                      \_\_\_ Anglican Theology

\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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Charles E. Maurukas, Acolyte Director

**SUMMER SERVICE SCHEDULE, BEGINNING JULY 3**

*Sundays:* Morning Prayer at 9:45; Holy Eucharist at 10  
*Wednesdays:* Low Mass at 9:30 in St. Michael's Chapel

The Parish Office is open Monday through Thursday from 9 A.M. to 12 NOON. For after-hours emergencies, or whenever the services of a priest are needed, please phone the rector at the cell phone number listed above.

**FROM THE TREASURER ...**

**APRIL RECEIPTS: \$21,772.39**  
**APRIL EXPENSES: \$13,764.00**  
**APRIL BALANCE: \$8,008.39**

**SUMMER FELLOWSHIP AND FUNDRAISERS.** June and August will be active months for our family of faith: on June 24, we will have our ham dinner fundraiser from 4 to 7 p.m. in the parish hall. On August 14, we will go as a parish group to a Spikes game in State College (6:05 p.m.); and

on August 19, we will go on the riverboat dinner cruise from Williamsport. Sign up at the table in the back, and join us!

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**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS COMING!** This year, several Bellefonte churches are trying something new: the use of specially trained, college-aged facilitators to run the program. St. John UCC, St. John Lutheran, and our St. John's are sharing the very modest expense to bring these young people from Camp Mount Luther, where they will receive nearly two months of experience before coming to run our program. We believe they will bring new insights and fresh ideas to the VBS experience.

However, this three-person team cannot do it all. Although their housing and meals have been arranged, they will need help with certain aspects of the program. Specifically, if you have volunteered in the past, or want to give it a try this year, volunteers are needed to help with arts and crafts, games, and overall supervision of activities.

Additionally, each church will be responsible for serving a picnic-style meal one night during VBS week (Sunday, July 24, through Thursday, July 28). Our St. John's is responsible for Wednesday, July 27. Meals will be taken under the pavilion on the grounds of St. John Lutheran; please consider forming a team to supply a modest supper for potentially three dozen youngsters and a few parents.

Vacation Bible School will begin each evening of the week at 6 p.m. and should end no later than 8 or 8:30. If you can help, or if you would like to sign up your child now, please phone the parish office, or speak to Father Chris or Ellen Dyakiw.

**DIOCESAN CONVENTION IS JUNE 10 & 11**, held once again this year at Bucknell University. There are no ordinations this year. The main issue to be addressed by convention is a reformulation of the diocesan assessment strategy. The new system will link in a different way the size of the assessment to the number of delegates a parish can send to convention, along with a new penalty system to address nonpayment of the assessment. However, St. John's always pays its assessment, and the number of delegates we send to convention will not change under the new plan. Watch the announcements in the service leaflets to learn of convention's action on the proposal.

**AS A RESULT OF A REDUCTION IN COST AND THE AVAILABILITY OF ADDITIONAL FUNDS**, we now seek only about \$2,500 for the new set of white vestments described in the April *Herald*. Contributions of any size are very welcome. Please speak to Father Chris if you are able to help.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS:** Sunday School classes will be held each Sunday in June, but will take a break on the first Sunday of July for the Independence Day weekend holiday. Classes will

resume on July 10 at the usual time. At the end of July, an evaluation will be made to determine whether classes will continue in August, or take a break until September.

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### **JUNE BIRTHDAYS – 2011**

June	4	-	Gary Andrews
June	13	-	Blanche Raymond
June	16	-	Helen Solt
June	17	-	James Green
June	21	-	Todd Bowersox
June	24	-	Jennie Spicer
June	26	-	Matthew Fitzgerald

### **JULY BIRTHDAYS – 2011**

July	4	-	Charity Holland
July	6	-	Liam Quigley
July	7	-	Frank Densevich Pete Kwiatek
July	10	-	Erin Veneziano
July	13	-	Catherine Bickel
July	14	-	Joan Andrews Jason Fitzgerald
July	16	-	Julie Duminiak
July	18	-	Lois Fetzer
July	19	-	Daniel McGinley, Jr.
July	23	-	Larry Roberson
July	28	-	David King William Irwin
July	31	-	Jerry Bowersox

### **AUGUST BIRTHDAYS – 2011**

August	2	-	Betsy Ames
August	4	-	Mark Sandow
August	8	-	Judy Densevich Benjamin Harwood
August	9	-	Peggy Jackson Patricia Foster
August	11	-	Billie Jo North
August	15	-	Jacob Fitzgerald
August	20	-	Amy Wilson
August	24	-	Nancy Andrews
August	30	-	Ruth Eby

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***Happy Birthday To All!***

**St. John's Volunteers:**

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

June 2011

	<b>8 AM</b>	<b>10:00 AM NT &amp; Chalice</b>
Sunday after the Ascension, June 5, 2011	Dn. Dyakiw	S. Witmer
Pentecost, June 12, 2011	Dn. Dyakiw	K. Grossman
Trinity Sunday, June 19, 2011	Dn. Dyakiw	J. Hilderbrand
Corpus Christi, June 26, 2011	Scott Mauger	D. Cree S. Witmer

July 2011

Pentecost III, July 3, 2011	J. Dench
Pentecost IV, July 10, 2011	K. Grossman-Prayers J. Hilderbrand D. Cree-Prayers
Pentecost V, July 17, 2011	S. Witmer J. Dench-Prayers
Pentecost VI, July 24, 2011	J. Hilderbrand K. Grossman-Prayers
Pentecost VII, July 31, 2011	D. Cree S. Witmer-Prayers

August 2011

Transfiguration, transferred, August 7, 2011	Deacon Dyakiw J. Dench
Pentecost IX, August 14, 2011	Deacon Dyakiw J. Hilderbrand
Pentecost X, August 21, 2011	Deacon Dyakiw D. Cree
Pentecost, XI, August 28, 2011	Deacon Dyakiw S. Witmer

**ALTAR GUILD SCHEDULE**

June, 2011

June 4 through June 10

K. Harvey, J. Dench, L. Meeker

June 11 through June 17  
June 18 through June 24  
June 25 through July 1  
May 29 through June 4

M. K. Jones, B. Shugert  
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B. Raymond, B. Roberson, J. Dench  
K. Harvey, J. Dench, L. Meeker

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July 2011

July 2 through July 8  
July 9 through July 15  
July 16 through July 23  
July 24 through July 30  
July 31 through August 6

B. Raymond, B. Roberson, J. Dench  
C. Fetters, S. Witmer  
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J. Jackson, P. Jackson  
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August 2011

August 7 through August 13  
August 14 through August 20  
August 21 through August 27

K. Harvey, J. Dench, L. Meeker  
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M. K. Jones, B. Shugert

**COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE**

June 2011

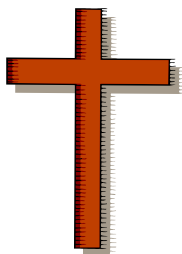
June	5	-	Judy & Charlie Hilderbrand
June	12	-	Stuart & Paula Hough
June	19	-	Dan & Deb McGinley
June	26	-	Billie Jo & Patrick North

July 2011

July	3	-	No Coffee Hour, Independence Day weekend
July	10	-	Lois Fetzer, Ruth Eby
July	17	-	Larry & Barb Roberson
July	24	-	Bette Shugert
July	31	-	Debbie Tenalio & David Auman

August 2011

August	7	-	Jennifer Zeigler
August	14	-	Nancy Andrews & Sally Witmer
August	21	-	Ellen Dyakiw, Kathryn Grossman
August	28	-	Betsy & Jerry Bowersox



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**ACOLYTE SCHEDULE**

*June*

Sunday June 5, 2011  
10:00 AM-Mass  
Easter VII  
Sunday after Ascension

Crucifer - J. Dench  
Torchbearer - Bryan Hough  
Torchbearer - Steve Dillon  
Bookbearer/Server - Carl Meeker  
Thurifer - Charles Maurukas

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Sunday, June 12, 2011  
10:00 AM-Mass  
Pentecost

Crucifer - Steve Dillon  
Torchbearer - Bryan Hough  
Torchbearer -  
Book BearerServer - Carl Meeker  
Thurifer - Charles Maurukas

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Sunday, June 19, 2011  
10:00 AM – Mass  
Trinity Sunday

Crucifer - Bryan Hough  
Torchbearer -  
Torchbearer - Steve Dillon  
Bookbearer/Server - Jason Dench  
Thurifer - Charles Maurukas

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Sunday, June 26, 2011  
10:00 AM – Mass  
Corpus Christi

Crucifer - Steve Dillon  
Torchbearer - Bryan Hough  
Torchbearer - Jason Dench  
Bookbearer/Server - Carl Meeker  
Thurifer - Charles Maurukas

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*July*

Sunday, July 3, 2011  
10:00 AM Mass  
Pentecost III

Crucifer - Bryan Hough  
Torchbearer - Carl Meeker  
Torchbearer - Steve Dillon  
Bookbearer/Server - Jason Dench

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Sunday, July 10, 2011  
10:00 AM Mass  
Pentecost IV

Crucifer - Charles Maurukas  
Torchbearer - Bryan Hough  
Torchbearer - Jason Dench  
Bookbearer/Server - Carl Meeker

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Sunday, July 17, 2011  
10:00 AM Mass  
Pentecost V

Crucifer - Carl Meeker  
Torchbearer - Steve Dillon  
Torchbearer - Bryan Hough  
Bookbearer/Server - Charles Maurukas

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Sunday, July 24, 2011  
10:00 AM Mass  
Pentecost VI

Crucifer - Jason Dench  
Torchbesarer - Carl Meeker  
Torchbearer - Steve Dillon

Bookbearer/Server - Bryan Hough Charles will be with you to help

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Sunday, July 31, 2011  
10:00 AM Mass  
Pentecost VII

Crucifer - Carl Meeker  
Torchbearer - Jason Dench  
Torchbearer - Bryan Hough  
Bookbearer/Server - Steve Dillon Charles will be with you to help

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**JUNE 2011**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 9:30 am- Mass/Healing	2 Ascension Day. Mass at noon at St. John's; Mass at 7 p.m. at St. Andrew's	3 11 am- Community Lunch	4
5 Easter VII 8 am Mass Rite I 10 am Mass Rite II Coffee Hour Corned Beef Breakfast	6	7	8 9:30 am- Mass/Healing	9 Noon Mass,Lunch,Study	10 Diocesan Convention	11 <b>St Barnabas The Apostle</b>  Diocesan Convention
12 PENTECOST 8 am-Mass-Rite I 10 am Mass Rite II Coffee Hour	13	14	15 9:30 am- Mass/Healing  7:30 pm-Vestry Meeting	16 Noon Mass, Lunch, Study 2 pm-Centre Crest Mass	17	18
19 Trinity Sunday 8 am Mass I 10 am Mass Rite II Coffee Hour Pastrami Sandwich Sale	20	21	22 9:30 am- Mass/Healing	23 Noon Mass, Lunch, Study	24 <b>Nativity of St John the Baptist</b>  Ham & Scalloped Potatoes Dinner 4-7pm	25  1:30 pm Wedding
26 Corpus Christi 8 am-Mass-Rite I 10 am Mass Rite II Coffee Hour	27	28	29 <b>Ss Peter &amp; Paul, Apostles</b>  9:30am- Mass/Healing	30 Noon Mass, Lunch, Study		

# JULY 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 11 am- Community Lunch  4	2
3 Pentecost III 10 am-Mass <u>No Coffee Hour</u>	4  Office Closed	5	6 9:30 am- Mass/Healing	7	8	9
10 Pentecost IV  10 am Mass Coffee Hour	11	12	13 9:30 am- Mass/Healing	14	15	16
17 Pentecost V 10 am Mass  Coffee Hour	18	19	20 9:30 am- Mass/Healing	21	22 <b>St. Mary Magdalene</b>	23
24 Pentecost VI 10 am-Mass-  Coffee Hour  Joint VBS at St. John Lutheran begins, 6 p.m.  31 Pentecost VII 10 am Mass Coffee Hour	25 <b>St. James the Apostle</b>  VBS at St. John Lutheran, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.	26  VBS at St. John Lutheran, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.	27 9:30 am- Mass/Healing  VBS at St. John Lutheran, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.	28  VBS at St. John Lutheran, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.	29	30

# AUGUST 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3 9:30 am Mass/Healing	4	5 11 am- Community Lunch	6
7 Transfiguration of Our Lord 10 am Mass Coffee Hour	8	9	10 9:30 am- Mass/Healing	11	12	13
14 PENTECOST IX 10 am Mass Coffee hour 6:05 pm-Spikes Baseball Game	15 St. Mary the Virgin	16	17 9:30 am- Mass/Healing	18 2 pm-Centre Crest	19 Riverboat Dinner Cruise	20
21 PENTECOST X 10 am Mass Coffee Hour	22 Herald Deadline	23	24 9:30 am- Mass/Healing St. Bartholomew the Apostle	25	26	27
28 PENTECOST XI 10 am-Mass Coffee Hour	30	31				