

THE HERALD

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BELLEFONTE, PENNSYLVANIA

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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 despair 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 essential 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 be offered on an occasional basis (stay tuned 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 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. A parish survey is an information-gathering device that I used with success 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 offerings currently found here. But, there might also be ideas for new ministries or activities that could emerge if someone is only 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 emerging ideas can be carefully considered during the summer, in preparation for the possible introduction of something new 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,

(The Rev.) Christopher V. Pyles, Rector

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:

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

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:

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:

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.)

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 _____

FROM THE TREASURER ...

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

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Charles E. Maurukas, Acolyte Director

SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sundays: Low Mass at 8 (Rite I); Sung Mass at 10 (Rite II)

Wednesdays: Low Mass at 9:30 in St. Michael's Chapel

Thursday: Low Mass at 12 noon at the Mary Altar in the Church

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.

WE WELCOME OUR VISITORS! We are delighted that you are worshiping with us today. If you would like more information about our historic church, our programs, or our various ministries, please speak with one of the clergy or the Eucharistic Minister after the service. If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to consider St. John's. You are welcome here.

IF YOU ARE A BAPTIZED CHRISTIAN, YOU ARE WELCOME TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION IN THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

WE ARE PARTNERS IN CHRIST WITH THE LOVE OF GOD ON OUR LIPS AND

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

	8 AM	10:00 AM
Easter VI, June 5, 2011	Dn. Dyakiw	NT & Chalice S. Witmer
Pentecost Sunday, June 12, 2011	Dn. Dyakiw	K. Grossman
Trinity Sunday, June 19 2011	Dn. Dyakiw	J. Hilderbrand
Pentecost II, June 26, 2011	Dn. Dyakiw	D. Cree S. Witmer

July, 2011

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

August, 2011

Pentecost VIII, 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	M. K. Jones, B. Shugert
June 18 through June 24	M. K. Jones, B. Shugert
June 25 through July 1	B. Raymond, B. Roberson, J. Dench
May 29 through June 4	K. Harvey, J. Dench, L. Meeker

July 2011

July 2 through July 8	B. Raymond, B. Roberson, J. Dench
July 9 through July 15	C. Fetters, S. Witmer
July 16 through July 23	C. Fetters, S. Witmer
July 24 through July 30	J. Jackson, P. Jackson
July 31 through August 6	J. Jackson, P. Jackson

August 2011

August 7 through August 13	K. Harvey, J. Dench, L. Meeker
August 14 through August 20	K. Harvey, J. Dench, L. Meeker
August 21 through August 27	M. K. Jones, B. Shugert

COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

June 2011

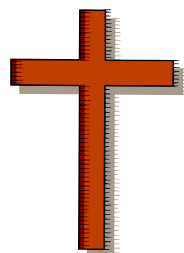
June	5	-	Judy & Charlie Hilderbrand
June	12	-	Stuart & Paula Hough
June	19	-	Dan & Deb McGinley
June	26	-	Billie Jo & Patrick North

July 2011

July	3	-	No Coffee Hour, 4 th of July
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



ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

June

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sunday, June 26, 2011
 10:00 AM – Mass
 Pentecost II

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

July

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

JUNE 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 9:30 am- Mass/Healing	2	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 St Barnabas The Apostle 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	24 Nativity of St John The Baptist Public 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 St Peter & St Paul Apostles 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 St. Mary Magdalene	23
24 Pentecost VI 10 am-Mass- Coffee Hour <hr/> 31 Pentecost VII 10 am Mass Coffee Hour	25 St. James The Apostle	26	27	28	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	24St. Bartholomew the Apostle	25	26	27
28 PENTECOST XI 10 am-Mass Coffee Hour	30	31				