
HOLY HAPPENINGS

June 2021

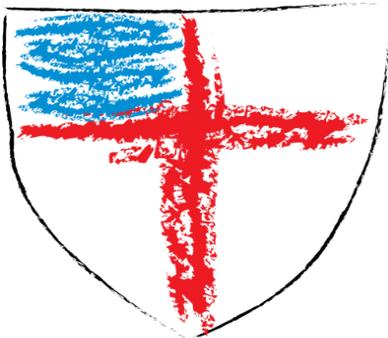
From the Rev. Laurie Rofinot

Last week Christians all over the world celebrated the feast of Pentecost, God's sending of the Holy Spirit into the world in a most powerful and dramatic way, through the power of wind and fire and speaking in tongues.

At Holy Nativity's Pentecost Family Service on the Lawn, many of us wore red, the liturgical color of the Holy Spirit. Our young people processed to "Sweet, Sweet Spirit," led by Angelina waving the Holy Spirit Dove on a stick, and they handed out red streamers for everyone to wave in the wind. Several parishioners spoke words of faith in various languages. Emma played "Happy Birthday" to the Church and many other wonderful things happened. It was a glorious event! Many thanks to all who planned, organized, set up, led worship, prayed and sang, and cleaned up - you 63 people know who you are!! (That's how many were present in person and on Zoom.)

It was surely a glorious day for the members of the early church that first Pentecost as well, as they realized that God's Spirit would continue guiding and strengthening them as the Body of Christ, the Church, on its earthly pilgrimage in and with God. They also became aware of the amazing three-fold nature of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and shown as God's Creating, Redeeming and

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Wardens' Report

As you know, we continue to work with the Diocese toward reopening the parish church. The Governor is relaxing restrictions rapidly, but we have to abide by the Dioceses guidelines. The Gathering Committee is working very closely with other committees to ensure continuity and structure.

The Sunday school continues to come up with new and inventive ways to get our parish family back to some normalcy. Our outside services have been very successful and therefore, we will continue to have them until the heat becomes prohibitive.

We are very blessed to have so many dedicated parishioners. They continually give from the goodness of their heart in order to provide assistance whenever there is need for help. We cannot say "thank you" enough for your generosity, spirit and support you deliver.

Prior to the pre-covid pandemic, we maintained a list of parishioners that served on our church ministries: Acolytes, Lay readers and Ushers, to name a few. Now, as we move forward, we are making preparations for the re-opening of inside services. During this period, Ed Muller will plan to contact those parishioners that were on our volunteer list.

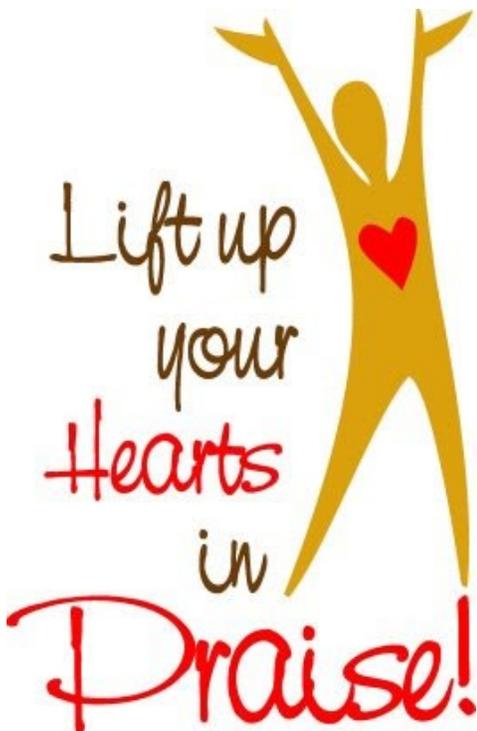
The Search Committee continues to work with the Diocese. They have stated that our church profile is now accessible to applicants.

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From the Rev Laurie cont.

Sustaining Power. And so we celebrate Trinity Sunday this coming week as a continuation of our Pentecost celebration. It also marks the beginning of our long Season of Pentecost, when we focus on Jesus' teaching, preaching and healing ministries during his earthly life with us. Week by week Jesus reveals God's love and care for us, God's plan for each of us, and God's plan for the salvation of the world.

All in all, let us be guided by what we take on faith, trusting that God is directing us in all things -- the God whom we know as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, as Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, as the Three-in-One and One-in-Three. The essence of our faith, our trust, is that this amazing and wonderful God will make absolutely clear to us all, in God's good time, the whole nature and reality and fullness of this life and the next. Thanks be to God for that!



Book Club

The Book Club changed the book for May to "Upstairs at the White House, My Life with the First Ladies" written by J.B. West.

It is a story written by a man who was the Assistant Usher and Chief Usher of the White House for 28 years. He witnessed national crises and triumphs, and interacted daily with six consecutive presidents and first ladies. "Upstairs at the White House" gives the reader a slice of American history that usually remains behind closed doors.

The Wardens' Report cont.

The Committee will continue to keep us apprised of their ongoing progress.

The Rectory is in need of some TLC. Thus far, we have removed 14 diseased trees from the property; the screened porch is undergoing some renovations. Additionally, the main bathroom will be getting a face lift. That project will begin sometime in June.

At the Sea-Side

BY ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON

*When I was down beside the sea
A wooden spade they gave to me
To dig the sandy shore.
My holes were empty like a cup.
In every hole the sea came up
Till it could come no more.*

Source:

The Golden Book of Poetry (1947)





Sunday School

South African Outreach

My friend Lisa is a seamstress. She loves to sew and has mastered the craft. Recently Lisa was given a vast quantity of beautiful, fun, bright fabrics and she has decided to pay her good fortune forward. She has taken some of the fabric and sewn children’s reversible vests and pillowcases for 15 children at a Pre-school in South Africa. Joanna Prada, Bruce & Diana Blakely Smith’s daughter, will be visiting Weymouth in July and will bring the vests and pillowcases back with her when she returns to South Africa. Joanna and her family are missionaries there and work with YWAM – Youth With A Mission. We are hoping for a “viewing” of the vests and pillowcases and to have them blessed. Please keep Joanna and her family in your prayers for safe travel and give a prayer of thanks for Lisa and her generosity.

The Sunday school kids will celebrate the end of the Sunday school year on Sunday June 6th. We will watch a slide show of all the fun things we were able to do this year despite Covid!

The Christmas Pageant, our Sock Drive, Reverse Trick-or-Treat, Bible Scavenger Hunt, Kite Flying Day, planting sunflowers for Earth Day,

our Alleluia posters we “Put to Bed” during Lent, Chalk the Walk for St. Francis Day, Shrove Tuesday Zoom Pancake Supper, the Luminaries, and the St. Patrick’s Day Food Drive! It was a wonderful year and I thank everyone for their love & support!



**As a Parish,
We pray for:**

Anne, Aaron, Audrey, Bonnie Chadbourne, Brian, Breda O., Carly, Carol, Christine, Claire S., Corinne, Dot, Dot D., Ed, Eleanor, Ellie, Eliza and Family, Ernie, Ewen & Pat MacDonald, Frank, Fredrick, Grover, Hazel Brunelle, Helen Holbrook, Helen, Steven M Haley, James Schofield, Jessica, Jim, Jim Connolly, Joan, Joe, John Murphy, John, Joan, Billie Greene & family, Judy Ridge, Julie, Kathleen, Katie, Kelly M., Liz, Marcia, Matt, Maureen, Maureen Doyle, Merieme, Mim, Nancy Crosby, Nancy Mermet, Nate, Paige, Pat and her family, Patty, Paul, Phyllis Collari, Ray Clark, Roberta, Rocky, Rodney, Ruth K., Shirley, Sophia, Susan, Tim, and Tommy L.



Ice Cream Social

There will be an "Ice Cream Social" on the lawn of the church on Sunday, June 6th following the 10:00 service. We will have an ice cream truck to provide ice creams for everyone! Enjoy your ice cream while safely socializing with friends. We may not be having an end of the year cook-out, but ice cream can put a smile on everyone's face!

The ice cream social is compliments of the Patel, Mueller and Gurney families, ENJOY!

SEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT

Your Rector Search Committee is happy to announce that Church of the Holy Nativity has now entered the “Receiving Names” phase of the search process as all our materials were posted May 17th on the Diocesan website, our own church website and the proper ministry forms posted at the national level. All of this will then be posted in FYI (the monthly Mass. Diocese newsletter) the first week in June. A specific and targeted email address has been set up to receive materials from candidates. We will be accepting candidates until our deadline of June 30, 2021 which is the standard six weeks of time to accept materials. This email is monitored only by Steve Williams for the purpose of confidentiality.

The Search Committee wants to thank members of this vestry, church leadership and all of you for your support and prayers to this point. We are excited to enter the next phase. We are now in the planning stage for the interview process that will start in July. As a committee we now hope to be meeting in person as the reviewing of applications and resumes will begin after the closing date. From here on out it will be “silent progress” for a while as the committee does it’s work in coming up with candidates to fill the rector position. We will

provide updates as we are able.

We again ask for your prayers as we move through this critical phase of our search.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Search Committee by,
Steve Williams, Chair



Sew Crafty Craft Fair!

There will be a small Craft Fair on the lawn of the Church on Saturday, June 5th from 10:00 – 3:00.

There will be fun and colorful tote bags, dolls, reversible vests and pillowcases for children, rag wreaths, note cards, women’s handbags, Patriotic items, raffles, and more!

All proceeds will be donated to the church. So please mark your calendars and be sure to stop by!

The Lord
gives
STRENGTH
to his people;
the Lord
blesses his
people with
PEACE.

-Psalm 29:11

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for **JULY/AUGUST** Holy Happenings will be **Thursday, June 24**. Articles may be submitted via snail mail, dropped off in the bin on the office door or sent by email to the church office.

Vestry Meeting

The next Zoom Vestry meeting will be Wednesday, **June 16** at 7:00PM

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Important Dates

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Sew Crafty Fair

June 6
Last Sunday School
Ice Cream Social

June 16
Vestry Meeting

Mission Statement

The family of the Church of the Holy Nativity is called to be a caring community, committed to spiritual development; encouraging growth in each member's personal relationship with God, through Christ; by providing educational opportunities for youth and adults as well as Christian Formation for all, going forth to share God's message of love and forgiveness.

Important Dates

June 20
Fathers' Day

June 24
Holy Happenings
articles due

