



# The Abbeville Anglican



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## A Star-Spangled Celebration

Several years ago, Trinity initiated a community patriotic program to officially celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. This event, which has become extremely popular in the county, most often occurs on the Sunday before the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. This year the program will be presented on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. This program not only celebrates the birthday of our republic, but also those many men and women in the armed forces who have risked their lives to defend our liberties and freedom. This event features prayers, songs, patriotic readings and other tributes to all our servicemen and women, former and present. We will finish off the afternoon with refreshments in the parish garden. Please make your plans now to bring yourselves and your friends to this star-spangled celebration on July 2<sup>nd</sup> at 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon. Feel free to wear your red, white and blue attire. God Bless America!

## The Sacraments

A young seminarian has recently related a story of being asked to speak extemporaneously by his professor of homiletics on the subject of the Sacraments. He stated that he was somewhat taken aback as he was not sure about how many Sacraments the Episcopal Church considers to be valid. He "turned the tables" on his teacher by beginning his remarks by asking his fellow future priests the same question. All High Church Episcopalians and most in the middle will state there are seven Sacraments. Low Church Episcopalians will tell you that there are only three. Interestingly, you will get the same answer from many priests. In the *Articles of Religion* we are told there are two—Baptism and the Supper of the Lord (BCP p. 872). The Sacraments, as stated in the ancient rubrics of the Roman Catholic Church and in the English Church are as follows:

[1.] Baptism: For Episcopalians the Sacrament of Baptism is the first step in a lifelong journey of commitment and discipleship.

Baptism is the Church's way of celebrating and enacting the embrace of God.

[2.] The Holy Eucharist: The Eucharist (Mass) is both a meal and a sacrifice. We believe in the Real Presence of Jesus, who gave himself for our sins. Every time we receive the Precious Body and Blood, we are nourished spiritually, renewed and brought closer to God.

[3.] Confirmation: This is the Sacrament of mature Christian commitment and a deepening of Baptismal Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

[4.] Marriage: This Sacrament is a public sign that one gives oneself totally to another. It is also a public statement about God: the loving union of a wife and husband speaks of family values and also God's values.

[5.] Holy Orders: The Sacrament of Holy Orders (Ordination) enables the priest to bring us the Sacraments, most importantly, the Eucharist, by proclaiming the Gospel and providing other means to holiness.

[6.] Anointing: The Sacrament of anointing the sick (including Last Rites and Extreme Unction) is a ritual of healing appropriate, not only for physical, but also for mental and spiritual illness.

[7.] Reconciliation: This is a Sacrament (Penance) which has three elements: conversion, confession and celebration. In it we find God's unconditional forgiveness and as a result we are called to forgive others.

The Latin word sacramentum means a sign of the sacred. The Sacraments are ceremonies that point to what is significant and important for Christians. They are special occasions for the experience of God's saving presence. That is what theologians mean when they say that the Sacraments are, at the same time, instruments and signs of God's grace. Most lay people and priests agree that the Holy Eucharist is the most important of the Sacraments and is the one that connects us most closely to the redeeming Body and Blood of Jesus Christ—the great Sacrifice of the Mass.

## Suffer the Little Children

Jesus said: *suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven* (Matthew 19:14). And come they did on May 26<sup>th</sup> in six bus loads of fourth graders to see and explore historic Trinity Church. Both Cynthia and Lewis, who received them on behalf of the church, referred to them as delightful and beautiful. They were full of energy and enthusiasm and had many questions. They were given some brief information about the Episcopal Church, but mostly allowed to walk about, look at things and ask questions. They were intrigued by the High Altar which was dressed for the Mass. Even at this delicate age, many of them understood the divinity of Christ and professed that he had died for them on the cross. One of the young boys had been baptized in this church. After asking for an explanation about the Holy Water, many of them spontaneously dipped their fingers in the water and instinctively "made the cross." We look forward each year to having the children at Trinity and are thankful for the subtle opportunity for evangelism. Cynthia has some great pictures of the kids exploring the labyrinth.

## Bishops Against Gun Violence

Bishops at the front lines of the Episcopal Church's advocacy for gun control convened in May in Washington, DC to learn from and build relationships with local advocates working to control gun violence and racism which have reached epidemic proportions in this country. The May gathering was hosted by Bishops United Against Gun Violence, a network of more than 100 Episcopal Church bishops working to diminish gun violence in this country. These bishops and gun control advocates assembled at Saint Mark's Episcopal Church on Capital Hill to consult with experts which consisted of leaders of national gun control advocacy groups (continued on page 4).

## **Feast Days For June:**

### **Trinity Sunday**

We celebrate Trinity Sunday (the *Feast of the Holy Trinity*) on the first Sunday in June (4<sup>th</sup>). Depending on the date of Easter, the rather long Trinity Season varies in length from 22 to 27 Sundays. Trinity Sunday introduces the second half of the Christian year, which concerns the life and work of the Church and her members under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Although the altar color for Trinity Sunday is white, green is used for the remainder of the season which continues until Advent.

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### **Trinity Sunday Picnic**

Because Trinity Sunday is Trinity's official feast day, it has long been our custom to celebrate this day with a picnic in the parish garden. As usual, the church will supply the main entrée and we will all contribute some picnic item for the buffet. This is always a wonderful day for great food and fellowship. Please make your plans to be with us. Our members and friends who live such a distance from Trinity as not to be able to attend on a regular basis are especially encouraged to be with us on this day. The luncheon will immediately follow the Mass.

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### **Saint Barnabas**

We celebrate the *Feast of Saint Barnabas the Apostle* on June 12<sup>th</sup>. Barnabas, born Joseph, was an early Christian and one of the earliest disciples in Jerusalem. According to the Acts of the Apostles (4:36), Barnabas was a Cypriot Jew. Named an Apostle in Acts 14:14, he and Paul undertook several missionary journeys together and defended gentile converts against the Judaizers. They achieved many converts to the Christian Faith and participated in the very important Council of Jerusalem. Saint Barnabas' story is told in the Acts of the Apostles and Saint Paul also refers to him in some of the epistles. Christian tradition holds that Barnabas was martyred in Salamis, Cyprus in 61 AD. He is usually identified as the cousin of Saint Mark the Evangelist on the basis of Colossians 4.

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### **The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist**

We celebrate the *Feast of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist* on June 24<sup>th</sup>. John, a distant cousin of Jesus, was a prophet who foretold the coming of the Messiah in the person of Jesus, whom he later baptized. Christians have long interpreted the life of John the Baptist as a preparation for the

coming of Jesus; and the circumstances of his birth, as recorded in the *New Testament*, are miraculous. John's pivotal place in the Gospel is seen in the emphasis Luke gives to the announcement of his birth and the event itself, somewhat prominently parallel to the same occurrences in the life of Jesus. Apart from the Holy Solemnity commemorating the birth of Jesus, the Church keeps the birth of no other person except that of John the Baptist. The other saints are remembered on the day of their death when they entered into the full glories of the Lord. We are given the story of the ministry of John, often called the Precursor or forerunner of the Lord, with some variation of detail in the Synoptic Gospels, Mark, Matthew and Luke as well as in the Book of John.

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### **Saint Peter and Saint Paul**

On June 29<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate the *Feast of Saint Peter and Saint Paul*. This is a liturgical feast in honor of the martyrdom in Rome of the Apostles Saint Peter and Saint Paul. The celebration is of ancient origin, the date selected being either the anniversary of their death or the translation of their relics. In England, Scotland and Wales, the feast is a Holy Day of obligation, while in the US and Canada it is not. Since at least the 3<sup>rd</sup> century, faithful Christians have commemorated this day as a solemnity, the day when those two pillars of the Church, Peter and Paul, went to be with their Lord. The Christian Church tradition celebrates the death of the saints, their *dies natalis*, as their day of birth into eternal life. According to ancient tradition, the two apostles were put to death by the Emperor Nero. Peter died by crucifixion in the public circus or amphitheatre at the Vatican Hill; while Paul was beheaded outside the city. Saint Peter is the patron saint of fishermen and sailors, of key makers (because he carries the Keys to the Kingdom) and watchmakers (the reference being to the crowing cock—an ancient time signal. Above all, he has been highly venerated from the 10<sup>th</sup> century on as the gatekeeper who guards the gates of Heaven and admits, or turns away, approaching souls. Saint Paul, alone is the patron saint of tentmakers and weavers (having been one himself) and theologians (because of his profound writings).

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### **Abortion and the Episcopal Church**

One of our members who is a lady and holds strong objections to abortion asked for a statement as to the official position of the Episcopal Church on abortion. This entire is-

sue is becoming more inflammatory in this country and both sides are raging. Unlike the Roman Catholic Church which presents a clear and probably theologically correct statement on abortion; the Episcopal Church's position is probably more circumspect as we are always looking for that "Episcopal middle ground." Over the past several decades, the General Convention of the Episcopal Church has addressed the topic of abortion from a position informed by the ministry and personally lived experience of clergy and laity within their own families. As a result the General Convention of the Episcopal Church recognizes the legal, moral, personal, and societal complexity of the issue. The diversity of views from within the Church represents our common struggle to understand and discern this issue. The Episcopal Church teaches that "all life is sacred." Hence, it is sacred from inception until death. Our liturgical text "Enriching Our Worship" calls for great pastoral sensitivity to the needs of women and in all decisions relating to abortion. In a series of statements over the years, the Episcopal Church has declared that we "emphatically oppose abortion as a means of birth control, family planning, sex selection, or any reason of mere convenience." At the same time, since 1967, the Episcopal Church has maintained its unequivocal opposition to any legislation on the part of the national or state governments which would abridge or deny any of the rights of individuals to reach informed decisions (about the termination of pregnancy) and to act upon them." In modern day America we see the full gamut of females from those who anguish and struggle with a decision about abortion to those who casually abort time and time again as a quick and casual means to rid themselves of an unwanted baby. We have had some occasional opportunities on our Saturday afternoons to spend some time with young women who were anguishing about what to do. On at least one of the occasions, the decision was made to keep the baby who is now a beautiful little boy who we hope to baptize in due course. We thank God for this blessing of life. The mother says that some of her quiet Saturday time at Trinity helped her to make the right decision. Many of us who strongly oppose abortion recognize the woman's right to choose. Let's always do all we can to encourage the woman to save this life that god has created and make it available to someone who is desperately looking for a child to love.

# TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**JUNE 2023**

*This is the day which the Lord hath made, we will rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Eucharistic Lectionary Year A  Office Lectionary Year 1	<b>Our Service Books:</b> BCP—Book of Common Prayer BOS—Book of Occasional Services LFF—Lesser Feasts and Fasts The Hymnal 1982			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Ember Day	<b>3</b> Ember Day
<b>4</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Pentecost TRINITY SUNDAY 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am <b>Holy Eucharist</b> 12:00 Noon Picnic in the Garden	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>  6:00 pm Evening Prayer	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Pentecost 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am <b>Holy Eucharist</b> 12:00 Noon Vestry Meets	<b>12</b>  Saint Barnabas The Apostle (Altar: Red) Transferred from 6/11	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>  6:00 pm Evening Prayer	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Pentecost 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am <b>Holy Eucharist</b> (Father's Day)	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>  THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST (Altar: White)
<b>25</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Pentecost 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am <b>Holy Eucharist</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>  THE APOSTLES SAINT PETER AND SAINT PAUL (Altar: Red)	<b>30</b>	NOTE: Weekday Eucharistic Readings for use throughout the year are found in LFF, pages 498-528.

**June 4, 2023 (TRINITY SUNDAY)**

Celebrant: Father Schnatterly  
 Eucharistic Minister: Lewis  
 Lector: Dick  
 Acolyte: Andrew  
 Altar Guild: Michele  
 Altar Color: White  
 1<sup>st</sup> Lesson: Genesis 1:1-2:4a  
 Psalm: 8  
 The Epistle: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13  
 The Gospel: Matthew 18:16-20

**June 11, 2023 (Proper 5)**

Celebrant: Father Schnatterly  
 Eucharistic Minister: Lewis  
 Lector: Charleen  
 Acolyte: Andrew  
 Altar Guild: Myra  
 Altar Color: Green  
 1<sup>st</sup> Lesson: Genesis 12:1-9  
 Psalm 33:1-12  
 The Epistle: Romans 4:13-25  
 The Gospel: Matthew 9:9-13,18-26

The Vestry meeting will be on Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, to immediately follow the Mass.

**June 18, 2023 (Proper 6)**

Celebrant: Father Schnatterly  
 Eucharistic Minister: Lewis  
 Lector: Ruth  
 Acolyte: Andrew  
 Altar Guild: Michele  
 Altar Color: Green  
 1<sup>st</sup> Lesson : Genesis 18 :1-15  
 Psalm: 116: 1, 10-17  
 The Epistle: Romans 5:1-8  
 The Gospel: Matthew 9:35-10:8(9-23)

**June 25, 2023 (Proper 7)**

Celebrant: Father Schnatterly  
 Eucharistic Minister: Lewis  
 Lector: Mary Anne  
 Acolytes: Andrew  
 Altar Guild: Lewis  
 Altar Color: Green  
 1<sup>st</sup> Lesson: Genesis 21:8-21  
 Psalm: 86:1-10, 16-17  
 The Epistle: Romans 6:1b-11  
 The Gospel: Matthew 10:24-39

Excellent Bible Study with Hank every Sunday, 10:00 am, parish house. Great lessons and discussion. You are invited.

**Happy Birthday**

06/13—Akil
06/15—Shane
06/16—Glen
06/18—Caroline
06/25—Josh

**A Brief Meditation:**

As we move though this time between Memorial Day and Independence Day, let us remember that Freedom is not free, but was paid for by you valiant souls who proudly wore the uniform of this great Republic and risked your lives on foreign battle fields; and especially those who paid the ultimate price for our freedom with the loss of their lives. Thank you for your service. May it always please Almighty God to bless this proud and noble land, this light on the hill for all the world to see, this land of the free and home of the brave. Amen. +

June 18<sup>th</sup> is Father's Day. We wish all our dear fathers still with us a happy and blessed day. We remember with love and thanksgiving our fathers who now rest in Christ. +

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## **Trinity Episcopal Church**

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### **Our Mission Statement:**

Joyfully proclaiming the love of Christ in worship, outreach, welcome and care.

### **Our Bishop**

The Right Reverend Daniel Paul Richards  
The IX Bishop

### **Our Vicar:**

The Vicariate is currently vacant.

### **The Vestry:**

Cynthia Jefferies, Senior Warden (23)  
Mary Lynn Lyle, Junior Warden (24)  
Lewis Ashley (24)  
Charleen Clark (25)  
Ilona Anderson (23)  
Dick Haldeman (25)

### **Parish Administrator and Registrar:**

Dick Haldeman

### **Treasurer:**

Ilona Anderson

### **Musicians:**

John Pullin, Organist & Choirmaster  
Lewis Ashley, Assistant Organist  
Mary Anne Campbell, Cantor  
Ruth Freeman, Cantor

### **Eucharistic Ministers:**

Dick Haldeman  
Lewis Ashley

### **Worship Leaders:**

Dick Haldeman  
Lewis Ashley  
Cynthia Jefferies  
Hank Baggett  
Jennie Leverich

### **Altar Guild:**

Michele Wells, Chairman  
Myra Keith  
Ruth Freeman  
Lewis Ashley

### **Lectors (Lay Readers):**

Dick Haldeman  
Ruth Freeman  
Mary Anne Campbell  
Jennie Leverich  
Charleen Clark

### **Acolytes:**

Lewis Ashley  
Andrew Hartsfield

### **Eucharistic Visitors:**

Lewis Ashley  
Hank Baggett  
Cynthia Jefferies  
Jennie Leverich

### **Greeters/Ushers**

Ilona Anderson  
Hank Baggett

### **Parish Historian:**

May Hutchinson (In Memorium)

### **Children's Programs:**

Jan Haldeman

### **Bulletins, Special Projects:**

John Pullin

### **Sexton (Buildings & Grounds):**

Buddy Wells

### **Diocesan Convention Delegation:**

Lewis Ashley (voting)  
Mike Clary (voting)  
Cynthia Jefferies, Alternate  
Dick Haldeman, Alternate

### **Newsletters:**

Lewis Ashley

### **Sunday School/Bible Study:**

Hank Baggett

**For all who faithfully support this mission congregation, we give God thanks and praise**

Bishops and Guns (continued from page one.)

faith leaders and public health scholars. The one thing everyone agrees on is that gun violence is completely out of control in this country. We also know that a large number of people committing these crimes are people who are mentally ill. Bishops also learned that much of this kind of violence in America is related to systemic racism. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment to the Constitution guarantees the rights of American citizens to bear and hold guns and the government may not infringe on this right (ratified on December 15, 1791 along with nine articles of the Bill of Rights). There is no way that the American people will ever allow this right to be revoked. Hopefully our Bishops will be helpful in finding a workable solution to this ever mounting problem. We will keep you posted on the bishops' work in this matter. (Episcopal News Service.)

### **YOU ASKED:**

I have noticed that Father Michael kisses the altar at his approach and departure. What does that mean?

Every time a priest reverences or kisses the altar, he does so to honor the Altar of Sacrifice (which represents Christ) where the miracle and the Holy Mystery of the Eucharist occurs. Almost everything that happens at Mass is richly imbued with meaning. This is especially true of the reverence the priest gives to the High Altar at his entrance and his departure at the conclusion of the Mass. When a priest bends to kiss the altar, he is reverencing the Person of Christ which the altar represents and is also continuing the ancient tradition of honoring the great and heroic sacrifice of the martyrs. The Anglican Church is rich in its tradition and its ritual goes back in time for nearly a thousand years. But we are taught by the Church that ritualistic acts for the sake of show are not appropriate, but are entirely appro-

priate when done as a sincere acknowledgement and outward manifestation that Jesus Christ is Redeemer and Savior. (**Christus Rex et Redemptor Mundi**).

### **View From Trinity's Past:**

For a number of years we ran a column in the newsletter about interesting happenings from Trinity's history. Many of these articles were contributed by May, our official church historian. As we are now again in a restoration effort, we will be repeating some of these articles which might be of some interest to you.

### **The Bishop's Chair**

In every Anglican Cathedral in the world there is a throne (cathedra) which is the official seat of the bishop and in every parish church an elaborate chair which is occupied by the bishop when he is officiating in the parish. Apparently, when Bishop Davis made his first official visit to Abbeville from Charleston, no official seat for the bishop was available. Perhaps he used one of the beautiful gothic revival chairs (still in the chancel) which were given by the then Vicar, the Reverend Benjamin Johnson (1855-1867). We do know from Phillips' *A History of Trinity Church*, that on the day that Major Armistead Burt and his wife, Martha Calhoun Burt were confirmed to the Episcopal Church, that Mrs. Burt sent the present Bishop's Chair to the church as a gift. The chair has quite a history. Lewis Perrin, in a *Press and Banner* column, dated August 20, 1933, tells us that when Mr. Burt was a member of Congress about 1854, there was an excursion down the Potomac River for members of Congress. When the boat passed Mt. Vernon, a cannon salute was fired to honor the first president. In the process, the cannon exploded and several of the passengers on the boat were killed. Among those, Senator Upshaw who maintained a Washington residence. When his estate was settled, as was the custom then, his property was sold. Mrs. Burt bought this chair which since that time has been known in Trinity church as "the Bishop's Chair." In Trinity's long and distinguished history the chair has been occupied on a regular basis by the diocesan bishop and only one other presumptuous individual who will be identified and discussed in our next issue. Stay tuned.

*Help us, O God our Savior, for the glory of your name: deliver us and forgive our sins, for your name's sake. Psalm 79:9.*