

The Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord (transferred)

May 16, 2021

Morning Prayer on Zoom 9 am

Holy Eucharist Outdoors 10:30 am

Jesus Christ, you left your disciples, only so that you might send the Holy Spirit to be our advocate. Grant us the Spirit of truth to convince the world that you are risen from the dead.
- The New Zealand Prayer Book

Ministers of the Liturgy

The Rev. Dr. Judith Lee

9 am Our Gardeners Mary Frances Best, Dave Clinkman, Mary Johnson, Elizabeth Klisiewicz, Cathy Poch, Millie Williams

Musicians: Randolph Bloom, Mary Johnson, Jeff Lukas, Cathy Poch

10:30 am: James Jones

**In-Person worship will resume in the sanctuary on Sunday May 30th – Trinity Sunday:
Holy Eucharist @ 9 am**

This Weekend at Trinity:

Sunday:

9 am – Morning Prayer on Zoom Link will be sent on Saturday evening

10:30 am – Holy Communion Outdoors in the Trinity parking lot. Masks & social distancing required.

6 pm. Youth Group at Trinity to sort donations for the May 20th Grab n Go meals.

This Week at Trinity

The Parish Office will be open Monday through Thursday, 10am-2pm

Mother Judith will be away May 20th-25th. She can be reached by phone [716.949.8194] and email.

Monday 7 pm – Vestry Meeting on Zoom

Wednesday 10 am – Morning Prayer on Zoom: the link will be sent by email on Wednesday morning

Thursday 4 pm – Grab n Go meals at Trinity with a table hosted by the Youth Group

Thursday 7 pm – Search Committee meeting on Zoom



GFS Scholarship Awards

Congratulations to **Kimberly Stochaj, Amanda Ellis and Nicolas Figueroa**, who have each been awarded scholarships from the GFS Scholarship Fund. The members of Trinity Episcopal Church appreciate their individual contributions to our family of faith and wish them luck in their college careers.

GFS Scholarship Committee

The Good News Gardens



These smaller plants stayed here at the nursery. They will be given away when they get a little bigger. The youth group collected pails for Good News Gardens then Jon & Charlie turned them into self-watering containers. We will transplant the plants when they get bigger and we will help them find new homes and a new gardener, new people to enjoy and share the harvest. We have about 100 plants here at the nursery. We already found new homes for about 120 plants. Gardening advice is available if anyone has questions about caring for their new plants.

The National Good News Gardens has created a curriculum for a ten-session course that combines topics of food and faith. For more information on this course go to www.diocesewma.org. We have no solid plans for leading this group at Trinity, Milford, but I am wondering if anyone has questions about it? I am happy to teach if people are interested in the course. More info to come in the newsletter. - *Mary Johnson*

Youth Group Mission Projects for May & June: Deadline on Sunday



The Youth Group is seeking donations to support their two mission projects. They will host tables for families at the Grab n Go meals on May 20th and June 24th.

May 20th: Summer Play Indoors: gently used toys, books, games, & movies (VCR or DVDs) and new crafts projects and supplies

June 24th: Summer Play Outdoors: flip flops (all sizes for children and adults), sunscreen, and bug spray.

There are 2 bins in the side entrance to the church for collecting donations. They will be clearly marked for either May 20th or June 24th. If you prefer to make a financial contribution, please write your check payable to Trinity Church with "youth group mission" on the memo line. The youth will sort the May donations on **Sunday May 16th**. Please contact Dr. Sarah Prevelege to learn more about how you can help. drprevelege@gmail.com. We thank our young people for their leadership, vision, and compassion.



The JULIETs

The JULIETs, who have not been meeting due to the pandemic, plan to get together on **June 2, at 12:30**. If you would like to join us for lunch at New England Steak and Seafood in Mendon, please let Pat Keppler know: 508 966-0003 or 508 246-9703 or pat_keppler@yahoo.com. This restaurant is indoors but usually not crowded at lunch, and we should be able to reasonably socially distance there. All women from the parish are welcome to join this group. It should be fun!



Vacation Bible Camp: Dining in the Kingdom of God

August 2nd-5th. Time TBD

K-12 Hybrid: At home and at our Parish Hall

This year, in partnership with St. Matthew's-Worcester and the United Parish of Upton we will have a hybrid Vacation Bible Camp. Each day will have a different theme and a different menu. Participating either on Zoom from home or in our separate parish halls, participants will prepare a meal to be eaten at home at the end of the day. We will share stories about feasts in the Bible, and each day we will learn a new song. Senior High youth may earn community service hours by participating as leaders, coaches, or performers. Watch for more information!

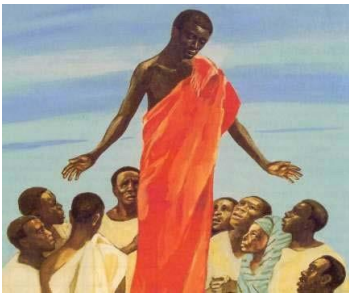
June Newsletter Deadline: Saturday May 15th news@trinitychurchmilford.org



Celebrating our Youth Ministries & Our Graduates: Mark your Calendars

June 6th – Celebrating our Children & Youth: Sunday School students and youth will be our Readers. We will celebrate their accomplishments this year, and we will celebrate the ministries of Rachel Carpenter as Church School Coordinator & Sarah Prevelige as Youth Group Mentor.

June 13th – Honoring our Graduates: We will celebrate our youth and young adults graduating from 8th grade, high school, and college. **Please contact Beth Moeller if someone in your family is graduating from 8th grade, high school, or college.**



Meditation for the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord (transferred) May 16, 2021

Through the story of the ascension of Our Lord, we proclaim that Christ's presence fills the universe and all the earth is made holy by God's presence. We proclaim the triumph of God over all the forces of evil; with Christ's rising we are promised that the power and wisdom of the Holy Spirit will guide us into a new way of being with God on earth.

Rowan Williams has explained, for me, the best way to understand the deepest meaning of this story:

Jesus Christ is the light we see by; we see the world in a new way because we see it through him, see it with his eyes. . . . It means that we think about Jesus not as someone completely outside us [someone who lived a long time ago and whom we will never really understand], but as the power in us gradually setting us free to see the world with clarity, hope, and love. . . His life is being lived in us: the new world is being brought to birth in us, gradually and sometimes painfully . . . In and through Jesus we, too, have become a sign of promise...

Rowan Williams, "Ascension Day," *Ray of Darkness* (Cambridge, MA: Cowley, 1995), p. 69, 70, 71

The story of the Ascension of Our Lord calls us to *look up*—not to bow our heads. It calls us to find awe and wonder in the midst of sorrow and loss, to watch for possibilities in the act of letting go of what is most familiar to us. It calls us to a bold hope.

Our Prayers Are Offered For:

Parish Members & Friends: Paul Langlois; Sharon Manoogian; Sal & Vas Ferreira; Laura Uretsky; Lee Kalns; Michael Lambert; Liz Pekkala; Marian Smatt; Darius; Becky Dean; Karin Tourtellotte; Ron Taylor; Michelle; Stephanie; Kim Liquori; Peter Lee; Gloria Falcone; Barbara; Valerie; Ray & Enid; Clinton Clark, III; Marco Weiss; Al Price; Robert; Mary Torian, Beth & Terry; Esther McKenzie; Lisa Wilson; Sandra Arbogast; Len Baird; Judy Shea; Robin Rowe; Skye Bayleigh Plaisted; Alex; Alisha Starkis Weddeke; Chrissy & Mark; Thomas Scano; the Canali Family; Sherel & Lou Frere; Craig Silverman; Justin Perkin; Tom Childs; Nancy Sharoogian; Bob Mezzadri; all those serving in the military and the Peace Corps, especially Avary DeRagon; Dan Consigli; Drew Beauchamp; Charles; Laura; Elena; Brendan Wood; Danielle & Joel Marsh; Tom Bento; Joel Joudrey; Justin Woessner and their families.

Homebound Parishioners: Verna Parente, and Wayne Morey.

Our Partner Dioceses: Kumasi and Asante-Mampong in Ghana

Those celebrating birthdays this week: Bryce Haddad; Brian Roy; Mac Murray; Andrew McMillen; Sean Sullivan; Jodie Pratt; Peggy-Ann Berube; Ryder Baisley; Angela Carr; Susan Landry; Scott Howe; Donald Bentley; Alexander Hall; Kirk Bentley; Mackenzie Viens; and Benjamin Manoli.

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are

THE PEOPLE OF THIS PARISH

led by

The Reverend Dr. Judith Lee, Interim Priest

Randy Bloom, Minister of Music, Rachel Carpenter, Sunday School Coordinator

Magee Lambert, Church Secretary, Paul Del Molino, Sexton

Beth Moeller, Senior Warden; Lisa Ruggiero, Junior Warden

and the Treasurers, Clerk and Vestry of Trinity Episcopal Church.

We serve our Lord as a part of the Diocese of Western Massachusetts

led by The Rt. Rev. Doug Fisher, Bishop of Western Massachusetts

Our Mission Statement:

*Sharing the Grace of God, the Light of Christ
and the Power of the Holy Spirit,
through worship, ministry and fellowship.*

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