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Dear Friends in Christ:

June 2023

This Sunday we keep the Feast of the Holy and Undivided Trinity which marks the end of the first half of the Church's year and the beginning of the second. We are granted a vision, "a door...opened in heaven," wherein we are shown the life that is our ultimate destiny as the redeemed of God: a life of endless praise and worship of Trinity. What we are given to see is, in fact, the very life of the Trinity itself into which we will be incorporated by virtue of our common sonship with Jesus our Saviour. Until that day, while we are yet in this life, we are called to live ever-nearer to that divine ideal. That is why we consider this season to be one of growth: Increasing daily in obedience to the will of the Father, revealed by the Son, by the grace of the Holy Ghost; loving God and our neighbor; increasing in Christ, decreasing to sin and self. With that in mind it is rather appropriate for us to give thanks to God, this coming Trinity Sunday, for the spiritual growth witnessed in our young members who have participated in the Sunday School, in Confirmation classes, in the Altar Guild, as acolytes, and as junior sidesmen this past year. We have cadre of young people in our parish relative to the currently small size of our active membership, but our ministry to them is a crucial part of our ministry as a whole and we should be making every effort to support it and encourage those who teach and those who learn. Of course we are, all of us, the children of God and it is thus for each of us to "grow daily in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man" and to do so imitative of the one of whom those words were first spoken, our Savior and God's Holy Child, Jesus. Trinity Season is full of encouragement for us so to do, rooted in holy worship, sharpened by sacrificial love and service to God and our fellow man.

Yours in Christ, Edward L. Rix

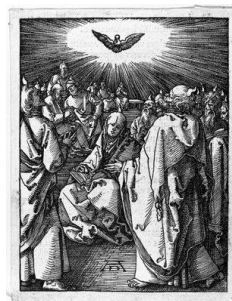
TRINITY SUNDAY, SUNDAY SCHOOL AWARDS & BBQ - JUNE 4th

Our last Sunday School day of the year is the first Sunday in June, the Feast of the Holy and Undivided Trinity. At the 10:00 service we will have a time when we recognize and congratulate our faithful Sunday School teacher, Mrs. Rix, and scholars on a year of study and growth in things concerning our Lord. Afterward all are invited to a Barbeque at the Rectory (723 Braeburn Lane in Penn Valley) at 12:00 p.m. Salads and dessert items will be welcomed contributions (ribs, brisket, burgers, dogs and beverages provided).

LAST CHOIR SUNDAY

June 4th also marks our last Sunday, until September, with our full choir. Individual choristers, as they have in past years, will join us on many Sundays in June, July and August to sing solo anthems and lead us in canticles and service music. Do thank our Organist and Choirmaster, Dr. Radu, our Assistant Organist, Mrs. Fix-Keller and all the members of the choir for the 'joyful noises' they have made in adorning our worship for the last nine months.

JUNE FEAST DAYS



The month begins with the last days of the Whitsun Octave and so we have Ember Days on Friday and Saturday, June 2nd and 3rd. Trinity Sunday is kept, as mentioned above, on June 4th. The Feast of St. Barnabas is the following Sunday, June 11th. The Nativity of St. John the Baptist is celebrated on Saturday the 24th with a 10:00 am Holy Communion service in the Lady Chapel and the Feast of St. Peter, falling on Thursday the 29th, will be kept at our regular mid-week Communion time of 10:00 am.

PROPERTY IMPROVEMENTS

A great deal of work has been completed on our second parsonage next to the Parish House at 515 Manor Road, a property that has been a valuable source of rental income for many years. A completely new roof of asphalt shingles has replaced the century-old (and crumbling) slate along with new gutters on both the house and the garage. Necessary painting has been completed throughout the house and needful dry-wall replacement in the basement where historical water damage had left a serious mold situation. A new dryer has also been installed. All of this work has been completed under budget, thanks to the wise leadership of the Chairman of our Property and Grounds Committee, Margarete Marvin. Our very fine tenant of many years has moved on and new occupants are being sought through the good offices of our realtor, Betsy Hamilton. And it goes without saying (but we'll say it anyway!) that we are all of us most pleased with the good work being done by our new Sexton and Verger, Timothy Broussard.



"The kingdom of God...is like a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and cast into his garden; and it grew, and waxed a great tree; and the fowls of the air lodged in the branches of it." *St. Luke 13:18-19*