



Week of May 16—May 22, 2021

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ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Dear St. Stephen's Community,

This coming Sunday we will regather inside the parish house for the Holy Eucharist on the Feast of Pentecost. I am both excited and anxious about this Sunday: excited to see and see all of you in the Parish House and anxious because we still have pandemic realities to deal with in worship.

Because we are an Episcopal Church (the word episcopal comes from the Greek word meaning bishop or overseer), the Bishop is our final authority on any gathering guidelines. As of today, these guidelines include the following: masks, social distancing, no congregational singing or chanting (unless the entire congregation is vaccinated (including young children who aren't yet eligible), communion with bread only, and live streaming of the service to reach those who are in physical attendance. Currently, we will not have any in person coffee hour.

If any of these principles change, I will email an update in the "Worship and Fellowship Email" sent out later on this week.

Last week, I wrote about not singing in the service, which is really a challenge, when we have such wonderful music recorded for our worship. We CAN hum, sway, clap, and tap our feet to the music and I invite you to find a practice that is most comfortable for you.

This week I am going to spend some time reminding us of rubrics (the little directions in the bulletin that tell us to sit, stand or kneel). During our Zoom time, we have removed the rubrics from the bulletin because we were all worshipping from home. Here is the standard: we sit to listen; we stand to pray or sing (hum in this case); and we kneel or bow to confess. There are a few exceptions such as the Gospel Reading, where we stand to hear the proclamation and the Communion Hymn, where we sit while other people come forward to receive the sacrament. This Sunday, I will gently and joyfully invite you to relearn our "chair aerobics".

I am sure the spirit will be with us, no matter how we gather and I look forward to our celebration of the Holy Spirit.



Pentecost Peonies at Sellars Farm

God's peace,

Beth +

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Date	Leaders / Event	Lector	Intercessor	Facebook Greeter	Zoom Service Coordinator	ZOOM Coffee Hour Time Host
May 23 The Day of PENTECOST	Cindy Bernardin preaching		Richard		Jacob	NO COFFEE HOUR
May 30 TRINITY SUNDAY	National Cathedral	---	---	Liz		Liz

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ITURICAL CALENDAR

May 23, 2021

Day of Pentecost
Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 104:25-35, 37
Romans 8:22-27
John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

We ask for Continued Prayers:

The church, its members, and its mission; The nation and all in authority; The welfare of the world; Odessa and Tom; Pastor David Warren; Karen W.; The family of Bill & Cheryl Titzer; Family of Eli Haddix; The Middle East

And for those serving in the Military:

EB; Alex; Caitlyn; Brady; Jackson; Tessa; All who serve

And for Safety in Travel for:

All truck drivers and delivery persons; Claire

Those who have died:

Pat Black; Bob Webster; Cheryl Titzer; Eli Haddix; Luonna Uhde; All who have died from COVID 19; All who have died from violence

Blessings:

Covid vaccines; Cindy Bernardin's graduation; Smiling faces, now more visible

May 30, 2021

Trinity Sunday
Isaiah 6:1-8
Psalm 29
Romans 8:12-17
John 3:1-17



For those who celebrate Birthdays in May:

May 5 – Janet Rice

For those who celebrate Anniversaries in May:

May 15 - Dr. Beth Macke & Mark Sellars

Those serving in our Diocese and beyond:

Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows, our Bishop; Mauricio, Bishop of our companion Diocese of Brasilia; our companions at Transfiguration Church in Nuevo Progreso, in the Diocese of Southeastern Mexico and their Bishop, Julio; for the people of the Diocese of Haiti, especially Saint Andrew's Parish in Mithon, for the Venerable Jean Michelin.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VESTRY MEETING - May 18 at 7 PM Please contact Dr. Beth if you are not a vestry member and would like to attend.

INQUIRER'S CLASS - May 19 at 1:30 PM in person class at the Parish House

HELP NEEDED! When we bought this **MIXER** a year ago, we thought it was the right choice. Because we went remote for so long, by the time we understood that we needed a different mixer (almost a year later), the return period had expired. Therefore, we are looking for someone to either buy this Mixer (a Mackie 802vlz4 used only twice) or to sell it on Ebay or other online site for our behalf with the profit going back to the church funds to put toward the new mixer. Can you help? Please contact either Dr. Beth or Jacob Mumford (both emails on the newsletter list). Thank you.



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