

The Tidings

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION
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OUR DOORS REOPEN MAY 31

Sunday Worship 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM

PLEASE REVIEW DETAILS INSIDE THIS ISSUE

Ascension Online

Until we are ALL able to meet safely together, those who are high risk of COVID-19 are encouraged to continue to worshipping at home with family or in small groups practicing safe distancing. Meanwhile, the following are available online.

ASCENSION ACADEMY

a (virtual) Rector's Forum
ZOOM in JUNE 3 at 7 PM

- SIGN UP to EXPLORE
- The Biblical Story
- The Christian Faith
- The Episcopal Church
- with
- The Rev'd Joseph Daly
- and
- The Rev'd Palmer Kennedy

Join this Wednesday night study if you are interested in joining the church or simply deepening your understanding.

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Staying Home?
We Understand

Tune in to YouTube
Sundays at 10:30 AM
for a livestream of the service

at

ascensionlafayette.com/youtube

no sign up required



ZOOM is a free online meeting application. Download the app and email us if you want to participate in any particular activity. It is easy! [Join us!](#)



email your cleric at least two hours before the ZOOM meeting to receive your invitation

Every Tuesday at 10 AM you are invited to (virtually) meet and share a cup of joe and casual conversation with your clergy online via ZOOM.

- 6.2 The Rev'd Joseph Daly
- 6.9 The Rev'd Honey Becker
- 6.16 The Rev'd Joseph Daly
- 6.23 The Rev'd Honey Becker
- 6.30 The Rev'd Honey Becker
- 7.7 The Rev'd Joseph Daly
- 7.14 The Rev'd Joseph Daly
- 7.21 The Rev'd Honey Becker
- 7.28 The Rev'd Honey Becker

Wine Wednesdays: a NEW Opportunity for (virtual) FELLOWSHIP

You are invited to meet Wednesday afternoons at 4 PM to share fellowship and conversation with your clergy via ZOOM.

- 6.3 The Rev'd Joseph Daly
- 6.10 The Rev'd Honey Becker
- 6.17 The Rev'd Honey Becker
- 6.24 The Rev'd Joseph Daly
- 7.1 The Rev'd Joseph Daly
- 7.8 The Rev'd Honey Becker
- 7.15 The Rev'd Joseph Daly
- 7.22 The Rev'd Honey Becker
- 7.29 The Rev'd Honey Becker



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Tidings Deadline-July 20

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YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR Our Vestry and Clergy, Pit Hesterly, Julian Christopher Buuck, Stephen, Sandie Jordan, Barbara Myers, Joyce McClellan, Janet Tessier, Christopher Anglin, Lynn, Charles Lutes, Gerald Delaunay, Lila, Bob King, Mary McIntosh, Frank Parratt, Karen Gallet, Lisa Bordelon, Maggie Patin, Richard, Janet, Jamie, Ken Wade, Nita, Ryan Green, Billy Hall, Mary Vosloh and family, Hazel, Marvin, Ainsleigh, Katie, Mary Fay Freshley, Michael Reed, Nicholas Blonski, Margret DeLarue, Catherine Elizabeth, Henry, Tim and Sarah, Emily Taylor, Lee, Alison Higginbotham, Renee Reina, Tammy Carpenter, Dr Kerri Rimmel, Rebecca Jayne, Gwen Bernard, James Alan Vaughn, Sawyer Billeaud, Paul, Benita, Marie Julie, Jimmy, William and Ann Shower, Laura, Maddox, Curtis Melancon, Charlene, Faye V. Turner, Hedy Stevens, Louise Haddock, Virginia Bercegeay, Lisa Karre, Yvonne Aitken, Father Gary Schexnayder, Miller, Howard, Ann Dobie, Nagham El Karhili, Pam Capell, Kasey, Jack Larmier, David,

Judy Roberts, Carlin Craig, Kasey, Sharon, Kristen, Carolyn Barker, Melissa Barker, Jonathan Barker, Catherine McGowen, Linda Weems, Jim, Carol Baker, Charles McGowen, Angela Roy, John Bateman, Colette House, Arthur White, Sammy, Albert Davis, Lou Ann St. Julien, Thomas, Phyllis Huval, Katherine Attrep, Michael Blevins, Mike Blevins, Maty Blevins, Carli Blevins, Mike and Shirley Godwin, Jan and Charles, David, Thomas Rowe, Theresa, Connie Priest, Corrine, Marci Lecky, Angie Touchet, Dr. Jim Rotchford, Hammy Davis, Lou Oliver, Martha Green, Rodney Ledoux, Ronnie Pendergraft, Mary and Irby Olivier, Farin Gougierrez, Beck B., Ann Patin, Nick Georges, Emily Kean, Ashley Alexander, Kennedy Shuler, Josh Menard, Christopher Hebert, Marion, Joyce Harvilchuch, Victoria Turner, Cassandra Bernard, Lindsay Cutrera, Roslyn Fouin, Chad Vidrine, Andy Andrus, Julie Guidry, Patsy, Linda Weiner, Bill Boston, Allan Voss, Rick Onks, Mark Buddy and Carmina, Kaytlin, Diane, Judy Herman, Sterling Lejeune, The Kruger Family, Jane Cabes, Troy LeBoeuf, Kaye Womack friends and family serving in the armed services. (Names stay on the prayers list for three weeks unless otherwise requested.)



from the Treasurer

For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed, says the LORD, who has compassion on you.

Isaiah 54:10

In my youth of many years ago, I was fascinated by astronomy. I ground a mirror for a telescope, a way to learn patience. With it I had views of His creation enjoyed by none of my less science minded friends. I also read; both the technical and historical could hold me spellbound. I was recently reminded that Galileo Galilei, perhaps the greatest scientist of his day, was held under house arrest for views held by some to conflict with the church. He spent the last 8 ½ years of his life confined to his home... and with no Netflix.

Lately, many of us have been modestly inconvenienced. Some have worked very hard, at some risk, helping others. Some have lost jobs, and worry about the future for themselves and their loved ones. Some have become quite ill, and very sadly some have passed away. This virus is bad, but it is not a plague sent by a God who loves us always. It is hoped that eventually science will bring us relief in a proven treatment or through a vaccine. We all pray that this happens soon.

Through this time, your church has been functioning. Your clergy has been providing pastoral care for those keep us safe both physically and legally are in place. Now that we are slowly returning to a 'new normal', for those who are drawn to have church in the church building, know that while the worship will be the same, the experience will be different, with no singing, the wearing of masks, and limits on the fellowship. Janet and I have quite enjoyed our 'socially distant but physically present' visits with a few other parishioners that start with worship and end with fellowship. As members of that group who are at increased

risk, Janet and I will continue to worship God in this way for some time.

What about the money, Mr. Treasurer? So glad you asked. For some time I have been encouraging you to maintain your pledge during these times as we do have ongoing obligations. Our income at all levels is down, but we still received over \$30,000 in pledges in April, so our income on a year to date basis is holding up much better than I had feared. Our expenses not surprisingly, are below average. Despite the confinement, we are in good financial shape, thanks to our contributing members. Let us all pray that this doesn't last 8 ½ years, although if it does, remember that God will still be with us. Galileo kept his faith, and so will we.

Frank F. Limouze



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You can now support your parish using Venmo, the app that automatically deposits funds using your mobile device.



MINISTRY INFORMATION and UPDATES

TRANSITIONS

After several months, the phone ministry has proven to be very instrumental in checking on parishioners and ensuring that they had food, medicine and other supplies. Reaching out to our fellow parishioners has afforded us opportunities to stay connected with friends and to make new ones. This opportunity has been truly welcomed by all. As the "new normal" begins to unfold and things begin to re-open, at some point, we will re-evaluate this effort with all of you.

SOLE TO SOUL

Our yoga classes and book club (Praying Our Goodbyes) came to an abrupt halt about mid-way into our proposed sessions. Our yoga instructor has been contacted in order to reschedule our last 4 sessions, which are planned in our pavilion, with safe distancing on Wednesday mornings.

We are planning to have our book club discussions using ZOOM, which many of us have enjoyed over the last several months.

A meeting on ZOOM to discuss all of the above will occur shortly. We have been contacted regarding several suggestions for new books to consider in the future.

Please bring anything you want to share regarding moving forward to our ZOOM meeting.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

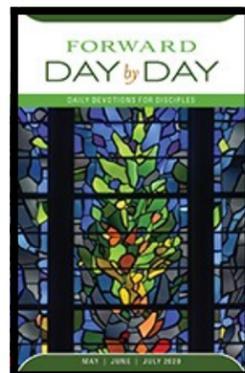
Many parishioners have been very involved in the numerous prayer and worship opportunities afforded by the Sunday School members. They have read God's word together, prayed together and loved one another as they have felt the Spirit leading them in this mission. They have been strengthened by this ministry and are grateful to have served one another.

Discussions have now begun as to how to proceed in light of our community becoming a bit more accessible and our church beginning to open for worship. Elizabeth Hesterly and others are looking forward to opportunities to discuss details in the near future.

FORWARD DAY BY DAY

The new edition of "Day By Day" has arrived. Until we can get them to you safely, we want you to be aware that they are accessible online:

prayer.forwardmovement.org



Let's take five: Noonday Healing Prayers

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.

People O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Psalm 121 Read aloud in unison or responsively by half verse

I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?

My help comes from the LORD, *
the maker of heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;

The LORD himself watches over you; *
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,

So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.

The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.

The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The following scripture is read.

From the rising of the sun to its setting my Name shall be great among the nations, and in every place incense shall be offered to my Name, and a pure offering; for my Name shall be great among the nations, says the Lord of Hosts. *Malachi 1:11*

People Thanks be to God.

The Officiant then begins the Prayers

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

The Celebrant introduces the Litany with this bidding

Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers.

The People audibly name those for whom they are interceding.

God the Father, your will for all people is health and salvation;
We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

God the Son, you came that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly;

We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence;

We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being;

We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or disabled, that they may be made whole;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Grant to all who seek your guidance, and to all who are lonely, anxious, or despondent, a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Bless physicians, nurses, and all others who minister to the suffering, granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives, in our nation, and in the world;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

You are the Lord who does wonders:

You have declared your power among the peoples.

With you, O Lord, is the well of life:

And in your light we see light.

Hear us, O Lord of life:

Heal us, and make us whole.

Officiant Lord, hear our prayer;

People **And let our cry come to you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

The Officiant then says the following Collect.

Blessed Savior, at this hour you hung upon the cross, stretching out your loving arms: Grant that all the peoples of the earth may look to you and be saved; for your tender mercies' sake. Amen.

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**