



The Grace Vine

June 2020

Rector's Writ

We find a whole range of emotions in the midst of all the corona virus concerns. Some are anxious or afraid of getting the virus; afraid it could take our life or the life of someone we love. A few of our members said they're wearing masks, not just to protect themselves, but to protect others. They, and most of us, would be horrified at the thought of giving the virus to someone else. If the masks protect us and protect others, the discomfort is worth it.

During this virus battle, we hear of hope in different versions. We hope things get back to normal. We hope to be back in church soon, even if there are changes. We hope those with the virus recover; hope the researchers find a vaccine; hope this disruption to our lives and routines ends. Worry makes us weary. Hope lifts up good expectations.

As we face the differences this virus has had on our lives, we look for comfort, too. We find comfort in what's familiar, in following our routines. We might say the familiarity of the liturgy is one of the reasons we're Episcopalians. We find strength in God; offering our prayers before the Holy Lord who is stronger than any difficulty or disease we might face. We find comfort in those prayers we know by heart and find them no less effective by their familiarity. We know what to expect in the liturgy; we know the order and what goes next. We know what to expect from our God: love, mercy, kindness...a 'very present help in time of need.' Our Lord is the Holy One who provides comfort and hope. When so many unexpected, unpredictable things are happening, it's good to know that God is our rock, our anchor. Jesus is our good shepherd who brings us back to right paths when the unexpected stuff has pulled us off course. The Holy Spirit is our advocate and guide, leading us and staying close to us forever. Life and circumstances change; God, Christ, and the Holy Spirit do not.

May our Lord give us wisdom, courage, and hope; that we may worship, love and serve God; that we may love and serve one another, in ways familiar and new.

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Service and Lay Ministry Schedule

If you cannot serve when scheduled, please find a substitute and call the parish office with that person's name. Thank you for sharing in the liturgical ministry of Grace Church.

Sunday, June 7		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	Trinity Sunday
Celebrant	The Rev. Carol Evans	1st Reading	Genesis 1:1-2:4a Nancy Lundgren
Worship	8:00 Bette Brooks	Psalm	8
Leader	10:00 Carolyn Englert	2nd Reading	2 Corinthians 13:11-13 Fred Lundgren
Greeters	Nancy & Fred Lundgren	Gospel	Matthew 28:16-20
Altar Guild	Marsha Snyder & Cathy Potisuk		
No Coffee Hour			
Counters	Barb Popiel & Carol Marotta		

Sunday, June 14		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	2 Pentecost
Celebrant	The Rev. Carol Evans	1st Reading	Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7 Kathy Summy
Deacon	The Rev. William Snyder	Psalm	116:1, 10-17
Wrshp Ldr	8:00 Sally Dier	2nd Reading	Romans 5:1-8 Karen Krofta
Greeters	John & Mary Jean McDonald	Gospel	Matthew 9:35—10:8-23
Altar Guild	Marsha Snyder & Cathy Potisuk		
No Coffee Hour			
Counters	Barb Popiel & Carol Marotta		

Sunday, June 21		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	3 Pentecost
Celebrant	The Rev. Carol Evans	1st Reading	Genesis 21:8-21 Carolyn Englert
Worship	8:00 Bette Brooks	Psalm	86:1-10, 16-17
Leader	10:00 Charles Parsons	2nd Reading	Romans 6:1b-11 Martha Croll
Greeters	Jeff & Lisa Marsh	Gospel	Matthew 10:24-39
Altar Guild	Marsha Snyder & Cathy Potisuk		
No Coffee Hour			
Counters	Barb Popiel & Carol Marotta		

Thank You, Thank You!

Please join us in giving thanks to and for the following people who've helped out in a number of ways. Many thanks to:

- John McDonald and Mike Johnson who built a sturdy, well made ramp off the rectory deck and onto the sidewalk. John also sprayed the church and rectory lawn for a bumper crop of dandelions.
- Tim Splinter for his computer expertise. He provided instructions for us to use at the office so people could actually open the e-mail files sent out for bulletins (otherwise they would've been locked up in Publisher never-never-access-land).
- Jim and Nancy Ervin for getting a new flag and hoisting it up the pole in time for Memorial Day weekend
- To all our members who continue to send in pledges and support Grace Church with your prayers and by giving your time, skills, and service.



Sunday, June 28

8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist

5 Pentecost

Celebrant The Rev. Carol Evans
Deacon The Rev. William Snyder
Worship 8:00 Sally Dier
Leader 10:00 Nancy Lundgren
Altar Guild Marsha Snyder & Cathy Potisuk
No Coffee Hour
Counters Barb Popiel & Carol Marotta

1st Reading Genesis 22:1-14
 Jeff Croll

Psalm 13

2nd Reading Romans 6:12-23
 Tim Splinter

Gospel Matthew 10:40-42

Sunday, July 5

8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist

5 Pentecost

Celebrant The Rev. Carol Evans
Worship 8:00 Bette Brooks
Leader 10:00 Carolyn Englert
Greeters Nancy & Fred Lundgren
Altar Guild Nancy Ervin & Cindy Hoskins
No Coffee Hour
Counters Midge Myers & Phillip Crouse

1st Reading Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67
 Nancy Lundgren

Psalm 45:11-18

2nd Reading Romans 7:15-25a
 Fred Lundgren

Gospel Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30



We ask that you continue to keep those on our Intercession list in prayer and ask your prayers for all God's people including:

Barb Albert, Debbie Appleyard, Geoff Appleyard, Teresa & Grayling Babcock, Phillip Bailey, Danielle Ballou, Rick Basta, Margaret & Matt Bauman, Martha Benek, Bill Bilyj, Daniel Blondale, Fred & Marilyn Bode, Jim & Candace Bode, Jeanne Bolen, Bette Brooks, Robert Cabot, Sarah Chadima, Brenda Chiassin, Sophia Christian, Adam Coss, April Davis, Jeff & Pearl Davis, Rhys Davis, LaRee Devine, Sally & Dennis Dier and family, Julie Dyson, Denise Earley, Maynard Evans, Kay Easterday, the Foresti family, Dan Francois, Rose Gee, Eric Gibosn, Glen Godfrey, Bill Gray, Pat Griffith, Elaine Gump, Judy Ham, Barbara Heeter, Christal Heiney, Bud Hughes, Sally Johnson, Jim Kraus, Karen Krofta, Irene & Forrest Lashley, David & Marla Love, Suzie Lundgren, Jennifer Mashburn, Pat Mauk, Marian Maxfield, Aubree McDermitt and family, Mary Jean McDonald, David Miller & Alex Wroblewski, Steve Minnich, John Monegan, Kim Monegan, Stella Mullins, Sally Nitz, Lloyd & Roberta O'Keefe, Olivia Orland, Chester Parsons, Ashley Polak, Dalton Remesnik, Pamela Robbins, David Sapin, Jack Sarver, Joni Schafer, John Paul Seman, Tom Shanley, Zach Shaver, Diane Shenal, Erin Shetler, Goldie Shriver, Jan & Dan Shriver, Jerry & Tracy Shriver, Tim Splinter, Seth & Cyrus Sumpter, Victoria Thamer, Pamela & Steve Ulosevich, Elizabeth Ward, Marybeth Wilet, Deanna Williamson, Winner & Prosper Yallah, Katherine, Connie, Jackie, Annie and her family, Jennie, Karen & Kirk, Vicky, Bonnie, Steve, Jerry, Cathy, Tom, Rich, Steve, Karen, Naomi, Melanie, Bob, Jack & Carol, David, Lynn, Maggie, Alicia, Rhae, Virgil, India, Rhonda, Darrell, Talon, and Leslie Ann.



Did You Know?...



Well, spring has finally arrived, or has it??? What's with snow in May?! I know it's happened before but that's been a long time ago and so, "Come on--give us a break!!" I guess someone wants us to stay in place. These spring flowers are giving it their best and sometimes that's not good enough. We certainly miss seeing everyone but soon this will be over and we'll be back to our new normal. It's hard to write a Did You Know when you don't know much. I haven't seen too many people but I have talked with a few and they all seem to be doing well. Thanks be to God!...

Here's some exciting graduation news to share as we offer our congratulations to those who've achieved these milestones. Two of our high school seniors will graduate this June, **Richard Sepelak and MacAlah Simonson**. The Kent State University virtual graduation ceremony on May 9th didn't stop Mom, **Kathy Summy** and daughter **Emily Summy** from donning their cap and gown (and striped socks—you can do that at home!) to receive their diploma. Emily graduated with a Bachelor's degree in communications (with honors) and a minor in anthropology. She also has honors with the National Society of Leadership and Success and is now waiting for grad school acceptance. Mom Kathy earned an Associate's degree in science and also graduated with honors with National Society of Leadership and Success. Kathy's friend **Chris Stickle** arranged a drive-by graduation party for Kathy & Emily. About 20 cars filled with family and friends came by their home, beeped their horns and gave cards and gifts to the two of them. It was

great fun. The Grace Church family offers our best wishes and prayers for God's blessings to all the graduates: MacAlah, Richard, Emily, and Kathy...

The Record Courier showcasing the best in high school sports this year included **Emily Ervin**, granddaughter of **Nancy & Jim Ervin**. Emily was the only girl from Ravenna High School to be honored for the Record-Courier's All Stars in basketball. She's a sophomore at Ravenna and plays forward for the Ravens. She gets a lot of support from her mom and dad, little sister, and of course, Grandma Nancy and Grandpa Jim. This year instead of a live event, the athletes will be celebrated in a special on-demand broadcast. Congratulations, Emily!...

Many thanks to **Nancy Ervin and Cindy Hoskins** for cleaning the sanctuary; it looks great!...

Congratulations to **MacAlah & Richard** at the birth of their son **Graham Everett Simonson** born on April 23rd. Graham weighed in at 8 lbs 6 oz. and 21 inches tall. Mom and baby are staying with Grandma **Doris Whipple**, and she says she's not getting much sleep lately. But baby Graham is doing well and has a lot of people taking good care of him...

To everyone who is anxious to get out to be with family, friends and neighbors AND for those who choose to stay in: Our prayers go with all of you, that you'll remain safe and healthy as God watches over us all. We'll see you in church Hopefully it won't be long before we can gather, but there will be some changes.

Birthdays

- 8th Eric Splinter
- 9th Cindy Hoskins
Kingsland Pretorius
- 10th Emily Ahrens
Burt Stover
- 11th Georgia Golec
- 12th Chris Ahrens
- 15th Sally Dier
- 21st Carol Evans
- 22nd Cathy Potisuk
- 25th Maynard Evans
- 26th Fred Ahrens
Taylor Paxton
Jenna Summy
- 28th Jeff Croll



Baptisms

- 7th Judy Watkins
Tim Splinter
- 8th Kara Simonson
MacAlah Simonson
Lynn Ann Zimmerman
- 22nd Fred Lundgren
- ? Kenneth Englert
Carolyn Englert
Michelle McLaughlin



Congratulations!

and many happy returns...

Anniversaries

- 7th Maynard & Carol Evans
- 9th Amir & Stephanie Amirazzaman
- 24th Carol & Eric Marotta
- 27th Frank & Joan Seman



Fathers (and Mothers) and Friends

By Bette Brooks

*They lived not only in ages past; there are hundreds of thousands still.
The world is bright with the joyous saints who love to do Jesus' will.*

Angelo Roncalli (Pope John XXIII) Nov. 25, 1881--June 3, 1963

June 3

Angelo Roncalli, the third of thirteen children, was born to a family of farmers November 25, 1881, at Sotto il Monte in northern Italy. At the age of twelve he entered the diocesan seminary at Bergamo and came under the influence of progressive leaders of the Italian social movement. He then went to the seminary in Rome on a scholarship, interrupted his education there to serve for a year as a volunteer in the Italian army, and returned to the seminary to take a doctorate in theology. He was ordained 10 August 1904.

He was appointed the secretary to the new bishop of Bergamo and with him learned forms of social action and gained an understanding of the problems of the working classes. Meanwhile he taught at the diocesan seminary.

In 1915 he was recalled to the army in World War I and served in the medical and chaplaincy corps. After the war he was made the spiritual director of the seminary. In 1921 he was called to Rome by the pope and made director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith in Italy. He was consecrated archbishop in 1925 and sent to Bulgaria. At Sofia, the capital, he dealt with the problems of Eastern Rite Catholics in a troubled land.

In 1934 he was sent to Turkey and Greece. There he fostered harmony among various national groups in Istanbul in a time of anti-religious fervor under Kemal Ataturk. Archbishop Roncalli introduced the use of the Turkish language in worship and in the official documents of the church and eventually won the esteem of some high Turkish statesmen. He made a series of conciliatory gestures toward the Orthodox and met with the Ecumenical Patriarch Benjamin in 1939. During World War II Istanbul was a center of intrigue and espionage, and the archbishop gathered information useful to Rome and helped Jews flee persecution. His work in Greece, which was occupied by the Nazis, was less successful.

When he was sixty-four years old (1944), an age when most men are thinking of retirement, Roncalli was chosen by Pius XII for the difficult post of nuncio to Paris, where he worked to heal the divisions caused by the war. While in Paris, Roncalli once said: "You know, it's rough being a papal nuncio. I get invited to these diplomatic parties where everyone stands around with a small plate of canapes trying not to look bored. Then, in walks a shapely woman in a low-cut, revealing gown, and everyone in the whole place turns around and looks -- *At Me!*"

At age seventy-two he was made cardinal and Patriarch of Venice and he had charge of a large diocese for the first time in his life. He quickly won the affection of his people, visiting parishes, caring for the working classes, establishing new parishes, and developing forms of social action.

In 1958, nearly seventy-seven years old, he was elected pope upon the death of Pius XII. He was expected by many to be a caretaker, a transitional pope, but he astonished the church and the world with his energy and reforming spirit—a breath of fresh air. Before the accession of John XXIII, when the official Vatican Newspaper, the *Osservatore Romano*, quoted any statement by the Pope, on any matter whatsoever, it had a standard introduction: "These are the words of the Holy Father, as we were able to gather them from his august lips." Under Pope John, this was changed to "The Pope said." This and similar changes, not in themselves significant, helped to set the tone for the new pontificate.

He expanded and internationalized the college of cardinals, called the first diocesan synod of Rome in history, revised the code of canon law, and called the Second Vatican Council to revitalize the church. This council was the major achievement of his life and undertook to renew the life of the church and its teachings, with the ultimate goal of the reunification of Christianity. The council marked the beginning of a new spirit of openness on the part of Rome toward Christians not of the papal obedience. The story is told that, when it was announced that Protestant leaders would be invited to the council as observers, the conservative Cardinal Ottaviani was horrified. He said: "But Your Holiness, Protestants are heretics!" "Do not say, 'heretics,' my son. Say, 'separated Brethren,'" replied the Pope. "They are in league with the devil!" retorted the Cardinal. "Do not say, 'devil,' my son. Say, 'separated angel'," the Pope corrected.

Moreover, as Bishop of Rome, he was unremitting in his care of his diocese, visiting hospitals, prisons, and schools. When he died June 3, 1963, he had won the widespread affection of the entire world, Christian and non-Christian alike.

PRAYER:

Almighty God, whose will it is to heal all division and discord among those who call upon the name of your Son: We thank you for the good will shown in your servant John, and we pray that we may always be ready to hear our fellow Christians with humility and a willingness to learn, and may also speak the truth in love, to the healing of faction and the renewed witness of your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and ever. Amen.



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