

PENECOST 2018

Dear Parish Family,

From the time that I was in school, it has always been my understanding that summertime is supposed to be a less busy time of the year. As I review my calendar for the coming months, it does not seem to be the case! Let me tell you a little bit about what is going on in my life in the coming months, because what is happening actually has a lot to do about relationships.

First, I attended the Diocesan Clergy Conference from May 14 to 16. This has to do with my relationship with my colleagues in ministry and our Bishop in our diocese. Time spent together strengthens our ministry as a Diocese and our speaker helps us to gain insight into our work in Parish Ministry.

In June, there are back to back weeks away from the Parish (with time at the Shorebirds Game in the middle!.) First, I will be the chaplain at the time of Camp for the Agape Ministry. I believe that I have been a part of this ministry for nearly 10 years. The time spent with the children helps them to know that there are people outside of their families who love and care for them. This is important for our continuing relationship with them as well as for their own feeling of self-worth, and may help to break the cycle of incarceration in their family. Hopefully, they will not repeat the choices of their parent who is in prison.

I will also be away for most of a week with the Oratory on Retreat and Chapter. This is important for my relationship with our Lord and with my Brothers in Christ. We will be spending time in silent retreat at a Franciscan Monastery in Wappinger Fall, New York. We will also have our Chapter meeting which deals with our lives as individuals living as a part of a dispersed community as well as things we do together. It really feels like family getting together.

These times away are not vacation, and with the exception of the time with Agape, I will not be missing worship on Sundays. They are working in many different ways, however. The important thing for me is that as I strengthen my relationships with my colleagues and Bishop, with children of Agape, and with my Brothers in the Oratory of the Good Shepherd, my relationship with the Lord grows and my ability to be your priest and friend grows as well. I keep in mind the teaching of our Lord:

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it, you shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the Prophets." (Matthew 22:37-40)

In Christ,

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Stewardship Reflection:

(This reflection was found on the Web site of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, but it speaks to all Christians (including Episcopalians!)

We show our respect for the Creator by our stewardship of creation. Care for the earth is not just an Earth Day slogan, it is a requirement of our faith. We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God's creation. This environmental challenge has fundamental moral and ethical dimensions that cannot be ignored.

Scripture

- Genesis 1:1-31 God made the heavens and the earth and it was good.
- Genesis 2:15 Humans are commanded to care for God's creation.
- Leviticus 25:1-7 The land itself must be given a rest and not abused.
- Deuteronomy 10:14 All of heaven and earth belong to the Lord.
- Psalm 24:1-2 All the earth is the Lord's.
- Daniel 3:56-82 Creation proclaims the glory of God.
- Matthew 6:25-34 God loves and cares for all of creation.
- Romans 1:20 Creation reveals the nature of God.
- 1 Corinthians 10:26 Creation and all created things are inherently good because they are of the Lord.

April 17, 2018

Dear. Rev. Moyer,

Last week a check arrived in the mail from St. Paul's Episcopal, and

extraordinary gesture from a wonderful group of volunteers at The Church Mouse, more affirming of the work that we do than many donations we received because of the source. We're very grateful.

Just a week before the check's arrival, we made a second investment in a new program that serves the youngest of our neighbors. In the Buckingham Elementary School's "BES Mindful Moment of the Day" program, every student gets a five minute morning lesson about ways to deal with adversity without turning to violence. It could be a breathing exercise, a simple yoga position, or gently

repeating "peace begins with me." Monthly there is a 30minute classroom session addressing the same topics. We are providing special lessons for an after school group of kids who have

already demonstrated behavioral problems, and who have difficulty with social interactions.

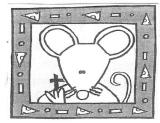
Why elementary school, and what does this have to do with suicide prevention? Unfortunately, bullying begins at this age, and we know that bullying, especially cyberbullying, is a root cause of depression and suicide. The recent death of a Salisbury teen who reported having been bullied since elementary school proved this out. Children who respond to taunting and persecution by striking out are traumatized, as are their oppressors.

The role of the Jesse Klump Memorial Fund extends beyond simply writing checks. Tomorrow, Kim Klump is teaching several of the monthly 30-minute classes, and our Outreach Coordinator Shawntel Hall, has worked with faculty and guidance in assessing the program to adjust its content and delivery to make it more effective.

Church Mouse

With the extremely bad weather for an extended period of time, we (along with most other Berlin businesses) had a slow January through March. However the tide (and temps) have turned. The 1st week in April has been great. We have also received many nice donations. Many customers have commented on the appearance of our shop compared to some thrift shops and also on our affordable prices.

Warm weather brings many down town events, we look forward to our regulars from all



over the East Coast that come in for the Cruisers event. Many of them follow us on Facebook, and mention they will be visiting. Each event seems to draw different types of people and we had a good crowd for the Blues and Jazz Bash.

Don't forget ----- 2nd FRIDAY ART STROLL in Berlin each month. For those that like Blue Grass Music, sit on our MAY; Hygiene items (toothpaste, men bench out front and listen to the "COUNTRY GRASS" that play most Fridays in front of our neighbor's store, Victorian Charm.

We remind you please no winter clothes right now, we can not store them and it takes time to properly pass these items along. Also, no damaged or stained items, we do not have the facilities to clean or repair, and these end up in the trash sadly. Please look through books and recycle any damaged, with major scribbles, tears, etc, in them and no technical books, magazines, manuals,

etc.. We sell hard back and paper novels, cook books and children's books. Books along with jewelry are out biggest sellers.

Contact Helen 443-513-6655 before donating large amounts, easier for us to process items at her house (and easier for you due to parking in town!) Small amounts can be brought to the shop.

THANKS FOR YOUR DONATIONS PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE!

Outreach

Since the last newsletter some of our Outreach:

WYFC - Worcester Youth and Family Center (youth programs, Jesse Klump Memorial Fund, AD Scholarship Fund, Fr. Moyer's Discretionary Fund, Operation We Care (Packages for Overseas Military) and Honor Flight (a program that brings Veterans from all over the USA to the WWII. Korea and Vietnam Memorials via BWI Airport)

UPCOMING OUTREACH COLLECTIONS

and women deodorants, bars of soap, shampoos.

JUNE AND JULY: We will be celebrating The 150 year anniversary of our diocese by collecting 150 cans of various types of canned goods (vegetables, beans, soups, and canned meats.) Our goal is to collect 150 items. If we don't reach "15-", the Church Mouse Outreach Funds will purchase the balance.

St. Paul's has always been generous in filling our wicker baskets in the NARTHEX and we thank you.

Volunteer docents Wanted Kistoric St. Martin's Church Rt. 589 and Rt. 113

The Historic St. Martin's Church Foundation is looking for volunteers to act as docents at the church for 1 hour of your time on Mondays during August 2018.

Docents need only volunteer from 1:00-2:00pm or 2:00 -3:00pm. The docent(s) open the church at



1:00pm and close it at 3:00pm. There is material describing St. Martin's inside the church. More information is available from Teresa Brunner, Foundation Secretary. Volunteers are invited by call Teresa on her cell phone: 410-251-2549.

More information relating to the Historic St. Martin's Church can be obtained through the Foundation's web site:

www.historicstmartinschurch.org.

Fifth Sundays

Several times a year we will have a month with five Sundays. At our Annual Meeting, we decided to try something new. When a fifth Sunday occurs, we will have one service at 9:30 (Rite I, much like our 8:30 service but with a few hymns) followed by a pot luck. Our first try was on Sunday, 29 April. We had a wonderful time together in worship and a table over-flowing with delicious potluck food. The next time we have a fifth Sunday will be on 29 July. Please join us!



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Mission Statement

Cur Mission is to offer and nourish a relationship with God in Jesus Christ, our ford, through worship, outreach, fellowship, and study.

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Treasurer: Susan Wellman,

Vestry Members: Phyllis Ashley Connie Duke Ray Coates, Jr. Jerry Freeman Sara Hooper Sarah Thompson Gail Whaley