

THE KEYS



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From the Pen of the Priest in Charge...

The center of Anglican Catholic spiritual life is the Eucharist received at mass, but the foundation is the daily offices of Morning and Evening Prayer. As Anglican Catholics we are to build our spiritual lives upon them. When parishioners pray the offices, and especially when they pray them corporately in the church in contrast to individually at home, we extend our connection to the Parish Eucharist celebrated each Sunday.

This is especially true as we pray the Psalter together. If we read the Psalms only and not pray them, or pray them looking for personal links only, we underutilize their purpose. The Psalms are Messianic in nature. The only One who can truly pray them personally is Christ the Righteous One! So when we pray them, we should pray them in communion with and in connection to Jesus and His Body, the Church. As we pray them we gain the “mind of Christ” (1 Corinthians 2:15, 16). Our lips are opened and our mouths pour forth the very prayers and praises of our Mediator and Advocate! This is especially true when we pray them corporately.

Think of Nehemiah 8:1. All of the Jews that had returned from exile in Babylon gathered inside the rebuilt walls of Jerusalem. As they stood in the street before the water gate and the Book of the Law was opened for them to hear, God looked down upon them “as one man.” He did not see individual Jews: men, women and children. No, He saw one man, He saw Israel! Actually, He saw Christ (the seed of Abraham, Galatians 3:16) in the bowels of Israel!

When our parish gathers for mass, and also the daily Offices, in the church, this is the way God sees us too! We are not me and you and you... We are not even necessarily St. Peter the Apostle Anglican Catholic Church. We are the Body of Christ, gathered under our Head and in His Name at 230 W. 1st Street in Christiansburg, VA.

The Christian life is corporate. We are being saved individually, yes, but always as part of the Body, never apart from it. We are each “... lively stones...built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.” (1 Peter 2:5). As any one cell cannot live outside a human body, so no one Christian can live, truly live, outside of the Body of Christ.

The Catholic faith is a deep well which we have the privilege to drink from. Our Anglican heritage provides a holy and substantial means by which we can draw from that well. At the center is the Eucharist but the foundation is the daily Offices. We should pray them, together if possible. –Fr. Paul

August Birthdays

3. John deRosset	19. JoAnn Becker
3. Betty Higginbotham	19. Claire Kelly
6. Beth Stenberg	20. Heather Pratt
8. Charles Cagle	24. Suzan Mauney
14. Catharine Cagle	30. Dayne Mauney

News and Notes

A tip of the biretta to Allen Butterfield and his son in law Donnie. In late June they made the walking ramp to the church safer, power washing it and then painting the surface with skid-resistant paint. Great job, gents!

Two new pages were added to the parish website in July. The Parish Newsletter page is back, and a Photo Gallery page has been added. Visitors to the site can again access The Keys each month and can now view photos of recent parish services and events.

The Feast of the Transfiguration is recorded in all three of the Synoptic Gospels. On that day Jesus showed forth is eternal glory to Ss. Peter, James and John, allowing it to be seen through His sinless humanity. We are told "...his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light." (St. Matthew 17:2). St. John would see this again, in his apocalyptic vision on Patmos (Revelation 1:13-15). Jesus showed forth His glory in this way before His ascension to teach the Apostles, and the Church through their inspired testimony, that Jesus is God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God before and after His Incarnation. He showed forth His glory this way so we would know that He transcends Moses and the Prophets, for He is the One who fulfills the teachings of both. We will celebrate this feast with a mass at 7:00 p.m. on August 6.

Fr. Paul will be on vacation from Monday, August 12 through Sunday, August 18. Fr. Alex will be available for pastoral needs during that period.

Bishop Lerow will visit our parish on Sunday, August 25. During the mass, Emmet Hobgood, the boyfriend of Rebecca Williams, will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at the hands of the Bishop. Please set this date aside to be at mass to meet and be blessed by our Reverend Father in God.

After the mass on the day Bishop Lerow visits we will have our annual parish picnic at Phil and Carole Pappas' home. A sign-up sheet for food items will be placed in the parish house for those who wish to bring something.

Sunday School resumes on September 8. The book we will study is still being determined.

The Fall Bible Study will be held on successive Thursdays September 5 through October 31 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. We will study 1 and 2 Thessalonians. A sign-up sheet will be placed in the Parish House for those interested in participating.

My Goal is God Himself

by Frances Brook (1870)

My goal is God Himself; not joy, nor peace,
Nor even blessing, but Himself, my God;
'Tis His to lead me there, not mine, but His—
"At any cost, dear Lord, by any road!"

So faith bounds forward to its goal in God,
And love can trust her Lord to lead her there;
Upheld by Him, my soul is following hard,
Till God hath full fulfilled my deepest prayer.
No matter if the way be sometimes dark,
No matter though the cost be oftentimes great,

He knoweth how I best shall reach the mark;
The way that leads to Him must needs be strait.

One thing I know—I cannot say Him nay;
One thing I do—I press toward my Lord,
My God, my glory here from day to day,
And in the glory there my Great Reward.

Wisdom from the Church Fathers

On Evangelism...

Ignatius of Antioch, A.D. 107 - 116

“Pray without ceasing on behalf of everyone. For in them there is hope of repentance so that they may attain to God. Permit them, then, to be instructed by your works, if in no other way. Be meek in response to their wrath, humble in opposition to their boasting; to their blasphemies return your prayers; in contrast to their error be steadfast in the faith; and for their cruelty display your gentleness. While we take care not to imitate their conduct, let us be found their brothers in all true kindness.”

Justin Martyr, c. A.D. 150

“He has exhorted us to lead all men, by patience and gentleness, from shame and the love of evil. And this indeed is proved in the case of many who once were of your way of thinking, but have changed their violent and tyrannical disposition, being overcome either by the constancy which they have witnessed in their [Christian] neighbor’s lives, or by the extraordinary forbearance they have observed in their [Christian] fellow travelers when defrauded, or by the honesty of those [Christians] with whom they have transacted business.”

“If we persuade even a few, our gain will be very great; for, as good husbandmen, we shall receive the reward from the Master.”

AUGUST, 2019						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
LEGEND: M&HC - Matins & Holy Communion; HC - Holy Communion; FHE – Festal Holy Eucharist; HE - Holy Eucharist; HC&H - Holy Communion and Healing Service; SS – Sunday School; PG - Prayer Group; EP – Evening Prayer; MP – Morning Prayer; P&HU – Prayers and Holy Unction				[1] 12 noon HC 7:30 p.m. Vestry ST. PETER'S CHAINS	[2]	[3]
[4] 10:00 a.m. HE TRINITY VII	[5]	[6] 10:00 a.m. PG 7:00 p.m. HC TRANSFIGURATION	[7]	[8] 12 noon HC HOLY NAME OF JESUS	[9]	[10]
[11] 10:00 a.m. HE TRINITY VIII	[12]	[13] 10:00 a.m. PG	[14]	[15]	[16]	[17]
[18] 10:00 a.m. HE TRINITY IX	[19]	[20] 10:00 a.m. PG	[21]	[22] 12 noon HC OCTAVE OF THE ASSUMPTION	[23]	[24]
[25] 10:00 a.m. HE ST. BARTHOLOMEW	[26]	[27] 10:00 a.m. PG	[28]	[29] 12 noon HC ST. AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO	[30]	[31]

IN THE LORD'S SERVICE

Please — If you cannot fulfill your assigned duty because of an urgent reason, IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO SECURE YOUR OWN REPLACEMENT!!!

Week beginning Sunday →	August 4	August 11	August 18	August 25	September 1
Altar Guild	B. Higginbotham	C. Beutell	V. Williams	M. Slayton	B. Higginbotham
	C. Beutell	C. deRosset	B. Higginbotham	M. Heterick	C. Beutell
Coffee Hour	B. von Claparede	V. Williams	G. Terrell	C. Pappas	M. Heterick
Ushers	G. Terrell	P. Pappas	A. Butterfield	G. Terrell	D. Drysdale
	D. Drysdale	M. Slayton	L. Brossy	M. Slayton	L. Brossy
Epistoler	C. von Claparede	A. Butterfield	G. Mauney	T. Paisley	G. Terrell
Server	P. Williams	T. Paisley	T. Greene	P. Williams	T. Greene
Crucifer	W. Paisley	J. Williams	W. Paisley	C. von Claparede	P. Williams

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2019 Vestry members: Allen Butterfield, Dan Drysdale, Angela Greene, Ted Paisley, Phil Pappas, George Terrell.