



EPISCOPAL
CHURCH of the HOLY CROSS

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CHURCH of the HOLY CROSS NEWSLETTER

Holy Cross is dedicated to raising up faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, committed to genuine Worship, loving Fellowship, and passionate Mission.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: We pray for our Parish Family: For all who suffer in mind, body or spirit, especially: **Donica Creasy, Mary Allen, Dale Burch, Rosie McKinney, John Carlisto, Johnny Cole, Karen Bain, Joan Brooks, Tom & Faye Kinstler, Joan DaLee, Jean Barron, Jane Kerr, and Greg Wynn.** We pray for our Extended Parish Family: **Greg Wooten** (Anne Mayo's friend), **Layne Ross** (Laurie Nabors's friends), **Stoney Dawe** (Dale Burch's friend), **Joe Volz** (Shirley Ferry's uncle), **Rick Rogers** (Laurie Nabors's friend), **Linda Williams** (Karen Bain's friend), **David & Anna Marie Schaefer** (Dianne Adams' son and daughter-in-law), **Rusty Smith** (Gloria Smith's son), **Sue Pierce** (Julie Barnard's friend), **Sybil Lewis** (Mark Lewis's mother), **Anthony Turner** (Susan Southwick's grandson), **Rick Nail** (Louise Wood's friend), **Pat Daniel** (Fran Bramblette's stepmother), **Cheryl Bannister** (Karen Krueger's friend), **Lindsey Lanning** (Catherine Proctor's friend), **Tara Harvey Kenney** (Inga Strickland's friend), **Brian Limbaugh** (Fran & Gracie Bramblette's friend), **Jim & Libby Smith** (Anna Gordon's son and daughter-in-law), **Bonnie Gordon** (Don Gordon's sister), **Kayleigh Gordon** (Don Gordon's daughter), **Jim & David Pritchett** (Anna Gordon's father and brother), **Randy Holcombe** (Anna Gordon's brother-in-law), **Anne King** (Cindy Cole's friend), **Cindy & Jim Clark** (Dianne Adams's daughter and son-in-law), **James Thomas** (Glynis Thomas's father), **Melissa Kuehn** (Inga Strickland's niece), **Rich Lakin** (Mike Rohr's friend), **Joyce Odewahn** (Anne Amick's mother), **Rosemary Filyaw** (Cindy Cole's friend), **Willy Holub** (Tom & Faye Kinstler's nephew), **Grace Calton** (Donica Creasy's daughter), **Laura Reichert** (friend of Laurie Nabors & Rosie McKinney), **Jan Plan** (Susan Caraway's friend), **Joseph Kahler, II** (Jennifer Bodnar's son), **James McIntyre** (Anne Mayo's friend), **Logan Keating** (Mary Allen's grandson), **Michael Lombardo & family** (Fran Bramblette and Stephane' Daniel's friends), **Pat Benefield** (Joan Brooks' friend), and **Brooks Caudle** (Camille Turner's great-nephew).

MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR:

What is Worship? Is God the only person or thing we can worship? Do you believe that God created you to worship Him?

In Romans 12, the Apostle Paul presents one of the greatest doctrinal dissertations of all time, which he begins by explaining that worship is more than our tradition dictates. It is actually about offering our bodies as living sacrifices. Romans 12:1, "I appeal to you therefore brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship." Paul wasn't advocating for some strange ritual with our bodies acting as a sort of voodoo doll. He was speaking about engaging our entire self in the act of worship to the Living God.

How do we do that?

We sacrifice ourselves for God's glory. I have heard it put like this: Worship is focusing your mind's attention and your heart's affections on God. It's giving up the idea that we come to church and ask the question, "What am I going to get?" We get so caught up in the consumer mentality of church that we forget that God created us to worship HIM. What Paul is encouraging is a mindset shift from asking, "What am I going to get, to "What am I going to give to God? What is God going to get from me? How is my worship going to please Him?"

Secondly, we break away from the world and renew our minds. While our worship is all about God, we play a role in it as well. The intention of worship for us as Christians is to come together and renew our minds. God's word is very clear that renewing the mind does not come by happenstance. It is what Psalm 84:2(b) says, "...my heart and flesh cry out for you, Oh Lord!" It comes by intentionally meditating on God's word and allowing His truth to shape us into righteousness.

When we commit to these things something happens to us. Romans 12:2 says we are able to test and approve what God's will is--His good, pleasing and perfect will. In other words, we know God's desire for the decisions we have to make. If we are in the presence of God, we can know Him, and we can hear Him in ways that otherwise would not happen. **We cannot hear the voice of God if we have not spent time worshipping Him and knowing Him.**

In John 3:22-30, we read where both Jesus and John the Baptist were baptizing those that came to them. John is later informed by his disciples that the people are now going to Jesus for baptism. He replies with what is the heart of the gospel.

John 3:30 – "He must increase, and I must decrease"

We worship God so that He becomes greater. We make Him huge in our minds so that we are decreased. I pray as we prepare to come back together as a worshipping community in the near future, that our minds would be renewed, and our focus be on making God great!

Father Wes

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what's HAPPENING?

SUSPENSION OF INSIDE FACE TO FACE WORSHIP:

Bishop Sloan has extended the suspension of inside face-to-face worship to **July 1, 2020**. We will keep you posted if anything changes.

MEN'S BREAKFAST & BIBLE STUDY:

Men's Breakfast/Bible Study has resumed their Friday morning meetings (6:30am -7:30am).



LADIE'S BIBLE STUDY:

Ladies' Bible Study has resumed their Tuesday morning (10:00am) meetings which are outside on the porch!

FARMERS' MARKET IS BACK:

Tuesdays from noon to 4:00pm
Saturdays from 8:00am to noon



ONLINE ORDINATION/CONSECRATION OF NEW BISHOP:

Online ordination/consecration of new bishop, The Rev. Dr. Glenda S. Curry, on June 27th at 11:00am. Service will be live streamed from the Cathedral Church of the Advent at dioala.org/bishopelect.

MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

It is with mixed emotions I inform you that my last day as your Parish Administrator will be Thursday, July 2nd. My heartfelt thanks go to Fr. Wes and the Vestry for allowing me the opportunity of serving Holy Cross in this capacity. While I look forward to spending more time with my sweet husband, I will miss interacting with everyone during the week. It has been a wonderful two-plus years!

The Lord bless and keep you,
Janice Ridgeway



what's HAPPENING?

ALTAR GUILD SCHEDULE THROUGH AUGUST 2020

(TEAM LEADER LISTED FIRST, INCLUDING CONTACT NUMBER)

Team 1 – Charlotte Scarborough – 205-529-3617

Chris Patterson

Jo Grove

Scheduled: June 21st, July 12th, August 1st and 23rd

Team 2 – Laurie Nabors – 205-902-8944

Sue Peterson

Deanna Booth

Scheduled: June 7th, June 28th, July 19th, August 9th and 30th

Team 3 – Cindy Cole – 205-902-3569

Camille Turner

Andrea Matthews

Scheduled: June 14th, July 5th and 26th, August 16th



HAPPY
Birthday
TO YOU!

JUNE

Rebecca Percy	6/10	Richard Turner	7/11
Stuart Turner	6/11	Karen Bain	7/12
Jean Barron	6/17	Greg Wynn	7/17
Jordan McQueen	6/20	Harold Jones	7/18
Christina Patterson	6/22	Dianne Adams	7/19
Noah Johnson	6/25	Becky Wester	7/20
Nick Bramlette	6/28	Donica Creasy	7/21
Jane Kerr	6/29	Matthew Pate	7/21

JULY

Keller McKaig	7/5	Keith Bain	7/26
		Conrad Crews	7/31