

# THE KEYS



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## The Rector's Ramble (In and out of Brambles)

## *Winding down and Winding up*

As we wind down for the summer and wind up for the Fall, let's look at a few things:

This July, for the second year in a row, we participated in the Community Vacation Bible School. This is where several churches in our community, especially St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Christiansburg Presbyterian Church, and Our Saviour Lutheran Church, come together and pool their resources and children in order to have (more than!) critical mass for a VBS. It also has the benefit of bringing many creative forces and personalities together and not overtaxing those limited individuals in each congregation who wish to do this good work. In recent years, St. Peter's and Park United Methodist have entered into the team. Other folks from our community sign-on and we ended up with 54 young people from Pre-K through Middle School. Our theme was Joseph and Egypt. Each night a church offers a meal to the young people, beginning at 6 PM, and there is a "round robin" of the various age groups watching a short skit of a Bible story, practicing praise music, doing outdoor activities, and arts and crafts. We come back together for short prayer and worship and are gone by about 8 PM.

We will have a new event on August 6<sup>th</sup>, with the Blessing of Grapes and other things such as Apples according to the Eastern Practice, although there is some Western precedence (and there is a Blessing for First Fruits in our Priest's Manual.) Our Parish Picnic is Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup>. On Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, the day after the Wilderness Trail Festival, we shall once again have a Bilbo Baggins' Birthday Party at 4 PM that was such a success last year. As we enter the school year, we will welcome our organist and nursery attendant back again. We are also looking for high school or college students to sing with our congregation and occasional choirs for a modest weekly stipend. At the end of September, we will be hosting a clericus for the Diocese at which Archbishop Haverland will visit and discuss liturgical matters with our clergy.

In addition, after extensive thought and consideration, I would like to try to move our weekday mass from Thursday at Noon to Wednesday at 6 PM and do some Bible Study following. I haven't worked out all the details but I would like to begin this by August 16<sup>th</sup>, the Feast of the Assumption. The basic idea here is that doing no more than one gathering event a day would be best, I think, for the round of offerings at St. Peter's. At this time, we have both a Men's Book Study and a Mass on Thursday. Also, there has been some interest expressed for something on Wednesday night. While it is an Anglo-Catholic tradition, in many parishes, to have a Noonday Mass on Thursdays, the more traditional times for weekday masses is arguably Wednesdays and Fridays. And, of course, in America, Wednesday evening church is a pretty standard, almost expected, practice. I add that we already have Mass one Wednesday a month for Vestry Meeting, and five or six weeks as well for Lenten events. I could just add this, but that would require having something Wednesday night, then Thursday at 9 am, followed by Thursday at Noon. That would be a bit too much. So we shall see how that goes.

Having finished the stained glass windows, we are moving forward with a plan for a "Dossal Curtain & Riddel Screen" (a traditional English model) made of vestment-type fabric to outline and accent our altar and icon crucifix. It is intended, like our oriental carpet, to focus the eyes during worship on the center, the altar and cross.

### News and Information

August 6<sup>th</sup> - Holy Transfiguration celebrated at all masses. Grapes, Apples, etc. Blessed at Sunday masses.

August 13<sup>th</sup> - Parish Picnic at the Pappas Residence following the 10 AM service.

No Vestry Meeting in August.

Wednesday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, 6 PM - Mass celebrated for Feast of the Assumption of Mary.

Wednesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 6 PM - Mass celebrated for St. Bartholomew.

AUGUST, 2023						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		[1]	[2]	[3]  12 noon HC	[4]	[4]  5:00 p.m. HC
[6] 8:00 a.m. MP & HC 10:00 a.m. HE  TRANSFIGURATION	[7]	[8]	[9]	[10]  12 noon HC	[11]	[12]  5:00 p.m. HC
[13] 8:00 a.m. MP & HC 10:00 a.m. HE Parish picnic  TRNITY X	[14]	[15]	[16]  6:00 p.m. HC	[17]	[18]	[19]  5:00 p.m. HC
[20] 8:00 a.m. MP & HC 10:00 a.m. HE  TRINITY XI	[21]	[22]	[23]  6:00 p.m. HC	[24]	[25]	[26]  5:00 p.m. HC
[27] 8:00 a.m. MP & HC 10:00 a.m. HE  TRINITY XII	[28]	[29]	[30]  6:00 p.m. HC	[31]	<b>LEGEND: HC - Holy Communion; FHE – Festal Holy Eucharist; HE - Holy Eucharist; SS – Sunday School; PG - Prayer Group; EP – Evening Prayer; MP – Morning Prayer; P&amp;HU – Prayers and Holy Unction</b>	

### IN THE LORD'S SERVICE

If you cannot fulfill your assigned duty because of an urgent reason, PLEASE SECURE A REPLACEMENT.

	August 6	August 13	August 20	August 27	September 3
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	C. Pappas	J. Butterfield	G. Terrell	S. Darby	C. Pappas
<b>Sat. Epistoler 5 p.m.</b>	A. Butterfield	A. Butterfield	A. Butterfield	A. Butterfield	A. Butterfield
<b>Epistoler 8 a.m.</b>	G. Mauney	D. Drysdale	C. Von Claparede	D. Drysdale	C. Von Claparede
<b>Epistoler 10 a.m.</b>	T. Paisley	G. Terrell	P. Williams	T. Paisley	P. Williams

**Altar servers and ushers will be assigned as available before each service.**

2023 Vestry (term end): Allen Butterfield ('25), Dan Drysdale ('23), Lisa Olver ('24),  
Ted Paisley ('24), Mike Slayton ('25), Phil Williams ('23)