

Good News from St. John's

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MISSION STATEMENT: With God's help we seek to share our love, fellowship, charity and faith with all in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

The Transfiguration

The Transfiguration of our Lord Jesus Christ is celebrated each year on August 6th. Unless this day falls on a Sunday, we don't usually have a service to celebrate this event, so I am taking this opportunity to share with you the meaning of the Transfiguration.

The feast commemorates the occasion of which Christ, as He was beginning to teach His disciples that He must die and rise again, revealed Himself in shining splendor to Peter, James, and John, his three closest disciples. With this shining light, Moses and Elijah appeared who spoke with the Lord Jesus concerning His saving Passion which was about to take place. Standing before Him as reverent servants, they showed that He is the Lord of both the living and the dead, for Moses came from Hades, having died many centuries before, and Elijah, as it were from heaven, whither he had been taken up while yet alive. After a little while a radiant cloud overshadowed them and out of the cloud they heard the same voice which had been heard at the Jordan at the Baptism of Christ, testifying to the Divinity of Jesus and saying: "This is my Beloved Son with whom I am well pleased; Listen to Him."

When the disciples heard this they fell on their faces filled with awe. Jesus came to them and told them to not be afraid. When the disciples looked up they saw only Jesus.

Our Lord had spoken to His disciples many times not only concerning His Passion, Cross, and Death, but also concerning the coming persecutions and afflictions that they themselves would endure. Since all these evils were near at hand, but the enjoyment of the good things which they hoped to receive was yet to come, our Savior desired to give them full assurance, evidently and openly, that glory which is prepared for those who endure to the end.

As Jesus and His disciples came down the mountain, He told them not to speak of what they had seen until he had risen from the dead.

This feast also points to the great and glorious Second Coming of our Lord and the fulfillment of the Kingdom of God when all of creation will be transfigured and filled with light.

Additional information from a sermon by Pope St. Leo the Great:

The Lord took chosen witnesses, and in their presence revealed his glory. That is to say, the form of body which he had in common with other men, he so transfigured with light, that his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment became exceeding white as snow. Now the chief purpose of this Transfiguration was to remove from the hearts of the disciples their fear of the Cross. So, before their eyes, was unveiled the splendor of his hidden majesty, that the lowliness of his freely chosen

suffering might not confound their faith. But nonetheless there was also thys set forth, by the providence of God, a sure and certain hope for the holy Church, whereby the whole Body of Christ should know with what a great change it is yet to be honored. For the members of that Body whose Head hath already been transfigured in light may promise themselves a share in his glory.

Also, that the Apostles might be strengthened, and brought forward into all knowledge, there appeared unto them Moses and Elijah (that is, the Law and the Prophets), talking with them. This glorification of Christ took place before five witnesses, as though to fulfill that which is written: At the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses, shall the matter be established. What can be more certain, or better attested, than this matter which is proclaimed by the trumpets of both the Old and New Testament, and concerning which the witness of ancient testimony uniteth with the teaching of the Gospel? The pages of either Covenant strengthen one another, and the brightness of open glory maketh manifest and distinct him whom the former prophecies had promised under the veil of mysteries.

The unveiling of such mysteries roused the mind of the Apostle Peter to an out burst of longing for the things eternal, which despised and disdained things worldly and earthly. Overflowing with gladness of the vision, he yearned to dwell with Jesus there, where the revelation of his glory had rejoiced him. And so he said: "Master, it is good for us to be here; if thou wilt, let us make here tabernacles, one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah." To this proposal the Lord answered nothing, thus signifying that what Peter wished was not wrong, but out of place, since the world could not be saved but by the death of Christ. And the Lord's example was to call the faith of believers to this, that although we should have no doubts concerning the promise of eternal blessedness, yet we are to understand that, amid the trials of this life, we are to seek for power to endure rather than for glory.

Mother Sharon

Season after Pentecost through the Eyes of Daily Life

The twenty-five collects for the Sunday's that follow Pentecost, this year, fall broadly under four themes. Each theme is a statement of a basic Christian truth, which applies to us at any age. As organizing principles for learning, these truths enhance the educational life of the church community and make teaching more than mythology, because they are directly related to our lives.

We are God's children:

- ❖ Throughout his life on earth, Jesus told others about his Father, and did what he knew to be God's will for his life. Jesus served and honored his Father in all ways in his life and in his death.
- ❖ As we grow in faith and in years, to know ourselves as children of God calls for increasingly mature responses, but the underlying truths are there for us at any age.
- ❖ Because we are God's children we trust him, we believe in him, we want to worship him, and most of all we want to discover his will for our lives.

We have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and a ministry of love to other people:

- ❖ Through our prayers, the sacraments, and the life in the community of the church we have a relationship of faith with the living Christ and his mission.
- ❖ We know that Jesus is God. We know, too, that he is our brother. His incarnation, death, resurrection, and ascension are faith events for us, centered in the celebration of the Eucharist,
- ❖ We try faithfully to respond to the commandment of Jesus Christ that we love another as hr has loved us.

God calls us to be open to the reality of the presence and action of the Holt Spirit:

- ❖ We learn to understand the nature of the Holy Spirit as shown to us in the teaching of Jesus and elsewhere in the Bible.

- ❖ We increase our ability to recognize the action of the Holy Spirit in our lives and in the world through prayer and thoughtful listening

We believe in the church as the Body of Christ in the world and in the church's mission:

- ❖ We believe in and work with the church as it carries on its mission of bringing about the Kingdom of God in the world through prayers, service, and witness.

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Vestry Meeting

No July Meeting

Convocation especially Gary, Dick, and David, BKSM students, dispatchers and first responders, the men & women serving our country here and abroad, and those who have served.

Those who have died:



August Birthdays

- 14 Ava Tierney
- 21 Ayden Main
- 26 Verlyn Bolinger, Jr.



Treasurer Report

Verlyn W. Bolinger Jr.
Treasurer of St. John's Episcopal Church



August Anniversaries:

- 13 Frank & Patty Vernacchia
- 23 Tommey & Fran McLarty
- 24 Jim & Linda Nichols
- 26 LT & Carrie Tierney



Prayer List

Teresa, Jim, Mary, Harry, Gina, Gloria, Ethan, Jim, Janie, Kelly, Wuanita, Jeffrey, Boo, Jane, Regina, Bretten, Richard, Carolyn, Lynn, Dwayne, Doris, Alan, Kay, Lorrie, Addlee, Jon, Josh, Vickie, Ron, Randy, Janet, Rita, Bridget, Tommey, Keyandria, Bill, William, Debra Lynn, The Adams family, the Forbes family, Molly, Charles, Frank, Laura, David, Nicky, those with and those recovering from Covid-19 are their families, churches in the Southeast Convocation in their call to mission, the Southeast Minster project, all clergy in the Southeast

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost Holy Communion & Sunday School 9:30 am	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost Holy Communion & Sunday School 9:30 am	9 Vestry meeting 5:30 pm	10	11	12	13	14
15 The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost Holy Communion & Sunday School 9:30 am Blessing of Backpacks	16	17	18	19 Worship & Music meeting 5:30 pm	20	21
22 The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost Holy Communion & Sunday School 9:30 am	23 Newsletter Deadline	24	25	26	27	28
29 The Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost Morning Prayer & Sunday School 9:30 am	30	31				

St. John's August 2021 schedule

	08/01/2021	08/8/2021	08/15/2021	08/22/2021	08/29/2021
Officiant	Mother Sharon	Mother Sharon	Mother Sharon	Mother Sharon	Martha Stone
Prayers of the People	Daria Condon	Candy Scarborough	Verlyn Bolinger	Jupe Allen	Alice Miller
Lector	Daria Condon	Candy Scarborough	Verlyn Bolinger	Jupe Allen	Alice Miller
Acolytes	Verlyn	Tim	Alex	Karla	Sidni
Greeters	Tom Tanner & David Bamberger	Candy Scarborough	Frank & Patty Vernacchia	Tierney family	Alice Miller
Coffee Hour	Help yourself	Help yourself	Help yourself	Help yourself	Help yourself
Counters	Vestry				
Altar Guild	Martha Stone				