

Trinity Times

A newsletter for the members and friends of Trinity Episcopal Church

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Pentecost Season - July - August, 2025

[Pastoral letter from our bishops, June 23, 2025]



Beloved in the Dioceses of Bethlehem and Central Pennsylvania,

On Saturday evening the 21st of June we learned from the President that three sites in Iran known to store materials for the making of nuclear weapons and a research complex were bombed by the United States of America. The Chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff has noted that this was the “**largest B-2 operational strike in US history (and) inflicted extremely severe damage and destruction to the targets.**”

As of today, the full extent of the damage is not known nor the number of casualties incurred in the operation. This act has added to an already volatile situation in the Middle East where continued violence has killed nearly 58,000 persons since 2023, and there is now a “**critical risk of famine.**” Civilians, including women and children, have been killed indiscriminately, and the need for humanitarian aid to succor those in the midst of this tragedy is profound.

As bishops serving our two dioceses of loving and faithful Episcopalians, we bid you to join us as we call for continued diplomacy with a goal of lasting peace. Life is a precious gift given to us by our Creator and we mourn deeply with those who have lost loved ones in this conflict. We pray for the Holy Spirit to fill our global leaders, that they will work through this complex situation and towards a vision of our world where peace overrides the need for power, where resources are used for the common good, and where all of God’s children can live without fear.

Jesus bids us to be peacemakers. “Blessed are the peacemakers for they will be called children of

God” (Matthew 5:9). We are called by Jesus and through our baptismal vows to join in striving for peace. This can be done by offering prayer, through efforts supporting global peacemaking efforts, and by loving each other in acts of kindness and gentleness in these anxious days.

Psalm 46 is a good prayer to return to in these times:

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;

Though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble at its tumult,
The Lord of hosts is with us, the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.

God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown;
God shall help her at the break of day.

The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken;
God has spoken and the earth shall melt away.

The Lord of Hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Come now and look upon the works of the Lord,
what awesome things he has done on earth.

It is he who makes war to cease in the world;
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear and burns the shields with fire.

“Be still then and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations;
I will be exalted in the earth.”

The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Together, we walk in the Way of Love,



The Rt. Rev. Audrey C. Scanlan
Bishop of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania

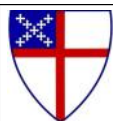
The Rt. Rev. Kevin D. Nichols
Bishop of the Diocese of Bethlehem



Trinity Episcopal Church - July 2025



Season of
Pentecost

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Trinity 7/6 Tom & Shannon Bubniak; Rick Bubniak. 7/13 Joe, Laura, Tim, Jennifer, Lily Cama, Rachel Cama, Cole, Dennis Cama-Nemer. 7/20 Barbara, Alan Caum, Nate Schwartzberg. 7/27 Marcelle & Walt Chaykosky.				Anglicans Around the World 7/6 The Church of Nigeria, Archbishop Henry C. Ndukuba. 7/13 The Church of North India, Bishop Bijay Nayak. 7/20 The Church of Pakistan, Bishop Azad Marshall. 7/27 The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea, Bishop Nathan Ingen.		Kajo-Keji (Our Sister Diocese) 7/6 St. John Litaba Parish. 7/13 St. Paul Pamoju Parish. 7/20 Sera Jale Parish; Dwani-Star of Bethlehem Primary School. 7/27 Emmanuel Parish Kiri.
Flowers from your garden for the altar are always welcome. 	1 AA 7 and 8:00 pm	1 <i>Tim Cama, Paul Kelley Dan & Marny Gerhart</i>	2 AA Intergroup 5:30 AA 7:30 pm <i>Bruce Barton</i>	3	4 Independence Day	5 <i>Alex Maneval</i>
6 Pentecost 4 P-9 Bishop Kevin's Visit 10:00 Holy Eucharist II 11:00 Coffee Hour and Reception <i>Elise Barton</i>	7 AA 7 and 8:00 pm <i>Dave Fish</i>	8 <i>Jon & Wendy Murray</i>	9 AA 7:30 pm	10	11	12
13 Pentecost 5 P-10 10:00 Holy Eucharist II 11:00 Coffee Hour	14 AA 7 and 8:00 pm	15	16 AA 7:30 pm	17	18	19
20 Pentecost 6 P-11 10:00 Holy Eucharist II 11:00 Coffee Hour	21 AA 7 and 8:00 pm <i>Sean Bubniak</i>	22 St. Mary Magdalene	23 AA 7:30 pm <i>Justin Bailey</i>	24	25 St. James	26
27 Pentecost 7 P-12 10:00 Morning Prayer 11:00 Coffee Hour	28 AA 7 and 8:00 pm	29	30 AA 7:30 pm <i>Ron Hunt</i>	31 <i>Andy Patterson</i>	Bethlehem 7/6 St. Luke's, Lebanon, The Rev. Dr. David Zwifka; Commission on Ministry. 7/13 All Saints, Lehighton, Deacon Charlie Barebo. 7/20 Good Shepherd, Milford, The Rev. William Stewart. 7/27 St. Paul's, Montrose, St. Matthew's Chapel.	



Trinity Episcopal Church - August 2025

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Trinity Cycle of Prayer: 8/3 Kim, Chuck and Logan Cornell. 8/10 David and Shelly Fish. 8/17 Virginia Ford, Nancy Frock. 8/24 Tim and Cheryl Frock. 8/31 Dan and Marny Gerhart.		Bethlehem 8/3 St. Thomas, Morgantown. 8/10 St. Mark's, Moscow, The Rev. Linda Bartholomew. Mission and Resource Committee. 8/17 St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, Mountaintop, The Rev. Charles Warwick. 8/24 Trinity, Mt. Pocono, The Rev. Nick Lorenzetti. Audit Committee. 8/31 St. Brigid's, Nazareth, The Rev. John Marcantonio			1	2
3 Pentecost 8 P-13 10:00 Morning Prayer 11:00 Coffee Hour	4 AA 7 and 8:00 pm <i>Wendy Murray</i>	5 <i>Kathe Maneval</i>	6 The Transfiguration AA Intergroup 5 pm AA 7:30 pm	7	8 <i>Dave & Chela Bubniak</i>	9
10 Pentecost 9 P-14 10:00 Holy Eucharist II 11:00 Coffee Hour	11 AA 7 and 8:00 pm	12	13 AA 7:30 pm <i>Doug Plank</i>	14	15 St. Mary the Virgin	16
17 Pentecost 10 P-15 10:00 Holy Eucharist II 11:00 Coffee Hour	18 AA 7 and 8:00 pm	19	20 AA 7:30 pm <i>Josie Thomas</i>	21	22	23 <i>James Caum</i> <i>Michael Maneval</i>
24 Pentecost 11 P-16 10:00 Holy Eucharist II 11:00 Coffee Hour **Vestry meets** <i>Jake Parshall</i>	25 St. Bartholomew AA 7 and 8:00 pm	26	27 AA 7:30 pm	28	29 <i>Steve Kormanik</i>	30
31 Pentecost 12 P-17 10:00 Holy Eucharist II 11:00 Coffee Hour	Anglicans Around the World 8/3 The Episcopal Church in the Philippines, Archbishop Brent Alawas. 8/10 the Anglican Church of Rwanda, Bishop Laurent Mbanda. 8/17 The Scottish Episcopal Church, Bishop Mark Strange. 8/24 The Church of the Province of Southeast Asia, Bishop Titus Chung Khiam Boon. 8/31 The Church of South India.		Kajo-Kaji 8/3 Koiba Parish. 8/10 Diocesan Office; St. Matthew Wurta. 8/17 St. Philip Andasire Parish. 8/24 St. Joseph Jalimo Parish. 8/31 Ajira Parish, Gaderu-Victoria Leach Primary School.			UTO Ingathering is October 12th <i>Every day, in every way, Give Thanks.</i>

Summer Highlights

Sunday worship is at 10 a.m. followed by coffee hour at 11. Please be silent after the bell rings before worship begins.



Bishop Kevin and Fr. Ben,
Trinity, October 2022

Sunday, July 6 - Bishop Kevin Visitation. Holy Eucharist II followed by a reception. Come and greet our bishop and make him welcome.

Vestry will not meet in July.

Fr. Ben will be on vacation July 27 and August 3, once again attempting the Great Pickled Wrinkle Hunt in Maine. Our worship will be Morning Prayer, Rite II.

Pledge Statements: will be ready soon for the first half of the year. They are for information only, so that you can make sure your records and ours match; it is most certainly *not* a bill or invoice. If you find a discrepancy, call or email Barbara Caum, who keeps the computer records.

Cleanup/Reorganization: If you are a good organizer or just want to help, this notice is for you. It's been a long time since we've gone through the cupboards and shelves in the parish hall kitchen to see what should be there - and what shouldn't. Similarly, the sacristy closets and shelves are full. It's not something we can do all in one day, but if you're interested in helping, let's organize some work parties. Talk to Barbara, whose organizational skills are intermittent, at best.



Reunification news: [diocesepa.org]

On January 1, 2026, the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania and the Diocese of Bethlehem will reunify to become the **Diocese of the Susquehanna**.

Working groups have been tasked with planning the future of specific administrative and ministry areas within the new diocese. These include: Branding and Shield, Clergy Life and Ministry, Constitution and Canons, Diocesan Offices, Finance, Legal Process, Ministry of the Episcopate and Staffing, Mission Granting Process, Ordination, Social Justice, Title IV.

The Legal Process working group will ensure the legal side of the reunification happens seamlessly. They are working with an attorney to bring all of the necessary documents to the Attorney General and Orphan's Court for their approval to merge and create the Diocese of the Susquehanna. Among the documents required are deeds to all church properties within the diocese, which will require both church assistance and a title search process.

Bishop Scanlan will be presented for election as Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of the Susquehanna at the October 2025 joint Annual Convention, and upon election, her first official act will be to appoint Bishop Nichols as Assistant Bishop. Bishop Scanlan plans to retire in October 2027, at which time Bishop Nichols will be put forward as Provisional Bishop to serve during the search for a new Bishop Diocesan. The election of a new diocesan bishop is planned for 2029 with Bishop Nichols retiring in February 2030.



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