



St. Paul's-in-the-Pines Episcopal Church

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"As a diverse family we seek and serve God through joyful worship, love and respect for creation, promotion of social justice, and growth into the image of Christ."

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From the Rector's Study....

Our Presiding Bishop often refers to Jesus as Jesus of Nazareth. I like that. As we can tell from Scripture, Jesus was not born in Nazareth, he was born in Bethlehem. However, he was raised in Nazareth. One could even say his spiritual formation took place in Nazareth. Nazareth is where the angel Gabriel visited Mary with the proposition from God to give birth to a son and name him Jesus, (Luke 1: 26 – 31) a son that will save us from our sins! (Matt. 1:21)

Jesus did undergo some critiques in Nazareth from those who thought they knew everything about him. (Matt. 13:54 – 57) So, he had a sad time on occasion. But he was still Jesus of Nazareth and did for the people in greater Galilee much good.

Are we the place we came from? I am from Nashville, Tennessee. More specifically, I attended school in my early years at St Vincent de Paul Catholic school in the inner city of Nashville. I believe that little school (which is now closed) to be the place of my spiritual formation. It is still with me today. We had Sisters and priests there that taught us, disciplined us, loved us and I think in my own case baptized us. I had some sad years there as well, like Jesus did in Nazareth. The sad times turn out to be life-lessons about some of the people we have in community. But the sad times were not what shaped me. What I love talking about are the many instances where dedicated religious people showed me who God is and how important Jesus of Nazareth is in my life. They coached me into becoming who God is making me to be.

So, where are you from? Where were you shaped? From what experiences did you receive your spiritual formation? Where were you when someone introduced you to Jesus? If you haven't yet, it's not too late. Whether it's Nazareth, Nashville, or Fayetteville, North Carolina, Jesus wants to companion with you for the betterment of who you are and where you are right now.

I invite you to tell your Jesus story. Tell of when you first heard about Jesus. Who told you? What were some of the first songs or hymns you sang with others? If there has been a lapse, what will it take to bring you back into the fold? Say your name out loud to yourself and where you were raised. Enjoy the reality of you as you are in Christ. Who are the unknown saints in your life. Are

you following the good examples that they set for you. What will it take to get back on track?

Jesus had a fine ministry going and then he went to Jerusalem. We know how that turned out. Perhaps we all have a Jerusalem down the road. Jesus went to Jerusalem for our salvation and it worked. Where and to what, are we called to go and to be? From scripture I can see that there are always going to be those who give us a hard time. But that is not what we are to focus on. God puts people in our lives to shape us and guide us and teach us so that we will live into who God has created us to be. This is the God of every place and people and nation and language. This is the God of Jesus of Nazareth and John of Nashville.

And you are _____? _____ of _____? _____.
Pleased to meet you in Christ Jesus.

Blessings, John+

Discipline : Respect : Integrity : Prayer : Patience

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Thru the Window...



"Love one another..."

Jesus of Nazareth

"Do Unto Others as You Would Have
Them Do Unto You"

Matthew. 7:12

Through
the Window

I want to say it's a day too horrible to write.

And it is. Horrible, terrible things are happening all around us. We feel helpless, powerless.

And, in the interest of what some call a mental health day and others call just taking care of yourself, I excuse myself from writing about what's going on in the world and I go do something I enjoy. I garden. I watch pet videos. I even call my daughter and refuse to discuss anything except how recital went.

And...
basically I engage in privilege. Entitled white privilege.

What? I can't help that I'm white? True.

I don't really have much money, compared to most economically-categorized middle classers. Also true.

But I have more money, more leisure, more choices than many of those around me.

And certainly my skin color doesn't work against me, although my gender and my age might. If I let them.

Some people, many people have no choice but to let their lives be re-directed because of factors they can't control. And they are people you might not think of as un-entitled. They might be wealthy, but of a different color. You might not think of them as underprivileged; they got to the same place you and I did. But they had to work much harder to get here.

And they were born with their skin color and place of origin just as all of us are.

We don't choose the status into which we are born. We are not 'less than' because of our parents choices (often made trying to save our lives), and in reverse, we aren't one bit better than anyone else because of where we are from or even who our parents are or how much money they or we make. Those people may be more powerful - that's a real thing. But, as someone in the middle, I tell you this. We are not better because of these things.

We are defined by how we treat others. Try sorting out your heroes based on that. You might find some that surprise you.

.....Blessings to you, Robin the P.A.



Brooke Larsen
Mary Lee Shanahan
Lori (Frawley) Buffinton
CJ Wheeler (Gail's nephew)
Sydney Finau (J. Krantz)
Dana and Jennifer Frawley
Ann Hagelberger
John Clardy (Judith Johnson)

Violet & Stephen Johnson (J. Johnson)

Chuck & Debbie Liebers
Ronnie Smith, lung cancer (Frawley)
Debby Tunning, cancer
Toni Berry (Suzanne Tuttle)
Laura Smith
George & Mary Winder
Kenny West
Judy Krantz
Cathy Lovato (WBS)
Vicci Fixx
Jerold Grayot

Carol Clise
Craig Clise (Carol's son)
Veronica Frazier
Wilfred Liaping (Jill Charon)
Margaret Estephane
Chuck McKay, (Doreen's Dad)
Paul Marascia (Sue Carlin)
Howard Walter (Sue Carlin)
Bill Ganzer
Brandon Michael Carter
Natasha Edwards
Irina & Martha (Luba)
Lynda Twele (Sigrid)
Maples Family (Bill P)

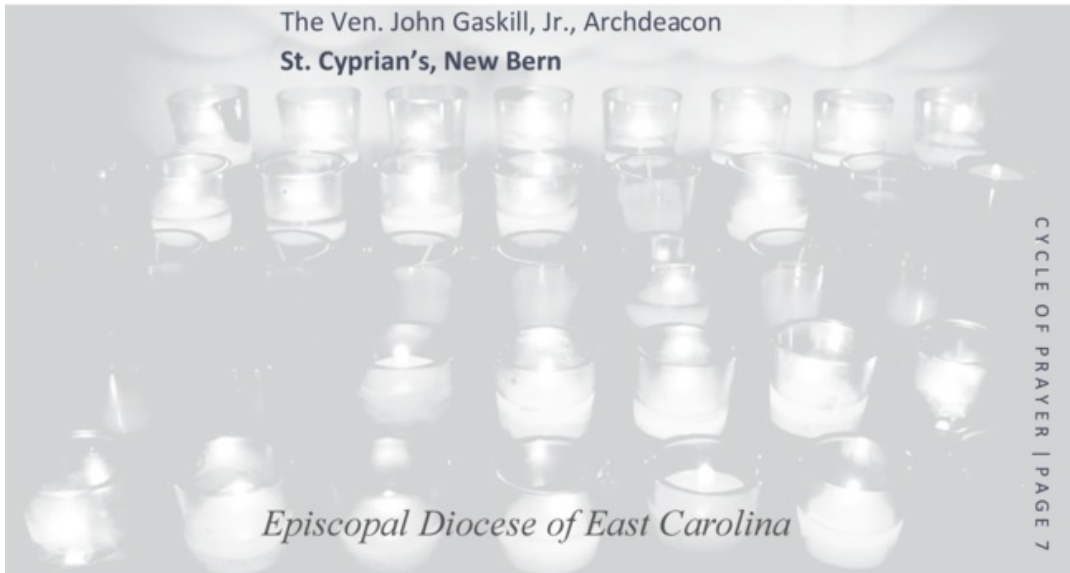
Julie Huskey and her family, in Nancy Huskey Straw's passing

Alicia Wiggins (Perham)
Susqitan family (Karen Roberston)
Karen Braswell (Bill P.)
Frank Gerzone (Sue Carlin)

2018 Cycle of Prayer

JUNE

- 3 Holy Innocents, Seven Springs**
The Rev'd Bonnie Smith, Priest-in-Charge
La Iglesia de la Sagrada Familia, Newton Grove
The Rev'd Tony Rojas, Rector
- 10 St. Mary's, Kinston**
The Rev'd Thomas Warren, Assistant Rector
Upper Cape Fear Deanery
- 17 St. Francis by the Sea, Salter Path**
The Rev'd Everett Thomas, Priest-in-Charge
Widows and Widowers of Bishops and Clergy
- 24 St. Andrew's, Morehead City**
The Rev'd John Pollock, Rector
The Ven. John Gaskill, Jr., Archdeacon
St. Cyprian's, New Bern



A Pondering for June 2018 ...



Most Christians (if not most people in general) want to develop good leadership skills. However, that is not what Jesus asked for. He said "follow me." While we might sing "I have decided to follow Jesus" even with enthusiasm, few of us (if any) proclaim a desire to develop good "followship" skills. You see, "followship" is not even a recognized word as is leadership. The irony is, if there is no followship, there is no leadership. Perhaps if Peter, Andrew, John and James did not

follow Jesus, we would not have Jesus' leadership.

Find the Jesus in someone you are connected to and follow their life example.



Worship Support for Upcoming Sundays

a copy of this list can be found [here, on our site](#)

June 3 - 2 Pentecost Pr 4

YOUTH SUNDAY

Eucharistic Minister, 10:30 am:

Ayanna Gibbs

Lector: Symone Gibbs

Crucifer: Colin Charon

Altar Guild: Pam Perham

Reflections: ~ Graduating Seniors ~

Shelby Elder and Ayanna Gibbs

Tellers: tbd

Nursery: tbd

Pianist: Anastasia Bryant

June 10 - 3 Pentecost Pr 5

Eucharistic Minister, 10:30 am:

Leslie Flom

Lector: Pam Frawley

Acolyte: Colin Charon

Altar Guild: Ivana Washington

Ushers and Greeters:

JoAnne Lowder and Douglas Kelly

Tellers: Don Walter and Hazel Gale

Nursery: tbd

Pianist: Anastasia Bryant

June 17 - 4 Pentecost Pr 6

Eucharistic Minister, 10:30 am:

Gail Brown

Lector: Jane Crabill

Acolyte: Ayanna Gibbs

Altar Guild: Suzanne Tuttle

Ushers and Greeters:

Sean Kelly and Ben Flom

Tellers: Leslie Flom and Jillian Flom

Nursery: tbd

Pianist: Anastasia Bryant

June 24 - 5 Pentecost Pr 7

Eucharistic Minister, 10:30 am:

Bill Perham

Lector: Marnie Edmundson

Acolyte: Symone Gibbs

Altar Guild: Gail Brown

Ushers and Greeters:

David Lucas and Ken Wical

Tellers: Bill Perham and Jane Crabill

Nursery: tbd

Pianist: Anastasia Bryant

From the Vestry Next Vestry meeting will be August 12th

copies of Vestry minutes are kept on record and available in the Church Office

- We will be holding a raffle upcoming to raise more money. Watch for the ticket sellers!
- Vera Guarino will be taking over Worship when Leslie leaves on July 29th.
- On July 29th we will have a Morning Prayer service at 10:30 and a Holy Eucharist and Reception for Leslie beginning at 4:00 pm.
- The return of the 2nd service will be up for discussion. Watch for information from Fr. John.
- The decision was made not to undertake Bank Drafting as a means of paying pledges.
- Event planning guidelines are being reviewed and revised, including making a pamphlet for Funerals planning
- New Teller Training is slated for August. See Donna if you are interested in being one of our new tellers.
- Decision was made not to participate or act on various changes regarding the church property.
- The Brotherhood is seeking extra assistance for the Fourth of July cookout this

- year. Check to see how you can help.
- Transition committee is forming to oversee Fr. John's retirement and the church's future.
- Some changes may be proposed and discussed regarding the make-up and functions of the Vestry come Fall.

Calendar of Activities

a copy of this calendar can be found [here, on our site](#)

<i>June 2018</i>						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 8:00 am Brotherhood of St. Andrew
3 Sunday School 10:15 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am	4	5 Women's Bible Study 1:00 pm	6 Holy Eucharist & Healing 6:00 pm	7	8	9 8:00 am Brotherhood of St. Andrew EYC 4:00 pm
10 Sunday School 10:15 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am 12 Noon VESTRY Meeting	11	12 Women's Bible Study 1:00 pm	13 Holy Eucharist & Healing 6:00 pm	14 Funeral Service for Nancy Hus- key Straw 6:00 pm	15	16 8:00 am Brotherhood of St. Andrew
17 Sunday School 10:15 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am	18	19 Women's Bible Study 1:00 pm	20 Holy Eucharist & Healing 6:00 pm	21	22	23 8:00 am Brotherhood of St. Andrew EYC 4:00 pm
24 Sunday School 10:15 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am	25	26 Women's Bible Study 1:00 pm	27 Holy Eucharist & Healing 6:00 pm	28	29	30

**** Come see us soon! ****

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Newsletter items are due the Wednesday after the monthly Vestry meeting.

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The Reverend John Thomas Frazier, Rector

Robin Minnick, Parish Administrator
Musician: Anastasia Bryant
Choir Director: Mike Gould

VESTRY

Senior Warden.....Gail Brown
Junior Warden.....Roy Lowder
Stewardship.....Bill Perham
Worship.....Leslie Flom

OFFICES

Treasurer.....Donna Roraback

CHAIRS

Christian Formation.....Rev. John Frazier
Missions/Outreach.....Jane Crabill
Pastoral Care.....Pam Frawley
Fundraising.....Marnie Edmundson
Hospitality.....Hazel Gale
Altar Guild.....Ivana Washington

ACTIVITIES

EYC, EfM, Women's Bible Study.....Rev. John Frazier
Sunday School.....Laurel Ross
Brotherhood of St. Andrew.....John Edmundson
Spanish Luncheon.....Kenny West

