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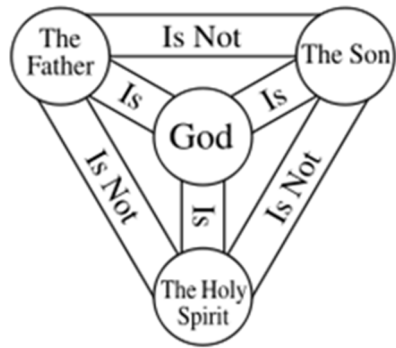


The word Trinity does not appear in *The Holy Bible*. It is a word coined by the Church to describe the Person and Being of God. *An Outline of the Faith (the catechism)* speaks without being especially revelatory:

Q. What is the Trinity?

A. *The Trinity is one God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

Scutum fidei, displayed here, is as good an explanation of the Trinity as anything else; it is a simple diagram that appears sometime in the Middle Ages (12th C?) from a variety of sources.



The liturgical language around the Trinity is quite old, though the earliest extant reference we have is a copy of the *Gregorian Sacramentary* transcribed in the late 8th C. Trinity's location in the liturgical calendar probably is earlier than 8th C, but again, the oldest extant pieces of paper with "Trinity" written on them are late 700s CE. The use of Trinity as a foundation name for American

parishes dates from the earliest years of English settlement in North America; it is the third most commonly used title for parishes in the American Church, exceeded in usage only by Saint John's (2nd) and Christ's Church (1st). Trinity comes as well to less-predictable usages; the British governmental agency tending the UK's lighthouses and buoys is called Trinity House, a co-protagonist's role in the *Matrix* movies is named Trinity, and the spot in New Mexico where the first atomic explosion took place is Trinity Site.

Trinity Sunday is often called "the feast of an Idea." That's alright, I suppose, but it's not terribly rigorous theologically. We derive a better grasp on the Trinity as we feel its grasp upon us in Paul's stirring "...you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing

witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him."

All of that said, we have obliged ourselves as the Church to celebrate the fullness of God's Being as we describe that Being in the word Trinity, and that celebration has to begin somewhere. I think the celebration is best begun using the words of scripture that we use more often than any other - we use them every time we celebrate The Holy Eucharist:

***"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory."***

This is the incessant rhythmic thundering cry of the seraphim as they see God. They do not describe Him as having a cool shirt, a nifty white beard, or an awesome walking stick. They do not rehearse His mighty saving acts as He has delivered human beings over and over again. No, the seraphim simply are consumed by worship, and they utter

HOLY HOLY HOLY

sanctus sanctus sanctus

ἅγιος ἅγιος ἅγιος

קדוש קדוש קדוש

We struggle to define things that are mysterious, and we think ourselves defective, or the premise deceptive, when we cannot. Our theological striving about the Trinity gets us as far as re-casting "Father, Son, Holy Spirit" as "Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer," and that attempt fails miserably because it describes God functional utility in our lives rather than describing the Person and Being of God. Scholarly struggles are endless and they are ultimately incomplete, as is our knowledge, and therefore our understanding. While we need to pursue those struggles, they mean nothing and make no sense without the awe and the majestic splendor that would make a seraph thunder

HOLY HOLY HOLY.

I think it accurate to say that the struggle to understand the Trinity is swallowed up, healed, and rendered unimportant when I can *join my voice with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:*

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

These are words that get me closer to the Trinity by getting to know myself better, struggling to understand Him. This is a time when my awed, overwhelmed worship dominates my experience, touching my heart and only then giving my mind the cue to undertake the theology; God uses my NOT understanding to better know Him. If this is exhausted acquiescence, it is acquiescence to my own limitations; the perceived opacity of God is my problem, not His. It is the limit of the work one human being can do, grateful that the Truth does not depend on him, or end with him, but on and with God.

For all that has been, *Thanks*. For all that will be, *Yes*.

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¹ *The Book of Common Prayer*, pg 852

² L. “shield of the Faith,” as Jerome’s *Vulgate* translates it, Ephesians 6:16

³ A cursory search of **The Episcopal Church Annual** compiled by The Rev’d Christopher Yaw of Battle Creek, Michigan suggests by way of comparison that Christ Church is 1st, Trinity is 3rd, All Saints’ is 10th, St Richard’s is 100th, and St Theodore’s is 121st.... you get the idea. Until I did the research, I’d have guessed that Trinity and Christ’s Church were tied for first, with perhaps St Paul’s in third place, but there you have it.

⁴ Founded by Henry VIII in 1514 as **The Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood of the most glorious and undivided Trinity, and of St. Clement in the Parish of Deptford-Strond in the County of Kent**

⁵ Warner Brothers, 1999

⁶ 16 July 1945, White Sands, New Mexico

⁷ Romans 8:15-17 NRSV

⁸ Isaiah 6:3 NRSV, often denominated as “*The Inaugural Vision*” since it is here that Isaiah is called to the prophetic ministry

⁹ *The Book of Common Prayer*, pg. 362

A WORD FROM OUR SENIOR WARDEN

I am always amazed at the number of people who volunteer in the ministry of our parish. I looked out of the office window the other day to see no less than ten people working to fill soup orders, some were parishioners, and some not. I wondered what it was that brought them all together to help us to raise money to further our work and ministries. I think the answer lies in the Holy Spirit flowing through our parish family. You almost can’t help but feel it, and want to be a part of it. As the Rev. Mary Friel was leaving after saying mass on Sunday, May 25th, she said to my husband, “I always feel so welcomed here!”. I think that says it all, And, I am very sure that we really do embody the love and work of Jesus.

Fr. Frank has been contacting every Seminary and Divinity School Dean he can find by letter and by phone. While we are beginning to see a few “nibbles”, it is, and will continue to be an exercise in patience. At this time, there are at least four position openings for every one available priest. We are working to get candidates in front of the Search Committee, until then, there is really not much that they can do. I am blessed to have made some contacts throughout our region who are willing to funnel candidates to us that may be suitable. I know that God will touch someone who is perfect for us, and they will visit and stay because of who we are.

While you will see other announcements about a new ministry dedicated to keeping Haven Ministries food pantry well stocked with children friendly food, I wanted to mention that this is yet another example of parishioners coming up with a ministry to fill a need. This particular ministry will help the need to feed children once school ends for the summer. At that time, these kids will no longer have the backpack food they receive at school. When this ministry launches in the first weeks of June, I urge you to remember these selfless people in your prayers.

Once again, Patrick Murphy will offer a bible study as part of his work in our parish. This time, the topic will be Peter, learning to live like Jesus. The class will meet on Wednesday, June 11th at 10:00 am for six weeks. I want to thank Patrick for giving of his time to share his lifetime of bible study.

As the school year winds down, please remember that our church does not. We continue to feed those who are in need, we continue our ministries, and we continue to meet regularly in worship and gratitude.

I wish you a blessed June, and look forward to seeing you in church!

CONFIRMATION AND BISHOP VISITATION

Bishop Marray will make his annual visit to Christ Church Parish on June 15, 2025. On this day, he will confirm or receive anyone who would like to become a member of the Episcopal Church. If you have been confirmed in another denomination, we would like to invite you to be formally received. This does not invalidate your previous confirmation or require that you "give up" your previous faith. Reception is a lovely formal way to become a full member of the Episcopal Church.

If you are interested in being confirmed or received on June 15th, please plan on meeting with Fr. Frank on Sunday, June 1st AND Sunday, June 8th following the 9:30 am service. For more information, please contact Lois Vanderbok at srwarden@ccpki.org, or call the office.



CHRIST CHURCH CONNECTIONS MINISTRY

The Connections Ministry offers a variety of ways to address parishioners needs through visiting with a trained volunteer, rides to medical appointments and casserole deliveries for those who need a hot meal during illness or recovery.

Volunteers are needed in these three areas.

Visitors Program
Driving Program
Casserole Delivery Program

A large poster in the narthex shows general information and handouts are available to explain the programs. Please take one home and prayerfully consider how you can help this important ministry.

If the Connections Ministry can help you, please email connections@ccpki.org or call the church office.

Please join us for a
Potluck Brunch and a
Baby Shower

FOR

*Emily and Gary
Van Essen*

Sunday

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JUNE

10:30 A.M.

SHAND HALL

830 Romancoke Rd.
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Christ Church Calendar ~ June 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30 Worship Service	2	3 5:00 Evening Prayer 7:00 Boy Scout Meeting	4 7:30 AA Meeting	5 8:30 Backpacks Prep 2:30-5:30 Soup Sales	6 6:30 Women's AA Mtg 7:30 AA Meeting 7:30 Al-Anon Meeting	7 2:00 AA Meeting
8 <i>Baptism</i> 9:30 Worship Service	9 1:00 Cemetery Committee Meeting	10 7:00 Boy Scout Meeting	11 10:00 Bible Study 7:30 AA Meeting	12 8:30 Backpacks Prep 2:30-5:30 Soup Sales	13 6:30 Women's AA Mtg 7:30 AA Meeting 7:30 Al-Anon Meeting	14 2:00 AA Meeting
15 <i>Father's Day</i> 9:30 Worship Service and Bishop Visitation	16	17	18 10:00 Bible Study 7:00 Finance Committee 7:30 AA Meeting	19 2:30-5:30 Soup Sales	20 6:30 Women's AA Mtg 7:30 AA Meeting 7:30 Al-Anon Meeting	21 2:00 AA Meeting
22 9:30 Worship Service 10:30 Potluck Brunch and Baby Shower	23 6:30 Vestry Meeting	24	25 10:00 Bible Study 7:30 AA Meeting	26 2:30-5:30 Soup Sales	27 6:30 Women's AA Mtg 7:30 AA Meeting 7:30 Al-Anon Meeting	28 2:00 AA Meeting
29 9:30 Worship Service	30					

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Clergy Emergencies, contact Father Frank Crumbaugh, Interim Rector ~ 609-709-3939

Regular Office Hours 9 am—3pm Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

2nd Quarter 2025 Serving Chart									
		LEM	Lectors	Acolytes	Ushers	Altar Guild	Counters	Greeters	Video Tech
6/1/2025	9:30 AM								Bill Vanderbok
7th Sunday of Easter		Lisa Herlihy	Dottie Wilson	Avery Miller	John Reckord	Lynne Shand, Betsy Sipes, Patti Snyder			
White		Patrick Herlihy	Bob Thompson	Kai Moore			Dottie Wilson	Molly Cannon	
				Vivian Dorsey			Susan Hogan	Susie Reckord	
6/8/2025	9:30 AM								Dottie Wilson
Pentecost		Lois Vanderbok	Lisa Herlihy	Reagan Hohman	Ron McCready	Maria Jones, Becky Myers			
		Liza Hamill	Patrick Herlihy	Avery Miller	Laurelle McCready		Judy Peppel	Charlie Mead	
RED				Jordan McIlwain			Kate McNealey	Molly Cannon	
6/15/2025	9:30 AM			Izzy Slavin					
Trinity Sunday	Bishop Visitation	Jim Lipsner	Donna Guilford	Jordan McIlwain	Charlie Mead	Dee Dee & Kevin McCracken, Eileen Shreve, Carole Tulip	Liza Hamill	Connie Clark	
White		Leslie Schneider	Jennifer Leach				Leslie Schneider	Becky Myers	Liza Hamill
6/22/2025	9:30 AM								
2nd Sunday after Pentecost		Juanita	Helen Vasant	Logan Rosekrans					Steve Dombkowski
Green Proper 7C		Bob Rosekrans	Patricia Spinella	Landon Rosekrans	Warren Prender	Dot Deren, Fred & Linda Klingensmith, Nancy Link, Julia Bollinger	Judy Peppel	Mary Lu Prender	
				Reagan Hohman	Charlie Mead		Anna Sisson	Toinette McDowell	
6/29/2025	9:30 AM								
3rd Sunday after Pentecost				Avery Miller			Lynne Shand, Betsy Sipes, Patti Snyder		
Green		Jeffrey Pike	Cheryl Valentine	Kai Moore	John Reckord		Dottie Wilson	Caroline Aland	
Proper 8C		Juanita Dombkowski	Charlie Mead	Jordan McIlwain	Leslie Schneider		Susan Hogan	Susie Reckord	

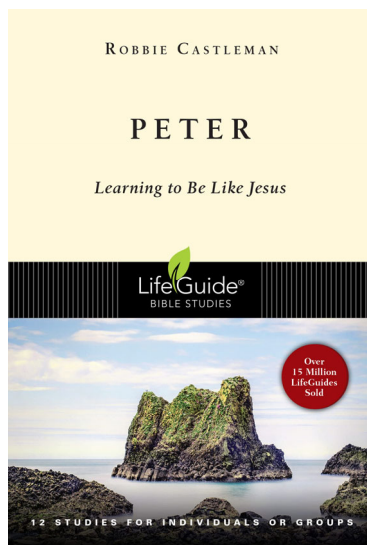


CHRIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER GOING DIGITAL

In an ongoing effort to reduce paper consumption and postage cost we have decided to go digital. Beginning July 2025 our Newsletter will now be distributed via email through Constant Contact. We will have printed copies available in the church narthex for those who prefer a paper copy or do not have internet access. If you have information that you would like to include in the monthly newsletter please send it to communications@ccpki.org.

BIBLE STUDY

Patrick Murphy will be holding a Bible study on Peter: Learning to Be Like Jesus, beginning Wednesday, June 11th at 10:00 am for six weeks.



Simon Peter was a follower like us-he wanted to be like Jesus, but he struggled with doubts, and at times he failed. At other times he was used powerfully by God. These six studies on his life challenge and motivate us to continue to grow in Christlikeness. Please see Patrick after church on Sunday June 1 or June 8, or email Patrick at pmurphy801@yahoo.com



Haven Ministries is a coalition of Christian Churches providing shelter, clothing, and food.

FROM HAVEN MINISTRIES

The need for food and financial support continues to be at increased levels. In April we provided food to 1,696 individuals. For the year, the trend has been that 30 new families are being serviced through the pantry each month. Our mobile food service to the Fisher Manor, Senior Living at Terrapin Grove, Senior Living at Fox Town Drive communities, and the Grasonville and Kent Island Senior Centers are ongoing.

Additionally, the pantry has begun to support Tides of Grace with fresh and refrigerated items being sent each week to the Tilghman Terrace community.

During the summer, children do not receive their Backpack Weekend Meals nor breakfasts at school, therefore, the need to keep supplies of child friendly meals is urgent.

Canned meats: chicken, ham, tuna
Chef Boyardee Canned Pasta Meals
Peanut Butter & Jelly
Healthy Snacks
Canned Vegetables

Shelf Stable Milk (white or chocolate)
Canned Fruit
Cereal (any size)
Pasta and Pasta Sauce
Toiletries and Hygiene Products

Haven Ministries has a continual need for volunteers for our Food Pantries as well as our Furniture Warehouse. Please share this need with your respective churches. Please reach out to Susie Reckord at VolunteerCoordinator@HavenMinistries.com or 410/493-3452 to discuss volunteer opportunities.

CELEBRATING GRADUATES

Do you have a family member who graduated in May, or will graduate in June? We'd like to honor them in our publications. Please send their name and their school to office@ccpki.org.





On May 21, 2025 CECDS proudly graduated our 53rd class! These wonderful children have learned how to be kind to others, respect themselves, their peers, and their elders, ask for help when needed, share their gifts generously, and embrace both those who are like them and those who are different. They began their journeys with us as toddlers and are leaving as confident, curious, and caring young people, eager and ready for their next chapter. We are so proud of each and every one of them!

As we look back on the month of May, we're reminded of one of our favorite traditions — the Nursery Teddy Bear Picnic at Camp Wright! The day began with a joyful tractor ride and ended with an adventurous Bear Hunt, with plenty of laughter and fun in between. It's such a special way to celebrate the end of another wonderful school year.



A heartfelt thank you to everyone who made Grandparents Day on April 26th such a joyful occasion. The children loved showing their grandparents all they do at school — from decorating picture frames and experimenting with magnets, to creating with playdough, blowing bubbles, dancing in music class, and sharing a special Family Chapel together. What a beautiful day it was!

We're so grateful to Ashleigh McGrath, a mounted police officer, for visiting us and introducing the children to her horse while sharing stories about her important work. And thank you as well to Meg May, our favorite beekeeper, for her wonderful presentation about honeybees and how to care for them — the children were absolutely fascinated!



As we wrap up the year, we couldn't do it without sending a huge thank you to our incredible PTO. Your tireless support through fundraising and enhanced activities has made this year extra special. The 3rd Annual Fund the Fun event at TenEyck Brewery on May 3rd was a tremendous success, and we appreciate all you've done for our school community.

Looking ahead, we still have a few spots available in our Full Day Pre-K class, which meets Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:15 AM to 3:15 PM, as well as in our Nursery class, which meets Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:15 AM to 12:15 PM. If you know any families who might be interested, please send them our way!

Registration is available on our website at www.cecds.org. Interested in a tour? We'd love to show you around — just contact the school at cecds@verizon.net to schedule an appointment.



ACOLYTE FUNDRAISER

Help support our Acolyte Ministry and receive a complimentary custom water bottle! We would like your support in order to:

- Give our Acolytes the opportunity to attend the Acolyte Festival at the National Cathedral this fall.
- Purchase New Vestments and gloves
- Purchase gifts to give those graduating from our Acolyte Ministry

Acolytes play a vital role in church services by assisting the priest and deacon, primarily during the celebration of the Eucharist. Join us in showing your support for this vital ministry.



The graphic is a promotional poster for the Acolyte Fundraiser. It features a yellow background. At the top left is the Christ Church Parish Kent Island logo, which includes a blue cross with a white circle in the center. To the right of the logo, the text 'ACOLYTE FUNDRAISER' is written in a bold, red, sans-serif font. Below this, the words 'SPECIAL PROMO' are written in large, bold, yellow letters with a red outline and a 3D effect. In the center is a blue water bottle with a black cap and a silver carabiner. The bottle has the Christ Church Parish Kent Island logo on it. To the left of the bottle, the text 'All funds raised will be contributed to furthering the training of the Acolytes, participation in the annual Acolyte Festival, and much more!!!' is written in a black, sans-serif font. To the right of the bottle, the text 'Donate \$25 or more and enjoy a complimentary stylish water bottle!' is written in a red, sans-serif font. Below this text, it says 'CASH OR CHECK ON SUNDAYS OR DONATE TODAY USING QR CODE' in a small, black, sans-serif font. At the bottom right is a QR code.

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