

June 8, 2022

Some Random Thoughts From Fr. John

Sunday is Trinity Sunday. That is the day that Rectors traditionally try to find a seminarian to visit the congregation and preach. The reason is simple: almost every priest would rather have **someone else** preach on that day. I could have asked Deacon Michael to preach ... but I'd rather have him continue to minister here! But seriously, folks ... the Trinity is a challenge for us to understand. We will take a shot at it on Sunday. So if for no other reason, come to church Sunday morning and see if we can tackle what the church has struggled with for almost 2000 years.

Our abbreviated Ministry Fair netted some new volunteers for some of our ministries. For that, I truly give thanks. And for anyone who signed up, if you have not heard from someone in the ministry within the next week, email or text me and I'll contact you.

As you all no doubt know by now, our beloved Director of Music, Michael Sterne, has been in the hospital for the last week. He has recently experienced some dialysis problems that resulted in the need for surgery. He came through the surgery fine, but will remain in the hospital for a while yet, as they make sure that everything has leveled out and he is well enough to go home. Please continue to pray for Michael and his family and friends. He is not receiving visitors at this time, but greatly appreciates your prayers.

We are now truly into another Louisiana summer. That means hot temperatures and the possibility of hurricanes in the Gulf. It is never too late to get your home a/c checked or to go over your hurricane preparation checklist. I have already experienced a/c problems, both at home and at the office. I give thanks for timely (if expensive) repairs. For hurricane preparation, Joy Owensby is the Diocesan Disaster Recovery contact person. I will be the contact person for St. James. The Episcopal Church continues to provide training and support to all of us who might be affected by a hurricane this season. Stay safe, stay cool, and be prepared this summer.

Fr. John+



Frances Gunn Dick Richardson

A funeral service will be held Friday, June 10, at 3:00 p.m. in the Nave at St. James Episcopal Church. Frances was born in Alexandria, LA on May 16, 1957. She graduated from Holy Savior Menard High School and received her Bachelor's Degree from the University of Louisiana, (USL), in Lafayette, LA and her Master's Degree in Education from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, LA. After thirty-five years she retired from the Louisiana Department of Education where she served her professional life as both teacher and administrator.

Frances was a member of The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd in Brentwood, TN, where she leaves and is mourned by many close friends in Christ.

She was a member of the Junior League of Alexandria and later served as a Sustainer in the Junior League of Baton Rouge. Frances spent her life as a willing and joyous volunteer to the many causes special to her heart.

A lifelong sports fan, her passion for all things LSU was as legendary as that of her family's. After moving to Nashville, she remained loyal to the New Orleans Saints, and quickly found herself an avid fan of the Nashville Predators hockey team; even more recently, of "her" Cincinnati Bengals.

Frances could be found most days in the beautiful gardens of her back yard, where she found a special peace alongside mother nature. She was also a talented interior decorator, willing to redecorate at a moment's notice. From painting to laying tile, no job was too daunting, and her tool chest was much larger than her husband's.

Frances was loved and will be missed. By all.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, Brentwood, TN, or the charity of your choice.

NO Knitting/Crochet Group This Saturday

The Slip-Knots are taking a break but will meet again on Saturday, July 9th 10:00 AM - Noon in the Youth Building The Episcopalian Slip-Knots take up their knitting needles and crochet hooks to create scarves, hats, and other warm fuzzies to donate to the Homeless Coalition around the corner, to disburse to our neighbors in need in the wintertime. Contact Sara Fuhrer at 985-237- 9848 for more information.





No Coffee Hour

coffee hour!

Coffee Hour for the summer will be the first Sunday of the month. Our hostesses deserve a break and a time to relax as we all do during the summer. A heartfelt "Thank You" to all who have provided refreshments for

Impacting America!



Bike & Build

They're Coming Back! June 13 - 15! Be here to greet this adventuresome, dynamic crew as they bike their way across the southern USA building affordable housing for those in need! Since 2006 St. James has provided a lay-over for these young men and women, housing and feeding them. This year they will actually participate on a build in Cenla through the CLHC.

So, if you are interested in meeting these energetic youth and learning about their exploits thus far, come help with dinner on either Monday, 13th, or Tuesday, 14th! Contact Rita Klock at either 445-9845 or 613-2290. The group will be staying in the gym before they leave for Natchitoches early on the 15th.



Helping Those in Need

Want to help the Cenla homeless community? We are in need of men's and women's ankle or crew socks, and Gatorade (red and blue are most popular flavors) to be distributed from 9-11 a.m. on June 23 at the monthly H2O (Helping 2 Overcome Homelessness) in the parking lot of Emmanuel Baptist Church.

Members from all three Episcopal churches in the Alexandria-Pineville area are joining together with other community organizations to participate in this monthly street outreach sponsored by Volunteers of America. Bring your donations to church by Sunday, June 19, and place them in the blue bin in the parish hall.

Questions or want to help at the event? Contact Joy Owensby or Deacon Michael Parham. Thank you on behalf of the Outreach Committee!

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July 5th - 8th

SESSION 2:
Technology & Coding
July 11th - 14th

SESSION 3:
Chemistry and Biology
July 18th - 21st

SESSION 4:
Environmental Science
July 25th - 28th

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Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST)

A two-day interactive workshop in suicide first aid, ASIST teaches participants to recognize when someone may have thoughts of suicide and work with them to create a plan that will support their immediate safety. Although ASIST is widely used by healthcare providers, participants don't need any formal training to attend the workshop—anyone 16 or older can learn and use the ASIST model. To learn more about the training [click here](#). A free two-day workshop will be offered in Rapides Parish July 14-15, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. For more information and to register [click here](#).

Summer Office Hours

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM > Monday - Thursday
9:00 AM - Noon > Friday



Worship



June 12th

First Sunday after Pentecost: Trinity Sunday

In-person Worship at 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
Childcare is available for the 10:30 AM service.

[Click here for the readings.](#)

June 12th
Evening Prayer
Online @ 5:00 PM

[Click on this link to join Evening Prayer.](#)

Meeting ID: 863 4898 4077
Passcode: 1620

[Click here for the order of service & readings.](#)



Prayer

Parish Prayer List

Please keep these members of our community in your prayers:

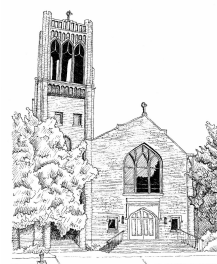
Michael Sterne, Jim Leggett, Rita Clancey, Rachel and Ben, Gail Wilking, Walter McLellan, Polly Quillin Ussery, Andrea, Jeff and Anne, Lillian DeVille, Shannon Norman, Bill Jarvis, Wilma Filipi, Stephen, Natasha and Family, Jack Bender, Fran Barbato, Kevin Delaney, Gail, Charlotte Sterling, Tim and Alexis Heflin, Matthew Fontanille, Andrew, Shirley Christian, Susan Webster, Ty Cedars, Stacy, Kristie Fresh, Sawyer, Mattie Dean McNaughton, Bernard Parker, James Sinclair, Johnnie Hart, Emily, Taylor Thompson, Todd Fuller, Jane Y. Harris, Chase Barnfield, Kip Hogue, Kyle, John, James Jay Watts, Janet & Carl Ahrens, Beth Virden, Glenn Guillory, Elda Schoolcraft, Jimmy Hurt, Charlotte Thrift, Mesta Bain, Margaret Broussard, Allie Bunyog, Dean M. Tyree, Ron Kingston, Cecile Brunson, Felicia, Barry Mercer, Annie, Jackie Jeanne, Jaclyn Cutrone, Dietrich DeBoer, Beverly Butler, Bruce Gremillion, Murel Trimble, Emily Warren, Betty Anne Close, Bill Leibke, Sarah, Jackie Moody, Wayne Moorehead, Pat Carter, Richard Norem, Kevin Hooter, Warren Paul, Cindy Smith, Jane Tyson, Gerard, and Mehre Hajighassem.

For those in the military:

Josh Duff, Samuel Hayes, Steven Brevelle, Franklin Watson, Kyle Jordan, Gill Tatman-Tyree, Donal McCarthy, Michael Geiger, Erskine Cook, Jr., Patrick Downs, and Chris Babcock.

For those celebrating birthdays in May (day):

Theresa Louvierre Levy (1), Angela Hayes (7), Tiger Higginbotham (7), Donna Bedingfield (9), Susan Provosty (10), Rob Ratcliff (10), Gay Hester (11), Jane Searcy (11), Katie Chapman (13), Charlene Gates (15), Alice Gill (15), Elizabeth Milliner (16), Sara Marshall (20), Carstens McConville (21), Sally Monk (21), Tom Yeager (21), Babs Leggett (22), Travis McCartney (22), David Shepherd (22), Graves Theus (22), John Brewer (23), Bennett Fresh (23), Susannah Theus (23), Henry Clancey (26), Richard Norem (28), Lindsey Torbett (28), Amy Norton (29), Lincoln Holton (30).



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