

A word from the Vicar

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Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love. . . . Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know Christ and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. Amen. (A General Thanksgiving, BCP p. 869)

Signs of spring and new life abound. Right outside my office window are lovely dogwood blossoms. There are many legends surrounding the dogwood tree, one of which is that the petals of the blossom are shaped like a cross because it was from this tree that our Lord's cross was made. The General Thanksgiving, quoted in part above, roots our thanksgiving in this greatest gift of all.

We give thanks for the magnificence of creation. We give thanks for the sacrifice of the Son. And we give thanks for the

Holy Spirit who continues to inspire and direct all our ways so that more and more people will come to know the power of the living God. We sometimes balk at sharing our faith, thinking we are inadequate to the task or that it is better left to theologians. In fact, there is no one more suited to proclaiming the good news than those who have seen God at work in their lives.

Summer is a great time to be out and about, giving thanks for all we have received and sharing that good news with a neighbor or friend. There

are many, many opportunities right here at St. James. Beyond what we enjoy every week, the service on Sunday and the Soup Kitchen on Tuesday, we have a lot of special events that you may invite someone to join you. Find out more in this month's newsletter. I look forward to seeing you and making those connections!!

Blessings,




It was a joy to have Rev. Evan Clendenin with us on May 14, Mother's Day.



Chief Minch did a great job giving the youth a tour of the Titusville Police Station.



Save the date!

The following events are all scheduled to happen during the summer months. There is more information in the newsletter or there will be more information later about each event. Mark your calendars now so that you may plan accordingly. If you have any questions, contact Charlene at the church office (814.827.3590).

- June 4: Open baptisms at St. James Church, 10:30AM
- June 10: Free car wash, donations accepted for Camp Nazareth fund at Advanced Auto in Titusville, 10AM to 2PM.
- June 11: Parish Picnic at Drake Well Park, 10:30AM
- June 11-17: Camp Nazareth, starts at 7PM Sunday, ends at 10AM Saturday
- June 18: Diocesan picnic at Waldemeer, 11AM
- July 23: Parish picnic and river float, Canon Martha's home, 3 PM
- August 12: Oil Festival parade and food stand, 10AM
- August 13: Trip to the Erie SeaWolves, right after church

Breaking News

Episcopal Youth Group Visits the Titusville Police Station!

On May 16 the St. James Youth Group had the opportunity to take their studies of God's work in the world to the Titusville Police Station. They were graciously hosted by the Chief of Police, Harold Minch. As we walked into the station, Chief Minch stressed that the police station is the citizen's and not the officers. He wants all to feel welcome! We were treated to a walking tour of the police station, while Chief Minch explained how the police serve

us every day. While it was all informative and interesting, the two highlights of the tour were: getting locked in the back of a police car and getting locked up in a cell! (Yes there are pictures to prove it!) We are glad to report that all were promptly released! We also got to meet and talk to two other officers. What a pleasure it was watching our youth have a positive interaction with the officers. Sometimes, we fail to see God's work in different

places, but visiting with our police demonstrated to the group how our officers work from a deep feeling of service and commitment to the good of our community! What a fun and powerful lesson for our youth group! Thanks be to God!

The Senior Warden

It is that time of the year again when we have an opportunity to get outside and enjoy the sunshine, the birds chirping, gardening, barbeques, whatever makes us content and excited to have the warm weather return to NW PA. On Sunday, June 11, St. James will be celebrating the Eucharist at an outdoor service and picnic at Drake Well Park. The location is the large Pavilion. The service will begin at 10:30 AM. We have been fortunate since the inception of this annual event to be blessed with good weather. Last year it looked a little "iffy" as far as the weather report predicted. However, we were blessed with blue skies for the service as well as the picnic. As in the past years, meat, buns and condiments will be provided as well as plates, silverware, etc. We are asking that parishioners prepare their favorite dish and bring to share with others. We

always have a wide variety of foods available. Also, you will need to bring your own beverage. The Pavilion is reserved for us until 3 PM. Bring along a lawn chair if you wish to sit outside the Pavilion for the service and also some yard games to play too! It is a great opportunity to invite someone you know.

In addition, I wanted to take a minute of your time to mention our Diocesan church service followed by a picnic that is being held on Sunday, June 18 at Waldameer Park in Erie. The service begins at 11 AM. I have attended the past few years as well as other members of our congregation. It is wonderful to share the service with other parishioners within the Diocese of NW PA. The picnic that follows has a variety of foods available. After the service the park is open to ride the rides,

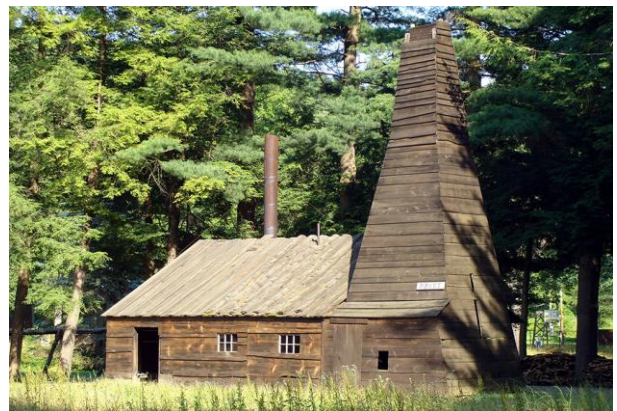
float down the lazy river, etc. The price for individual tickets is \$22, family tickets \$90 per family. This is a way to meet fellow Episcopalians throughout the Diocese. Call Charlene at St. James to order tickets and pay. She will order the tickets and make sure you have them before Sunday, June 18. Reservations must be made by June 4th. These tickets will NOT be able to be purchased at the park.

Hope to see you at both of these services/picnics!

Love,

Nani

Waldameer
ERIE, PA
Water World



From “A New Dictionary for Episcopalians” The Rev. John N. Wall, Jr.

Communion of Saints: The doctrine that a spiritual union exists between Christ and all Christians living or dead; *saint* here is used in its original sense as meaning any baptized Christian.

Companion Diocese: Many dioceses in the Episcopal Church have formed official relationships with other dioceses in the Anglican communion, for mutual support. These are said to be companion dioceses. Clergy and layfolk from one may visit the other and engage in joint programs; part of the purpose is to remind us that we are members of a worldwide church and to help us understand what different branches have in common as well as how and why we are different.

Compline: The last of the traditional monastic offices, Compline was said just before bedtime. Cranmer, in 1549, consolidated Compline and other afternoon offices into Evensong. The Prayer Book of 1979

restores Compline as a late evening office (BCP, 127-35) to be used in addition to Evensong or by itself.

Concelebration: The joint celebration of the Eucharist by a number of bishops or priests who say at least part of the canon together, concelebration is especially impressive at a Eucharist when the bishop is joined at the altar by a group of clergy. It is an ancient practice which has recently been revived. Those who celebrate with the principal celebrant are called concelebrants.

Concourse: Name given by some modern church architects to a space that takes over the entrance function of the old narthex but is deliberately much bigger to provide a place where the congregation can gather and enjoy community before or after the Eucharist or at other times.

Consecration: In the Eucharist, the action by which the bread and wine become for us the body and blood of Christ. This includes the

offering of the elements, the giving of thanks (the canon or Great Thanksgiving), the breaking of the bread, and the giving of the bread and wine. This action is of the whole community gathered for the Eucharist; it is not just an action of the celebrant. *Consecration* is also sometimes used to describe the rite for the ordination of a bishop of the rites by which altars, chalices, patens, and church buildings are set apart for the service of God.

Constitution: Set of directions specifying how the church is to be organized and governed. There is one Constitution for the national church; each diocese also has a constitution, which adapts the national Constitution for diocesan use. The Constitution spells out the composition of a convention, among other things. Usually the Constitution is bound together with the Canons. The vote of a single convention is all that is required to change or amend the Canons, but the vote of two consecutive conventions is required to change or amend the Constitution.

May the
peace of God
which passeth all understanding,
keep your heart and mind
in the knowledge and
love of God.
The Book of Common Prayer

Liturgical Participants' Schedule

	ALTAR GUILD	ACOLYTES	LECTOR	EM	USHERS	COFFEE
June 4	Karen Erickson	Aaron Scott Kylee Propheter Seth Propheter	Barb Davidson	Dona Clendenin	Barry and Lisa Kellogg	
June 11	Karen Erickson	AJ Scott	Terry Kerr	Eda Scales	Mark Conrad Richard Orr	Picnic
June 18	Lori Powell Barb Davidson	Andrew Scott Ava Hartshorne Adeline Hartshorne	Jan Carr	Noni Stanford	Clyde and Carol Courtwright	
June 25	Lori Powell Barb Davidson	Noni Stanford Briana Ives Virginia Ives	Dave Gagnon	Randy Galmish	Jan Carr Nancy Brown	

COUNTERS

- June 4:** Terry Kerr-Lynn Gagnon
- June 11:** Noni Stanford-Kenny Beatty
- June 18:** Dave Gagnon- Lori Powell
- June 25:** Richard Orner- Lynn Gagnon



JUNE CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4 10:30am H.E. Day of Pentecost	5	6 Noon – Soup Kitchen 7:00pm- AA	7	8	9	10
11 10:30am H.E. 1 st Sunday of Pentecost Church Picnic at Drake Well Camp Nazareth	Camp Nazareth	13 Noon – Soup Kitchen. 7:00pm – AA Camp Nazareth	14 Flag Day Camp Nazareth	15 Camp Nazareth	16 Camp Nazareth	17 Camp Nazareth
18 10:30am H.E. 2 nd Sunday of Pentecost Diocesan Picnic Waldemeer Park Father' Day	19	20 Noon – Soup Kitchen 7:00pm - AA	21 First Day of Summer	22	23	24
25 10:30am H.E. 3 rd Sunday of Pentecost	26	27 Noon – Soup Kitchen 7:00pm – AA	28	29	30	

Walk With Me, Daddy

Walk alongside me, Daddy
and hold my little hand.
I have so many things to learn
that I don't yet understand.

Teach me things to keep me safe
from dangers every day.
Show me how to do my best
at home, at school, at play.

Every child needs a gentle hand
to guide them as they grow.
So walk alongside me, Daddy.
We have a long way to go.

We're on the Web!
See us at:
www.stjamestusville.org