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St. Andrew's Anglican Church

Sunday • June 3, 2012

Pentecost

Fr. Ron Baird and members of the congregation release balloons in celebration of the giving of Holy Spirit, which blows where he will.



Feast of the Trinity celebrates essence of Christian faith

The Feast of the Trinity is celebrated the Sunday after the Feast of Pentecost, this year on June 3. Though the Feast has been observed in many churches for more than a thousand years, it was not widely celebrated until the Middle Ages. Pope John XXII enjoined it as a universal feast in 1334 A.D.

The Feast of the Trinity became especially popular in England because of its association with St. Thomas Becket, who was consecrated as bishop on that day in 1162 A.D. For many years, even after it fell from popularity as a major feast in the Roman Church, it continued to be a major feast in the Church of

Class 101 postponed until next Sunday

Due to several conflicts with other activities, the Discover St. Andrew's membership orientation class originally scheduled for today has been postponed until next Sunday, June 10, from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Parish House.

England. In fact, until 1969, we numbered the Sundays between Trinity Sunday and the first Sunday in Advent as "Sundays after Trinity." This was changed in 1969 to "Sundays after Pentecost" in recognition of the superiority of that ancient feast and in order to place our church year back in line with the rest of Catholic Christianity.



The Liturgical color used on Trinity Sunday is white. Trinity Sunday is the last Sunday on which we use white until All Saints Sunday in November. For the remainder of the Season after Pentecost we will use the green of Common Time.

It is appropriate that we should celebrate this feast of the Holy Trinity. In our day, belief in God as Father, Son and Holy

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Thanks to all for making Spring Sale a success!

The Spring Sale was a great success because of all of you. We collected more merchandise this time than we did last fall. Thank you to everyone who donated all of the great stuff. One of our "customers" commented that we had really nice things.

Thank you to all of our volunteers who helped us sort and price merchandise the Wednesday before. What a job that was!

Thank you to everyone who arrived early Saturday morning to help us carry all of it out to the parking lot. It took almost two hours to get all of it out and set up. We had people arriving at 7:30 a.m. ready to buy. We were not ready and had to work around them and answer all of their questions, but we managed. The weather was warm but beautiful. It helped to sell the ice cream. We had a wonderful day and praise the Lord for giving it to us!

There are a few people who went above and beyond that I want to recognize. Thank you to **Dan Brill** and **Randy Smith** for taking their time and allowing the use of their vehicles to help us pick up merchandise that would not fit in our SUV. Thank you to **Frank** and **Marty Scott** and **Randy** and **Linda Smith** for sitting out in the garage on a couple of very cold Saturdays waiting for drop-offs that did not happen. Thank you to **Judy Baird** for handling all the advertising. The banner was beautiful. Great job, Judy! What a relief for me.

Last but not least, thank you **Linda Smith** for being with me in that garage every time we scheduled a drop off. She helped me sort a lot of merchandise.

Everyone who contributed in any way is very much appreciated. Thank you so much for making St. Andrew's Spring Sale a success! We have already begun planning the Fall/Harvest Festival. Date will be October 13th. More info on that later. — **Julie Baldwin**

Online registration for July 2 blood drive now open

If you signed up earlier this year to donate blood when the Red Cross Bloodmobile visits St. Andrew's on Monday, July 2, please note that online registration is now open. To sign up for your preferred time, please visit www.redcrossblood.org and click on "Enter a Sponsor Code." On the next page, enter **standac**. This will take you to our blood drive page, where you can select from available appointment times.

Youth continue study of the Holy Spirit

The St. Andrew's Youth Bible Study class will be continuing their discussion of the Holy Spirit. Their verse for today is "But we know these things because God has revealed them to us by his Spirit, and his Spirit searches out everything and shows us even God's deep secrets." (1 Corinthians 2:10.) The lesson is taken from Dare2Share SoulFuel curriculum.

THE DAILY LECTIONARY

The Week of Trinity Sunday · June 3-9

Sunday, June 3 (Trinity Sunday) — Psalms 146, 147/111, 112, 113; Job 38:1-11, 42:1-5; Revelation 19:4-16; John 1:29-34

Monday, June 4 — Psalms 41, 52/44; Ecclesiasticus 2:1-15; Galatians 1:1-17; Matthew 13:44-52

Tuesday, June 5 — Psalms 45/47, 48; Ecclesiasticus 2:16-26; Galatians 1:18-2:10; Matthew 13:53-58

Wednesday, June 6 — Psalms 119:49-72/49, [53]; Ecclesiasticus 3:1-15; Galatians 2:11-21; Matthew 14:1-12

Thursday, June 7 — Psalms 50/[59, 60] or 8, 84; Ecclesiasticus 3:16-4:3; Galatians 3:1-14; Matthew 14:13-21

Friday, June 8 — Psalms 40, 54/51; Ecclesiasticus 5:1-7; Galatians 3:15-22; Matthew 14:22-36

Saturday, June 9 — Psalms 55/138, 139:1-17(18-23); Ecclesiasticus 5:8-20; Galatians 3:23-4:11; Matthew 15:1-20

Next Sunday, June 10 — Psalms 24, 29/8, 84; Ecclesiasticus 6:1-12; Acts 10:9-23; Luke 12:32-40

Note: *Except where noted, the first set of Psalms and readings are intended for the morning, and the second set for the evening.*

Welcome to our special guests!

Please extend a warm St. Andrew's welcome today to overseas missionaries **Bryan** and **Cheryl Hawkins**, and **Joel** and **Bethany Penton** of Stand For Truth. Both couples are familiar faces. Bryan is the son of St. Andrew's parishioner **Candy Hawkins**, and has been with us before to talk about the work he and Cheryl are doing to spread the Good News of God in Christ abroad through athletics. Joel and Bethany were with us in December 2010 to talk about the work they are doing with students in schools across the United States.

Today's loose offering will go to support the Hawkins' ministry. You will also have an opportunity to support Stand for Truth. Stop by the information table in the Narthex for more information, and if you weren't able to participate monetarily before, and would like to now, to pick up a pledge card.

Trinity

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Spirit is often given nothing more than lip service. Few lay people, and perhaps even few clergy, claim to grasp the understanding of this important doctrine of the Christian Faith. God is one Being in Three Persons. God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, all existing as one Godhead. It has been explained in various ways, such as one clover with three leaves. As water has one molecule of oxygen and two separate molecules of hydrogen, so has the Godhead three separate persons in one Being — Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

We confess this doctrine as the essence of our faith every Sunday in the words of the Nicene Creed, but how often do we celebrate the reality of this God who loves us in three persons, one Being?

God the Father and Creator, the Giver of life and form. God the Son and Redeemer, who becomes incarnate as man that we might know the reality of the love of God in terms we can understand — human terms. God the Holy Spirit and Sanctifier, who gives life by connecting us to the Father through the Son; who leads and guides us toward the path of righteousness, toward the Kingdom of God; who makes us holy by dwelling within us.

— by Fr. Ron Baird