

# Clarion

MAY 2026



Come, Holy Spirit!

## THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

*The mission of the Church of the Epiphany is to offer a home to all those who are seeking God's unconditional love.*



## ***From the Vicar***

There is much history and tradition tied to the annual Day of Pentecost. Sometimes called “the Birthday of the Church,” this festival day commemorates the occasion when the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples fifty days after the Resurrection of Christ. As the Book of the Acts of the Apostles records this event:

“When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.”

The word “Pentecost” is derived from the Greek word for “fiftieth,” because it comes on the fiftieth day of the Easter season. Like Easter, it always falls on Sunday.

This Christian feast day is linked with the Jewish festival of Shavuot, which is celebrated each year on the fiftieth day after Passover. The word “Shavuot” is Hebrew for weeks, so it is often called the Festival of Weeks in English. Jewish tradition holds that the handing down of the Ten Commandments from God through Moses occurred fifty days after the Angel of Death “passed over” the Israelites in Egypt, leading to their being freed from enslavement. That is why this event is called Passover.

Since the dates of both Easter and Passover vary each year, the observances of Pentecost and Shavuot do as well. The Jewish calendar is based on the phases of the moon, meaning it’s a lunar calendar, rather than our solar calendar. Therefore, the dates of Jewish festivals do not correspond with the calendar we use to determine the date of Easter each year. Of course Easter always falls on a Sunday, rather than the same date each year like Christmas does (December 25).

How these dates are determined is complicated, but if you’re interested in learning more, you can find how it’s done starting on page 880 of the Book of Common Prayer. That is your homework assignment for May.

Christian tradition sets the events of Holy Week around the observance of Passover in Jerusalem according to the Gospels. Therefore, the fifty days after both the first Easter and Passover fell around the same time according to the Book of Acts.

Passover is one of those Jewish holidays which once required (encouraged) faithful Jews to make a pilgrimage to the Temple in Jerusalem. That is why there were so many people in Jerusalem to hear and see the Holy Spirit descend upon the disciples, and they began to speak in various languages understood by those on pilgrimage. Occasionally, the two festivals fall on the same day even today.

The tradition of wearing red on the Day of Pentecost is linked to the verse from Acts that describes the “Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.” The red symbolizes this fire, which is associated with the coming of the Holy Spirit. Red vestments are used in the Episcopal Church for many services in which the Holy Spirit is invoked, such as ordinations. Of course, to make it more confusing, red is also the color for Holy Week and days commemorating martyrs, because red is also the color of passion.

Ironically, the Day of Pentecost is also known as Whitsunday, especially in England. According to tradition, it was a day when those to be baptized that day wore white garments, although there is no consensus that this ancient tradition is factual.

In any event, Pentecost is a celebration in many Christian churches. It is a fitting end of the Easter season. It reminds us of the promise made by John the Baptizer who proclaimed Christ would baptize his disciples with fire and the spirit. This is recorded in the gospels of Luke and Matthew. This is why Pentecost is a particularly appropriate day for baptisms.

So, when we reach the Day of Pentecost on May 24 this year, remember that the day we celebrate is the fulfillment of the promise of Christ made to his disciples during the time between his resurrection and his ascension:

While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” (Acts 1:4-5)

Now you know the rest of the story.

May the Peace of the Lord be always with you,  
Father David+

## UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS



### Historic Main Street Downtown Crestview

Immerse yourself in the traditions, cuisines, and performances from around the globe.

Delicious varieties of cultural foods, performances and live music

**Fri May 08 2026 at 05:00 pm to 07:30 pm**

*130 W Oakdale, Crestview*

Kids Entrepreneur Market, where young entrepreneurs from elementary school through high school will be running their own businesses for the evening.

Handmade crafts, art, baked goods, jewelry, photography, creative products, and some seriously impressive business ideas.



### **Celebrating America's 250th anniversary with a fun-filled, patriotic parade and celebration!**

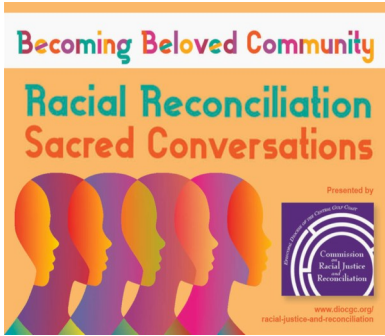
A grand parade filled with vibrant floats, marching bands, veterans tributes, community organizations, and cultural groups. Followed live entertainment, food trucks, patriotic vendors, include live entertainment, food trucks, and patriotic vendors.



## UPCOMING EVENTS Around The DIOCESE

**May 02, 2026, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM**  
Trinity Episcopal Church,  
79 6th St, Apalachicola, FL

The Home and Garden Tour offers a blend of history, architecture, sustainable gardens, and art. Home and Garden Tour offers a blend of history, architecture, sustainable gardens, and art. And an open-to-the-public silent auction and choral evensong service take place at Trinity Church.



**Saturday, May 16, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**  
**Trinity Episcopal Church, 79 South 6th St,**  
**Apalachicola, FL**

A workshop that will provide insights into the causes and effects of racism. We explore ways to work together. There is no fee. There is no fee but it is limited to 28 participants. Registration closes on May 11.



### **Choral Evensong for the Seventh Sunday of Easter featuring Bach Cantata No. 140 with Orchestra**

The Christ Church Parish Choir and guests will sing Choral Evensong, one of the oldest and most beautiful liturgies in the Anglican tradition.

Music will include J. S. Bach's Cantata No. 140, Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, with orchestra. Festive reception to follow. Freewill donation.



# What is in the Celebration Kit

## *Each Kit should contain:*

- One boxed cake mix
- One can of soda (so the cake can be made without eggs or oil)
- Frosting
- Birthday candles
- Balloons and/or other simple decorations
- Sprinkles if appropriate and not already in the cake mix.
- A disposable baking pan with a plastic lid
- A copy of simple directions.

## *Variations of Cake and Soda Combinations:*

Cola + Chocolate

Lemon Lime + Yellow

Dr. Pepper + Red Velvet

Root Beer + Spice

Cream Soda + Vanilla

Mtn Dew + Lemon

Strawberry + Strawberry

Dr Pepper + Devils Food

Orange + Yellow (Orange Creamsicle)

Root beer + white

Ginger Ale + Spice

Cherry Cola + Red Velvet

Cream + Strawberry

Grape + White becomes a Purple Cow Cake

Mtn Dew + Coconut (suggested with vanilla icing)

## *Soda Cake Directions*

1. Preheat oven to 350°F (or temperature listed on the cake mix box).
2. Empty cake mix into the provided aluminum pan.
3. Add one full can (12 oz) of included soda..
4. Stir well until the batter is smooth.
5. Bake according to the time on the cake mix box (usually 25–35 minutes) check by inserting a toothpick; if it comes clean, it is done.
6. Cool completely, then spread frosting and add the candles.



## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

May 3 - The Fifth Sunday of Easter

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist followed by Potluck Lunch

May 10 - The Sixth Sunday of Easter

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist followed by Vestry Meeting

May 17 - The Seventh Sunday of Easter

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist followed by Healing Service

May 24 - The Day of Pentecost

10:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

May 31 - Trinity Sunday

10:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist followed by Healing Sounds, St Joseph Hall

June 7 - The Second Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist followed by Potluck Lunch



## LECTOR SCHEDULE

May 3 - The Fifth Sunday of Easter

1st Reading - Megan Belliveau

2nd Reading - Ginny Bauer

May 10 - The Sixth Sunday of Easter

1st Reading -

2nd Reading -

May 17 - The Seventh Sunday of Easter

1st Reading -

2nd Reading -

May 24 - The Day of Pentecost

1st Reading -

2nd Reading -

May 31 - Trinity Sunday

1st Reading -

2nd Reading -



## **Trinity Sunday**

Trinity Sunday is a feast that celebrates “the one and equal glory” of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, “in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Being” (Book of Common Prayer, p. 380). It is celebrated on the first Sunday after Pentecost. Trinity Sunday is one of the seven principal feasts of the church year (Book of Common Prayer, p. 15).

The proper readings and collect for Trinity Sunday are used only on the feast, not on the weekdays following. The numbered proper which corresponds most closely to the date of Trinity Sunday is used (Book of Common Prayer, p. 228). The Book of Common Prayer also provides the proper “Of the Holy Trinity” for optional use at other times, subject to the rules of the calendar of the church year (see Book of Common Prayer, pp. 251, 927).

The Hymnal 1982 presents ten hymns in a section on The Holy Trinity (Hymns 362-371), including “Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!” (Hymn 362), “Come, thou almighty King” (Hymn 365), and “Holy Father, great Creator” (Hymn 368).

Celebration of Trinity Sunday was approved for the western church by Pope John XXII in 1334. This feast is associated with Thomas Becket (c. 1118-1170), who was consecrated bishop on Trinity Sunday, 1162. His martyrdom may have influenced the popularity of the feast in England and the custom of naming the remaining Sundays of the church year “Sundays after Trinity.” The Sarum Missal and editions of the Prayer Book through the 1928 Book of Common Prayer named these Sundays the Sundays after Trinity. The 1979 BCP identifies this portion of the church year as the season after Pentecost, and names these Sundays the Sundays after Pentecost (see Book of Common Prayer, p. 32).

<http://www.episcopalchurch.org/glossary/trinity-sunday/>

# April Property & Maintenance Report

## Projects Completed

- ◆ Concrete work to fill in the area between the 2 handicap pads is complete and cured.
- ◆ The quote for erecting a chain link fence on the north-west corner of the property has been approved and will be completed during May.
- ◆ The parking bumpers on the new handicap have been pressure washed are ready for painting.

## In Work

- ◆ Sturdier handrails for the handicap ramp and front steps are awaiting two more quotes for the work.
- ◆ The new doors on St. Joseph Hall and the Garage Shed need painting.
- ◆ The kneelers in the choir pews need repair.
- ◆ Three church pews need the seats reupholstered.
- ◆ The new handicap pad needs to have the bumpers and lines painted..
- ◆ The security lights on the church and St. Joseph's Hall are inoperable.
- ◆ FPL is scheduled to do an audit and replace one of the meters.

If you would like to assist on a project, or know of something else that needs attention, please let me know.

*Maurice Phillips, Property Chair*

## BIRTHDAYS and EPIPHANY'S and ANNIVERSARIES



Olivia Warren May 4<sup>th</sup>  
James Lundy May 9<sup>th</sup>  
Katherine M<sup>C</sup>Callum 28<sup>th</sup>  
Patricia Jackson May 29<sup>th</sup>  
Michele Dennis May 30<sup>th</sup>



Janice & Rick Tyler May 10<sup>th</sup>  
Jessie & Joy Warren May 28<sup>th</sup>



## **EPIPHANY'S FAVORITE RECIPES**

### **Megan's New England Clam Chowdah**

*by Megan Belliveau*

#### **Ingredients:**

- 4 (6.25 ounce) cans chopped clams, with juice
- 2 Tablespoon butter
- Big handful diced onion
- 2 medium peeled and diced russet potatoes
- 3 Tablespoons flour
- 1 Cup clam juice
- 1 Cup half-and-half milk
- 1 bay leaf ¼ teaspoon garlic powder
- 1-2 Tablespoons dill pickle juice
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 2 Tablespoons cornstarch + 2 Tablespoons water, mixed ("slurry")



#### **Directions:**

1. Drain the clams, reserving the juice.
2. In a heavy stockpot or Dutch oven over MEDIUM heat, melt butter. Add onions, cook, stirring occasionally until soft.
3. Stir in the potatoes. Sprinkle the flour over all and mix in well for 30 seconds.
4. Add clam broth and reserved clam juice (and enough water if necessary) to just cover the ingredients. Add the bay leaf, garlic powder, pickle juice, salt, and pepper. Cover and simmer until potato is fork-tender tender, about 15 minutes.
5. Remove lid, add the drained clams and half-and-half; stir briefly, then return to a simmer for about 3 minutes, just to heat things through.
6. Soup not quick thick enough for you? Over LOW heat, stir in slurry a little bit at a time, stirring well after each edition, to desired thickness – it really should just coat your spoon. (No, it should not be thick enough so that the spoon stands up in it!)
7. Taste and adjust seasoning to taste with salt and pepper. Serve hot with oyster crackers, pretzels, or whatever. A little fresh parsley is nice!

***Please remember in your prayers:***

Addice Thomas, Addison Hendrix, Amelia Gorman,  
Amy & Anthony Lehatto, Barbara Procino, Betty Schwartzkopf,  
Bill Jones, Brenda Faulkner, Buni O'Brien, Carol McCartney,  
Charlotte Green, Debbie Evans, Debbie and Jim Larson, Dennis Jackson,  
Donna Andrews, Eddie Stevens, Florie Angelini, Herselie Hendrix,  
Janice Tyler, Jeff Evans, Jerry Giles, Judy Tinsley, Karen Traggorth,  
Kerrie Schwartzkopf, Lester Taylor, Lynn Smith, Mary Meehan,  
Michael Mazzerat, Michele Dennis. Mindy Post, Mitzi Purvis,  
Nancy Delierre, Nick Humeston, Nikole Webb, Phyllis Alles,  
Rocky Robinson, Sharon Lundy, Stacy Burleson, Susan Cole,  
Sybil King, Terry Algood, Thomas Giles, Tom Holmes,  
Ward Hendrix and Yisrael Goldman

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