



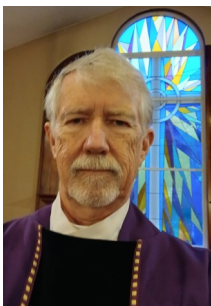
AUGUST 2026



The Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ

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

When we think of Christian martyrs, we usually think of those who were killed in the early days of the Church, such as the Apostles Simon Peter and Paul of Tarsus, both of whom died at the hands of the Romans, or maybe Stephen, one of the first deacons, who was stoned to death by authorities from the Temple in Jerusalem.

In the first few centuries of the Christian Church, many people sought martyrdom as a way of ensuring their place in heaven. It became so common that many Church leaders sought to dissuade Christians for seeking martyrdom by provocation. A true martyr was seen as one who was willing to surrender their lives rather than give up what they believed.

Persecution of Christians by the Roman Empire and the Germanic tribes that later overran the Empire often resulted in death by true believers, because they were unwilling to deny Christ. Later, martyrdom extended to those who were killed because of their evangelism or other ministries, such as helping the oppressed. Modern examples include Lutheran Pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer, who was executed for opposing the Nazis in Germany, and Roman Catholic Archbishop Oscar Romero, who was assassinated by a death squad for denouncing the military dictatorship in El Salvador.

Over the centuries, Christian churches have compiled lists of martyrs and sometimes assigned them their own day on the church calendar. The Episcopal Church includes many martyrs in its Lesser Feasts and Fasts, which can be found in the book *Holy Women, Holy Men; Celebrating the Saints*. Both Bonhoeffer (April 9) and Romero (March 24) are included.

While many of the men and women included in the book died in faraway lands, you might be surprised to learn that one was martyred in a town only a couple of hours by car from Crestview. That young man was Jonathan Myrick Daniels, and he was killed in the small Alabama town of Hayneville, on April 14, 1965. And he was an Episcopalian.

Here is a condensed version of his story from *Holy Women, Holy Men*:

“Daniels was born in Keene, New Hampshire, in 1939. Like many young adults, from high school in Keene to graduate school at Harvard, Jonathan wrestled with vocation. Attracted to medicine, ordained ministry, law, and writing, he found himself close to a loss of faith until his discernment was clarified by a profound conversion on Easter Day 1962 at the Church of the Advent in Boston. Jonathan then entered the Episcopal Theological School in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

“In March 1965, the televised appeal of Martin Luther King, Jr., to come to Selma to secure for all citizens the right to vote touched Jonathan’s

passions for the well-being of others, the Christian witness of the church, and political justice. His conviction was deepened at Evening Prayer during the singing of the Magnificat... He wrote: 'I knew that I must go to Selma. The Virgin's song was to grow more and more dear to me in the weeks ahead.'

"After a brief return to Cambridge in May to complete his exams, he returned to Alabama to resume his efforts assisting those engaged in the integration struggle. Jailed on August 14 for joining a picket line, Jonathan and his companions resolved to remain together until bail could be posted for all of them, as it was six days later. Released and aware that they were in danger, four of them walked to a small store. As sixteen-year-old Ruby Sales reached the top step of the entrance, a man with a shotgun appeared, cursing her. Jonathan pulled her to one side to shield her from the unexpected threats and was killed instantly by the 12-gauge blast.

Each year, the Dioceses of Alabama and the Central Gulf Coast (which includes the southern third of Alabama) organize a pilgrimage and worship service for Daniels, whose Feast Day is August 14. Each diocese hosts the event in alternate years on a Saturday close to this anniversary. This year, the date of the pilgrimage is August 15, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Diocese of Alabama is the host this year, but I expect busloads of people from our diocese to attend as well. The event includes a procession from the jail to the building that once housed the store where Daniels was killed, followed by a service at the Lowndes County Courthouse. The preacher will be The Right Rev. Richard Lawson, the recently consecrated Bishop of Alabama. More information can be found elsewhere in this Clarion.

I have attended this pilgrimage in past years. Be forewarned, it gets hot in Hayneville in August. Very hot. However, if you can manage the temperature, this is an event worth attending. If you're interested in learning more, please let me know.

Let us pray.

O God of justice and compassion, you put down the proud and mighty from their place, and lift up the poor and the afflicted: We give you thanks for your faithful witness Jonathan Myrick Daniels, who, in the midst of injustice and violence, risked and gave his life for another; and we pray that we, following his example, may make no peace with oppression; through Jesus Christ the just one, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Father David+

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

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See the bulletin board for more information



UPCOMING EVENTS Around The DIOCESE



**Jonathan Daniels
and the Martyrs of Alabama
PILGRIMAGE**

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, August 15, 2026

Lowndes County Courthouse - 653 State Hwy 21 South - Hayneville AL 36040



Jonathan Daniels and the Martyrs of Alabama Pilgrimage Saturday, August 15, Hayneville, AL

Save-the-date for this annual event honoring Jonathan Myrick Daniels and other martyrs who lost their lives in Alabama during the civil rights movement. (more info on bulletin board)

Hoe n' Hum Gardening Club Presents: From Farm to Table

A 60 minute session on **August 12, 2026**, learning how to grow, harvest, and prepare fresh ingredients from your own garden. **Time:** 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Location: Gulf Breeze Senior Center at St. Francis, 1 St. Francis Dr, Gulf Breeze, FL.



**Aug 16, 2026, 4:00 PM
St. Paul's Episcopal Chapel,
14755 Oak St,
Magnolia Springs, AL**

Moving songs and heart-warming animal stories presented by musician Joey McGee and author and priest "Padre Bill" Miller, along with Mystic the rescue dog. This event is free, and all humans are welcome—but only service dogs may come inside. Free hot dogs and "bird" dogs. Donations will benefit Baldwin Humane Society and Stray Love.

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The Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ

This feast that celebrates Jesus' radical change of appearance while in the presence of Peter, James, and John, on a high mountain (Matthew 17:1-8; Mark 9:2-8; Luke 9:28-36). The Gospel of Matthew records that "he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his garments became white as light." At this moment Moses and Elijah appeared, and they were talking with Jesus. Peter, misunderstanding the meaning of this manifestation, offered to "make three booths" for Jesus, Moses, and Elijah. A bright cloud overshadowed them and a voice from the cloud stated, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." The disciples fell on their faces in awe, but Jesus encouraged them to arise and "have no fear." They saw only Jesus. This event is alluded to in 2 Peter 1:16-18, which records that "we were eyewitnesses of his majesty" and "we were with him on the holy mountain." The Transfiguration revealed Christ's glory prior to the crucifixion, and it anticipated his resurrection and ascension. It may have given strength and comfort to his disciples in the difficult times that followed. It also prefigures the glorification of human nature in Christ.

Celebration of the Transfiguration began in the eastern church in the late fourth century. The feast is celebrated on August 6th. This was the date of the dedication of the first church built on Mount Tabor, which is traditionally considered to be the "high mountain" of the Transfiguration. Others locate the Transfiguration on Mount Hermon or the Mount of Olives. Celebration of the feast was not common in the western church until the ninth century. It was declared a universal feast of the western church by Pope Callistus III in 1457. The feast was first included in the English Prayer Book as a black letter day in the 1561 revision of the calendar of the church year. It was included as a red-letter day with proper collect and readings in the American Prayer Book of 1892. Its inclusion reflects the efforts of William Reed Huntington, who wrote the Book of Common Prayer collect for the Transfiguration. This collect prays, "O God, who on the holy mount revealed to chosen witnesses your well-beloved Son, wonderfully transfigured, in raiment white and glistening: Mercifully grant that we, being delivered from the disquietude of this world, may by faith behold the king in his beauty. . . ." (Book of Common Prayer, p. 243).

The Transfiguration is listed among the holy days of the church year as a Feast of our Lord. Other provinces of the Anglican Communion followed the lead of the Episcopal Church in celebrating the Transfiguration as a major feast. The Transfiguration gospel is used on the Last Sunday after the Epiphany in all three years of the Book of Common Prayer eucharistic lectionary. As an Epiphany story, the Transfiguration provides one of the most distinctive and dramatic showings of Jesus' divinity. The Hymnal 1982 provides several hymns for the Transfiguration, including "Christ upon the mountain peak" (Hymns 129-130) and "O wondrous type! O vision fair" (Hymns 136-137).

www.episcopalchurch.org/glossary/transfiguration-of-our-lord-jesus-christ-the/

Women's Equality Day

Women's Equality Day is celebrated in the United States on August 26 to commemorate the 1920 adoption of the Nineteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, which prohibits the states and the federal government from denying the right to vote to citizens of the United States on the basis of sex.

In 1971, following the 1970 nationwide Women's Strike for Equality, and again in 1973, as the battles over the Equal Rights Amendment continued, Congresswoman Bella Abzug of New York introduced a resolution to designate August 26 as Women's Equality Day. In 1972, President Richard Nixon issued Proclamation 4147, which designated August 26, as "Women's Rights Day" and was the first official proclamation of Women's Equality Day. The same day, President Nixon issued Proclamation 4236 for Women's Equality Day, which began, in part: *"The struggle for women's suffrage, however, was only the first step toward full and equal participation of women in our Nation's life. In recent years, we have made other giant strides by attacking sex discrimination through our laws and by paving new avenues to equal economic opportunity for women. Today, in virtually every sector of our society, women are making important contributions to the quality of American life. And yet, much still remains to be done".*

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Women%27s_Equality_Day



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

August 2 - The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist followed by Potluck Lunch

August 9 - The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist followed by Vestry Meeting

August 16 - The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist followed by Healing Service

August 23 - The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

August 30 - The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
10:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist followed by Healing Sounds, St Joseph Hall

September 6 - The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist followed by Potluck Lunch



LECTOR SCHEDULE

August 2 - The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
1st Reading - Michele Dennis
2nd Reading - Cathy Clothier

August 9 - The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
1st Reading - Ginny Bauer
2nd Reading -

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Project Hope House Celebration Kits



Our project to supply the Hope House with celebration/birthday kits continues.

Hope House is located at 5127 Eastland St. in Crestview. They provide temporary shelter, care and crisis counseling services for at risk youth ranging in age from 10 years to 17 years old.

Hope House has an approximately 98% success rate of youth returning home to their families to rebuild their lives, following their stay at these shelters.

The shelters are managed and run by staff trained to understand, work with, and advocate for teens in trouble. Youth often face challenging times that require guidance, that is why the team of Master's-educated professionals and highly trained staff provide a full range of services for troubled youth, ages 10-17, including: Temporary live-in shelter, Behavioral Management Program, Family Counseling, Individual Counseling, Group Counseling, Case Management and Family Support.

We believe a birthday should be celebrated by every youth as a reminder of their importance as individuals and that others care for them as well.

There are lists available and complete descriptions of what all is included in each kit and how to change flavors so there are more choices, located on a table in the parish hall. This is an ongoing ministry and anyone can contribute a kit or pieces for a kit anytime by leaving it on that table.

July Property & Maintenance Report

Projects In Work

- ◆ The handrails for the handicap ramp and front steps are scheduled be done the first week of August as the contractor has had some delays.
- ◆ We are awaiting the schedule from the contractor for the chain link fence for the northwest end of the property.
- ◆ The Labyrinth continues to be worked on. Any help is welcome.
- ◆ 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 security lights on the church and St. Joseph's Hall are in the works.
- ◆ Looking into getting the direction sign for the church on 85 replaced.
- ◆ Still trying to get FPL 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

EPIPHANY's BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES



Melanie East Aug1st

Betty Schwartzkopf Aug 5th

Janice Tyler Aug 9th

Chris Atkins Aug11th

Florence Hayward Aug12th

Craig Black Aug13th

Joan Stark Aug27th

Reid Wakayama Aug 30th



Mark and Celia Broadhead Aug 4th

Linda Willams Aug15th



EPIPHANY'S FAVORITE RECIPES

Key Lime Cake *by Mary Meehan*

Ingredients:

Cake

1 1/3 Cup Oil
1 Box Lemon Cake Mix
1 3oz Lime Jello Mix
4 Eggs, slightly beaten
3/4 Cup Orange Juice

Frosting

1/2 Cup Butter, softened
3oz Lime Juice
4 Cups Confectioner Sugar
8oz Cream Cheese, softened



Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
2. Spray 3, 9 inch round cake pans with cooking spray.
3. Cut rounds from parchment paper to fit the bottom of the cake pans.
4. Mix all the cake ingredients together. DO NOT USE box directions to make the cake.
5. Bake for about 23 minutes.
6. For the frosting, in a mixer beat butter and cream cheese together. Mix in the lime juice.
7. Add the confectioner sugar and mix well.
8. When cake is completely cooled, frost in between the layers, the top, and sides of the cake.

Please remember in your prayers:

Addice Thomas, Addison Hendrix, Amy & Anthony Lehatto,
Barbara Procino, Betty Schwartzkopf, Brenda Faulkner, Buni O'Brien,
Charlotte Boutwell, Debbie Evans, Debbie and Jim Larson,
Dennis Jackson, Donna Andrews, Eddie Stevens, Florie Angelini,
Herselie Hendrix, Jeff Evans, Jerry Giles, The Rev. Deacon Kay Dennis,
Kerrie Schwartzkopf, Linda Williams, Lynn Smith, Melanie East,
The Rev. Michael Schwarte, Nancy Delierre, Nikole Webb, Phyllis Alles,
Richard Mazerat, Rocky Robinson, Sharon Lundy, Susan Cole,
Ward Hendrix, and Warren Seifert

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