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RECTOR'S LETTER

Dear Friends in Christ,

I write to you on the three-week anniversary of my arrival in Bellefonte. I have quickly found my way around town. I have made a place for myself at Cool Beans and the Waffle Shop. I have found a phenomenal new hair stylist, our very own Billie Jo at The Velvet Salon. Ozzie and I have walked some amazing trails with Matt Perkins, Loch, and Ollie. I have even visited the local urgent care (no one warned me about allergies in Central Pennsylvania). Even with the allergies, this place is beginning to feel like home.

As summer approaches, I look forward to continuing to learn more about our community, both our parish community and Bellefonte. One of the great joys I've encountered is our parish's capacity and desire to feast and have fun. God is



present in those moments of fellowship as much as he is in our worship and prayer. Our Lord Jesus Christ did great things at dinner tables and wedding banquets. I hope we will continue in this spirit of Christian fellowship and hospitality, and I think we will; it seems to be in our DNA.

Through our worship and fellowship, I have met many of our amazing parish members (and in some cases, their pets). I'm impressed that our community bears members who have been here their whole lives, others who have been here just a few months, and many, many more who have been here for some time in between. This is a good thing, both for our present and future. This affirms our capacity and commitment to support our community, while not being afraid to evolve and expand. As I shared in my letter to the parish, the number of possibilities and opportunities ahead of us outnumber the challenges. In just three weeks, I have seen us embrace some amazing new opportunities. One of those is welcoming back Mr. Erik Clayton as organist and choir director. Erik is a talented and passionate musician, and we are truly fortunate to have him serve as a partner in ministry at Saint John's. Please mark your calendars for his first Sunday, June 16 (Trinity Sunday).

As the summer lull approaches and the sun begins to warm everything in sight, I hope you'll be able to embrace the season – whether that means going away or preparing yourselves for Penn State football. I myself will be getting away for the Fourth of July and spending a week at the end of July for some coursework at Nashotah House, an Episcopal seminary in Wisconsin. However, I look forward to being here, worshipping with you, and hearing your stories, hopes, and dreams for this place. I also look forward to meeting more and more people from our community - those who are familiar with us here at the corner of Allegheny and West Lamb, and those who have never heard of us. I'm just glad to be home.

Yours in Christ, Father Carlos₽

FROM THE DEACON'S PERCH

"The Glory you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one." -*John* 17:22

We are celebrating The Day of Pentecost, June 9, 2019, though I will be at a Gathering of Deacons in Rhode Island that day. Deacons gather every three years for three days to celebrate ministry and fellowship. Between 300 and 400 deacons attend workshops and exchange ideas. We conclude with our Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry, preaching and celebrating the Eucharist. This is where we Deacons get energized for ministry and get to see first-hand how the Holy Spirit is working in our churches, communities, and our own lives. This is always celebrated on the Day of Pentecost. It is a powerful experience for me to be part of this community of deacons. It seems the Holy Spirit is there all the time, guiding us and giving us the spiritually nourishing food upon which we thrive. But it is also a good time to reflect on how the spirit is working in our own lives and maybe asking to be guided toward Jesus Christ and in the Way of Love. If you need or desire direction, I will be honored to journey with you toward a life in Christ. Please pray for me, as I pray for you, during my time away.

May has been a very busy month at St. John's. Father Carlos has started with us; *Thank You, God!* He's already been a blessing. He and I have been collaborating on many facets of ministry at our church, and he will be incorporating many of his own ideas (more to come on this in the fall). <u>We are a church family</u>, so collaborating on ministry is a family affair for <u>ALL</u> of us to participate in and execute in our lives in Christ.

I attended a workshop entitled "Darkness to Light" dealing with identifying child sexual abuse and talking openly about it and about the many ways we can protect our children. I have asked Fr. Carlos and vestry members to consider hosting a workshop at St. John's for this event. It is two hours in duration, but really intense and informative. Here is a link to see what it entails: https://www.d2l.org/safeandhealthypa/. I encourage all to partake in this.

We had a very successful peanut butter and jelly drive, collecting > 130 jars for the food bank. Thank you to Deb Cree for spearheading



this food ministry, and again for her volunteering to play the piano at our monthly service at Centre Crest. For June, our food ministry, headed by Ellen, will be condiments: mustard, ketchup, and mayonnaise.

This was requested by the food bank, since they receive few donations of these items. Please fill the bin in the back of the church.

On another note, there is an envelope in your offering box for the Deacon's Discretionary Fund on June 23. Please consider supporting me in my various ministries in the community in helping others. If you look at the bulletin board in the back of the church, you can see all the organizations we have helped.



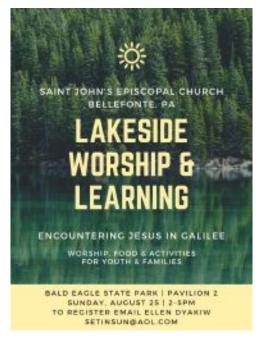
Outdoor service held during Bellefonte's Soap Box Derby

In the summer months ahead, many of us will be traveling to various places. I encourage you to visit the local Episcopal church where you are staying and to continue to have Christ in your daily lives as well. The Clergy Gathering recently reminded me

of this. I had taken a hike at a refuge center and saw the beauty and handiwork of creation in our world and enjoyed a chance to be with Christ in nature as well as with all the clergy when we worshiped. Take time to Stop-Reflect-Give. I hope all of you have safe travels, and if you are staying home, I hope you get the rest intended for you. And as always: *PRAY.* ~ *Dcn Alex*

SUMMER CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Lakeside Learning and Worship: Encountering Jesus in Galilee



Youth and their families are invited for an afternoon of worship, food, and activities by the lake at Bald Eagle State Park (Pavilion 2). Mark your calendars for Sunday, **August 25, 2-5 pm.** To register, email Mrs. Ellen Dyakiw: Setinsun@aol.com. Stay tuned for more details!



Following is the summer calendar for our Sunday School Program. Fr. Carlos and I scheduled Children In Worship every third Sunday of each month. This will continue throughout the year. Our summer program at Bald Eagle

State Park has a new name: Lakeside Worship and Learning (LWL). If you have any questions, please let me know. I enjoy working with your

family.	~Míss Ellen
June 9	Sunday School Classes
June 16	Children in Worship (Father's Day)
June 23	no classes
June 30	Sunday School Classes
July 7	no classes
July 14	Sunday School Classes
July 21	Children in Worship
July 28	Sunday School Classes
August 4	no classes
August 11	Sunday School Classes
August 18	Children in Worship
August 25	Lakeside Worship and Learning
	Bald Eagle State Park: Pavilion 2
	Topic: <u>Galilee</u> (2-5 pm)

WEED ME!

With all the rain we've had this spring, it's



difficult to stay ahead of the grass and weeds. We desperately need mowers and weeders.

If you can give 30-60 minutes

of your time once or twice a month, it would make a huge difference. Last year and thus far this year, only a few people have volunteered. There is a signup sheet in the back of the church; or contact Jim Jackson at 571-



4556. A mower and gasoline are provided.

ST. JOHN'S & STATE COLLEGE SPIKES



You're invited for a fun evening of baseball and community at Medlar Field at Lubrano Park. Join us as we root for the Spikes as they face the West Virginia Black Bears, **Sunday**, **July 28**. To be part of this parish gathering outside the walls of the church, please reserve your tickets by contacting the parish office.

CLAYTON FAMILY TO RETURN TO ST. JOHN'S

Erik Clayton will return to St. John's as organist and choirmaster on June 16. He will be joined by Rebecca (who will sing) and their children, Genavieve, Christopher, Timothy, and Vivienne. The entire family is excited about coming back to "their" church, and we are equally happy to be reunited.

AROUND THE PARISH FAMILY TABLE



John and Diane Fusco are thrilled to announce the arrival of their first grandchild, John Joseph Fusco, born April 21, and weighing 5 lbs., 10 oz.

Baby John is the son of Michael and Nubia Sanchez Fusco, who live in Tampa. John and Diane are looking forward to meeting him later this month.



Vestry Members: Larry Roberson (Sr. Warden), Jim Jackson (Jr. Warden), Debra Cree, John Fusco, Carol Fyfe, Thomas Quigley, Mitch Holland, Matt Perkins, David King

Vestry Collection Counters

JUNE	Larry Roberson and John Fusco
JULY	Matt Perkins and Deb Cree
AUGUST	Larry Roberson and David king

June 23 | The Feast of Corpus Christi (White) Subdeacon: David Cree Crucifer: Matt Perkins Book/Server: Steve Dillon Thurifer: TBA

June 30 | The Third Sunday after Pentecost (Green) Subdeacon: Carol Fyfe Crucifer: Matt Perkins Book/Server: Steve Dillon

July 7 | The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost (Green) Subdeacon: Thomas Quiqley Crucifer: Matt Perkins Book/Server: Steve Dillon

July 14 | The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost (Green) Subdeacon: Mitch Holland Crucifer: Matt Perkins Book/Server: Steve Dillon

July 21 | The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost (Green) Every third Sunday of the month youth will serve in all liturgical roles.

July 28 | The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost (Green) Subdeacon: David Cree Crucifer: Matt Perkins Book/Server: Steve Dillon

August 4 | The Eight Sunday after Pentecost (Green) Subdeacon: Thomas Quigley Crucifer: Matt Perkins Book/Serve: Steve Dillon

August 11 | The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost (Green) Subdeacon: Carol Fyfe Crucifer: Matt Perkins Book/Server: Steve Dillon **August 18** | The Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary (White) *Every third Sunday of the month youth will serve in all liturgical roles.*

August 25 | The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost (Green) Subdeacon: Mitch Holland Crucifer: Matt Perkins Book/Server: Steve Dillon



JUNE 12	HEIDI EMINHIZER
JUNE 13	BLANCHE RAYMOND
JUNE 17	JAMES GREEN
JUNE 26	MATTHEW FITZ.GERALD

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JULY2	Mark Eminhizer II
JULY 4	CHARITY HOLLAND
	TINA SCOTT
JULYG	LIAM QUIGLEY
JULY 10	ROSS PIFER
JULY14	JASON FITZGERALD
JULY16	JULIE DUMINIAK
JULY18	TIMOTHY CLAYTON
	Lois Fetzer
JULY19	DANIEL MCGINLEY, JR.
JULY 23	LARRY ROBERSON
JULY 24	CHRISTOPHER CLAYTON
JULY28	David King

AUGUST 8	BEN HARWOOD
Augustg	SYDNEY FETTERS
	PEGGYJACKSON
AUGUST1	BILLIEJO NORTH
AUGUST15	JACOB FITZ.GERALD
August 24	NANCY ANDREWS
AUGUST 30	RUTH ЕВҮ
	ELIZABETH PIFER

June 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Bellefonte Children's Fair (Curtin Street)
2 Mass 8 Sung Mass 10 Corned Beef Hash Breakfast	3 7:00 pm Men's Group 8 pm AA Mtg	4 7 pm AA Mtg	5 9:30 am Healing Mass - Lady Altar 12:00 pm AA Mtg	6	7 Community Lunch @ Presbyterian Church, 10:30 a.m.	8
9 Mass 8 Sung Mass 10	10 8 pm AA Mtg	11 7 pm AA Mtg	12 9:30 am Healing Mass - Lady Altar 12:00 pm AA Mtg	13		15
16 Mass 8 Sung Mass 10	17 7:00 pm Men's Group 8 pm AA Mtg	18 7 pm AA Mtg	19 9:30 am Healing Mass - Lady Altar 12:00 pm AA Mtg 7:30 pm Vestry Meeting	20	21	22
23 Mass 8 Sung Mass 10 NO Sunday School	24 7:00 pm Men's Group 8 pm AA Mtg RIDGELINES: Poetry for the Future 9-12	25 7 pm AA Mtg RIDGELINES: Poetry for the Future 9-12	26 9:30 am Healing Mass - Lady Altar 12:00 pm AA Mtg RIDGELINES: Poetry for the Future 9-12	27 RIDGELINES: Poetry for the Future 9- 12	28 RIDGELINES: Poetry for the Future 9-12	29
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21 Mass 8 Sung Mass 10 NO Sunday School – Children in Worship	22 Father Carlos Away 8 pm AA Mtg	23 Father Carlos Away 7 pm AA Mtg	24 Father Carlos Away 9:30 am Healing Mass - Lady Altar 12:00 pm AA Mta	25 Father Carlos Away	26 Father Carlos Away	2 Father Carlos Away 7
28 Father Carlos Away	29 Father Carlos Away	30 Father Carlos Away	31 9:30 am Healing Mass - Lady Altar			
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Sunday School						

August 2019

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				1	2 Community Lunch @ Presbyterian Church, 10:30 a.m.	3
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