



Scepter



Reflections From the Rector's Desk

By The Reverend Canon Stephen C. Casey

Dear friends:

This edition of the Scepter coincides with the Feast of Pentecost. The word "Pentecost" is a Greek word that means "fiftieth," and according to the Jewish historian Josephus, the Feast of Pentecost takes place on the fiftieth day after the first day of the Passover. In the tradition of the Church, Pentecost, therefore marks the fiftieth day after Easter, and occurs ten days after the Ascension of Jesus into heaven. The origins of Pentecost probably pre-date the Old Testament, and reflect an ancient agricultural festival when the faithful were expected to offer to God the first fruits of the harvest.

But some time before the birth of Jesus, in the Jewish tradition, Pentecost became increasingly associated with the religious

history of the Jews. What we do know from the New Testament is that in the time of the Apostles, Pentecost was celebrated, and from the Acts of the Apostles was

Acts of the Apostles, the Holy Spirit has traditionally been associated with speaking in tongues, envisioned as tongues of fire, and felt as a "mighty wind." Pentecost constitutes the fulfillment of Jesus' promise to the disciples before his Ascension into heaven: You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth. Thus the Holy Spirit descending on the disciples at Pentecost empowered them to go out into the world and witness to Jesus. For this reason, Pentecost has earned the title the Birthday of the Church.



There are many traditions associated with Pentecost: for example, having the lesson from the Acts of the

"...the Holy Spirit descending on the disciples at Pentecost empowered them to go out into the world and witness to Jesus..."

Apostles read in multiple languages. A familiar tradition is to have the church vested in red,

the occasion after the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus when the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples. From the description in the

representing the "tongues of fire, with red balloons or banners and streamers representing the Holy Spirit. The

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Apostle Paul describes Pentecost in terms of gifts of the spirit and of service: To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good...the utterance of wisdom, and of knowledge ...to another faith...to another gifts of healing...the working of miracles, and so on. The point is that Pentecost is not simply one of those festivals of the church that we observe and then move on. Pentecost reminds us that we are not meant to gaze on Jesus, but to follow in his footsteps - to feed the poor, heal the sick, visit the prisoner, reach out to those society has marginalized, preach the love of God - in other words live into the Kingdom of God.

I pray you a blessed Pentecost.

Fr. Stephen+



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Kate Peterson reads during the 10:15 service.



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If you're the last person to leave the building following Sunday services or an event, please take the time to make sure all the lights are turned off (including the rest rooms) and the doors are locked.

By Brian Newsome
Senior Warden

VESTRY The vestry has held several meetings over the last couple of months. Most immediately, the vestry is looking forward to its annual retreat, which will be held at Mount Hope on June 10. Bishop Gepert has generously agreed to conduct sessions on servant leadership, and we are eager to learn from him in this regard.

The vestry is concerned that giving has declined a bit in recent months. Please stay up-to-date with your pledge so that St. Edward's can continue to provide the services upon which both parishioners and the wider community depend. A fine example is afforded by the Christian Formation skit which the children performed this past Sunday. Since January, students in the fourth-sixth grade class have been developing a short play on Epiphany. With the assistance of both older and younger students, the children set up a stage in the parish hall and performed the skit for their teachers and their parents on

May 21. Immediately after the service, the children and teachers and parents also gathered for a pizza party in the Christian Formation wing. Thanks to the dedication of the Christian Formation teachers and the enthusiasm of the children themselves, our youngest parishioners are learning to walk in the path of Christ. And they are growing ever closer as a group. Financial support contributes in a meaningful way to the Christian Formation ministry, as funding is necessary to purchase supplies for programs like the Epiphany skit. As a Christian Formation teacher myself, I am therefore deeply appreciative of the contributions that each member of the parish makes in support of precisely such activities.

On behalf of the entire vestry, I would like to thank all of you for your ongoing offerings of time, talents, and tithes. We are confident that the current budget gap will be easily filled and that in the coming months we will move forward with exciting programs, both in Christian Formation and in many other facets of ministry.

Warm wishes for a blessed summer.

"It is a wise father that knows his own child."
—William Shakespeare



Military News

Please keep in your prayers those close to us who are serving in the military.

- ★Dustin Burluson
- ★Justin Carnahan
- ★Brandon Fox
- ★Gordon Frankenfield
- ★Matt Fuhrman
- ★Adam and Christina Grim
- ★Jack Hawk
- ★Drew Johnson
- ★Anthony Koser
- ★Alex Kube
- ★John Lewis
- ★Richard Mutari



- ★David Peck
- ★Capt. Andrew Pfeiffer
- ★Rev. David J. Sparks
- ★Mike Spurr
- ★David Sternberg
- ★Allison Tomich
- ★Evan Westgate
- ★Seamas Whitesel
- ★1st Lt. Thomas Whitesel





Saturday Service

Third Saturday of Each Month

5:30 PM

Next Service

June 17th

Rite II

Include your news and announcements in the next Scepter.
Due date for July/August will be:

June 20th.

Send articles and announcements to:
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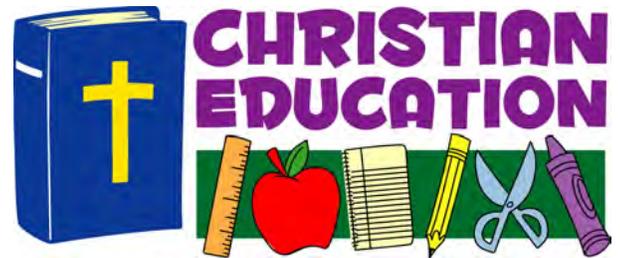


Christian Education Year End Activities

By Leslie Arnold and Fr. Casey



This Sunday during the 10:15 service the Christian Education class performed an Epiphany play. After the service we enjoyed a Pizza Party in the library, where Taylor Troop showed off a new hair look... thanks teachers and students for a wonderful day.



The youth and teachers of St. Edward's Christian Education ministry celebrated the end of their term with a pizza party. Prior to the party, the students in the class taught by Dottie Gschwend and Brian Newsome performed a play for their parents and other youth. Parents of the youth also joined their children at the pizza party.





CCE Feis



Faith Ishler placed first at a recent Irish dance Festival.



Carter Ishler placed Fourth.



Make this heartwarming handprint gift to give your dad or another special man on Father's Day.

What you need:

- Tempura paint (any two colors besides white)
- A paper plate
- Two paintbrushes
- Your dad's hand
- White cardstock
- Paper towels
- A pen



What you do:

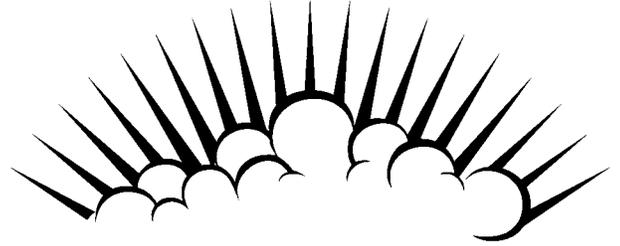
1. Place paint on the paper plate.
2. Paint your dad's palm and the insides of his fingers with one color of paint. Set his hand in the center of the cardstock and press down. Let dry.
3. Paint your palm and fingers with the other color. Place your hand in the center of your dad's. Let dry.
4. Write a loving message to your dad on the blank sections of the cardstock.
5. Give your dad the gift — and a hug!



Our heavenly Father

Father's Day is the perfect time to remember God, our heavenly Father. What does the psalmist say about him?

Directions: Complete Psalm 89:26 by placing the correct vowels in the blanks.



"H_ w_ll c_ll _ _ t t_ m_,

'Y_ _ _ r_ m_ F_th_r, m_

G_d, th_ R_ck m_ S_v_ _r."

Ps_Im 89:26, N_V

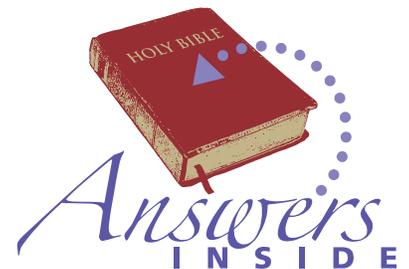
ANSWER: "The will call out to me, 'You are my Father, my God, the Rock myavior.'" Psalm 89:26, NIV



Bible Quiz

The "Trinitarian formula" occurs only once in the Bible. In which New Testament book do we read "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit," and who said these words?

- A. Romans; Paul
- B. 1 Peter; Simon Peter
- C. The Acts of the Apostles; Luke
- D. Matthew; Jesus

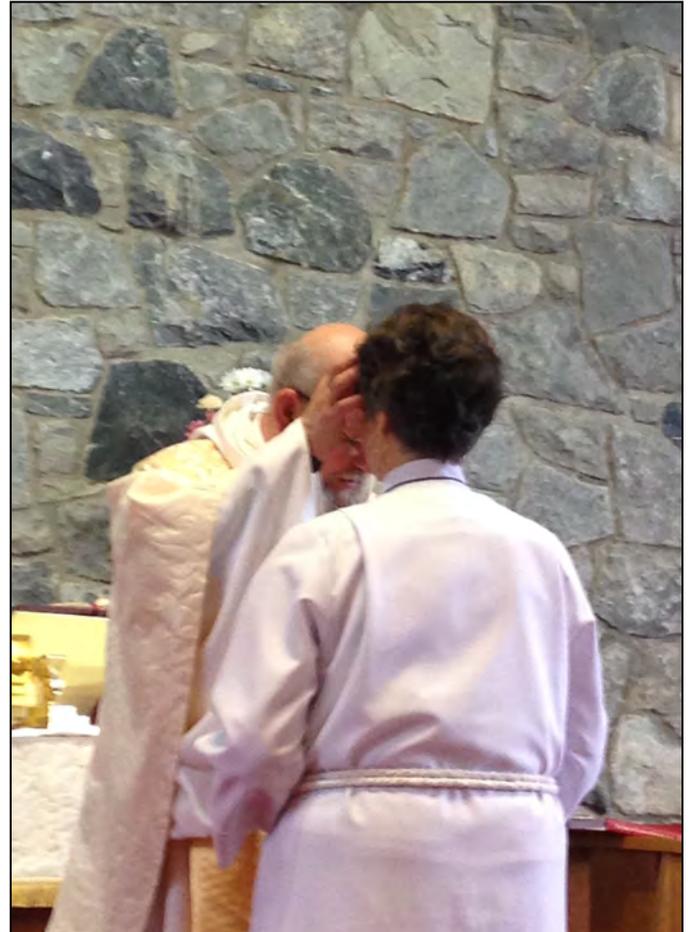


Answer: D (See Matthew 28:19.)

Farewell to Linda Frankenfield

Pictures by Rayelenn Casey

Linda Frankenfield has only worshipped at St Edward's for the last decade, but also she has been truly a pillar of the church. As a faithful LEM, leader of the Spirituality Group, leader of the Book Group she has shared with us very deeply. May 28 was her last Sunday with us, and it was fitting that she serve as LEM, and receive a blessing and a farewell gift. She served the wine at the Eucharist to Bob Groff; the two will be married sometime in the future, and Linda will be worshipping at St. James Episcopal Church, Lancaster. Goodbye Linda. We love you. And we know we will see you again.



Blessing the New Gospel Book



Thomas Ishler processes with St Edward's new gospel book



Father Stephen blesses the new gospel book

Family Tradition

By Rayelenn Casey



One family in the church has a wonderful tradition. Tim Rosenberg and Lisa Ker- nic and their daughters Anna and Kristen have long made it a family tradition to sign up to serve coffee hour on the Sunday nearest to each of their birthdays. Happy 13th birthday Kristen and thanks to you and the whole family for the lovely coffee hour.

(Maybe others would like to adopt this tradition too!)

Men's Group

By Mike Patrone and John Meyer



Our last speaker talked about little known facts of colonial Lancaster County. We all learned things about this period.

The men now take a break and return in September. Chef Mark needs time to practice recipes over the summer.

Thanks to all who attended the great breakfasts. The men's group is open to all males of the parish. There is no age barrier.

Have a great summer everyone.





Thank you to the following parishioners for hosting our Parish Coffee Hours during the month of May. These opportunities for fellowship are wonderful touch points of strength

and community at St. Edward's, and are so welcome by all. Thank you for your ministry.

It is especially exciting to see many families and children participating in hosting which is so important to the life of the parish!

The Westgate Family

Debbie Morrow, Gabe and Austin

The Milligan Family

The Newsome Family

The Rosenberg-Kernic Family

Roger and Ginny Kloeping

The Men of St. Edward's for Mother's Day

Bev and Larry Hess

John Meyer

Hank and Linda Spire

Jerry and Julie Hoff

R.B. Mullineaux



The Scepter likes to recognize students who are moving on in life, so in this edition we congratulate the following:

Rachael Smith, daughter of Peg Reilly, who graduated from Hempfield High School and will be attending Florida Southern College (Lakeland, FL) in the fall majoring in Dance Performance and Choreography and Education.

William Cole Swiernik, son of Amy and Bill Swiernik, who graduated from Hempfield High School and will be attending Rochester Institute of Technology this fall.

Stephen, Connor Tennes: grandson of Nancy and Bob Oliver, who graduated from North Forsyth High School in Forsyth County, Georgia and will be attending Auburn University in Alabama.

Chad Ellsworth Reiner, son of Barb Jakiel, who earned his Bachelor of Science in Renewable Energy Engineering from Alfred University, Inamori School of Engineering.

Ian Alexander Bentley, son of Glen and Michelle Bentley graduated on May 16th from the New Jersey Institute of Technology with a B.Arch, magna cum laude. He will be residing in Newark, NJ to complete his M.S. in civil engineering at the NJIT College of Engineering and will be working at AECOM in New York City.

Carol and Bill Hopwood's granddaughter Allison Lutzvitch graduated from Harcum College with an Associate Degree in Early Childhood Education.

Bev and Larry Hess's grandson Robert Hess - graduated from Cortland State University of New York - Sports Management degree. He is working at the Binghamton Senators hockey team.

Two of Rayelenn's Godchildren graduated from college on the same day.. Thomas Vincent Cox from Oklahoma University and Ruth Packard from SweetBriar, Magna Cum Laude.

Dr. Emily Clare Casey, who successfully defended her PhD dissertation at the University of Delaware, and will be taking up a faculty position of Assistant Professor at St. Mary's Honors College, Maryland, this fall.

The pictures we have of these students and their families are on the following 3 pages.

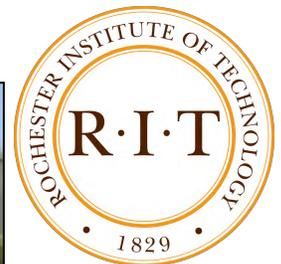
If we have inadvertently missed anyone, or if you have pictures from commencements that did not occur in time for this edition, please let the Rector know, or email Mac Miller (hj_miller@outlook.com) or Michelle (stedsoffice@comcast.net) in the parish office and we will be happy to include them in the July/August Scepter.



High School Graduates



Wm. Cole Swiernik has attended the Hempfield School District from Kindergarten through 12th Grade. Beginning at Mountville Elementary School, progressing to Centerville Middle School and finishing the last 4 years at the High School in Landisville. Cole has been playing the Upright Double Bass since 4th grade and enjoyed being a part of the many Orchestras during those years. Singing has also been a source of joy, while participating in Choirs and the High School Musical program. In 2016 HHS presented "Into The Woods", where Cole was Cinderella's Father. This past March HHS showcased, "The Little Mermaid", with Cole in the role of King Triton. Other activities Cole has participated in during high school are Boys Volleyball, Robotics Club, German Club and Marching Band. Every sport and activity has led Cole to the decision to attend college at the Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT), where his brother Reed attended. Cole will pursue a degree in Motion Picture Sciences which is an engineering program for the film making industry. It is an exciting program within the College of Imaging Arts Sciences. Cole would like to thank St. Edward's for being a part of his formation and an extended family helping him to attain his goals.



Commencement Wednesday
June 7, 2017 7 PM



Rachael Smith - Hempfield High School; will be attending Florida Southern College (Lakeland, FL) in the fall majoring in Dance Performance and Choreography and Education. She received 3 awards tonight at the Hempfield High School Senior Awards Program - The Chet Zercher Memorial Scholarship, The Dance Theatre Award and a Hempfield Education Association Scholarship.



I devoted myself to
study and to explore...
all that is done
under heaven.

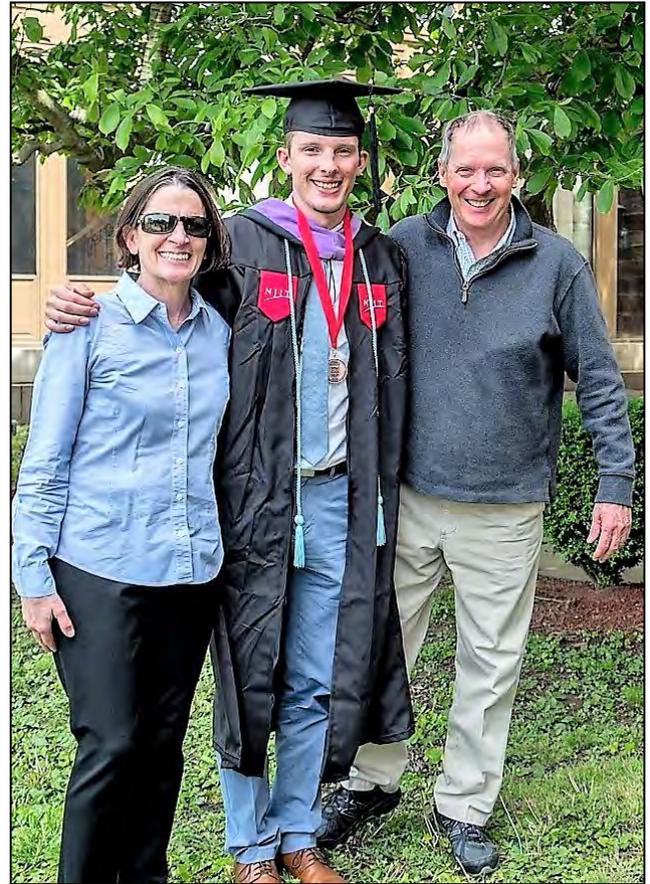


Ecclesiastes 1:13

Post High School Commencements



Chad Ellsworth Reiner - Alfred University - Inamori School of Engineering - Major Bachelor of Science - Renewable Energy Engineering



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Carol and Bill Hopwood's granddaughter Allison Lutzvitch with her uncle Doug Hopwood on her graduation from Harcum College with an Associate Degree in Early Childhood Education.

The Casey's Busy Commencement Season



Dr. Emily Clare Casey, who successfully defended her PhD dissertation in Art History at the University of Delaware, and will be taking up a faculty position of Assistant Professor at St. Mary's Honors College, Maryland, this fall.



Two of Rayelenn's 5 godchildren graduated from college on the same day. Congratulations Thomas Vincent Cox – Oklahoma was a bit too far for her to go physically but her heart and thoughts were with him as he became a Sooner alum ...

Congratulations Ruth Packard – so glad she and so many others committed to #SaveSweetBriar and here she is – a Magna Cum Laude alumna.



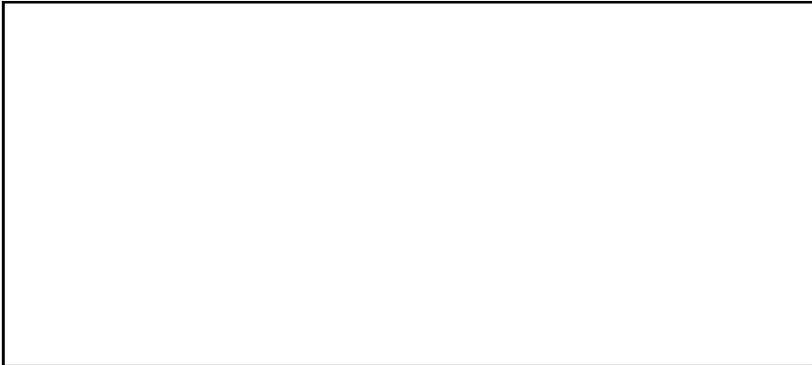
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- ✦ **Camille Horine (2018)
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- ✦ **Susan Landin (2020)
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- ✦ **Brian Newsome
(2018) Sr. Warden**
- ✦ **Bill Swiernik (2020)**
- ✦ **Meredith Westgate
(2020)**

Worship Services

Sunday Services

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I (said)

10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

Contemporary Service (2nd Sunday, Sept – May).

Wednesday

12:00 Noon – Holy Eucharist with healing

Saturday

5:30 Holy Eucharist Rite II (Third Saturday)