

sight," Jesus will have compassion on us and touch us. And having received our sight, may we follow him. Numbers 20:1-13; Psalm 102; Romans 5:12-21

**Today's Birthdays**

Frank Brooks, III; Bruce Petit

**Today's Anniversaries**

Bob & Anne Aberg; Steve & Destine Bradshaw;  
Don & Alice Glover

**Saturday, June 26, 2010**

Romans 6:1-11 *Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.* (vv.3-4) Many Christians like to describe themselves as "resurrection people," and so we are. But we are also disciples whom Jesus called to follow in the way of the cross. Paul reminds us that our baptism isn't simply a matter of rising to *new life* through Christ, it is also very much a *baptism into death*. The death is death to sin, and death to sin involves death on a cross. Many years ago, a revered teacher, Fr. Augustine Paul Hennessey, brought this home to me in a simple but powerful statement: "A Christian life is a life in Christ. A life in Christ is a life on the cross." The struggle against sin in our lives requires a constant crucifixion of our impulses to sin and self-indulgence. You and I know it is not easy, but we are also assured that because of Christ's death, his grace is sufficient for us, for his power is made perfect in weakness (2 Corinthians 12:9). Resurrection people need the cross. Resurrection people embrace the way of the cross, the *baptism into death*, in order that just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. Resurrection people are people of the cross. Numbers 20:14-29; Psalm 107:33-43, 108; Matthew 21:1-11

**Today's Calendar**

8:00 am Brotherhood of St. Andrew (Barber Hall)

**Calendar for Sunday, June 27, 2010**

**Seniors leave on Mission Trip to Pamunkey Indian Reservation**

8:00 am Rite I Eucharist  
9:15 am Family Eucharist  
10:15 am Refreshments on the Lawn  
11:00 am Rite II Eucharist

**OVERSEAS**

Pvt. John Brauer III; Col. Brian Campbell; Cpl. Zachary Navarre; Ann Marie Teets; Sgt. David G. Walick, Jr.

**PRAYER LIST**

***Please remember in your daily prayers the following people who are sick or recuperating:***

***New names this week are listed in bold***

Calvin; Charlie; Christopher; Cija; Faye; Glenn; Lionel; Liza; **Mary**; Paul; Ruth; Susan; Tina; Tom; Cathy Aberg; Peggy Allison; Carl Anderson; Tyler Anderson; Anne Blosser; Shari Bonnet; Luke Burrier, Billy Chaplin; Ethel Chaplin; Elizabeth Cook, Jack de Raat; Roy Etter; Ann Freeman Evans; Carolyn Frye; Jan Gay, Wendy Gorrell; Reverend Constance Hammond; Randy Howard, David Hunt; Jerry Jones; Alice Marshall; Betty Nichols, Marsha Paller; Lois Patterson, Amirah Powell; Javyn Powell; Shana Powell; Xanya Powell; Xayvion Powell; Kristine Pruitt; Rice Family; Vincent Richards; Rose Schmid; Elizabeth Skinner; Dorothy Strafer; Jack Strafer; Dottie Taylor; Mary Ann Taylor; **Robert Tetlow**; Eleanor Thompson; Kitty Vaden; Sonny Vaden; Terry Lynn Voss; Trent Walradt; Jacob Ward; Donna Wicker

***Please let Tammy, the Parish Secretary, know if you or a loved one need to be added to the prayer list and also call when that person has recovered so she can remove them from the list. You can email her at [tbarber@trinity-fredericksburg.org](mailto:tbarber@trinity-fredericksburg.org) or (540) 373-2996 x6.***

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Diocese of Nigeria. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Pohick Church, Lorton.



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***Devotional readings for each day***

***Parish birthdays; anniversaries; calendar; and  
prayer list***

**Sunday, June 20, 2010**

Numbers 14:26-45 *"Because you have turned away from the LORD, he will not be with you..."* (v.43b NIV) The bumper sticker's message startled me. It read, "Stop global whining." Today's reading in the book of Numbers continues the story of Israel's whining. On the verge of ending their desert sojourn and preparing to enter the Promised Land, the people begin to mutter and grumble. Some of the scouts Moses sent to explore the land of Canaan have reported that the Israelites "can't attack those people, they're stronger than we are.... The land devours those living in it. The people are giants" (Numbers 13:31-33). The people are frightened and whine once more about their circumstances. Caleb has a different spirit and follows the Lord wholeheartedly (Numbers 14:24). God announces to the people, through Moses, that they will experience what they fear because they have not trusted Him. God doesn't appreciate whining. Yet, so many of us do our own grumbling and whining against God, especially when things don't seem to go our way or God hasn't implemented our plans for our lives. God often shows us that grumbling and whining are their own reward. We need to avoid "global whining." Psalms 66, 67; Acts 15:1-12; Luke 12:49-56

**Today's Birthdays**

Val Folden

**Calendar for Sunday, June 20, 2010**

**Happy Father's Day**

8:00 am Rite I Eucharist  
9:15 am Family Eucharist  
10:00 am Club 45 going to Hurkamp Park,  
then to Castiglia's Restaurant  
10:00 am Fellowship Commission Mtg.  
10:15 am Refreshments on the Lawn  
11:00 am Rite II Eucharist

## Monday, June 21, 2010

Matthew 19:13-22 *Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."* (v.14) One of the joys of my life in the past eighteen months has been watching my grandson encounter the world. Bit by bit, day by day, he is teaching me how to look at everything with the eyes of a child, and what a wonderful world it is. A snowflake is now a mystery and beautiful thing, not just a nuisance that must be swept from the car. He has grown from a little helpless baby completely dependent on others for everything to a rambunctious little boy who runs everywhere, comments on everything (usually in a language comprehensible to none save himself), and expresses his delight in everything from a bug to a dust ball. He has little sympathy for adults who have to *work* when he wants to play. I am sometimes embarrassed by how much he trusts me. Jesus says, "The kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." My grandson has given me a deeper insight into these words: God delights in those who delight in Him. He loves those who enjoy His presence in their lives, and see His handiwork all around them. He cherishes those who let themselves be touched by Him. Numbers 16:1-19; Psalm 89:1-18; Romans 3:21-31

### Today's Birthdays

Barbara Harkins; Elizabeth Jacobsen

### Today's Calendar

6:00 pm Yoga (Loft)

## Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Matthew 19:23-30 *"And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields for my sake will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life."* (v.29) When I have to preach this passage, I confess I have trouble understanding and explaining to a congregation what Jesus was telling Peter. Was he letting Peter know that calculating the material benefits for following Jesus was missing the point completely? Or was he suggesting that the rewards of following him are incalculable, of a magnitude beyond human comprehension? Was even making the point that rewards are a legitimate consideration in the cost of discipleship? Maybe Jesus wanted Peter, and us, to think about all these things. Yes, calculating the material benefits for following Jesus does miss the point, "Why settle for some things when you can have the Creator of everything?" Yes, the rewards of following Jesus are incalculable, beyond all human comprehension. We have eternal life as co-heirs with Christ, as children of God participating in the Divine Life of the Trinity.

Yes, rewards are a legitimate consideration in the cost of discipleship. What does taking up the cross mean if it does not result in resurrection to new life? Peter's question may strike us as unspiritual, even crass. Jesus didn't treat it that way and we shouldn't either. Numbers 16:20-35, Psalms 97, 99, 100; Romans 4:1-12

### Today's Birthdays

Sandy Maclsaac; Herb Smith

### Today's Calendar

9:00 am-Noon Parish Nurse (Rm. 14)  
2:00-4:00 pm Parish Nurse (Rm. 14)  
7:00 pm Worship & Liturgy (Kent's Office)

## Wednesday, June 23, 2010

Matthew 20:1-16 *"Or are you envious because I am generous?"* (v.15) The parable of the workers in the vineyard tends to distract those hearing it. Like the workers, they describe the owner's behavior as "unfair." They sympathize with the workers who "bore the burden of the work and the heat of the day." The vineyard's owner seems more capricious than generous. Reading the story, we suspect they may have a point. We, and the workers, think that the issue is the amount and quality of the work done. Jesus tells us that the amount and quality of the work is irrelevant. What matters is the generosity of the owner. Though we Christians rather glibly acknowledge that we are justified by faith and that we cannot earn salvation, we have a difficult time believing it. We think that the better we are and the more strictly we keep God's commands, we will gain rewards based on our performance. But what greater reward could there be than eternal life in the presence of God? And how do we earn heaven? We can't; we are unworthy servants (Luke 17:10). We work in the vineyard by the grace of God, and we receive abundantly from His generous hand. Numbers 16:36-50; Psalms 101, 109; Romans 4:13-25

### Today's Birthdays

Andrea Kenny

### Today's Anniversaries

Stephen & Elizabeth D'Andrea

### Today's Calendar

Noon Eucharist

## Thursday, June 24, 2010

Romans 5:1-11 *Therefore, since we have been justified through*

*faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand.* (vv.1-2a) One dictionary (Merriam-Webster) variously describes peace as "a state of calm, quiet and security, freedom from disturbing thoughts or emotions, harmony between once-hostile antagonists, or the ending of hostilities." True peace with God includes all these elements and more. The access into this grace and peace in which we now stand, we have gained through Jesus Christ. Because he died on the cross and rose from the dead, we can now rest secure in the assurance of God's love and the certainty of His promise of eternal life. We no longer need fear expulsion from His presence, nor what Shakespeare called the "thousand natural shocks that flesh is heir to." God, in Christ, has restored us to harmony with Him as befits those created in His image and likeness. Not only do we know and experience harmony with God, we are now co-heirs with Christ, adopted as Christ's brothers and sisters. All this is ours because we have been justified, made right with God, by faith. We have trusted God and know now that His promises are true. We have peace, "a peace that transcends all understanding, which will guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:7). Peace be with you. Numbers 17:1-11; Psalm 105:1-22; Matthew 20:17-28

### Today's Anniversaries

Tim & Melissa Allison

## Friday, June 25, 2010

Matthew 20:29-34 Jesus stopped and called them. "What do you want me to do for you?" he asked. (v.32) The evangelists tell us that Jesus never hesitated to ask questions which challenged the persons to whom they were directed. Often the questions force them to consider who Jesus is and what they truly want from him. Jesus asks Andrew and an unnamed disciple, "What do you want?" (John 1:38). Though their answer suggests that they may not have really understood Jesus, the question lingered a lifetime. Jesus asks the two blind men, "What do you want me to do for you?" Their reply, "We want our sight," evoked Jesus' compassion. Not only did he give them physical sight, he gave them such insight that they followed him. Jesus asks each of us the same questions: "What do you want? What do you want me to do for you?" If we take the questions seriously, we will search our hearts to find our deepest needs and aspirations, our longing for inner peace, our desires for a meaningful and fruitful life, and the often suppressed yearnings for God which can take so many disguises. When we answer, "We want our