



Holy Trinity Anglican Church  
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Holy Trinity Faithful,

Easter tide is past and this Sunday we celebrate the Feast of the Most Sublime Trinity, the namesake of our congregation. Further, this celebration has been enhanced with one of the two Sacraments instituted directly by Christ the Lord: baptism. An Image-Bearer of God was plunged into the sanctified waters, her sins being washed away by the power of the Holy Spirit, and pulled up into newness of life, having been united with Christ in His resurrection! For this reason, let us reflect on the blessing God grants to us in what the 39 Articles call the two “Gospel Sacraments”: baptism and the eucharist.

So much happens in baptism! Where to begin? For most, baptism happens in infancy. There exists evidence for this in the New Testament, with entire households being baptized, but for a variety of reasons it takes a few centuries before this is entrenched as the norm in the Church. The baptism of infants mirrors an important practice in the Old Testament: circumcision. Scripture says the following about the connection: “In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead” (Col. 2:11-12). Baptism is the fulfillment of circumcision, a sign instituted by God which indicated the child’s entrance into the covenant community. Baptism also marks the child’s initiation into the Kingdom of God, the Lord having transferred him from “the domain of darkness” into the “kingdom of His beloved Son” (Col. 1:13).

Further, we must remember that this “covenant community” is the Church, that is, the Body of Christ. Right before the Sacrament is administered, the Celebrant places the Paschal Candle in the water thrice, each time making the Sign of the Cross and chanting, “Now, Father, sanctify this water, by the power of thy Holy Spirit.” The Holy Spirit infuses the water with the power of God, so that the Baptizand receives the washing away of his sins and newness of life. This is the work of God, not man. Additionally, the candidate becomes part of the Church because, as St. Paul teaches, “by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body . . . and all were made to drink of one Spirit” (1 Cor. 12:13). In this Sacrament the recipient is baptized by the Holy Spirit into the Body of Christ.

Lastly, Baptism is a union with Christ in his death, burial, and resurrection. This is most clearly taught by St. Paul in Romans, where he states: “Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into

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death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life” (6:3-4). The immersion unites us in His death, and the raising from the water brings union with His resurrection. Just as the Lord then displayed His resurrected body, we also have become new creations, fashioned after the likeness of Christ in order to imitate Him in word and deed.

This initial Sacrament leads naturally into the Eucharist, because the Body and Blood of Christ are reserved for His Church, and baptism is what gains one entry into said institution. Once one has been baptized, the believer has become a child of God, and as a child and heir, he is now fed by God on Christ’s own flesh and blood. The Lord Himself said, “My flesh is true food and my blood is true drink” (Jn 6:55). Further, the Lord, in the same teaching, stated, “unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day” (Jn. 6:53-54). Therefore, by baptism God makes us new creations and brings us into the Body of Christ, then in the Eucharist He nourishes our souls with His own supernatural presence, spiritually sustaining and empowering us to live victorious Christian lives. These are complemented by the reading and study of God’s Word, together with regular Christian fellowship, discipleship, and evangelism, to round out the entirety of the Christian’s mode of life.

As we have seen, the two Sacraments instituted by Christ confer great benefit to the believer, and it is a great joy when a new member is brought into the Lord’s Body. Also note that during the ceremony, and also during the liturgy of the Easter Vigil, all present believers renew their own baptismal vows. We renounce sin and Satan, and make pledges to pursue Christ and spread his Gospel to the world. Let us stir up our remembrance of Him, and especially our love, both for God and one another. Our lives are full of obligations and various types of tasks, some good and warranted, others not so much. However, none of the things in our lives, whether a blessing or curse, are to come before God. Having a right relationship with Him is of utmost importance, and the renewal of our baptismal vows is the perfect time to make sure we are seeking Him with all our hearts, being careful to reorder our priorities if necessary to ensure that He receives His rightful place in our lives.

Blessings on this glorious occasion!

Trinity Sunday 2026

Fr. Shawn+

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## Worship at Holy Trinity

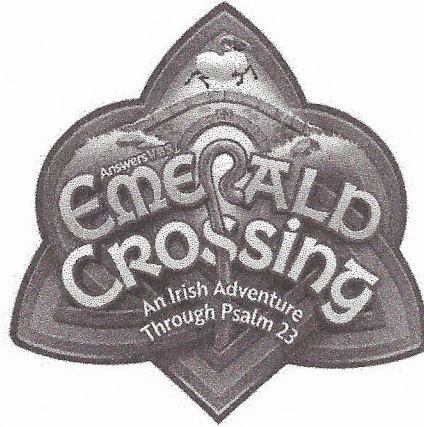
*Please note change in schedule for 8:00 a.m. Mass*

### **Sundays:**

8:00 a.m.	Said Mass <i>the first and third Sunday of the month only for the present</i>
9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer <i>the first and third Sunday of the month only for the present</i>
10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist (Solemn High Mass the first Sunday of the month and other Special Days)

### **Wednesdays:**

11:30 a.m.	Said Mass
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## *Vacation Bible School*

**Monday, July 20<sup>th</sup> – Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

### **How you may help!**

This is a ministry of our church family.

Your help is much appreciated in any of these ways:

Help with advance preparation (crafts, cleaning)

**Spread the word to friends and neighbors whose children may like to attend.**

**Donate money to help with scholarships and other costs.**

**Pray for the students and volunteers.**

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At *Emerald Crossing* children will journey through Ireland's lush landscapes, exploring the powerful words of Psalm 23 and discover through the story of David that the Good Shepherd lovingly guides, protects, and provides for them. They will experience stories, crafts, games, songs and some special activities throughout the week. Children age three through Middle School are welcome!

**Information: call or email Monica Walker (508-272-6900 or [walkermonica@comcast.net](mailto:walkermonica@comcast.net))**

Cost is \$50 per child. Scholarships are available.

Registration deadline is **June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026**

All welcome for a great time at

*Emerald Crossing!*

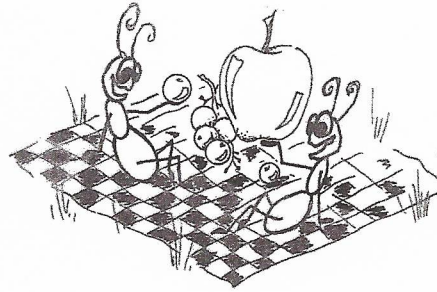
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### **A Prayer for the Care of Children:**

*Almighty God, heavenly Father, who has blessed us with the joy and care of children: Give us calm strength and patient wisdom as we bring them up, that we may teach them to love whatever is just and true and good, following the example of our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.*

(Anglican Service Book, p. 650)

# CHURCH PICNIC



**Sunday, August 30**

**1:00 p.m.**

**Place to be determined – watch the Enews**

All invited!

Come, celebrate a time of fellowship with all your Holy Trinity friends!

Enjoy burgers, hot dogs, and other picnic foods

Horseshoes, cornhole, slip and slide, other games for old and young!

Please bring a side dish or dessert to share if you are able to do so.

To sign up and any questions:

Monica Walker

walkermonica@comcast.net or 508-272-6900

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## *From the Organist / Choirmaster:*



Your choir continues to provide musical leadership as well as performing anthems that highlight the lectionary for each service. The choir is a small but enthusiastic bunch, and it is a joy to work with them; we would welcome new members. Since the last Newsletter, we have added another source of Joy: some children of the parish have sung occasionally with the adults! They are mostly students at Imago School, where there is obviously a very fine music program; they learn very fast. Many thanks to their parents who are supportive of this program. I also want to acknowledge with gratitude the various parishioners who have indicated appreciation for my leadership of the music program; without the enthusiasm and dedication of the choirs, however, my work would be in vain.

*Cantate dominum canticum novum!*

*David Baker*

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## ANGLICANS FOR LIFE

*"You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in Your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed"* (Psalm 139:16, NLT)

- **Baby Bottle Drive:** Once again we are holding a baby bottle drive from Mother's Day through Father's Day to benefit the First Concern Pregnancy Resource Center. Please, if you have not already done so, take a bottle and fill with loose change (or bills, or a check!) and return it on Father's Day. Thank you!
- **Sanctity of Life:** We have many brochures in the Narthex, the front entrance of the church. Please visit the website [anglicansforlife.org/publications](http://anglicansforlife.org/publications) for up-to-date information. You can also keep up to date with Life Issues by going to [LiveAction.org](http://LiveAction.org).
- **Please continue to pray** for the unborn, the sick, all those who society feels are a burden.
- **Donations of clothes, etc:** Donations of baby and toddler diapers, clothing, etc. benefit First Concern Pregnancy Resource Center ([www.firstconcern.org](http://www.firstconcern.org)). We also service the young mothers in the neighborhood when needed. Donations may be left in the entrance to the church or contact Kathleen to arrange a drop off time.
- **Anglicans for Life** is an international Pro-Life Ministry within the Anglican Communion, upholding and proclaiming the sanctity of all human life from conception to natural death. Our local Chapter seeks to raise awareness regarding alternatives to abortion...Let us help you! If you are being called to help with this vital ministry, or if you would like to have information on how we can help, please speak to our co-Coordinator Kathleen Demers (508-624-7642) and Marjorie Franko (978-369-8192). Thank you!

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## PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOOD PANTRY

*"For I was hungry and you gave Me food"* (St. Matthew 25:35a)

***Our Food Pantry is very low at this time.***

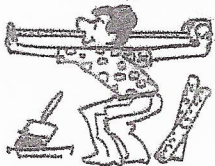
The pantry is low on many of the most popular items: Canned tuna and chicken, pasta, sauce, soup, corn, green beans, canned pasta and cups of noodles. Please, NO garbanzo or black beans. Please place your offering in the box provided in the Narthex. Thank you for your generosity.

Also, if you are in need of food, please visit our Food Pantry located in the Fellowship Hall, or speak with Fr. Shawn or Kathleen Demers.



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## SECOND SATURDAY



Thank you to everyone who has given of their time and energy to help maintain our buildings and grounds! But, as always, there is plenty more to do. Please, please help as you are able! We would like to spruce up our buildings and grounds. Please watch the Enews for information on tasks needing attention. Upcoming Second Saturdays are June 13, July 11 and August 8.

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## Food and clean up during Christian Fellowship:

We all enjoy the light lunch between Mass and Christian Education each Sunday. If you are able to commit to bringing food on an occasional specific Sunday, that would be greatly appreciated. If you are not in a position to provide food but can help clean up, that would be much appreciated also. Please don't leave it to just a few people! For more information, or to offer help, please contact Joan Balk (508-835-2085 or [jcbalk@aol.com](mailto:jcbalk@aol.com)).

## Catechesis of the Good Shepherd



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd enables children to encounter God through developmentally appropriate presentations, centers, and prayer with a strong focus on Scripture, liturgy, and the whole of sacred history. The program helps the children develop a personal relationship with the Lord. Classes are held at 12:15 p.m. on Sunday, following fellowship time. We now have three groups: Level I (ages 3-6), led by Cate Fowler; Level II (ages 6-9), led by Monica Walker; and Level III (ages 9-12), led by Diana Newton Wood. Parents and others assist in the Atrium each week for which we are very grateful. Several of these assistants have taken – or plan to take – Atrium assistant training online and that is a great blessing.

We all celebrated together the Feast of Pentecost and now only a few Sundays remain of our Atrium year. We look forward to seeing all our wonderful children in the Atrium again in September.

We would love to have more catechists and Atrium assistants, to make it possible for our regular catechists to take a day off occasionally. Please, if you think this ministry may be of interest to you, speak with Monica, Cate or Diana for more information.

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## Women's Group

Our group meets usually the third Saturday of the month at 10:00 a.m. We have a main scripture topic around which to have a discussion. Coffee and snacks are provided and the meeting runs at least an hour but not longer than two. All women are invited to come and voice their opinions or their desires and needs for this ministry. There will be an outreach component woven into it at some point. We will meet on June 20<sup>th</sup> and then take our summer break, resuming in September.

Dcn Rhonda Cotton (cottonfamily@verizon.net)

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## Just Me and My Shadow

“Just Me and My Shadow” is a luncheon fellowship group for those who live alone and others who simply would enjoy some company and fellowship. We meet once a month (usually the third Wednesday) for lunch and fellowship. People do not need to belong to our church family in order to attend. All are welcome. Thus, please feel welcome to invite a family member, friend, or neighbor who lives alone or someone in need of a little company and fellowship. If you are unable to afford the meal, PLEASE do not let this stop you from joining the group. Just let Fr. Shawn know (860-207-2210 or shawnfowler86@gmail.com) and he will cover all or part of your meal.

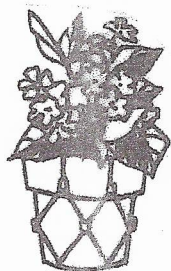
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## FREE WINTER COAT PROGRAM

Many, many, thanks to all those people who donated coats, hats, scarves, etc. and to those wonderful people who helped with coat distribution on Wednesdays and putting the coats into storage at the end of March. You are all much appreciated.

Kathleen Demers  
508-624-7642 or nanakay105@aol.com

## ALTAR FLOWERS and SANCTUARY LAMP



If you would like to commemorate a loved one by donating the cost of the altar flowers or Sanctuary Lamp, please contact Tanya Bottini (508-877-8736), or email JBottini1@verizon.net for details and to sign up for a particular Sunday. You are welcome to donate in memory, in thanksgiving, or in honor of one or more people. The Holy Eucharist will also be offered for your intention. Thank you!

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## FAMILY NEWS

### *Arlene Adams – May She Rest in Peace*

We were all saddened to learn of the passing of our dear Arlene on March 14<sup>th</sup> at the age of one hundred. She was in church in January to celebrate her centennial. Following Mass, Arlene cheerfully blew out the candles on her special cake. A Requiem Mass was held at Holy Trinity for the repose of Arlene's soul on March 21<sup>st</sup>. Her good humor and dry comments will be sorely missed. However, we are pleased to see her wonderful son, Glenn, in church each Sunday. Our prayers are always with Glenn, his siblings, and Arlene's grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

### Happy Birthday:

**June:** Elizabeth McGinnis – 1<sup>st</sup>; Richard Ayisi – 1<sup>st</sup>; Diane Place – 3<sup>rd</sup>; Fr. Praveen Mutalik – 8<sup>th</sup>; Joseph Bottini – 12<sup>th</sup>; Rebecca McKinnon – 14<sup>th</sup>; Johnnie Briggs – 17<sup>th</sup>; Donald Richards – 23<sup>rd</sup>; Hannah Holt – 25<sup>th</sup>; Christine McKinnon – 26<sup>th</sup>; Erin Day – 30<sup>th</sup>.

**July:** Fr. Shawn Fowler – 2<sup>nd</sup>; Olivia Favreau – 8<sup>th</sup>; Tim Dunphy – 13<sup>th</sup>; Stephen Bottini – 13<sup>th</sup>; Dcn. Suzy Kenyon – 14<sup>th</sup>; Diana Newton Wood – 16<sup>th</sup>; Fr. Michael McKinnon – 16<sup>th</sup>; Diane Byrne – 18<sup>th</sup>; Danny Burbeck – 18<sup>th</sup>; Anna Burbeck – 19<sup>th</sup>; Linda McGillicuddy – 21<sup>st</sup>; Deidre Taylor – 23<sup>rd</sup>; Marilou Kelso – 25<sup>th</sup>; Ronald Manrique – 28<sup>th</sup>; Marta Burbeck – 29<sup>th</sup>; Clara Fowler – 31<sup>st</sup>.

**August:** David Baker – 2<sup>nd</sup>; Gregg Dunphy – 6<sup>th</sup>; Dustin Hassard Jr. – 7<sup>th</sup>; Rosa DeMartinis – 17<sup>th</sup>; Rafael Gouvêa – 21<sup>st</sup>; David Tucker – 22<sup>nd</sup>; James Carlson – 23<sup>rd</sup>; Susan Lindsay – 25<sup>th</sup>; Monica Gouvêa – 25<sup>th</sup>; Liz Temple – 27<sup>th</sup>.

### Happy Anniversary:

William and Brenda Keeler on June 5<sup>th</sup>  
Dcn. Rhonda and Tom Cotton on June 18<sup>th</sup>  
John and Tanya Bottini on June 21<sup>st</sup>  
Fr. Bob Cummins and Karen Panasevich-Cummins on July 9<sup>th</sup>  
Dcn. Suzy and Mike Kenyon on July 18<sup>th</sup>  
Dcn. John and Sue Lindsay on July 20<sup>th</sup>  
Don and Judy Richards on July 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Dan and Emily Morse on July 27<sup>th</sup>  
Fr. Shawn and Cate Fowler on August 1<sup>st</sup>  
Dave and Molly Day on August 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Fr. Praveen and Karen Mutalik on August 17<sup>th</sup>  
Jennifer and Phil Davis on August 21<sup>st</sup>  
Steve and Monica Walker on August 31<sup>st</sup>



## PRAYER AND FASTING

Over the summer months there will be no official Week of Fasting and Day of Prayer. This can be difficult to schedule with so many regular participants taking vacation at different times. Please do continue to fast and pray diligently for our Church family and look for an announcement about this in the next "Messenger".

If you are not familiar with our monthly practice of Fasting and Prayer, it is as follows: During one week each month we have six days set apart for prayer and fasting. One or more persons sign-up to fast on each of the days appointed (Monday through Saturday). Our week of fasting concludes with a Day of Prayer on the Saturday from 6:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. A minimum of eleven persons sign-up to pray in their own home for one hour. This way at least one person will be fasting every day that week on behalf of the church family and at least one person will be praying from approximately sunup to sundown on the Day of Prayer.

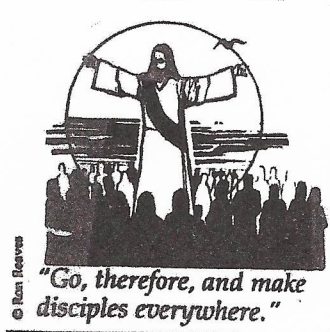
*Come Holy Spirit! Fall upon us! Come in power!*

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### *Notes of Note:*

- **The Intercessory Prayer Group** is led by Martha Ayisi. Those participating in this ministry are committed to pray for the clergy of HTAC and their families. They pray for the Holy Spirit to bless the members of our church family, our several ministries and our financial worship. They also pray for God's protection upon us all.
- **Noonday Prayer on Tuesdays:** This will continue via Zoom. All are welcome. Following Noonday Prayer we offer a time of free prayer for all who are able to join in. *Cancelled June 23 and June 30.*
- **Adult Christian Education** is offered each Sunday at 12:15 p.m.
- **Wednesday Bible Study** is offered at 10:00 a.m. in person and via Zoom. Please join us! *Cancelled June 24.*
- **Men's Group:** All men are invited to join us for breakfast at 9:00 a.m. followed by discussion. This is usually the first Saturday of the month. For more information, please contact Dan Morse at 978-808-0901, or [dwmorse@live.com](mailto:dwmorse@live.com). The group will take a break in July and August.
- **Special Collection to help fund June's Table:** Sunday, June 14.
- **Special Collection for the Rector's Discretionary Fund:** Sunday, July 12.
- **Special Collection for the Non-Stipendiary Clergy Fund:** Sunday, August 9.
- **Prayer requests:** please email Emily Morse at [emmorse@comcast.net](mailto:emmorse@comcast.net) or call/text Emily on 978-808-8608.
- **Vestry (Parish Council) meetings:** Any member of the parish is welcome to observe any regular Vestry meeting. At present these meetings are held via Zoom.
- **Fr. Shawn is off every Monday and Saturday.** He will be present for special Services and events in the life of our church family that fall on these days. On these two days, please only call him in the event of an emergency. Thank you.

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## ***HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH***

The Rt. Rev. Dan Gifford	Diocesan Bishop
The Rt. Rev. Donald F. Harvey	Bishop Emeritus
Father Shawn Fowler (Killingly, CT)	860-207-2210 (Rector)
Father Robert Cummins, PhD (Harvard, MA)	978-732-3012 (c) or 978-456-2767 (h)
Father Praveen Mutalik (Southborough, MA)	508-259 -0804 (c) or 508-481-0409 (h)
Deacon Rhonda Cotton (Harvard, MA)	508-517-9805 (c) or 978-456-8680 (h)
Deacon John Lindsay (East Brookfield, MA)	508-867-6641 (h)
<b>Vestry:</b>	
Joe Cosgrove	508-508-304-1235 (Rector's Warden)
Dave Day	734-223-0153 (People's Warden)
John Bottini	508-877-8736 (Treasurer)
David Tucker	508-875-4863 (Clerk)
Karen Carlson	508-667-9516
Emily Morse	978-808-8608
Donald Richards	Senior Warden Emeritus

### **Contact Information for Fr. Shawn and Holy Trinity Anglican Church**

- Fr. Shawn has a *new additional phone number* that he will often use during his work days – 860-771-1690 – please feel free to try this number first.
- In case of an emergency, please call Fr. Shawn any time, including his days off at 860-207-2210 or 860-771-1690.
- Fr. Shawn's email: shawnfowler86@gmail.com
- **Fr. Shawn's days off are Monday and Saturday.**
- Church address: 472 Lincoln Street, Marlborough MA
- Church mailing address: 60 Gibbon Street, Marlborough MA
- Church office: 508-481-8493
- Church website: www.holytrinitymarlborough.org
- Our Diocesan Website: www.dioceseofcanada.ca
- Our Provincial Website: www.anglicanchurch.net

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### **Please let us know!**

If you, or a family member, is sick or in the hospital,  
 please inform Fr. Shawn or another clergy person.  
 They will arrange visits, and holy communion if requested.

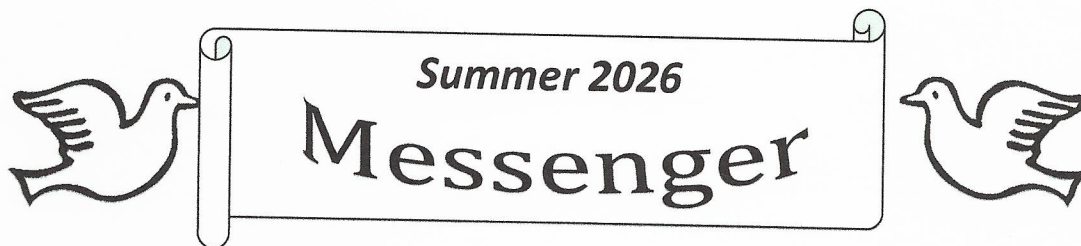
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### **DEADLINE FOR NEXT MESSENGER**

The deadline for the next issue of this newsletter to cover the second half of the Trinity Season is **Sunday, August 16, 2026**. Please e-mail your items to me at [walkermonica@comcast.net](mailto:walkermonica@comcast.net). Thanks, Monica

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