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## Episcopal Mission of Warren County

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Summer Newsletter

### Playing Judas

With Lent and Holy Week behind us, it may be tempting to avoid the topic of Judas. After all, we won't notice him again until March 25, 2018. That's Palm Sunday next year, when we'll read the story of Christ's betrayal, trial, and crucifixion again. But after portraying the 12<sup>th</sup> disciple in the Warren Player's recent production of *Godspell*, he continues to be very much on my mind. Even though we are gladly into the season after Pentecost and ready to enjoy the summer, you could say my thoughts betray me.

The Bible has remarkably little to say about Judas, and what we do have is inconsistent. Did he commit suicide in the Potter's field like Matthew says, or die of a terrible accident like Luke portrays in the first chapter of Acts?

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Did he leave the Last Supper before the meal was shared, or did he have his feet washed with all the rest? Did he embrace and kiss Jesus as the sign of his betrayal, or did Jesus preempt that moment by confronting the soldiers directly? While they are delivering us the life changing story of Jesus, our gospel writers do not agree on the specifics.

And then there is the history of the interpretation of his role, which has ranged from doomed, possessed betrayer to reluctant accomplice and so much in between. Every theologian approaches Judas differently, and finds in him the same mystery that Bible scholars discover: much of Judas is a mystery.

In fact, how we individually view Judas probably says a lot about how we view ourselves. Mysteries offer us wonderful mirrors for looking at ourselves. In this way how we view Judas can tell us much about what we think about our own lives. If we are ashamed and afraid of who we are, We might look at Judas and choose to relegate him to being the epitome of evil, an easily projected scapegoat that help us distract ourselves

from our own fears and doubts. At least I'm not as bad as Judas, we might say.

But if we are willing and able to accept ourselves and our failings, then a new view of Judas can open. Yes, he is cursed to be the one who connects Jesus with his executioner. Someone has to do it, and the lot fell to him. The fabric of creation left him to be the strand that was to pull at the most precious thread of all, the very thing holding the world together, all so that the true power of God could be realized. In some mystical way he is as necessary and integral as all other parts, as sad and unenvious his role is to play. So, too, are we a precious thread in God's redeemed tapestry, with our role to play.

And while we are looking at our lives and our calling, we might also look at Judas and wonder about our ultimate destination. It is a healthy debate to wonder if Judas can be redeemed. I for one struggle to keep the door open for him. If he cannot be saved, then perhaps I cannot either. You see, Lent and Holy Week are a part of our yearly calendar so that we can grapple with our own flaws and weaknesses, how we

also tug and pull apart the fabric of God's creation. Yes, Judas is remembered for what his flaws have cost, and perhaps mine will not be recorded and remembered every Palm Sunday and Good Friday like his. Yet I see in Judas a reflection of myself at my worst, and I hope and pray that Jesus can reach back for him. That way I can hold on to the hope that he can reach back for me, too.

It may not be a light topic for summer distraction, but the joys of the season are all the sweeter in light of Jesus Christ's gift to all the souls of the world.

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### **Thank You Sunday School Teachers**

Many thanks, *Jen Dilks, Addy Landrio, Pam Taylor, and Nancy Scott* our awesome Sunday School Teachers for another dedicated year. Our children enjoyed lessons, crafts, music, prayer time, and finding so many ways to share what they are doing with the rest of us. Sunday School takes the summer off with its return the first Sunday of September.



### **Congratulations Graduates**

The Episcopal Mission of Warren County family congratulations our graduates!

**Simon Smith**, son of Kurt & Marisa Smith and grandson of Lana Creal graduates June 16th from Warren Area High School. Simon will be attending University of Rochester for Economics.

**Ashley Willis**, daughter of George Willis and granddaughter of Barb Willis graduated with a Master of Education in Foundations in Behavioral Analysis from the University of Cincinnati.



July's movie puts today's life style in front of us. "Ring the Bell" challenges some views of commitment and priorities.

An entertaining and thought provoking look on what society expects from us versus what we might expect from each other. Gathering at 6pm with the movie at 6:45. Come join us Friday, July 7th for fellowship, fun and insights.



Our Youth Group raised **\$450 for the Clean Water Campaign!!!** They would like to thank everyone who supported them in this outreach effort.

## Summer Schedule

Summer may mean vacations, outings, gardening, family fun, and so much more, but it will also be a time for our church community to enjoy the season. Plans are in the works for fishing outings, a youth and family day at the city pool, trips to sporting events, and hopefully other activities. Stay in touch through our Facebook page and our weekly emailed newsletter for upcoming events!

One item to circle on your calendars is our annual picnic at Betts Park. We are set for Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup> for our annual worship, cookout, and family fun day. This is a great chance to invite family and friends to join us, too! More details will come out in August, but circle that date now so you do not miss out on the fun.

### Let the Summer Sessions Begin



Please keep our clergy in your prayers as June is going to be jam packed with study and travel. Father Tim flew to California June 9<sup>th</sup> for two weeks of intense study.

Father Matthew is off to Virginia Seminary June 19<sup>th</sup> for three weeks continuing work on his Doctorate of Ministry degree.



What an outpouring of support!

\$ 4,560 was raised for our Holiday Hot Meals program through the Warren Gives online fundraiser held May 17<sup>th</sup>. \$4,070 worth of donations was matched by \$ 490 in matching funds provided by the sponsoring organizations. Please offer a prayer of thanksgiving for our friends at the Community Foundation of Warren and for the wonderful donors.

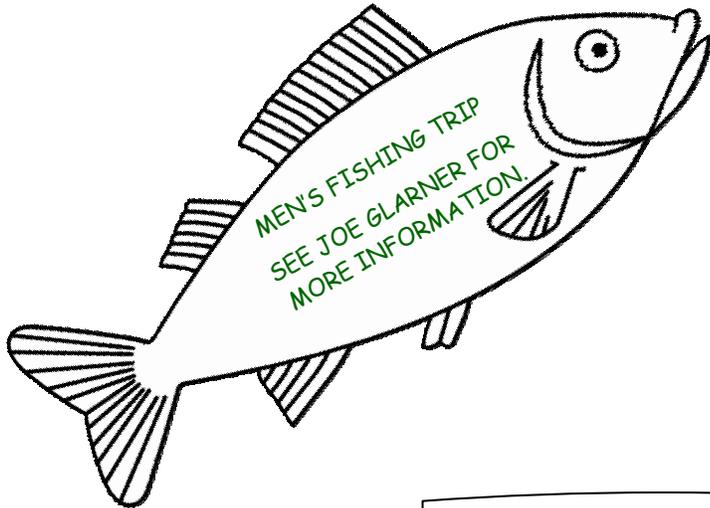
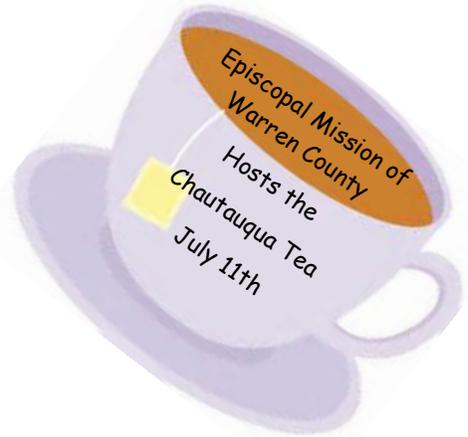
Be watching for these and more upcoming summer activities on Facebook and our weekly ENews.

Diocesan  
Summer Camp  
June 11-17

Waldameer Day  
June 18th

**YARD SALE**  
Youngsville Community Yard Sale Days  
At St. Francis, July 13, 14, 15

A Sporting  
Event Outing.  
Stay Tuned



Youth & Family  
Day at the  
City Pool

Annual Outside Worship &  
Picnic  
At Betts Park  
August 27th

*Episcopal Mission of Warren County  
Hosts the Chautauqua Tea on  
Tuesday, July 11th*

Plan to go for the day and enjoy the grounds before we pour tea at three. The Chaplain-in-Residence gives his address at the Cottage as we provide goodies for the many visitors.

You are invited to provide a live center piece, paper party plates and napkins, cookies, quick breads, Pepperidge Farms Pirouette Cookies-Vanilla & Chocolate, tea sandwiches, mints/nuts, or cheese & crackers. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the entryway. Any items you can provide will be helpful. It's a fun day and we have lunch and explore the grounds before serving tea. Plan now and join us!



Please sign up on the sheet available in the entryway indicating your donation and if you will be attending. Any questions, please speak with Ellen Eberly.



St. Francis is participating in The Youngsville Community Yard Sale Days by holding an indoor yard sale on July 13, 14 and 15.

You may man your own table and make your own money, or if you have just a few good, used items and would rather y donate we will sell them. Unmanned tables or dropped off items will be sold to benefit our 2017 Halloween Adventure. You may drop off your donations anytime before July 12th at St. Francis or Trinity and we will transport.

### **Anti-Child Trafficking**

ACT did a presentation for the Warren Kiwanis Wednesday, 5/31.

Although our next scheduled program is in the fall, we are eager to speak anywhere to any group who will to listen. This crime continues to grow because of the low risk and high profit margin. The Pittsburgh FBI recently confirmed children are being trafficked in rural NW PA.

Thad Turner, YMCA CEO, who rescues victims all over the world, told us one of his most recent rescues was in Ohio!

Contact Diane Brant for details, to schedule a presentation, etc.



Our Emergency Pet Food Pantry at our Youngsville location continues serving those who need a little help

feeding their four legged friends. It is through fund raisers and generous donations monetary or food itself that we able to offer this ministry. You may donate dog or cat food for make a donation in honor or in memory of a loved in support of the Pet Pantry.

If you have food your pet doesn't like, you may donate it. Any food donation can be made at St. Francis, Ed Schults 4090 Market Street or Critter Clippers 2935 Cone-wango Avenue in Warren. Any questions, please see Nancy Reynolds.



Our emergency food pantry at our Warren location is needed year round

and we happily accept donations of non perishable food anytime. The following items are most useful:

- Pancake Mix (just add water) & Syrup
- Complete Boxed Meals **with meat**
- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Pasta & sauce
- Spaghetti-O's, Ravioli, Mac & Cheese
- Canned vegetables, soup,
- Mayo, canned tuna and canned chicken
- Canned Vegetables & Canned Fruit

Your donations are greatly appreciated by those needing our emergency food pantry. Thank you for sharing the Love of Christ.

FYI— 30 Bags have been given in 2017!

## Diapers and Such Raffle, August 27th



Tickets will be on sale beginning August 6 ending after our outdoor service and picnic August 27th.

Items to be raffled include...

- A crock-pot
  - Crazy Christians! autographed by our Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry
  - A piece of jewelry
- and a more items to be announced!

Number Tickets will be based on \$5 donation increments starting at...\$1 to \$5 donation = 1 ticket per can and increase from there. and \$21 to \$25 donation = 5 tickets per can

I have become aware of a possible need by teens in Warren County, details are vague right now, but I will be dedicating 25 cents of every dollar raised by this raffle for this potential outreach with more information to follow.



Our awesome after service coffee hour is a great time of fellowship. Many thanks to those who offered their gift of hospitality by providing goodies for all to enjoy. We give thanks to *Nancy Reynolds & Anne Reynolds, Molly Lawson, Brigitte & Jeff Chase, Bonnie Dickson & Jan Thompson, Chris Myers, Colette Grady & Laurie Rulander, and Helenanne Meyer* for hosting in Youngsville. If you would like to be added to the schedule, at St. Francis, please see Helenanne Meyer.

Thanks to the following people who hosted coffee hour in Warren: *Addy & Gary*

*Landrio, Diane Brant, Beth Porter, Brianna Powers, Carol Lake & Connie Michell, Dee Stewart, Tom & Mary Lou Watt and Betsy Bowersox.* Check out the table in the entryway for open Sundays for your opportunity to serve in this fellowship ministry.

Would you like to host a coffee hour, but think you can't bake? Store bought treats are always welcome, but now there's another way to participate. Simply designate a contribution as "coffee hour treats." Someone will do the shopping for you, and you will be the VIRTUAL HOST or HOSTESS!

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 \* **The Altar Flower sign up calendar** is in the entryway for your opportunity to place \*  
 \* flowers on altar You may place them on the altar in memory of or in honor of someone, or \*  
 \* in thanksgiving for an event, etc. You may order the flowers from the florist of your \*  
 \* choice and pay for them directly or ask Barb to order for you and then pay the \*  
 \* church. Any questions, call Barb at either office: STF—563-7586, TMC - 723-9360. \*  
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**Income & Expense, Operating Fund to May 31, 2017**

	Actual to 5/31/2017	Budget to 5/31/2017	2017 Budget
<b>Member Contributions</b>	\$52,590	\$56,630	\$135,911
<b>Other Income</b>	\$8,719	\$5,500	\$13,200
<b>Plate Income</b>	\$553	\$541	\$1,300
<b>Janet Henry Income</b>	<u>\$11,615</u>	<u>\$19,358</u>	<u>\$46,459</u>
<b>Sub Total Income</b>	<b>\$73,477</b>	<b>\$82,029</b>	<b>\$196,870</b>
<b>Endowment</b>	\$43,084	\$43,829	\$105,190
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$116,561</b>	<b>\$125,858</b>	<b>\$302,060</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$120,653</b>	<b>\$126,581</b>	<b>\$301,957</b>



## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be on a diocesan committee?

Serving on a diocesan committee will give you the opportunity to: serve God in a different way, work more closely with others in our diocese, participate in a way that allows you to grow spiritually and personally, and have some fun. You will have the opportunity to use your spiritual gifts in a manner that will provide you with additional insight into how our diocese operates.

We are looking for fresh perspectives, new thinking, and people who are interested in dedicating a finite amount of time to working toward greater health and vitality in this diocese.

At this year's convention, we will be electing people for Diocesan Council (one priest and one lay), Standing Committee (one priest and one lay), and the Constitution and Canons Committee (one priest and one lay). A list of diocesan committees and descriptions for each can be printed from the following: <http://www.dionwpa.org/our-diocese/governance>.

If you are interested in any of the committees, please submit your nomination form (available on the diocesan websites or call the church office) to the Standing Committee who will, in turn, contact you to help discern your desire to serve Our Lord in a different manner.

Please submit forms to the Standing Committee by September 20, 2017. They should be emailed to Anne Bardol ([erietaxgal@gmail.com](mailto:erietaxgal@gmail.com)) or sent by mail to the Diocesan Church Center (145 W. 6th St., Erie PA 16501).

Thank you for your consideration.  
Prayerfully,

The Nominating Committee

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## PROPOSED 2018 BUDGET AND ASSESSMENTS

Diocesan Council has passed the first draft of the proposed 2018 budget and assessments. Please look at the documents and, if you have any feedback or questions, get in contact with Cindy Dougan ([cdougan@dionwpa.org](mailto:cdougan@dionwpa.org) or [814.456.4203](tel:814.456.4203)). Copies can be printed from the diocesan website or by calling the church office. Feedback should be to Cindy by September 6th, so that the Council may receive it at their September meeting. Detailed budgets are also available from Cindy upon request.

## CALL FOR RESOLUTIONS

The Secretary for Convention has called for resolutions to be submitted for this year's Diocesan Convention.

Resolutions are due no later than September 25. Please email them to the Secretary of Convention, the Rev. Adam Trambley, at [seccon@dionwpa.org](mailto:seccon@dionwpa.org) or mail them to the Diocesan Church Center (145 W. 6th St., Erie PA 16501).



We are fast approaching the anniversary of Trinity Church. No set plans have been made as to how we will celebrate this milestone, however one thought to mark this occasion is by creating a photo album covering many years. Each family is asked to submit favorite pictures they have during their time at Trinity.

Please copy any pictures you wish to include. The plan is to group the pictures by families. No time line is necessary or dates for that matter. Just pick things that brought you happiness over the years. No amount will be turned away.

Start looking now! This may take you some time to pull things together. You can bring pictures to the office at any time starting now until the first week of August.

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### June

- 2 - Phyllis Biekarck
- 3 - Kevin Warner
- 4 - Denny Brown
- 6- Dan Cassidy
- 7 - Helen Kroemer
- 8 - Grant Brown  
Caleb Capello  
Don Dyer
- 10 - David Ball  
Olivia Brocklehurst
- 11 - Lydia Renninger  
Corey Gordon & Matt Willis
- 13- Mark Schantz
- 15 - Charlie Stewart
- 16 - Adriane Ludwick  
John & Bethany Hamilton
- 18 - Earl Johnson  
Keith Reynolds
- 22 - Michael Campbell  
Megan Giacomino  
Michael & Jana Hanks  
Matthew & Nancy Scott
- 23 - Olivia Stone
- 24 - Kylie Westover  
Ryan Willis
- 25 - Kyle Traut
- 27 - Alan & Leslie Baldensperger  
Brandon & Meghan Dean
- 29 - Richard Fisher & Marcy O'Brien
- 30 - Bailey Dilks  
Pat Pollard  
Piers & Pam Curry  
Tom & Linda Jensen

### July

- 7 - Kelsey Dilks  
Christopher Pope
- 10 - Keith & Anne Reynolds
- 11 - Clarabella Glarner  
Tom Jensen
- 12 - Angie Landrio  
Randy Swanson  
Paul & Vivien Boger
- 13 - Sylvia Anderson
- 14 - Abbey Arnold  
David Schantz  
Gene & Janet Ely  
Bill & Erin Renninger
- 16 - Suzanne Painter  
David & Jane Ball
- 17 - Daniel Schantz  
Kurt Glarner
- 19 - Christopher Cassidy  
Dale Meyer  
Tom Vorse
- 20 - Brody Connolly  
Chance Farnsworth  
Chris Myers  
Bob & Jen Dilks
- 22 - Jack & Kathy Glarner  
Mark & Jill Woody
- 23 - Jeff & Brigitte Chase  
Richard West
- 24 - Meredith Hanks  
Grant Stewart
- 25 - Daniel Thomson  
Annette Drummond Pope
- 26 -David Schantz
- 27 - Kelsey Campbell
- 28 - Erin Renninger
- 29 - Terry Brant  
Ed & Donna Ball
- 31 - Clare Glarner

### August

- 2 - Scott Madigan  
Charles Steinmeyer
- 3 - Colin Ely  
Cassandra Myers Traut
- 4 - Oran Stewart
- 5 - Suki McGhen
- 7 - Ailsa Boger  
Lynda McCollough
- 8 - Opal Smith  
Dee Stewart
- 9 - Kevin & Laurie Rulander
- 10 - Joseph & April Glarner  
Charlie & Jan Thompson
- 12 - Gene Ely  
Charmain Wismar
- 13 - Jeff Chase  
Kassidy Turner
- 14 - Patrick & Aubrey Varine
- 15 - Kevin Flick
- 16 - Nancy Scott  
Andrew & Pat Pollard
- 17 - Jerry Ely  
Brian Vorse  
Richard & Elaine West  
Don & Marsha Jackson
- 18 - Jeremiah Hanks  
Oran & Dee Stewart
- 19 - Robert Brown  
Brian Reid  
Naomi Scott
- 21 - Rob & Jess Arnold
- 22 - Mary Lou Campbell
- 25 - Noah Myers  
Dale & Helenanne Meyer
- 26 - Anne Reynolds  
Elin Smith
- 27 - Charlie Thompson
- 28 - Ralph & Donna Brown
- 29 - David & Linda Schantz
- 31 - Joshua John  
Patrick Varine  
Tom Watt

### July

- 2 - Jason Glarner
- 3 - Helenanne Meyer
- 6 - Carissa Delattre



**Illness/ Surgery/ Other Needs:** Tom Vorse, Eileen Kelly, Jami Hillman, Bonnie Dickson, a friend, Family of Billy Kelly, Stephanie Anderson, safe trip for friends, Family of Vangie Chase, Michael and James, Kids going to camp this week, Roger, Doug, Denny, Doug & his wife Mary. Missy & family, Caroline, Ryan Winkels, Naomi Urbanik, Bill Kelly, Hoby Hyde, John, people of London, Stella, Shaw family, a young mother, Greg Frasier, Woody Family, Al Harrison, Mineweaser family, Jackson family, Krespin family & friends, Withington family, Bonnie Dickson, Simone de la Guerra, Missy, Linda Gruber family, Dick Thomson

**Thanksgiving for:** Answered prayer, God’s protection, Great biking riding weather, good people who return found items, overwhelming glory of creation, success of St. Francis raising money for their new sign, Church camp scholarship donors, Sonna Smith, Grandma Vivian, God’s blessings, babies, baptism & small blessings, answered prayers & protection, peaceful sleep & calm days, relief from pain, Baptism of Kensie Jane, Sunshine, flowers & good health

**Serving in the Armed Services:** Alex Danielson, Collin Delattre, Curtis Delattre, Parker Hahn, Jackie Shaw, Nathan Lake, Robert Barrett, Jonathon Fox, Andrew Horner, Abe Vansile, Bill Wencil, Bill Horner, Sondra Dew, T.J. Fera, Pete Ochucki, Stephen Battko, Rob Umbaugh, Adam Decker, Troy Spencer, Natalie Neidrick Julin, Jolene Nobles, Aaron Heliker, Arick Heliker Matthew Wright, Matthew Lambert, Sean Jenkins, Krista Traut, Matthew Easterly Alaxis Brink Smith, Julie Sveda, Hayden Victor, Michael Miller, Marc Miller

**The Clergy:** Michael Curry, our Presiding Bishop; Sean Rowe, our Bishop; Matthew Scott, our vicar, Tim Dyer, our associate vicar

**Prayer for the Diocese**

*O God, by your grace you have called us in this diocese to a goodly fellowship of faith. Bless our Bishop, Sean, and other clergy, and all our people. Grant that your Word may be truly preached and truly heard, your Sacraments faithfully administered and faithfully received. By your Spirit, fashion our lives according to the example of your Son, and grant that we may show the power of your love to all among whom we live; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**Prayers For the Human Family**

*O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy;

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much  
seek to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood as to understand;  
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.



**Celebrate**

**Grow**

**Share**