

The Compass



... Pointing People toward Christ

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SPECIAL PANDEMIC EDITION, VOL. 2 SPRING 2021

From the Rector

I wrote in the Fall 2020 "Compass," that Antarctica



was the only place on earth where there was no coronavirus. This is no longer true. The ravages of the deadly virus are everywhere on our planet, most of whose inhabitants have been through a year of hell. Here, in the U.S., we have lost more than 500,000 people to deaths from COVID-19. Unemployment hasn't been this high since the Great Depression, and mental illness, suicide, addiction, domestic and social violence have risen sharply. Amidst all this suffering, hopelessness and despair, the temptation to cynicism and apathy—"pandemic fatigue"— is greater than under 'normal' circumstances. It can be hard for us to accept or carry out St. Paul's exhortation: "Dear brothers and sisters Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise." (Philippians 4:8 NLT)

The Apostle is not advocating 'positive thinking'; rather, he encourages us to reorient our mental, spiritual, and emotional foci toward the things that come from God—who is supremely good, never changing, and always with us. So, for this "Special Pandemic Edition, Volume 2," I encouraged our parish family to reflect not on what we lost, were deprived of, or were frustrated and unhappy about—but rather, "What brought you joy during the pandemic?"

Apart from our personal joys, we can rejoice that millions worldwide, are now getting vaccinated against the coronavirus and its variants, and in some places, life seems to be returning to more familiar ways.

Joy does not simply happen to us. We have to choose joy and keep choosing it every day.

- Henri Nouwen

I hope you will enjoy reading about the joys that blessed some of our congregation. These are all good things ... but they are temporary. As Christians who celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, our greatest joy—and hope—is found in Him!



In the 5th century BC, Nehemiah oversaw the rebuilding of Jerusalem after the Israelites had been exiled in Persia for many years. He had reasons to rejoice, but not in his own role in returning things 'to normal.' Rather, he declared: "The "joy of the Lord is my strength."

As we rejoice to worship in our sanctuary this Easter, may that same joy be ours. And let us continue praying for—and reaching out to help—our hurting world which God loves so much that He sent His only Son to give His life for our salvation.

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Yours in His love and service, Mother Nina +

What Brought You Joy During the Pandemic?



Dana Renner

Face time conversations with my grandchildren.



Nancy Miller

I enjoyed my peaceful backyard and watching the birds at my feeders. I also enjoyed watching church services on the computer.

Ron & Linda Zynn

Enjoying taking time to de-stress or "unwind" with more "me" time and walking with our Bichon, Tobe.



Just chilling with Tobe and our fur grandbaby, Remy

Rick Hacker

Growing closer to Nina as we look toward celebrating our 27th wedding anniversary on May 14th.

Right: Our 20th Anniversary in 2014



Suzanne Turpin

Baking bread, new recipes and old. Making soup and giving both away! Especially having Selena Baldwin call and ask for more.

Nina George-Hacker



Growing closer to Rick, and to our 14-yr.-old cat, Gracie—my "snuggler." It also gave me great joy to share delightful phone conversations with parishioners, as we came to know one another better.

Paul & Mary Lou Weaver



Walking the entire Garden Spot Campus two times every day—put a lot of miles on our sneakers.

Doing lots of home cooking—old favorite recipes and trying new ones, making homemade sourdough bread and sharing it with our neighbors. After 56 years of marriage and working, we were both at home every day "together"-JOY TO THE WORLD !!!

Bo & Sabra Grimes

What has given Sabra and me joy during these dark times has been an hour-long Zoom meeting with members of her family all over the country every Sunday after church a very happy cross-generational gathering, catching up and chatting about what's going on with folks



we otherwise would have little opportunity to see and talk with, from ages 8 to 80-plus! We'll probably try to keep it going once the pandemic passes.

Ron Kelly

I learned to cook and bake!



Cindy Domsohn



Regular face time calls with our grandchildren and



the birth of two new grandkids (pandemic babies).

Working at the Coatesville Veterans Administration Medical Center, finding new ways to



deliver healthcare during this most challenging and unprecedented year.



James Hershey

One thing that has brought me a lot of joy is the orange Tabby kitten I rescued, whom I named "Rusty." He's a sweet boy ... when he's not causing trouble.



Selena Baldwin



Weekends with my daughter and grocery shopping with my sister, Joan, followed by a chocolatealmond ice cream cone at Lapp's!

Receiving cards from friends.

Robin Baldwin

Having more time to read—just finished John Dos Passos' USA trilogy—



and being more present in the moment for



sunrises and sunsets and bird watching.



Having my coworkers for social interaction.

Sharon Fremont



Enjoying my first year of retirement, even with COVID affecting everyone's life!

APRIL

4/1 Nina George-Hacker

4/6 Tina Zurcher

4/11 Terri Fant

4/13 Susan Gansauer

4/17 Ron Kelly

4/18 Betty Buchanan

4/22 Nick Kinka

4/24 Robert "Benjamin" Baldwin

4/26 April Wilkinson

- 4/15 Hank & Terri Fant
- 4/24 Andrew & Liz Baldwin

MAY

5/2 Joanne Cipollini

5/4 Giulianna DeMarco

5/6 Frances Gilfillan

5/15 Debbie Martin

5/19 Joan D'Aloisio

5/20 Joan Lorenz

5/22 Lou D'Aloisio

5/31 Cheryl Shurak

- 5/14 Rick Hacker & Nina George-Hacker
- 5/17 Barry & Linda Baldwin

Birthdays & Anniversaries

JUNE

6/5 Alex Shurak

6/9 Olivia Cipollini

6/10 Barry Baldwin

6/16 Ron Zynn

6/25 Tracy Miller

- ♥ 6/3 Paul & Mary Lou Weaver
- 6/6 Chris & Sharon Fremont
- ▶ 6/7 Glenn & Debbie Martin
- 6/18 John & Faye Oberholser
- 6/24 Mike & Tina Zurcher
- 🎔 6/27 Ron & Linda Zynn

JULY

7/1 Mia Eileen Baldwin

7/7 Kurt Gansauer

7/11 Robin Baldwin

7/18 David Skiles

7/20 Katelyn Wilkinson

7/20 Neven Zurcher

7/23 Don Faix

7/26 Sharon Fremont

- ♥ 7/1 Grier & Jen Hoskins
- 7/23 Bob & Leslie Yarnall
- ₱ 7/25 Ron & Joyce Kelly

From the Church of England: A Scriptural Prayer for Easter



Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us: so let us celebrate the feast, not with the old leaven of corruption and wickedness:

but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Christ once raised from the dead dies no more:

death has no more dominion over Him.

In dying He died to sin once for all: in living He lives to God.

See yourselves therefore as dead to sin: and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Christ has been raised from the dead: the first fruits of those who sleep.

For as by man came death: by man has come also the resurrection of the dead; for as in Adam all die: even so in Christ shall all be made alive. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be forever. Amen.