

Christ Church (Episcopal)

Reading, Pennsylvania

Christ is All and in All



Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

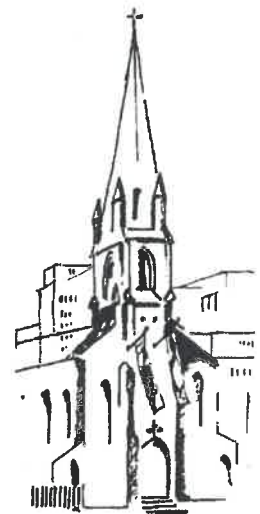
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Today's Readings

The Old Testament Reading: 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19

David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the LORD of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. They carried the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart with the ark of God; and Ahio went in front of the ark. David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the LORD with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals. So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing; and when those who bore the ark of the Lord had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. David danced before the Lord with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod. So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet. As the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart. They brought in the ark of the LORD, and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt offerings and offerings of well-being before the LORD. When David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts, and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

The New Testament Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined

according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

The Gospel: Mark 6:14-29

King Herod heard of Jesus and his disciples, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

Cover image: "Preaching of John the Baptist" by Giovanni Domenico Tiepolo (1727-1804)

The Prayers of the People

Celebrant: Blessed are you, Holy God, creator, redeemer and life-giver; you have spoken the world into being and filled it with wonder and beauty. Hear us as we pray today:

Intercessor: For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples; for Bryce, our rector, Kevin, our Bishop, Michael, our presiding bishop, Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, The Church of Ireland, and Trinity, Bethlehem. Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, for all in authority, and for those living in fear and danger, especially the people of Ukraine and the Holy Land. Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

For this city of Reading, for every city and community, and for those who live in them; we pray especially for those celebrating this week, Donald Helwig, Ruth Anne Bengtson, Zoe Morris, and Mr. & Mrs. Richard Laedlein. Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, especially for those printed on the prayer list in our bulletin and any we name now... Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, remembering Philip Wright; Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Merciful Father,

All: **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

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Reading, PA
8am Holy Eucharist: Rite Two**

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The Liturgy of the Word

Please stand

Celebrant: Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you:

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray:

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Old Testament Reading: 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19 (full text on page 2 of this bulletin)

At the end of the reading

Reader: The Word of the Lord:

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 24

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,
the world and all who dwell therein.

**For it is he who founded it upon the seas
and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.**

"Who can ascend the hill of the Lord?
and who can stand in his holy place?"

**"Those who have clean hands and a pure heart,
who have not pledged themselves to falsehood,
nor sworn by what is a fraud.**

They shall receive a blessing from the Lord
and a just reward from the God of their salvation."

**Such is the generation of those who seek him,
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.**

Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors;
and the King of glory shall come in.

"Who is this King of glory?"

**"The Lord, strong and mighty,
the Lord, mighty in battle."**

Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors;
and the King of glory shall come in.

"Who is he, this King of glory?"

**"The Lord of hosts,
he is the King of glory."**

The New Testament Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14 (full text on page 2 of this bulletin)

At the end of the reading

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

The Gospel Reading: Mark 6:14-29 (full text on page 3 of this bulletin)

Before the reading

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark:

People: **Glory be to you, Lord Christ.**

After the reading

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord:

People: **Praise be to you, Lord Christ.**

Please be seated

The Homily

Please stand

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People (page 4 of this bulletin)

Celebrant: Lord, in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Confession of Sin

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The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A, page 361)

The Sanctus

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The Lord's Prayer and Breaking of the Bread

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The Invitation to Communion and Communion

Everyone is invited to receive. If you would prefer to receive a blessing please indicate this by crossing your arms while at the communion rail. There will be two chalices for receiving: the first to drink from and the second chalice is for intinction (dipping the host instead of drinking).

The Post-Communion Prayers

The Celebrant first prays the following:

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Then all pray together on page 365.

The Blessing

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

8:00 AM Service Participants

Celebrant and Homilist
The Reverend Dolores Smith

Communion Assistant
Rick Wolf

Lector and Intercessor
Terry Rowles

Altar Guild
Victoria Wilson (Captain),
Doris Schilpp,

Usher
Chris Spohn

Helen Peemoeller and Sally Wilcox



For those in need of our prayers....

Archie
Courtney
June
Peter
Kristin
Lisa
Kathy
Penny
Gigi

Joe
Grace
Kathy
Matt
Britt
Elly
Beverly
Holly
Jan

Howdy



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Prelude *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*
(text: Hymn 474)

Malcom Archer

Karin Long & Alison Whalen, soloists

Processional Hymn 436 *Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates*

The Liturgy of the Word

Celebrant: Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity (said together)

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Kyrie

Kevin Hackett

The image shows a musical score for a Kyrie. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 3/4. The first system of music has the lyrics "Lord, have mer - cy." written below the vocal line. The second system of music has the lyrics "Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy." written below the vocal line. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and moving lines in the bass clef.

Music: Kevin R. Hackett (b. 1956), from *Hymn Tunes Mass*; based on *Herzliebster Jesu*, Johan Cruger (1598-1662), alt.
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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you:

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray:

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated

The Old Testament Reading: 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19 (full text on page 2 of this bulletin)

At the end of the reading

Reader: The Word of the Lord:

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

Gospel Hymn 293 *I sing a song of the saints of God*

The Holy Gospel: Mark 6:14-29 (full text on page 3 of this bulletin)

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel or our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

After the reading

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

Please be seated

The Homily

Please stand

The Nicene Creed

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The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Announcements and Children's Message

The Offertory Anthem *Of the Father's Love*

Simon Lole

Karin Long & Alison Whalen *Soloists*

As the Father has lov'd me, so have I loved you. Remain in my love.

This is my commandment: love one another, as I have lov'd you.

God is love, and those who live in love live in God and God lives in them.

If you keep my commandments, love one another as I have loved you.

Then your joy will be complete.

Presentation Hymn

Praise God from whom all blessings flow (Hymn 380, vs 3)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise him, all creatures here below;

praise him above, ye heavenly host;

praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer A page 361)

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you:

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts:

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God:

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The celebrant continues with the Great Thanksgiving on page 361

The Sanctus

William Mathias



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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The Lord's Prayer

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The Fraction Anthem

Musical score for 'The Fraction Anthem' in G major, 3/4 time. The score consists of three systems of vocal melody and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: 'Taste and see. Taste and see the good - ness of the Lord. O taste and see. Taste and see the good - ness of the Lord. of the Lord. Fine'.

The Invitation to Communion

The Agnus Dei

Mass of St Thomas

David Thorne

Musical score for 'The Invitation to Communion' in D major, 2/4 time. The score consists of four systems of vocal melody and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: 'Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world, grant us peace.' The score includes dynamic markings such as *mp* and *my*.

Everyone is invited to receive. If you would prefer to receive a blessing please indicate this by crossing your arms while at the communion rail. There will be two chalices for receiving: the first to drink from and the second chalice is for intinction (dipping the host instead of drinking).

The Communion Hymn 321 *My God, thy table now is spread*

If Eucharistic visitors are being sent forth today to take the sacrament to people at home, the following prayer is said after Communion:

Celebrant: In the name of God, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

All: **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup, Amen.**

The Post-Communion Prayers

The Celebrant first prays the following:

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Then all pray together on page 365.

The Blessing

The Closing Hymn 481 *Rejoice, the Lord is King!*

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *Fugue in g minor*

Marcel Dupré

10AM Service Participants

Celebrant and Homilist
The Reverend Dolores Smith

Organist and Choir Director
John Painter

Verger
Linda Jones

Gospel Book Bearer
Andrea Griffith

Lector
Runette Gabrielle

Intercessor
Mary Arguelles

Ushers
David Emes, Garrett Hyneman, Joann
Hyneman and Jack Lacey

Communion Assistants
Andrea Griffith and Wayne Fanning

Crucifer
Milah Smith

Acolytes
Zoe Morris and Ian Hoelscher

Altar Guild
Victoria Wilson (Captain), Doris Schilpp,
Helen Peemoeller and Sally Wilcox



Bookbag Drive August 2024 at Christ Church, Reading

Below is a checklist of items needed to complete a full backpack which we will bless on August 4th and then take to Mary's Shelter. You can team up with others to complete a backpack or go it alone! It's up to you.

- 1 backpack of any color
- 2 spiral notebooks
- 3 2-pocket folders
- 1 pack of index cards
- 1 box of crayons (pack of 16 or 24)
- 1 coloring book
- 1 pack of washable markers (pack of 8)
- 1 safety scissors
- 1 box of color pencils (10 in a box)
- 1 pack of mechanical pencils (10 or 12 in a pack)
- 1 ruler
- 1 pack of erasers
- 1 glue stick
- 1 lunch box or an insulated lunch bag

Are you interested in **studying the Bible together** at Christ Church with Father Bryce? If so, please see the online survey in our Enews or the paper survey on the table near the Orrick Door (please answer either the Enews survey or the paper one, not both!). The study time would last one hour and we would begin sometime in August. Please leave comments or suggestions on the enews survey or on the blank side of the paper ballot.

On Sunday, August 18th at our 10AM service we will be **blessing our children's bookbags** for the new school year. This is a wonderful chance to send our children back to school with God's blessing and a Christ Church carabiner!

Join **Education for Ministry (EfM)** to:

- Deepen your Christian faith.
- Learn how to articulate that faith.
- Let that faith inspire you into action!

Through study, prayer, and reflection, trained mentors facilitate small group discussions and guide participants to examine life through an increasingly informed and inspired theological lens. More than Bible study, EfM participants read and discuss the Bible, Church history and theology. In person groups are forming around the Diocese and virtual options are available. If interested or for more information, email EfM Diocesan Coordinator Cathy Bailey (cathybaileynnp@gmail.com).

Get on the Hogwarts Express this summer with our **Vacation Bible School!** From Monday, July 29th to Thursday, August 1st from 5:30 to 7:30PM we will be at Hogwarts and opening our Bibles to explore our faith through the exciting world of Harry Potter and related Bible Stories. Scan the QR codes below to Enroll and take the quiz!



Regular Christ Church Office hours:

Monday: 8:00 am - 2:00 PM; Tuesday 8:00AM-12:30PM

Wednesday 8:00 am - 2:00 PM

The Christ Church Mission

Sharing God's Love with All

Please visit us at www.rdgchristchurch.org. The Diocesan and church staff members are listed, as well as a calendar of events. You may use this website to send in prayer requests. You may also request to be added to the list for e-news and newsletters.

Altar Candle Memorials for July are given for **Blessings Received** by Susan Frankowski; **Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Charline Allen** by Faith McKoy, **Paul and Alice Swain and Arthur and Mary Hoare** by Stephen and Charlotte Hoare; **Sherry Feick Chandler** by David and Judy Feick.

Altar Flowers for today are to the **Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Philip Wright** from The Reverend Bryce Wandrey and Family.



Did you forget your checkbook this morning? Have you been wanting to set up a pledge but keep forgetting? Life just got a whole lot easier: scan the QR code on your phone and it will take you directly to our giving homepage.

We are starting a new six-week **Pilgrim Course today** on the Eucharist. This is an innovative and inspiring program for people of all stages along the road of following Jesus. We meet in the Parlor from 9:05 to 9:45am. Please join us in this course for the Christian journey

Three cheers for our Courtyard Committee who have cleaned and manicured our beautiful church garden! Committee members have picked up garbage, pulled weeds, killed weeds, raked leaves and pruned bushes, while having lots of fun together. All are invited to join this important ministry. Please contact Fr. Bryce if you are interested.

Welcome to Christ Episcopal Church

We are happy to welcome you to our church and worship services. Here are some things that you may find helpful. If you would like to know more about us there are cards that you can fill out hanging in each pew. Please hand your completed card to an usher as you leave today. Please join us after the service in our Fellowship Hall (down the stairs near the front of the church and on your right at the bottom of the stairs) to get to know us better. The most readily accessible restroom is through the door near the front of the sanctuary. Once you go through that door turn right; the restroom is across from the elevator. Parking is available for free on the street on Sundays and in the M&T parking lot behind the church on the corner of Washington Street and Madison Ave.

<p style="text-align: center;">Vestry</p> <p>Wayne Fanning (Senior Warden) Diane Morris (Junior Warden) Terry Rowles (Pastoral Care) Pam Wheat (Grants) Carolyn Handy (Stewardship) Michael West (Finances) Connie Fegley (Worship) Anita Powell (Hospitality) Kim Alarcon (Outreach) Mary Arguelles (Children/Youth) Chuck Brantman (Security/Property)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Our Ministries</p> <p><u>Worship</u> Acolytes Altar Guild Eucharistic Ministers Lectors and Intercessors Vergers Guitar and Taizé Services Healing Team Centering Prayer Morning Prayer Ushers Kristallnacht Service</p>	<p><u>Music</u> Parish Choir Bell Ringers Children's Choir Fall Festival of Arts</p> <p><u>Education</u> Adult Forum Library Children's Ministries Education for Ministry</p> <p><u>Pastoral Care</u> Cards and notes Prayer Lists Eucharistic Visitors Flower Delivery Pastoral Visits</p> <p><u>Fellowship</u> Sunday Coffee Hour 50+ Club Hospitality Committee</p> <p><u>Business</u> Property Ministry Church Maintenance Days Stewardship Team Planned Giving Communications Capital Campaign Security Taskforce</p>	<p><u>Outreach</u> Opportunity House Rummage Mary's Shelter Narcotics Anonymous Literacy Council of Reading Berks ESL Dinners Daughters of the King Episcopal Church Women Helping Harvest Veterans Coalition of PA Angel Tree Berks Community Health Center Berks Youth Chorus</p>
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This Week at Christ Church

Sunday, July 14—The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
8AM Holy Eucharist (spoken)
9:05AM Adult Forum/Pilgrim course
10AM Holy Eucharist (sung)
11AM Fellowship Hour
4PM—5PM NA meeting

Monday, July 15
12PM—1PM NA meeting
5:30-6:30PM NA meeting

Tuesday, July 16
9AM Citizenship class
9:30AM Centering Prayer
12PM—1PM NA meeting

Wednesday, July 17
12PM Holy Eucharist
12PM—1PM NA Meeting
5:30-6:30PM NA Meeting

Thursday, July 18
9:30AM Centering Prayer
11AM Morning Prayer Red Bridge Park
12PM—1PM NA Meeting

Friday, July 19
12PM—1PM NA Meeting

Saturday, July 20
12PM—2PM NA Meeting

Sunday, July 21—The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
8AM Holy Eucharist (spoken)
9:05AM Adult Forum/Pilgrim course
10AM Holy Eucharist (sung)
11AM Fellowship Hour
4PM—5PM NA meeting

Upcoming Events

July 27 9AM-11AM Courtyard Clean-up

July 29 to August 1 VBS 5:30 to 7:30PM

August 4 Transfiguration Sunday and Mary's Shelter's Bookbag Drive

August 11 St. Mary, Mother of our Lord

August 18 Blessing of the Bookbags

August 31 9 AM-11AM Courtyard Clean-up

September 1 Blessing of Football Teams



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