



St. Andrew's news for June 5 2020

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Please send prayer requests to [Fr. John](#). I will publish them in the service prayers of the people, and here, starting next week.

Follow St. Andrew's on social media! Posted every day is a reflection from Forward Day by Day. Please check in and comment!

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A note from Fr. John. This past week or so have been particularly difficult for

This Sunday is Holy Trinity Sunday! This Sunday's complete service [can be found here](#). Our guest preacher this weekend is our own seminarian, Lisa Agular. Please join us!

To view our service online [go to this link](#) and look for the word video on the left hand side. A reminder that you do not need a Facebook account to view the service. Also, the service is recorded, as are all of our services, and can be viewed at any time. We do hope you will join us for the live service that starts every Sunday at 10:30 am.

Concerning the Odds and Ends Sale: It is with regret that the vestry has determined that it is not in the best interest of the parish to hold the Odds and Ends sale this summer due to the danger of spreading the coronavirus amongst the public and the inability to disinfect items for sale, not being able to appropriately social distance, and the vulnerabilities of the volunteers to become infected by the general public by asymmetric persons.

Arts and Crafts Faire---We have not officially resumed our Thursday Morning workshops and there has been a suggestion that we have an evening workshop when we resume activities from time to time for those who are unable to come during the day. Any interest in that possibility? We are always looking for new ideas for projects especially ones that can be worked on at home during this pandemic. We are always open to suggestions. Maybe It's something you have purchased or seen and think would be a good addition to our Faire. If you have creative abilities and can do something while staying safe, please let us know. We hope to have the Faire this fall and will need items to sell. If you don't feel creative, donations to the Faire are always welcome. Any questions or suggestions, please contact Noreen Witty. (Fr. John's note - it has not yet been determined if the sale will be held. It depends on the status of our situation as regards Covid-19 in September/October)

A FUN activity for all! Thanks to Loree MacNeill for putting this together!
[Click here for a fun SPARK activity!](#)

Your continued support of St. Andrew's is appreciated! Please continue to mail in a check, set up bill pay with your bank, call the office and have your donation taken out automatically each month and/or donate through [PayPal](#)

Looking for spiritual nourishment during the week? A variety of online services are offered by various Episcopal churches around the diocese from Morning Prayer to Compline. Enrich your soul! [Click here for a complete list](#)

Each Sunday from 9 AM to 10AM we host a virtual coffee hour. This is a chance to reconnect with people at St. Andrew's. There is no particular agenda, other than to reconnect and see one another. Here is the information you need:

Consider joining even if you never have before. It's a good way to

connect with our church members for an informal conversation.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Please Join the Family of St. Andrew's

In Omaha, Nebraska

For 1 minute of Prayer from Anywhere

Every Monday at 12:00

A simple, sincere, short specific prayer

Gracious God, guide our scientists to develop a vaccine for

Covid- 19 Amen.

PRAYER CHANGES THINGS!!



**REFLECTIONS FROM THE PEW BY DAN
SITZMAN June 7**

**When I was in kindergarten, I made a new
friend. Dusty lived about two blocks from my**

house. One day when I was at his house, I thought it was funny to play with words. Unfortunately, the words I strung together to describe Dusty led soon to a phone conversation between our mothers, a lost friendship, and a new understanding that we don't joke about the color of one's skin. I did not know.

Four decades later, I was working late and entered the main office of school. An alumnus was in the office, waiting as his mother was meeting with a teacher of his younger brother. Now seven years removed from our frequent conversations in the hallway, the former student had been recently interviewed on TV about his most recent successes. I commented that I was proud how poised and articulate he sounded on camera. He thanked me, but the conversation ended at that. A year later, I read an essay about how words like I had said to him, as an African-American, imply that because I thought that he "sounded white" that he was successful. I did not know.

Last week, as my family sat on the shore of Lake Pontchartrain, looking out over the vast estuary and the long causeway that disappears over the horizon, I thought of the scene early in the 1960 book *Black Like Me*, where the white author, medically treated to have dark skin, rides a bus on that same causeway to experience life in the segregated south. How would the people he encountered respond to him today? I would I respond to him?

I do not know what it is to live with skin of a different color, or as a different gender, or sexual orientation, or worshiping God as a non-Christian, or having been born in another country, or of a different economic status, or in a different age, or if I had chosen another profession. But from my current situation, I know that there are things that I can learn, based on my experiences, by being curious, and from my faith.

This Sunday, we hear the conclusion of Paul's Second Epistle to the Corinthians. In the verse just prior to this Sunday's passage, Paul writes of "the authority the Lord gave me for building you up, not for tearing you down." Then, as we hear on Sunday, he concludes by saying, "Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss."

Just as Jesus and the apostles demonstrated through their words and actions, there is no need to dominate and intimidate or to assume we know what is best for others. Let us use our faith and skills to listen and to better understand what each of us does not know.

Let there be peace, and let it begin with me through my words and actions.

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