



Welcome to St. Paul's!

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 2, 2021, 10:00am

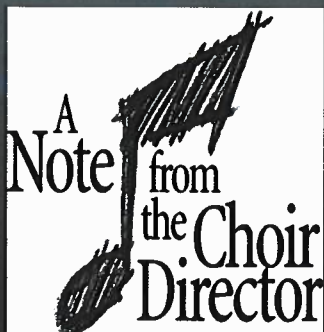
Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church. On the final Sundays of Easter, our attention is directed to the results in our lives of Jesus' dying and rising: the results of Baptism and Eucharist. The Gospel reading today describes our life in Christ. That life is characterized by our love for Jesus as the ground of our faithfulness. We are as intimately bound up in the life of the risen Jesus as the branches of a plant, drawing our new life directly from him.

Like a vine growing new branches, the early Church began to spread beyond Jerusalem almost immediately, bound together in Christ's love and led by the Spirit. In today's reading from Acts, Philip, one of the seven ordained with Stephen, preaches the Gospel to an official of the Queen of Ethiopia. This preaching was prompted by the official's reading of the "Suffering Servant" passage from Isaiah (52:13-53:12). The Ethiopian is converted and baptized on the spot.

Today's reading from First John carries on his theme of our share in God's self-giving love (*agape*). We are to reflect in our own living and ministry that same love which was manifested to us in Jesus' dying and rising. This is the life he shares with us.

We, the People of God, gather in Eucharist to remember and share the story of God's love for us. Our actions in Eucharist are a liturgical expression of self-giving love toward God and others. As we receive Holy Communion, God implants in us Jesus' own life and equips us to extend the divine love to all people in concrete actions of ministry and proclamation.

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About today's music: We welcome Kim McCollum, violin, and Grace McCreary, cantor.

I (Julia) am grateful to Dale Krider for introducing the Bossi prelude to me. Bossi was an organist, composer, improviser and pedagogue in Italy, where he strove to steer Italian music toward the style of mainline European composers such as Brahms, rather than the prevailing style of opera. He concertized internationally, including in the US, and died unexpectedly at sea after a concert at Wannamaker's department store in Philadelphia.

Holy Eucharist Rite II

Please observe silence as we prepare ourselves for worship.

Prelude

Adagio for Violin and Organ

Kimberly McCollum, violin

*Enrico Bossi
(1861-1925)*

Announcements/Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

The people sit.

The Liturgy of the Word

At the sound of the bell, all stand as they are able.

The Celebrant says

Celebrant + Alleuia. Christ is risen!

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The Celebrant says 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.

Gloria

*Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.*

*Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.*

*For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*



Collect for Fifth Sunday of Easter

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Together, let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

First Reading

Acts 8:26-40

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People *Thanks be to God.*

Deus, Deus meus

Antiphon: Make known the saving deeds that God has done.

24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,

and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: *

"May your heart live for ever!"

Antiphon sung by cantor

26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, *

and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; *

he rules over the nations.

28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *

all who go down to the dust fall before him.

Antiphon sung by cantor

29 My soul shall live for him;

my descendants shall serve him; *

they shall be known as the LORD'S for ever.

30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *

the saving deeds that he has done.

Antiphon sung by cantor

Second Reading

1 John 4:7-21

A Reading from First Letter of John.

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world.

There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Holy Gospel

John 15:1-8

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Sermon

The Reverend Mary P. Friel

Prayers of the People

All remain standing.

Intercessor

Rejoicing in the mighty acts of God who has delivered us from sin and death through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, let us lift our voices and pray.

Risen Lord,

Hear our prayer.

Let us give thanks to God for the multitude of blessings showered upon us, for our lives and for those whom we love, for the beauty of this home God has created for us, for our families and our friends let us give thanks to the God of Life.

Risen Lord,

Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the church and the newly baptized, that the joy of Easter may ever grow within them, and that the Spirit may guide them in lives of active faith.

Risen Lord,
Hear our prayer.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We pray for Miranda Burak, Ben Dustin, and Mark Miller who are celebrating their birthdays this week. We pray for Bruce & Mary Ellen Valliant who are celebrating their anniversary this week.

(The People may add their own thanksgivings)

Risen Lord,
Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the nations and peoples of the world, that the powers that oppress and destroy may decline, and that justice, peace, and prosperity be lifted up.

Risen Lord,
Hear our prayer

Let us pray for those who are sick, those who suffer, those who struggle, and those who have died. The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Spencer Ferguson, Elizabeth Ferguson, Charles Griffith, and Amalie Griffith.

That the hope born of Easter give them peace, acceptance and renewal, and that through their struggles they may come into closer communion with the God who redeems and restores.

Risen Lord,
Hear our prayer

Celebrant.

Heavenly Father, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant that, as his death has recalled us to life, so his continual presence in us may raise us to eternal joy; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem
Meditation

Cecile Chamimade
(1857-1944)



The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer D

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

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 God thanks and praise.***

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we say,

Sanctus

***Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation. Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it, and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

*We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.*

The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with Paul and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and for ever. **AMEN.**



As now, our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.*

Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died and rose for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Spiritual Communion Prayer

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given me, for all the pains and insults you have borne for me. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.

after the Prayer of St Richard of Chichester

Communion Music

I Come With Joy to Meet My Lord

*Annabel Buchanan
(1889-1983)*

Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life

Grace McCreary, soloist

*Ralph Vaughan Williams
(1872-1958)*

Post-communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Dismissal

Deacon

Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit, Alleluia, Alleluia.

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!

*John Leavitt
(b. 1956)*

ST. PAUL'S PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 2, 2021

Prayer List

Please call the parish office to place a person on the prayer list, they will be on the list for four weeks. *We will bold the names of the people who are coming off the list after this week so you can call if you want them to stay on.*

Please keep the following members and friends of St. Paul's in your prayers:

Thomas Miller	Michael Millison	Don Wood	Larry Webster
David Wiley	Linda Fleetwood	Caleb Schneck	Jennifer Hutcherson
Sally Clark	Scott Miller	Marlyn Siegel	Sharon Cook
Richards Tillman	Jane Mashburn	Jimmy Miller	Anne Rowland
Ron Brown	Dot Abbott	Melinda Green	The Rev. Kevin Cross
Chelsea Ward	Sandy Northern	Chad Henry	Marcie Taylor Thoma
Kathryn Marchi	Elizabeth Lepre'	Tren Ward	Abbey Rapoport
Irene Kaufmann	Allison Kelly	Christina Smith	Trish Reynolds
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Whitney Wealing	Pete Caesar	Anthony Loiacono	Nancy Hilton
Brenna Wilson	John Perkins	Sheila Blake	Carolyn Lee Crouse
Barbara Pearson Rac	Nancy Crim	Iris Hager	Donald Couch
Donna Morris	Jennifer Gutmann	The Rev. Pete Stanton	
Jack Syme	Mike Robertson	Maureen Whaley	JoLou and Jerry Klingler
Heather Kinnamon	Elaine Catchings	Trixie Seaton	Louis & Janet Palmatary
The Reverend Elizabeth Felicetti	Cynthia Klingler Isaacson	Tricia McMahon	
The Rev. Sheila N McJilton	All those suffering with the coronavirus		

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Wednesday: Holy Eucharist at 11:00am, followed by contemplative prayer.

Mid-week Service:

Please join us at 11:00am for an informal Eucharist service. Afterwards you are invited to stay for meditation and healing prayer. This week we will honor Athanasius, *Bishop of Alexandria.*

Next Week's Readings:

Acts 10:44-48
1 John 5:1-6
John 15:9-17
Psalm 98

Help Wanted

Our kitchen and counter in the Harper Room are very much in need of a spring cleaning. Given covid restrictions, we are asking interested volunteers to come for an hour or so and tackle a drawer or a cupboard. Many hands make light work! Please see Reverend Mary if you have any questions.

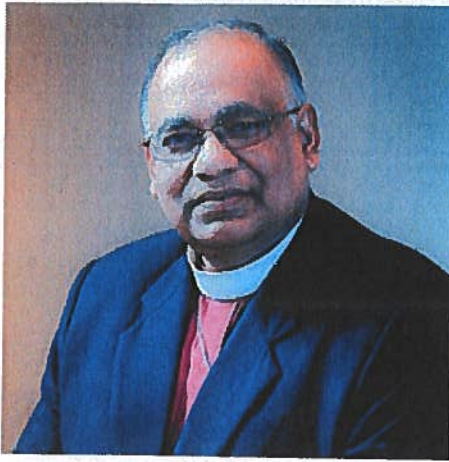
Pentecost

Sunday, May 23 is the Feast of Pentecost. We will be reading the Acts of the Apostles lesson

in many languages. If you are interested in participating, please let Reverend Mary know. You do not need to be fluent in the language.

Coffee Hour Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are asked to sign up in the Coffee Hour Room. Items must be individually packaged. In the event of rain, there will be no coffee hour.



The Bishop is Coming!

Bishop Santosh Marray will be visiting St Paul's on Sunday, June 27. Parishioners interested in being confirmed or received are asked to see Reverend Mary. Those already confirmed in a denomination upholding apostolic succession, such as Roman Catholics and Lutherans are received.



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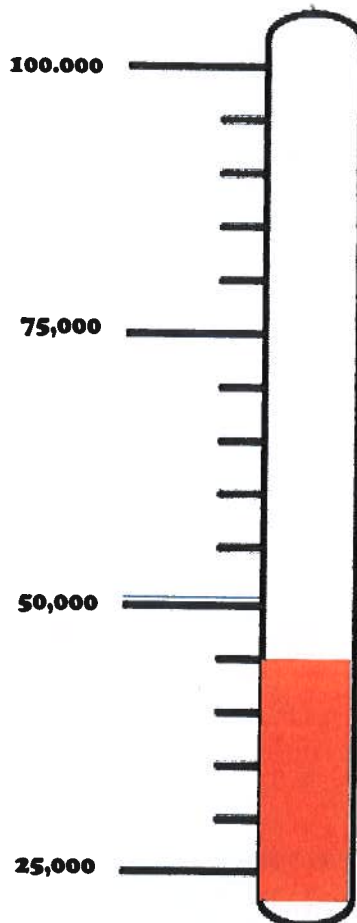


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CONFIRMED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

BUILDING MAINTENANCE FUND PLEDGE UPDATE



We are off to a great start. Thank you to everyone who sent in a donation and/or a pledge commitment.

If you have not turned in a pledge card it is not too late. We look forward to hearing from you.

If you need a pledge card please call Michele at 410-758-1553.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

The Rt. Rev. Santosh Marray, *Bishop*
 The Rev. Mary Friel, *Rector*
 The Rev. Peggy Samuels, *Deacon*
 Julia Morris-Myers, *Director of Music*
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 Laura Kaufmann, *Cantor and Bell Choir Director*
 Chris Pupke, *Lay Reader Director*
 Dan Rugg, *Head Usher and Acolyte Director*
 Arline Mayer, *Volunteer Office Assistant*
 Jordyn Britton, *Housekeeping*
 Coleman Sellers, *Sexton*

*The flowers on the altar are
 given to the Glory of God and
 In Loving Memory of
 Spencer Ferguson
 Elizabeth Ferguson
 Charles Griffith
 Amalie Griffith*

The Vestry

'22 Peggy Andrews
 Dan Macari
 Matt Ward
 '23 Mark Freestate
 Alan Griffith
 Catherine Kirchner
 '24 Sharon Burak
 Elsie Gerdom
 Carol Lorditch



*The mission of St. Paul's
 Parish, Centreville, is to be
 a strong and caring com-
 munity of faith, rooted in
 Christ, welcoming, serving,
 and loving all.*

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<i>Ministry</i>	10:00am	10:00am
<i>Lector</i>	Ned Aull	Ned Aull
<i>Ushers</i>		
Commerce St. Usher:	Elsie Gerdom	John Friel
Liberty St. Usher:	Miranda Burak	Kim Hazuda
Inside Church Usher:	Sharon Burak	Stoney Duffey
<i>Counters</i>	Myron Richardson	Charlotte McClatchy
<i>Tuesdays</i>	Bob Ozinga	Susan Johnson
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Jessica Sellers Hallie Rugg	Sally Cooper Diane Freestate Arline Mayer
<i>Flower Guild</i>	Laura Roth	Elizabeth Lepre'

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Centreville Rotary Club Community Service Partner Form - 2021

Company or Individual Name for Recognition

Primary Contact Person

Street Address, City, ST, Zip Code

Phone Number

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Rotary Member Name, if applicable

Level of Partnership

____ \$500 Bronze Partner
Quarter-page ad in RTC (3.5" w x 4.625" h)
4 Flags for Heroes
4 Crab Feast Raffle Tickets

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Half-page ad in RTC (7.25" w x 4.625" h)
5 Flags for Heroes
5 Crab Feast Raffle tickets

____ \$1000 Gold Partner
Full page ad in RTC
(7.25" w x 9.5" h)
5 Flags for Heroes
5 Crab Feast Raffle tickets

____ \$2000 Platinum Partner
Full page ad in RTC (Prominent Placement)
(7.25" w x 9.5" h)
10 Flags for Heroes
10 Crab Feast Raffle tickets

Payment

___ Check payable to Centreville Rotary Club. Mail with this form to P.O. Box 533, Centreville, MD 21617

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Date

Due date of Hero Names for Flags displayed Memorial Day - Flag Day 2021 is May 14, 2021.

Flag Hero Names: _____

OR _____ In honor of all who have served our country and community

2021 Report to the Community (RTC) electronic art due date is Sept. 3, 2021.

Art should be in .jpeg or .png format and emailed to centrevillerotary1927@gmail.com with reference "Report to the Community."

The Crab Feast Raffle occurs late summer; no additional information is needed.

Questions? Contact Centreville Rotary Board Members, Judy Price at 410-827-0659; Paige Tilghman at 443-988-5874; or email centrevillerotary1927@gmail.com