



THE NEWSLETTER OF TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Trinitarian

July-August 2021

A REFLECTION FROM YOUR INTERIM PRIEST

*Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy Name. [Psalm 103.1]*

These lines from Psalm 103 have floated through my mind as I have welcomed you back to worship on Sunday mornings and as I anticipate leaving Trinity at the end of July.

*Bless the Lord, O my soul—
Praising in thanksgiving
for the joy of gathering to worship.
for the health and safety of our families
for the inspiring beauty of our music and prayers
for the relationships that have deepened through separation*

*Bless the Lord, O my soul—
Asking for grace
to remember that covid-19 continues to elude our control
and that thousands of people continue to be vulnerable
to be bold as we learn how to become a new community
to grow in compassion for both strangers and friends
to allow the Holy Spirit to guide us in this new spiritual journey*

*Bless the Lord, O my soul—
Feeling humility and hope
at the unexpected opportunities to grow and experiment during this past year
at the ways that God surprises us
at the intensity of our longing
at endings that are also beginnings
and beginnings that are also endings*

Bless the Lord, O my soul, / and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.

Mother Judith+

A GREETING FROM YOUR NEW RECTOR

Dear Parish of Trinity,

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior! Your vestry and myself have discerned together that I will be your new priest beginning in August. I am excited to begin this new chapter of ministry together with you all.

I come to you out of a childhood conservative evangelical faith and a first career as an artist and designer, having been since formed in a more progressive Episcopal tradition and serving a parish in West Virginia for the last two years. My wife Miriam is a clothing pattern designer, choir singer, and lover of building relationships and community. We have known each other since we were 8, and have been married for 21 years this summer. We have four children: Elise (18) is heading to college this fall, Will (14) is an avid mountain biker, Seth (12) loves inventing things, and Dietrich (8) is obsessed with LEGOs. We're all looking forward to moving to New England where my family roots are.

I am passionate about faith formation and spiritual growth, art and writing, and experiencing the sacred in community. I also enjoy woodworking, cycling, boats, reading, puzzles, and music.

I am delighted and honored to be your new rector, and I look forward to getting to know each of you in the months and years ahead.

Blessings,
Fr. John Elliott Lein

DURING THIS TIME: JULY- AUGUST 2021

Sundays in July:

July 4th Prayers of thanksgiving for our nation
July 11th The 7th Sunday after Pentecost
July 18th We welcome in Holy Baptism Madison Claire Jones
July 25th Mother Judith's last Sunday

Sundays in August:

August 1st The Rev. Canon Rich Simpson, Celebrant and Preacher
August 8th We welcome The Rev. John Lein as our new Rector
August 15th The 12th Sunday after Pentecost
August 22nd The 13th Sunday after Pentecost
August 29th We welcome in Holy Baptism Anthea and Jolissa Dolmeiis

Morning Prayer will continue on Zoom on Wednesdays at 10 am through July, and we will take a break during the month of August.

Meditation and Movement will be held on Zoom: First Wednesdays July 7th & August 4th.

Beginning on July 4th we will offer simple refreshments in the portico by the side entrance of the church after the service. Please contact Mary Johnson or Mary-Ellen Yaroshefski to learn how you can help.

We now have a **Technology Team** of six volunteers who are learning how to manage our hybrid worship: Kevin Keppler, Justin Richards, Mary Johnson, Katherine Cote, Cindi Scrimgeour, and Steve Ketcham are joining Ann Marie Lockwood and Wayne Stochaj. We need at least 2 more volunteers to ensure that each person needs to be available only once a month. Please contact Mother Judith to learn more.

Community Meals: We will continue our Grab 'n' Go meals along with our "Meal-in-a-Bag" table every Thursday, preparing the meal in the Trinity kitchen every other week. We need volunteers! Please contact Glen Peterson to learn how you can help. This is a great opportunity for community service.

Meeting and Storage Space

Your Wardens have organized a team and a plan to clear out and reorganize storage areas in the Blue Room, the Mary Moore Room, and the Basement. Please let Beth Moeller and Lisa Ruggiero to learn how you can help.

Sunday School

Our families will share a "prayer calendar" with daily prayers and weekly Family Faith Activities. Contact Rachel Carpenter to be on the email list:
Sunday.school@trinitychurchmilford.org.



As COVID restrictions are gradually lifting, we are now back worshipping in the church. For me, this means playing the organ "live" for hymns, solo accompaniments, and the Postlude. However, a notice caught my attention that has nothing to do with music. Starting on July 4th, we will resume "coffee hour outdoors in the portico by the side door." Although I do not even drink coffee, this news was rather exciting for me. Since I have been at Trinity, coffee hour has been a special time for me. This is when I have an opportunity to interact with those in the congregation beyond choir members and soloists.

Although I have greatly missed my usual responsibilities at Trinity, not having the casual conversations with many of you during coffee hour has created a huge disconnect that I am pleased to realize is returning. So, once I have finished the last chord of the postlude, turned off the organ, changed out of organ shoes, hung up my robe, and collected my music, I can have those special moments of speaking with you all and finding out what is happening in your lives. I am looking forward to this time again.

Randy Bloom
Minister of Music

CONGRATULATIONS to Kimberly Stochaj who has been awarded a Bement/Waterfield scholarship by the Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts.

VACATION BIBLE CAMP



Dining in the Kingdom of God

August 2nd-5th. Monday through Thursday 3-5:30 pm

K-6 Hybrid: At home and at the Parish Hall at the United Parish of Upton.

Registration: On our website:

<https://forms.gle/DphuEvpM6v59F2gU7>

Fee: \$10/family [payable to Trinity Church with VBC on the memo line].

Please contact Mother Judith to learn about scholarships. You may register for individual days, and you can choose whether to participate in your kitchen at home or at the Parish Hall of the United Parish of Upton each day. Please also register if you are able to serve as an assistant, either remotely or in person.

Each day participants will learn a different cooking skill in preparing a meal: stirring jello, mashing twice-baked potatoes, slicing and combining ingredients for Caprese salad kebobs, and kneading biscuits or shortcake. In learning these skills, we will share stories from Scripture and from literature about corresponding spiritual challenges: living with change, expressing feelings, justice, and allowing ourselves to grow. Our "camp songs" will be "Big House" and "Taste and See." The full schedule can be found on our website.

GOOD NEWS GARDENS



All of the Good News Garden plants have found new homes. We had planned on putting some pepper and tomato plants in the planters at church, but I am concerned they would not get watered often enough. I think we will continue with flowers in these planters. Charlie and I are nurturing several of the GNG plants in our yard and we plan to share the produce later in the summer. The weekly Good News Gardens webinar series "Growing Faith: Exploring the Interconnections of Food, Justice and the Sacred" is continuing on Tuesdays for a total of ten weeks.

There will be a "Good News Gardens MA Story Sharing Evening" on Wednesday, July 14th. People are invited to join us on line from 7:00-8:15 p.m. This will be a time of sharing stories, ideas and connections that have happened in our Good News Gardens MA communities. We would love to hear from you: nothing is too small to be good news. How are your plants doing? I would love to travel about Trinity's gardens and take some photos to share with the GNG MA team that evening. Let me know if I can take a picture or two of some of your GNG plants. Please continue to plant, pray and proclaim.

Respectfully,

Mary Johnson

ROMEOb and JULIETs LUNCHEONS



The ROMEOb will meet for lunch on Friday, July 9, at the home of Kevin Keppler, 9 Puddingstone Lane, Bellingham, MA. We will be ordering take-out food from Outback Steakhouse in Bellingham. To have enough time to order and pick up the food, we will meet at 12:00 noon. Further information and directions to Kevin's house will be included in an email about a week before the event.

If you would like to attend, please contact Dave Clinkman at clinkman@comcast.net or 508-634-8996. Please be vaccinated against Covid and follow any current protocols. ROMEOb is a social group for retired men and other men who wish to join us during their lunch hour.

JULIETs

The next JULIETs luncheon is on Wednesday, July 14 (Happy Bastille Day!) at the Chateau Restaurant in Franklin. at 12:30pm. All women from the parish are welcome to join the fun. Please let Pat Keppler know by July 12 if you plan to attend or if you would like to be added to the contact list: 508 966-0003 (landline) or 508 246-9703 (text) or pat_keppler@yahoo.com. Hope to see you there!

NewsLetter DEADLINE

Just a reminder that the deadline for submissions for the September edition of *The Trinitarian* is August 15th. Content that is submitted late may not make it into the newsletter but can be included in the weekly email blast. All articles should be sent to: news@trinitychurchmilford.org.



From the Editor

I just returned to the church in person today. It was a surreal experience. Part of me still feels disconnected because of the pandemic, but another part of me was grateful for this opportunity to reconnect with people. I am happy to hear the news of a new rector, but also sad that our wonderful Judith Lee is moving on from us. Best of luck to the outgoing and incoming rectors. Blessings!

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