



THE NEWSLETTER OF TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Come and bring your animal companions! Chances are you've heard the term "pet blessing," but aren't sure what it entails (no pun intended) or what the purpose is. The simplest way to describe a pet blessing is that it's a spiritual celebration to honor our loyal companions who love us unconditionally. On **Saturday, October 6th at 5pm, and on Sunday, October 7th at 8am and 10am**, Trinity will host our annual pet blessing. Bring larger creatures on leashes and smaller creatures in safe carriers. Come and honor Francis by honoring all of God's creatures. Emergency clean-up supplies will be located at each church door.



Renewal Works – Please take the on-line Spiritual Life Inventory anytime through October 7! It's designed to help us identify where we are as a congregation, where we want to go, and how to get there. **We need everyone to take part** so that as a group, and as individuals, we can map out our future as a Parish, and as part of our general community. **The survey is confidential!** In order to protect that confidentiality, it must be completed in one sitting. If you escape, you'll need to start again from the beginning. You can complete the survey using a smart phone, tablet, laptop, or PC. So please, set aside a quiet half hour that will help chart Trinity's course for the next few years. We need everyone's input! www.research.net/r/RenewalWorks2181

September Vestry Meeting Summary

Parishioner Sharing

- Several parishioners mentioned wanting more options for Bible Challenge discussions. They should speak directly to Fr. Mac.
- Trinity will host the *One Warm Coat* project on November 24th. The Girl Scouts will provide a box for donations of coats to be distributed on that day.
- A suggestion was made for a table where new/unused items might be made available for taking/exchange. It would require a sign, a way to periodically sort through items, and possibly updates in the newsletter.



Treasurer's Report - Finance Committee

- **Painting Contractor** – Painting is complete.
- **Organ Update** – The new organ is in the process of being installed.
- **Insulation** – The insulation above the ceiling of the parish hall is complete.
- **Kitchen** – We are still looking at options.
- **Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer** – Wayne Stochaj and Edla-Ann Bloom will work with Cheryl Taylor to develop job descriptions for treasurer and assistant treasurer.
- **Mission Fair** – Gayle Ruscitti and Mary-Ellen Yaroshefski will work on a mission fair for our ministries for fall 2019.

Wardens' Report - Christian Education Committee

- Mary Beth Sweet has retired as Christian Education Coordinator after many years of dedicated service. Julia Klisiewicz has been hired.
- A new curriculum, *Spark All Kids*, has been purchased. It includes weekly lessons and age-appropriate activities.
- Volunteers are needed weekly. All adults and young adults are encouraged to sign up online. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0849ada629a0fb6-sunday>
- Peach Warren will conduct a Safe Church workshop for all new volunteers and those who haven't participated in one for three years.
- A Youth Summit will be held to hear what activities our young people would like.

New Business

- **Vestry Recruitment** – Forms need to be updated now.
- **Vestry Checklist** – Susan Edmonson updated the vestry checklist.
- **MAHC Thanksgiving Dinner** – MAHC will again provide Thanksgiving dinners. They will be prepared at Trinity for delivery on Thanksgiving Day.
- **UTO Breakfast** – The UTO Breakfast will be held on Sunday, October 14th, at 9:00. Everyone is encouraged to attend. No sign-up needed.

MISSION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Mission Committee will be meeting to discuss Thanksgiving baskets and the Jesse tree. Please see notices in upcoming bulletins and November's Newsletter for information. Thank you.

SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Everyone from high school age up is invited to volunteer in our Sunday School. As a volunteer, you can participate in what our youngest members are doing and support their faith development. Sign up for one Sunday or as many as you choose. This is a commitment of 45 minutes to one hour in a week. Can you spare one hour?

Sign up at: <https://tinyurl.com/TrinitySSHelpers>

LAUNDRY LOVE IS MOVING

Trinity now hosts Laundry Love at Village Laundromat, 70 Main Street in Milford. We will be there every 3rd Wednesday from 5-8pm. We will continue at Double Bubble on the first Thursday of every month, also 5-8pm. Trinity Church and other generous people in our community provide \$10 in quarters, laundry detergent, fabric softener sheets, laundry bags

and camaraderie for our clients. It is a really feel-good experience for clients and volunteers. If you want to join our group, please speak to Mary Johnson or email me at mary.johnson8@comcast.net.

Qualities needed to be a L.L. volunteer:

- available for 1 to 3 hours any first Thursday or third Wednesday from 5 pm to 8 pm.
- likes talking to people, or like listening to people
- no laundry skills needed, people do their own laundry
- the ability to hold clip board, get a first name from someone, and hand them a roll of quarters

People who love to fold are allowed to help fold clean clothes, but that is optional.

TRINITY MEAT RAFFLES

We're picking up where we left off! Put the following dates on your calendar and join in on what is becoming a fabulous fundraiser for our church: Sundays: Oct. 21st, Nov. 18th, and Dec. 9th in the Parish Hall at noon. If you're not able to attend, you can pre-buy a sheet for any of the events. Some meat raffles offer hams, T-bone steaks, filet mignon, racks of ribs & pork loins, plus much more! This event is family friendly and easy! People are talking and the results are in. Meat Raffles are very cool! If you're interested in volunteering (great for youth group members), email me at misstraceyngcc@gmail.com Don't miss out!

– Tracey N. Morse



Trinity's Christmas Fair is on Saturday, December 1st, 2018, less than three months away. As always, it'll be here before we know what happened to fall. There will be many announcements regarding tables, the cafe and many areas that will need your help. Please start thinking about what you can donate to a table or help with your time. Many of the table chairs have

already been working through the summer and you have seen some of their announcements already. There will be craft work meetings, and so many areas that will need time and talent. This is an exciting time for the Christmas Fair elves and we hope that you can join us for fun and camaraderie. Please look for upcoming announcements and sign-up sheets. If you have any questions, please contact Gayle Ruscitti 508-478-7589, jrgrus@yahoo.com or Mary-Ellen Yaroshefski 508-634-7792, ayaroshefski@yahoo.com .

CHRISTMAS FAIR JEWELRY TABLE

If you have any jewelry that you no longer wear, please consider donating it to the Jewelry Table. Any men's, women's or children's jewelry would be greatly appreciated! Please see Cathy Ellis if you have any items to donate, or give her a call at 508-479-3980. Thank you!



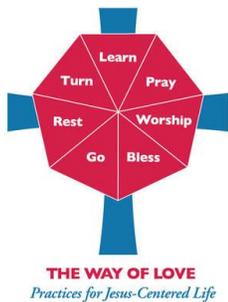
BUSY FINGERS CHRISTMAS FAIR TABLE

Trinity's Christmas Fair is less than three months away.

If you have already started some handcrafted projects to donate to the Busy Fingers Table, thank you! If not, please consider supporting the Church by making a handcrafted item for the table. It would be greatly appreciated. Thank you to those who have already given me items for the table. If you have any questions, please contact me at 508-634-8996.

Thank you.

Lucille Clinkman



Getting Ready for the WMA Revival...

An Invitation to a Book Discussion: ***Crazy Christians: A Call to Follow Jesus***, by The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry

The WMA Revival Christian Formation Team created a curriculum to accompany the reading of Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's *Crazy Christians*. We hope that a study of this collection of sermons/essays from our beloved "Royal Wedding Preacher" will generate excitement in our communities for the WMA Revival on October 21 by making them familiar with Bishop Curry's voice and his passion for following Jesus in this age.

The study is presented in five sessions. In addition to providing discussion questions for each session, we will provide links to video clips of Bishop Curry's sermons. The sessions will also include some discussion of evangelism and "The Way of Love," the simple rule of life Bishop Curry introduced at the 2018 Episcopal General Convention in Austin, Texas. See Fr. Mac if you would like a copy of the book, and we will schedule a time to gather to discuss the book in the coming weeks.



The United Thank Offering was organized and funded for missionary outreach by women of the Episcopal Church in thanksgiving for life's many blessings. Blue boxes were used to collect the offerings.

Over the years the United Thank Offering has collected and given away more than \$133,000,000 for building and transportation programs, refugee support, literacy and education programs, and elderly and medical care throughout the United States and the world.

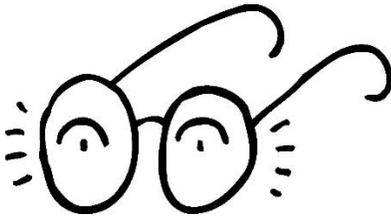
In the last 25 years, the United Thank Offering has become a ministry not just for women, but one for men and children as well.

Please bring your blue box to the breakfast on Sunday, October 14th, or fill an envelope with a donation to United Thank Offering. Take a blue box home with you today and drop a few coins into it daily as you thank God for the blessings in your life.



ROMEO's LUNCHEON

The Romeo's group will meet for lunch at Jr's Restaurant, 296 Main Street in Milford, at 12:30 PM on Friday, October 5th. During lunch, Father Mac will offer additional observations about his time at the recent General Convention. If you wish to attend, please contact Dave Clinkman at clinkman@comcast.net or [508-634-8996](tel:508-634-8996) by Wednesday, October 3, so we can make reservations. Romeo's is a social group for retired men and other men who wish to join us during their lunch hour.



EYEGGLASS RECYCLING

Trinity's participation in the Milford Lions Club eyeglass recycling program continues. The total number of glasses collected by Trinity parishioners for people in need is 334. Anyone with eyeglasses, glasses cases, or gently used sunglasses that they no longer need, can put them in the collection box near the piano in the parish hall. Thanks to all who have contributed so far!



COMMUNITY DINNER

Trinity Church serves free dinners in a clean, pleasant, and friendly environment. Anyone who is hungry or lonely is welcome. There are no eligibility requirements. All are welcome to come enjoy fellowship with a satisfying meal.

Our upcoming dinners will take place on October 25th, 26th, and 31st. If you are interested in helping prepare and serve the dinner, please contact communitymeal@trinitychurchmilford.org for how to serve in this meaningful mission.



The latest version of our Trinity Calendar is now available seven days a week, 24 hours a day on our Trinity Church web site. Please visit www.trinitychurchmilford.org and click on the EVENTS tab at the top of the page! If you need a paper copy of the monthly calendar, please call or send an email to the church office.



Just a reminder that the deadline for submissions for the November edition of *The Trinitarian* is October 15th. All articles should be sent to: news@trinitychurchmilford.org. Please do not send articles to the church office.



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From the Editor

I often write of counting your blessings, but sometimes that is hard to remember when life seems to be beating you down. We take so much for granted: water, food, a roof over our heads, good jobs that pay the bills, even our health. Then something you counted on falls away, and forces you to deal with the realities of whatever it is you are living through. In my case, it's the degradation of my knees due to severe osteoarthritis, and the negative impact this is having on my life. I have many blessings, but this is a curse. Maybe the only takeaway from this is that it has forced me to slow down and really take stock of my life! And it also underscores what is really important in this short time we have on this planet. Live life to the fullest while you still can, because nobody knows what's lurking around the corner.

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