



The Vine...

Connecting the Body of Christ one to another

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FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Friends –

As I write this in mid-May, we are still in suspense . . . and in suspension. The vestry is working on the plans for resuming in-person worship, but it may still be several weeks before that becomes a reality. And when it does, things are certain to be very different!

The story of the first Pentecost (Acts 2:1-21) shows us how that little band of disciples were energized by the Holy Spirit, filled with the powerful urge to tell others the wonderful story of Our Lord. Like a rushing mighty wind, and like flames of fire, the Spirit sent them out into the city as proclaimers of the Good News.

When we come to the end of our enforced confinement at home, I hope we, too, will be energized and impelled to go forth and tell what God has done for us.

I know that these have been and continue to be difficult and fearsome times for all of us. I know that for many of you, multiple anxieties have been taking a toll, and the anxieties and difficulties will not end when some of the restrictions are eased.

My friends, the Holy Spirit is with us and in us. Pentecost is the culmination of the work of salvation begun at Easter: not only has Our Lord risen to give us new life, but he has sent his own Spirit to live within us and among us as our guide. Let the Holy Spirit lift *your* spirits. Let the Holy Spirit give you new life, new energy. *Lift up your hearts* and rejoice at the goodness of God.

God bless you all.

Faithfully,

Mother Annette



Church News

FROM THE DEACON'S BENCH

Dear Friends in Christ,

I MISS YOU! I miss our time together. Please if you are able, please try to remember to send in your pledges- the church really needs them. We are like the Hebrew people wandering in the desert and we want to come to our promised land (church); we don't know when we'll find it, or what it will look like when we do. We know it will be different. But just like the Hebrew people in the desert, we need to keep our faith strong. God is still with us. He is always with us. I do not believe He caused the virus to test us in any way but I do think our Loving God will see us through. Please continue to pray for our congregation and the world. Also continue the wonderful job you are doing staying in touch with one another- you all are really great!!! I love how you care for one another and it makes me miss you more! Stay safe and healthy, and please know I am praying earnestly for you all!

*Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.
Hebrews 11:1*

Yours in Christ,
Cindy+

FLOWERS

Even though Essex Florist is closed to walk-in customers, they are open for business by telephone and Internet. If you are interested in placing an order, please call them directly at 410-686-8842. You can also visit their website at: <https://essexflorist.net/>

DOLLARS AND CENTS (FROM MOTHER ANNETTE)

Parish Finances-Update

Holy Trinity's income seems to be dwindling, which is not a good thing. If you have been sending in your pledge regularly, *thank you!* If you haven't, please start. We have a brand new *locking* mailbox, so you need not fear that someone might snatch your pledge or offering on its way to us. Only the postal carrier and the Holy Trinity staff have access to the mailbox.

We do urge all of you to keep up with your pledge payments – either by sending checks or by using the online portal on the diocesan website. A number of you have begun to pay your pledge once a month, which is very helpful.

Please put your check in your church envelope inside your mailing envelope. Also, write your name and the amount on the church envelope. This helps the tellers who are counting and recording the pledge payments.

Thank you to all who are keeping up with their pledges!

Your Personal Finances

I know that some of you are concerned about your own paycheck or about your businesses. I have an email from Senator Cardin explaining the many new government programs to help. This is a long and very complex email, and it contains a number of links to more specific information: therefore, it's not suitable for printing and mailing to you. If you want to read it, please email me, and I'll email it to you.

LOCAL FOOD PANTRY

Due to Coronavirus concerns, the Eastern Interfaith Outreach (EIO) Food Pantry is currently closed. However, there is another local food pantry available at St. Clare Catholic Church located at 714 Myrth Avenue in Essex. They are open on Tuesdays from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon for people to drop off donations or to pick up food items if in need. Those receiving aid must bring ID showing that they are residents of either the 21220 or 21221 ZIP code.

When arriving at St. Clare's, enter the parking lot on the fire station side, go past the steps, to back of the school. The doors are right around the corner on that end of the building. Drop off and pick up of food items will be done outside of those doors.

If you are donating, St Clare's could use the following: Instant Mashed Potatoes, Small Boxes of Pancake Mix, Syrup (small), Any

Canned Vegetables, Canned Meats (tuna, chicken, spam), Ramen/Cup of Noodle Soups.

Please do not leave the food at any times other than Tuesday between 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. There is no one at the church to take the food at other times.

In addition, on Monday evenings between 4:00-6:00 p.m., St. Clare's will be distributing \$5 McDonald's gift cards to those in need.

Please share this information with your friends, family, and neighbors in case anyone needs food at this time. Thank you.



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

David Icenroad – 6/1
Trinity Icenroad – 6/1
Helen Perry – 6/3
Kristen Peters – 6/9
Wesley Hernandez – 6/13
June Piper – 6/16
Pat Wilcox – 6/17
Wayne Benson – 6/21
Lynne Stopford – 6/22
Denise Thatcher – 6/25
Michael Pomraning – 6/29



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Frank and Beverly Hagner – 6/9
Josh and Scott Rodriguez-Hobbs – 6/28
Fred and June Emkey – 6/30

ANY ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS, SEE LEAH



O God of heavenly powers, by the might of your command you drive away from our bodies all sickness and all infirmity: Be present in your goodness with your servants, that their weaknesses may be banished and their strength restored; and that, their health being renewed, they may bless your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mary Bogert
Melody Magin (Mary Bogert's Daughter)
Charlotte Nicholson (Janice's Sister)
Alice Martin
James Florentine (Dave's brother)
Elizabeth Shifflett (Ron's aunt)

Ellen Wallace
Danny Mitchell
Marie-Elena Riggio (Frank's cousin)
Connie Bitetto (Frank's cousin)
Winnie Briscoe (Frank's cousin)
Wayne Preston (Gary's brother)
Bill & Di Anderson (Joan's son and daughter-in-law)
Chris Anderson, Sr. (Joan's son)
Joan Anderson
Ryan Perry (Helen's grandson)
Debbie McCall (Helen's daughter)
Ruth Anthony
Joanne Piper
Tina Barberia (Teresa's family friend)
James Baker (Millie's brother)
Margaret Oduor
Gladys Agandi
Heather Hildebrand (friend of John and Jeannie)
Tina Goins (niece of John and Jeannie)
Kathleen Monroe (friend of John and Jeannie)
Valerie Mehl
Rachel Nealis
Madi Novak (Anne's great niece)
John Morris
Jeannie Morris
Judy Harle
Kenneth Harle
Bob Metz
Todd Metz (Bob's son)
Bill Hightower (Cindy's brother)
Linda Quinn (Mary Anne's sister-in-law)
Jane V. Quinn (Mary Anne's mother)
Chris Ratajczak (Darlene's son)
Leonard Ratajczak (Darlene's husband) **
Edward McClanskey (Darlene's friend)
Dewald Family (Ratajczak family & friends)
Phyllis Thomas (Denise's aunt)
Frank Riggio-Preston
Gary Preston
Ruth Riggio (Frank's cousin)
Nancy Taylor
Pat McGee

Richard Chin (friend of Lynn French)
Michelle Chin (niece of Richard Chin)
Wilbur Zink (family of Janice)
Jesse Fields (Tim's son)
Julie Crosby
Bella Wilhide (Lynne Clementoni)
Chris Acly

** As you know, transplantation of an organ can not only save a life but can greatly improve the quality of life. Leonard Ratajczak, Darlene's husband, needs a kidney transplant. If you or someone you know might consider donating a kidney, please be in touch through Deacon Cindy. And please pray for Len and for all those awaiting organ transplants.

PLEASE ADVISE LEAH OF ANY ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS

PRAY FOR OUR HEALTHCARE WORKERS

Please pray for members of our congregation who work in health care settings:

Laura Nielsen, Cindy Christopher+, Pam Gatchell, Denise Thatcher, Josh Rodriguez-Hobbs+, Don Alves, Mary Acly, Tamara Dishon, Jody Leonard, Joey Reichert, Lisa Balderson.



COFFEE HOUR

Please sign up on the chart on the wall in the hall to host a Sunday coffee hour. If you want to know what this entails, please see Millie Reichert.

PARISH HALL RENTAL

The parish hall is rented on a strictly first come, first serve basis. If you would like to rent the hall, you must speak with Leah Seay, Parish Secretary. All events are to end at or before 11:00 pm, and the hall is to be cleaned and ready for use the next morning. **NO HALL RENTALS UNTIL SERVICES RESUME.**



FLOWER MEMORIALS/ THANKSGIVINGS

If you would like to offer flower memorials or thanksgivings, please complete a form with your instructions, along with a check for \$30.00, and return them to Teresa Schutte-Regester.

The 2020 forms are on the table in the narthex. Memorials are on a per Sunday basis, not per name. More than one person may donate on any given Sunday.

COVID CORNER

Temporarily, we have replaced the “Church Humor” section with “COVID Corner”. This has been a stressful (and sometimes boring) time for many of us. However, please see below for a bit of humor in the situation. Also, below are some websites with items of interest.

Humor:



Websites of interest:

<https://www.bsomusic.org/bsom-offstage/> is a site where you can view concerts, podcasts, and musical instruction from the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra.

<https://thewalters.org/> presents high-resolution images of much of the collection at Baltimore’s own Walters Art Museum.

<https://artsandculture.google.com/partner?hl=en> is an extensive site on which Google Arts & Culture brings access to virtual tours and online exhibits of some of the most famous museums around the world.

And don’t miss <https://www.rct.uk/visit/the-state-rooms-buckingham-palace/highlights-of-buckingham-palace> !

Food information:

The website below is Baltimore County's guide to food distribution and availability for children as well as older adults.

<https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/News/foodresources.html>

For those without Internet access, information about the food programs can be obtained by calling 410-887-2594.

MORE HOLY TRINITY HISTORY...

WHAT'S IN A NAME AT HOLY TRINITY?

The Snake Room

It seems that the Furnace/Electrical Room housed more than just the furnace. One Saturday during our Flea Market/Pit Beef Fundraiser, the electric at the beef stand cut out. When one of the men went in to the furnace room to check the electrical box, there was a big snake curled up in it! There was much excitement about how to get the snake out since he was nice and cozy in his box. After much commotion from everyone running to see what was going on, the snake was finally removed. There was much talk for a long time about the snake, and from that day on the Furnace/Electrical Room was referred to as “The Snake Room”!

The Boy Scout Closet

Holy Trinity does not sponsor any Boy Scout Troop at the present time. However, at one time, we had a very strong scouting program, both Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. This closet was used for their equipment. Always referred to as “The Boy Scout Closet”, it still carries that name to this day.

Millie's Cabinet

We all know where "Millie's Cabinet" is located. Millie has always headed up the Coffee Hour on Sundays after the 10:00 a.m. service. Her cabinet contains all of those items needed for refreshments. I'm sure the name "Millie's Cabinet" will remain at Holy Trinity for as long as the church still stands!

There are a lot of nooks and crannies around Holy Trinity that are unnamed and probably contain dust bunnies and other interesting bits of stuff. Hmm...maybe we need a treasure hunt someday to uncover some of those hidden things!

Submitted by Teresa Schutte-Regester

HOUSEKEEPING NOTES

Since we do not have a paid cleaning service for the church, please remember to clean up any trash or spills during or after Coffee Hour. The mop handles are labeled for use specifically in Kitchen, Hall or Bathroom to avoid cross contamination. If you need to use a mop for a bigger spill, please use the correct one.

If you have questions, please ask John Morris, Wes Thatcher, or Asa Seay. Thank you.

Also, if you happen to use the last of a roll of paper towels or toilet paper, please replace it. The extra supplies are kept in the storage room toward the back of the Parish Hall, near the Operation Backpack Outreach cabinet. If you're not sure, just ask!



MESSAGES

Anne Knott maintains the primary list of e-mail information. However, if you change your email address and you don't give the change to Anne, it is not possible for her to notify you of situations impacting the parish. Anne can be reached at anneews@verizon.net or see her on Sunday's after the 10:00 service.

MAILING LIST UPDATES

For changes to your home address or phone number, call the parish office at 410-687-5531 or see Leah Seay or Jeannie Morris after the 10:00 service on Sunday.

VESTRY OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

Senior Warden - Christine Kinard
Junior Warden - John Morris
Assistant Junior Warden - Wes Thatcher
Treasurer - Mary Acly
Registrar - Theresa Ridgeway
Financial Secretary - Jean Bowen

Vestry Members:

Gary Riggio-Preston	Arielle Juberg
John Morris	Christopher Acly
Laura Nielen	Loretta Gischel
Scott Rodriguez-Hobbs	Ron Mardaga



FINAL WORD FROM THE EDITOR

Items for the July Newsletter are due by
June 15.

Jeremiah 29:11

¹¹ For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

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Do you know the mission of the Holy Trinity Endowment Fund?

You too can help in this Mission by making contributions to this Fund. Any amount, no matter how small, on a **regular** basis will grow and **give hope and a future** to students in our community.



College



or



Trade School

It is that time of year again.

Classes for the academic year 2019-2020 will be complete soon. However, for the Holy Trinity Scholarship Committee our task is at hand. In 2019 we gave three grants for a total of \$3300. For this year, primarily due to gains in the market, we have available \$3500 to **give hope and a future** again.

The deadline for submission is July 1, 2020. No late submissions will be accepted.

Please submit to: Holy Trinity Scholarship Committee
1131 Mace Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21221

See application in this newsletter.

Thank You

The Scholarship Committee

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
2020 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

High School: _____

Name of Sponsoring Church Member*: _____

Signature of Sponsoring Member: _____

All scholarship submissions must be in paragraph/composition form and answer the following questions: (maximum 2 pages)

- What are your post-secondary education plans?
 - How do you plan on using your new education to give back to the community?
 - How has God/the church affected your life/plans?
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Please include a copy of your High School Transcript, or your most recent secondary semester transcript.

The deadline for submission is July 1, 2020. No late submissions will be accepted.

Please submit to: Holy Trinity Scholarship Committee
1131 Mace Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21221

Scholarships will be awards for post-secondary education, including accredited two-year, four-year college, or vocational/technical school. Final Decisions will be made by August 1, 2020. Scholarship amounts will vary.

*If student is not a member of the church themselves.

There is no Ministry Schedule or Calendar for June.