



# The Vine...

Connecting the Body of Christ one to another

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## FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Friends,

How are you?

A simple question, but one that resonates with us all nowadays. How are we? Are we confused, and tired, and anxious? Are we stubborn and angry? Are we sad and longing for things to be normal again? Are we wondering if we even know what “normal” means? Or are we full of eagerness and joy, ready to tackle new adventures, excited and impatient to see what will happen next?

Have you ever noticed that if you ask Deacon Cindy how she is, she almost always answers, “I’m a ray of sunshine.”

So I have a challenge for you. When you feel anxious or angry or sad or depressed, don’t dwell on how *you’re* feeling, but go and find someone else (in person, by phone, by text) and ask, “How are you?” Really

listen to their reply, and if they are having negative feelings, say something simple like, “I’m sorry. How can I help?” and then *think of yourself as a ray of sunshine*. Imagine that there’s a grey cloud around the other person, but your ray of sunshine is so strong that it dries up the cloud.

That little exercise has two benefits: it really does help the other person, through your empathy, and it really does help *you* to regain a more positive outlook. It’s a way of loving a neighbor as we love ourselves. It’s a way of seeking and serving Christ in others. It’s a way of proclaiming by example the Good News of God in Christ. And it can even be part of an enjoyable conversation.

God bless you all.

Faithfully,

*Mother Annette*

# Church News

## **SIGN UP FOR AUGUST CHURCH SERVICES!**

Even though we are not able to hold church services on August 2 or 9, please remember to sign up for August church services using SignUpGenius! We are hopeful that we will get back to church later in the month.

This is the same program that we used for the July services. Simply follow the directions on the “Sign Up Genius Instructions” sheet located near the end of this newsletter. You will be choosing the month of August 2020.

If you have any questions, please call Leah at 410-687-5531 during office hours (Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon).

Thank you.

## **DOLLARS AND CENTS**

*(From Mother Annette)*

If you have been sending in your pledge regularly, *thank you!*

As we regather for in-person worship, instead of passing the alms basins, we will have a large offering basket by the entrance door. You can drop your pledge envelopes or other offerings in the basket as you come into the church.

If you are not coming back to church this month, you can continue to send in your

pledge by mail to our locked mailbox. Please remember to put your check in your church envelope inside your mailing envelope, and to 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!

## **LOCAL FOOD PANTRIES**

### **Eastern Interfaith Outreach (EIO) Update**

EIO has continued to feed those in need during this COVID-19 situation! The EIO office is closed to inside business; however, the volunteers are still receiving monetary donations as well as food supplies from the Maryland Food Bank, which they then distribute to those in need outside of the building. They have fed over 400 families during this pandemic time! Even though Holy Trinity is open again for church services, we are not able to collect food donations. However, EIO is still in need of monetary donations. As able, please plan to donate to EIO monetarily. **Make your check payable to “Eastern Interfaith Outreach” and mail it to:**

**Eastern Interfaith Outreach**

**P.O. Box 7878**

**Essex, MD 21221**

If you or someone you know is in need of food, EIO can be reached by either leaving a message on their answering machine (410-391-6181) OR by calling “211” and following the prompts for Baltimore County food pantries and choosing the option for EIO.

Thank you.

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## **St. Clare Catholic Church**

The food pantry at St. Clare Catholic Church is still available 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 the 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.



### **AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

Judy Harle – 8/2  
Theresa Ridgeway – 8/4  
Ron Mardaga – 8/5  
Pam Gatchell – 8/5  
Coleen Weber – 8/5  
Cooper Weber – 8/6  
Kaitlyn Alves – 8/9  
Virginia Brinkley – 8/11  
Scott Rodriguez-Hobbs – 8/12  
Buzz Spence – 8/14  
Brett Robinson – 8/16  
Dan Barber – 8/19  
Mattalyn Florentine – 8/26  
Carlos Hernandez – 8/26  
Nancy McDougall – 8/30



### **AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES**

John and Anne Knott – 8/9  
June and Joanne Piper – 8/10  
Don and Sylvia Gray – 8/13  
David and Kim Hagner – 8/14

***ANY ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS, SEE LEAH***



***Please note: Since our Prayer List tends to get very lengthy over time, we have purged names of all of those who have not requested to be kept on it. If you need to add a name to the Prayer List, please send Leah an e-mail at [HTOfficeSecretary@gmail.com](mailto:HTOfficeSecretary@gmail.com) or call the office on Tuesday or Thursday morning between 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. Thank you.***

*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  
Alice Martin  
Ellen Wallace  
Joan Anderson  
Ruth Anthony  
Joanne Piper  
Margaret Oduor  
Gladys Agandi  
Valerie Mehl  
John Morris  
Jeannie Morris  
Judy Harle  
Bob Metz  
Leonard Ratajczak (Darlene's husband)  
Richard Chin (friend of Lynn French)  
Jesse Fields (Tim's son)  
Bella Wilhide (Lynne Clementoni)  
Deb Pirog  
Julianne Salamone (Teresa's granddaughter)  
Somo Bishop  
Buzz Spence  
Jackie Spence  
Maranda  
Patty and Rich Rubin (Mary Anne's family)

***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***

There will be no coffee hour so long as we are in Phase Orange. When we are ready to enter Phase Yellow, there will be specific instructions about coffee hour.

### ***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 FURTHER NOTICE.



### ***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 available from Leah in the church office. Memorials are on a per Sunday basis, not per name. More than one person may donate on any given Sunday.

### ***HOUSEKEEPING NOTES***

Since we do not have a paid cleaning service for the church, all parishioners are responsible for cleaning. In the church itself, please follow the instructions for sanitizing the pew at the end of the service you attend. In the restrooms, please follow the posted instructions for sanitizing the toilet, sink, light switches, and door handles. If you need to use a mop for a spill, or if the restroom runs out of toilet paper or paper towels, please report the matter to an usher. Note that the parish hall is off limits on Sundays. If you're not sure about any of these instructions, just ask.

### ***COVID CORNER***

Temporarily, we have replaced the “Church Humor” section with “COVID Corner”. This has been a stressful time for many of us. Please see related items below.

**Eastern Interfaith Outreach (EIO) Food Pantry** will be having a special drive-thru food distribution for those in need next Wednesday, August 5, 2020. Please see the details below:

- Date:** Wednesday, August 5, 2020
- Time:** 10:00 a.m - 1:00 p.m. (or until the food supplies run out!)
- Location:** 99 Stemmers Run Road (parking lot)
- Details:** \*This location is near The Fields at Renaissance Park across from Al's Seafood (where there are usually police cars parked).

\*Meat as well as dry goods will be available.

If you know of anyone who is in need of assistance, please share this information with them.

Thank you.

### **Kids Meal Distribution Returns**

Starting Monday, July 20, Baltimore County Public Library began partnering with Maryland Food Bank and Baltimore County Government for meal distribution to children 18 years of age and younger. Kits include four to six breakfast and lunches and are distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. Look for the Maryland Food Bank truck in specified parking lots during the specified dates and times. For more information, go to:

<https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/News/COVID19/foodresources.html#fooddistributionmap>

If you do not have Internet access, call: 410-887-2594



A while back I read a story of a visiting pastor who attended a men's breakfast in the middle of a rural farming area of the country. The group had asked an older farmer, decked out in bib overalls, to say grace for the morning breakfast.

"Lord, I hate buttermilk", the farmer began. The visiting pastor opened one eye to glance at the farmer and wonder where this was going. The farmer loudly proclaimed, "Lord, I hate lard." Now the pastor was growing concerned.

Without missing a beat, the farmer continued, "And Lord, you know I don't much care for raw white flour." The pastor once again opened an eye to glance around the room and saw that he wasn't the only one to feel uncomfortable.

Then the farmer added, "But Lord, when you mix them all together and bake them, I do love warm fresh biscuits. So Lord, when things come up that we don't like, when life gets hard, when we don't understand what you're saying to us, help us to just relax and wait until you are done mixing. It will probably be even better than biscuits. Amen."

Within that prayer there is great wisdom for all when it comes to complicated situations like we are experiencing in the world today.

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### ***THE SAINTS OF HOLY TRINITY***

In November, we celebrate All Saints' Day. However, at Holy Trinity, we could celebrate All Saints' Day all year long

because of the saints of this church that have gone before us and those still among us that have kept the faith and done the work given to them.

Did you know (for those who serve on the altar) who put those black dots on the altar gate? It was Roger Schutte, Acolyte Master and my first husband, to show how to properly attach the gate so it would not wobble when we communicants leaned on it.

Did you know how we came to have a handicapped restroom long before it was mandated? Bill Barton's mother, Ruth, was wheelchair bound. She came to church every Sunday but could not use the facilities. Roger Schutte cried out at Coffee Hour one Sunday, "We need a handicapped restroom for Ruth!!" And we got one!

Earl Gray passed by what was a rather shabby bell tower every Sunday. He said, "It needs to be mounted properly", and he saw that it got done.

Did you know that Mary Webb initiated the cookie baking that for many years was a very profitable endeavor? It provided much needed funds to our coffers! The Easter egg maker saints continue their efforts and financially add the much welcomed and needed income for the church budget.

Did you know that Mary Edwards saw a need for Sunday School rooms? When she died, she left money specifically for that purpose. When you do finally get into the Parish Hall again, look at those rooms that are serving many purposes now and say a little prayer of thanks to that special saint.

Did you know that the saints of Holy Trinity are around each day? They are tending the vegetable garden, cutting grass, maintaining the building, organizing and planning our



worship. I can't mention them all but from time to time, I will remember and remind you of those saints gone before us and those still with us who have continued the work God gave them to do.

*Submitted by Teresa Schutte-Regester  
Note from the Editor regarding "The Saints of Holy Trinity" article:*

*For some of you, the names mentioned in this article may not be familiar. You may not have had the honor and pleasure of knowing them. But for the rest of us, this was a very nice remembrance of those people. Also, I want to be sure to mention that Teresa Schutte-Regester is also one of the saints of Holy Trinity. She does many things but in particular she maintains our church archives and provides a look at the past through her articles for the newsletter. Thank you, Teresa!*



## **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](mailto:anneews@verizon.net).

## **MAILING LIST UPDATES**

For changes to your home address or phone number, call the parish office at 410-687-

5531 on Tuesday or Thursday between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon.

## **VESTRY OFFICERS AND MEMBERS**

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

### **Vestry Members:**

Arielle Juberg	John Morris
Christopher Acly	Laura Nielsen
Scott Rodriguez-Hobbs	Loretta Gischel



## **FINAL WORD FROM THE EDITOR**

Items for the September Newsletter are due by August 15.

## Sign Up Genius Instructions

We are using a new computer program to assist us with keeping track of who signs up for each church service. This is necessary because we can only have 40% occupancy in the church at any one time.

Please note that, although the sign-up software says you are only signing up for the first Sunday of the month, you will actually be signed up for ALL of the Sundays in that month. We made that decision in order to minimize the time spent on scheduling. It is okay if you sign up but are not able to attend every Sunday.

### To sign up by computer:

1. Type the following address into your Internet browser:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/findasignup>
2. Under “Search for a sign up” type the following email address:  
[HTOfficeSecretary@gmail.com](mailto:HTOfficeSecretary@gmail.com)
3. Click the “Search” button
4. Click on the “HT Church Services \_\_\_\_\_ 2020” item (choose the appropriate month)
5. Choose either the 8:00 or 10:00 service by clicking on the appropriate blue “Sign Up” button.
6. Click the blue “Submit and Sign Up” button at the bottom of the page.
7. Type your name(s) in the “Comment” line and the number of people in your immediate family who will be coming, including yourself.
8. Follow all of the remaining prompts until you are notified that you have successfully signed up for the service time that you want.

Please note: The software will not let you sign up if all of the spaces have been taken at that time. If this happens, call the church office on Tuesday or Thursday between 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon to notify Leah. We want to know if there are any parishioners who have not been able to sign up so we know if we need to consider adding a third service.

### If you cannot sign up via the Internet:

Call Leah during church office hours only! The church office hours are Tuesday and Thursday 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. The church telephone number is 410-687-5531. You must speak to Leah directly. Messages left on the answering machine will not get you signed up for the service. Please do not call Leah at home; she cannot sign you up from her house.



MINISTRY SCHEDULE

August 2020

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**8:00 A.M.**

*No 8:00 service on August 2 or 9!*

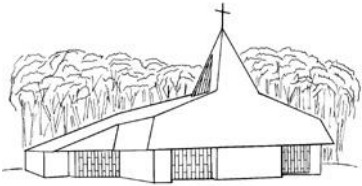
Usher	X	X	M. Acly	J. Huber	M. Acly
Usher	X	X	C. Acly	B. Barton	C. Acly
Usher	X	X	B. Metz	Chrissy F.	B. Metz
Lay Reader	X	X	R. Ross	Anne M.	R. Ross
Intercessor	X	X	J. Huber	Deacon	J. Huber

**10:00 A.M.**

*10:00 service Livestream only on Facebook on August 2 and 9!*

Usher			John M.	Sam S.	Sam S.
Usher	X	X	Gloria G.	Leah S.	Leah S.
Usher	X	X	Arielle J.	Asa S.	Asa S.
Usher	X	X	Chris K.	Denise T.	Denise T.
Intercessor	X	X	Denise T.	John M.	John M.
Reader	X	X	Teresa S.	Teresa S.	Teresa S.

***IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO SERVE ON ANY OF THESE DATES, IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO FIND AN AUTHORIZED REPLACEMENT.***



# August 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>2</b> 8:00 AM NO SERVICE 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist Livestream on Facebook	3	<b>4</b> 10am-12pm Office Staffed	<b>5</b> 7 pm – Chat&Compline (Zoom meeting)	<b>6</b> 10am-12pm Office Staffed	7	8
<b>9</b> 8:00 AM NO SERVICE 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist Livestream on Facebook	10	<b>11</b> 10am-12pm Office Staffed	<b>12</b> 7 pm – Chat&Compline (Zoom meeting)	<b>13</b> 10am-12pm Office Staffed 7 pm – Vestry Meeting (Zoom meeting)	14	15
<b>16</b> 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	17	<b>18</b> 10am-12pm Office Staffed	<b>19</b> 7 pm – Chat&Compline (Zoom meeting)	<b>20</b> 10am-12pm Office Staffed	21	22
<b>23/30</b> 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	24/31	<b>25</b> 10am-12pm Office Staffed	<b>26</b> 7 pm – Chat&Compline (Zoom meeting)	<b>27</b> 10am-12pm Office Staffed	28	29