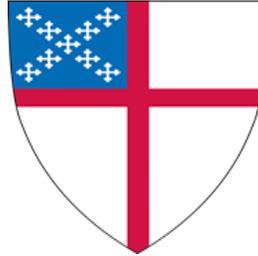




Holy Trinity Episcopal Church Prayer List & Newsletter



October 18, 2020



Watch Fr. Brian Barry on Sunday on our website www.holytrinityepiscopalvs.org and on Facebook for our virtual Sunday service. Also watch him every morning at 7:00am for morning prayer (or watch during the day when you can)



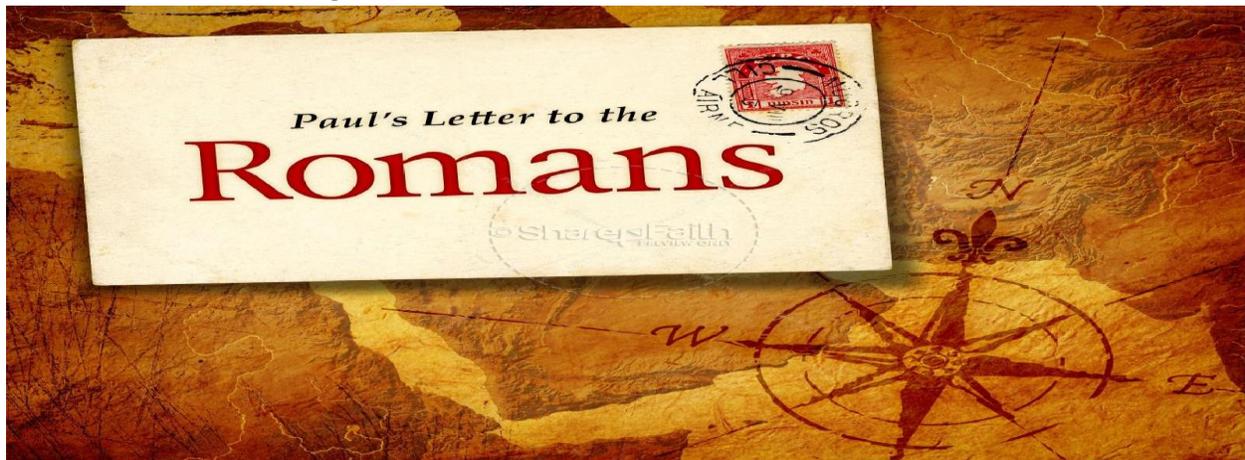
We will have our first in person service on **Sunday November 1st 2020- All Saint's Day at 9:00 am** **Masks and social distancing are mandatory.**

If you are unable to attend, you can follow along at the same time with our live video broadcast, or anytime at your convenience. More information to follow.

COME JOIN OUR
BIBLE
Study



We are having a Zoom Bible study for every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. We are studying the 12th chapter of Paul's Letter to the Romans next week. Please contact Carl Bucking or Desmond Foster for the Zoom link if interested.



Desmond Foster & Carl Bucking are hosting a virtual Saturday evening prayer service every **2nd Saturday of the month with start time Of 6 p.m. on Zoom. Please contact them for link if interested. You can email them at CJBucking@hotmail.com and desmond.foster@ymailcom if interested.**

Parish Family & Friends Prayer List

**George & Marilyn Bacon Karen & Victor Sarah, Selina
Marsha Baldwin
Carl Bucking Scott Bucking
Mary Cranmore
Theresa Dowd John Dowd
Desmond Foster Anthony
Carmen Grant
Flo Hayward Nicole, Adam & Justin
Edwin Hilbrandt
Ellen James Hillman Jennifer, Catherine & Louie, Oliver
Anne Hogan
James Ifill
Bob Imbriani Robert & Samantha, Dylan, Kate, Reid
Doreen Imbriani Brian & Heather, Violet, Noah
Debra Jacobs, Diane Jacobs, Evelyn Jacobs
Anthony & Ngozi Kanu Chudi, Ike, Uzo
Paul & Susan Kaszubski John, Jaclyn
Lizette Kendrick Timia Moore
Dorothy McGlynn
Carol & Donald Russer David & Family, Karen Russer
Betty Sabbatini Beth & Family, Andrea Sabbatini,
Joann Schneiderman Cheryl Lesley, Robert & Gabriella Lesley Robbie
Amy & Lisa, William, Shane, Corey Schmidlin
Lynn Shortell Billy Gun
Annmarie & Randy Thomson Joshua, Logan
Renee Tolliver
Paul Taylor
Arlene Vrede
Lorraine & Everest Campbell Andrew Ryan Shawn
Susan & Michael Breidenbach Michael, Christopher, Matthew
Joyce & Hugh Butler Kim, Craig Paul, Grace, Julie, Heather, Thomas, Joanne, Sam
Beth & Chris Lent Zander, Tina
Oddie & Karla McLaughlin Cody, Shyla
Margaret Moorhead
Ifeoma & Godwin Onyeikl Chi Chi, Collins, Christian, Envi, Esther & Nwamaka
Robert & Emily Ring
Lexia & Shain Reece Shannon, Samara
Desiree Giddings
Ola Akinyemi, John Akinyemi, Toyin Akinyemi
Yolanda Ochiobi
Megan & Jimmy Dascoli
Renee Giddings
FR. Brian Barry, wife Holly and daughter Kaitlyn**



Prayers are asked for Susan D. and Diane, friends of my sister and sister-in-law. They are both fighting cancer.

Thanks,
Flo



Stewardship Prayer We Pray that We Will Make Stewardship a Way of Life

Eternal God, we pray that we will make stewardship a way of Life. We acknowledge you as the source of all we have and all we are. Help us to place you, our loving Creator, first in our lives by becoming more prayerful, more focused on loving and caring for our families and our neighbors in need, and by becoming less preoccupied with material things. Help us to hear your call to be good stewards, caretakers, and managers of all your gifts by sharing them for your purposes. Help us make your priorities our priorities and to put our faith into action. Help us plan to "give back" the talents, treasures and time with which we have been blessed. Help us plan to serve our church, our community, and our world with your gifts. May we serve you and pray with a joyful spirit of mind and heart.





*Holy Trinity is conducting its annual stewardship campaign for calendar year 2021 from now through November 22, Consecration Sunday. The theme of our drive is centered around the story of Zacchaeus, the appointed tax collector for Jericho as depicted in the Gospel of Luke, whose life was dramatically and permanently changed after he came to understand that caring for others and sharing your blessings are the heart and soul of living a purposeful Christian life. As we move forward in partnership with Father Brian Barry, our new priest in charge, the wardens and vestry of our parish eagerly anticipate working all of our members in pursuing this exciting new chapter in our common spiritual journey.

2021 pledge Drive Are you IN? INcluded, INvested, Involved

A STEWARD'S PRAYER

Dear Jesus,

Help me to understand that my
parish is composed of people like
me. I help make it what it is.

It will be friendly, if I am.

It will be holy, if I am.

Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them.

It will do great work, if I work.

It will be prayerful, if I pray.

It will make generous gifts to many causes, if
I am a generous giver.

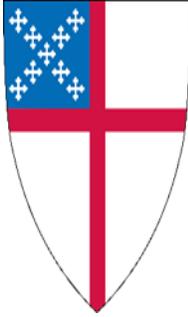
It will bring others into worship, if I invite
and bring them in.

It will be a place of loyalty and love, of
fearlessness and faith, of compassion,
charity, and mercy, if I, who help make it
what it is, am filled with these same things.

Therefore, I beg you, Jesus, for the grace I
need to dedicate myself to the task of being
all the things that I want my parish to be.



Amen.



A N N U A L



G I V I N G

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church 2021 Pledge Card

As part of my commitment to Holy Trinity I pledge the following:

\$ _____ my pledge \$ _____ /___/ Weekly /___/ Monthly increase as a move towards my tithe and my willingness to support of Holy Trinity's outreach, mission and other programs as well as Holy Trinity itself.

Name

Contact phone number

Address

City, State, Zip Code

_____ Best way to contact me _____

email address _____

/___/ **I would like to receive pledge envelopes**

I want to pledge my time & talent for the following

Altar Guild /___/ Mission Committee /___/ Social Committee /___/
Counter /___/ Lay Reader /___/ Usher /___/ Thrift Shop /___/
Chalice Administrator /___/

Other ideas _____

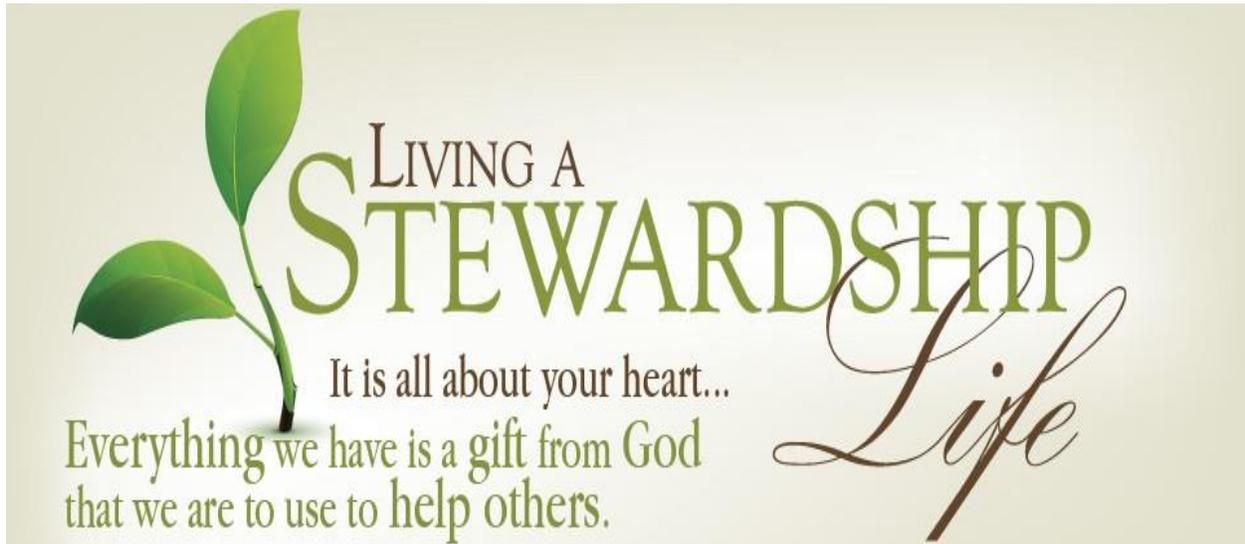
Thank you for your commitment to Holy Trinity & your parish family. Stewardship Committee



2021 pledge Drive
Are you IN?
INcluded, INvested, INVolved

A Note from the Treasurer Flo Hayward:

There are two points that I think should be stressed. First that your pledges are completely confidential. Second that if your circumstances change, you can change your pledge and that is also completely confidential. **Please direct your pledge responses to Flo Hayward when you return your pledge cards to keep this confidentiality, so the envelopes are not accidentally opened.**



THE GOOD SAMARITAN AND THE PSYCHOLOGY OF STEWARDSHIP

It is most fitting that the October 18 celebration of the feast day of St. Luke the Evangelist evokes powerful recollections of the parable of the Good Samaritan, found in the 10th chapter of the Gospel authored by the beloved physician. It is this story which is the quintessence of the moral and spiritual imperatives of Christian stewardship. In addition, this story has taken on a transcendent emotional resonance at a time when we are all facing the existential challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.

One of the threads of the story of the Good Samaritan which compels our attention is the idea that a simple act of kindness in a hostile environment subverts social convention, when the normal cultural expectation dictates that we care for ourselves while ignoring and excluding the welfare of others.

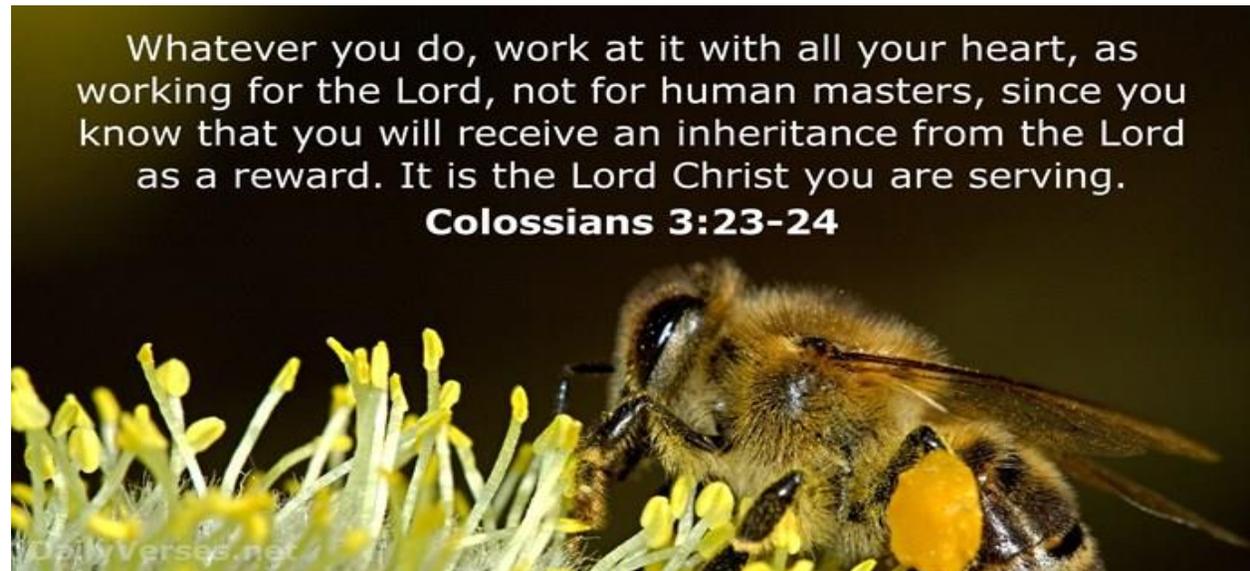
The mere act of reaching out to someone in need can lead to a sense of vulnerability, a lack of self-sufficiency that contradicts the credo of bourgeois individualism. This quaint illusion that we live only for and through ourselves is shattered, and with it the philosophical argument that our trust in man-made institutions can be substituted for an enduring and abiding faith in God. The idea behind our purpose in a seemingly formless universe is succinctly stated in Matthew 6:33:



“But seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added unto you.”

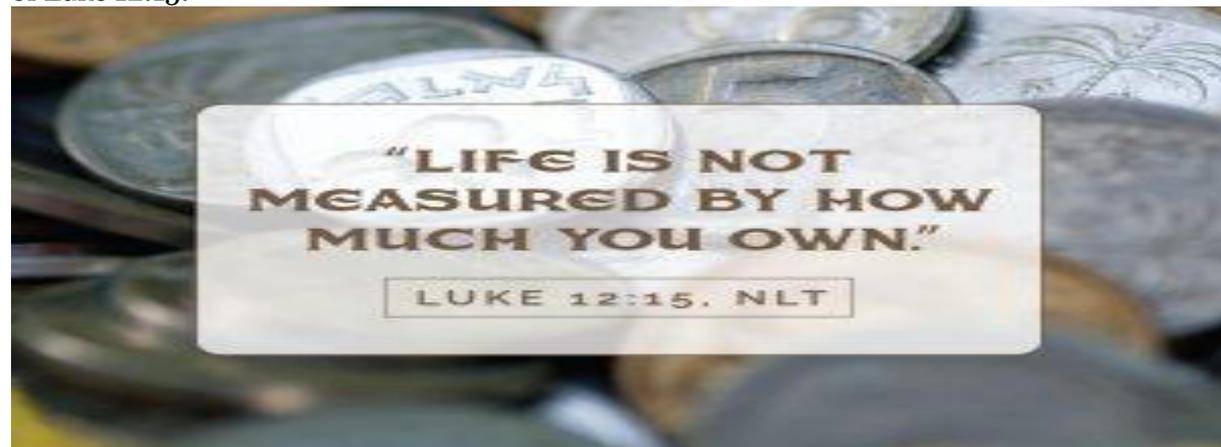
From that elegant premise, the action of the Samaritan in coming to the aid of the stranger who has been left for dead on the side of the road embodies the defiant triumph of kindness and compassion. The seeming strangeness of a humanistic gesture coming from a social outcast dovetails neatly with the essence of stewardship, which is nothing less than a way of life which buries the notion that living in the world requires submission to the paradigm of relentless and ruthless self-interest. Accordingly, stewardship is the foundation upon which a community of faith is built, because it recognizes implicitly our guardianship of the welfare of our brothers and sisters as the fulfillment of God's commandment to love one another as he has unconditionally loved us. When the Samaritan informs the innkeeper that the stranger should be cared for regardless of cost, the fulfillment of all the laws of morality are summarized in this simple and

straightforward act of faith. We are reminded in Colossians 3:23-24 of how our work is best realized within the realm within which we pursue our personal and public lives:



“Whatever you do, work heartily for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance of your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.”

As we travel together down the road of our stewardship discernment, the example of St. Luke as a compelling advocate of all Samaritans and despised outsiders should resonate strongly in our hearts and minds. Cynical materialism and the spiritual violence of the solipsistic mindset, like death itself, cannot and shall not have the final word. This much is clearly declared in the words of Luke 12:15:



“Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.”

As we undertake our next chapter in the long history of Holy Trinity, let it be known that our dedication to the mission of sharing the good news of the Gospel of Christ has already made us wealthy beyond the most sublime expressions of the human imagination.

God's Peace, Carl Bucking October 2020