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Dear Friends,

I have always wished that I were half as good as my mother thought I was and only half as bad as what some others have judged me. I don't believe I know anyone who does not measure us without prejudice or bias. Somewhere between what our mothers have believed and the picture on our driver's license lies the truth about us.

Most people are judged by their most public act. The infamy of the felon frequently overshadows the good he has done in the past. The bravery of a single act hides the selfishness of past deeds. America's history is filled with stories of presidents who have emerged as leaders responsible for significant and positive changes which could not have been anticipated during their presidency (or election campaign). Others are remembered for a single moment. Consider the political campaign this year. Of course, we would all like to be remembered as good, but if we are to be appreciated, a little praise in the present is often helpful.

Throughout the Gospels, the emphasis is on those who are outcasts, the oppressed, and the needy - on those often overlooked or judged lesser by their faith community or society. The message is that although it is easier for us to seek the respect of others, our focus should be on the act of respecting others-especially those who are too easily overlooked. If, as our Baptismal Covenant states, we are to "respect the dignity of every human being", then we must re-examine our own prejudices and biases.

Jesus was judged. He experienced hate and rejection. The Pharisee was venerated for his accomplishments. He enjoyed the honor of appearing better than the thieves, rogues, adulterers, and tax collectors (Luke 18:9-14). The status assigned by religious and societal prejudice made one either worthy of respect or an undesirable. The tax collector knew only too well his own faults. He confessed a sinful life, but professed faith in a forgiving God.

Like all parables, the conclusion is left to the hearer. We don't hear what happened to the characters in the story. Did the Pharisee ever find it possible to respect the tax collector? Probably not. Did the tax collector continue his sinful way of life or was he able to be liberated? We don't have the answer. However, we do know what God's expectations are of us. Jesus showed us. Do we live up to those expectations? Probably not. Do we try? Perhaps, but the truth for me still lies somewhere between what my mother thinks and that nasty picture on my driver's license.

My prayer is that each of us will seek to live up to God's expectations. May we each have the strength to pray that we be forgiven and the courage and faith to reach out and share the kind of love Jesus offered.

In Christ,

Denzil J. Luckritz, Rector



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Upcoming Events

- October 21st - Nov. 11th
Thanksgiving Food Drive
- November 22nd—Sandwich Board
- December 2nd—Advent 1—
Joint Service with IDOM
- December 1th 9 am Altar
Guild holiday clean up



Financial Snapshot YTD (Month Ending October 31, 2018)

Income:

Pledge and Plate	\$50,971
(Year to date budgeted pledge and Plate Budget)	\$48,641
Endowment Income	\$38,996
Year to date budgeted Endowment Income)	\$40,596
Total Income	\$137,156*
Budgeted Income	\$148,780*
Net Income	-\$37

Expense

Building and Grounds	\$26,902**
Year to Date Building and Grounds Budget)	\$21,824
Office & Admin	\$7,241***
Year to date Office and Administration Budget	\$5,314
Total Expense	\$146,400
Budgeted YTD Exp.	\$138,775
Excess of Expense over Income	\$ -9,242

Funds (As of 9/30/19)

Endowment Balance	\$673,971
On 12/31/2015 it was	\$640,461.
Memorial Balance	\$239,249
On 12/31/2015 it was	\$335,368
Checkbook Balance on December 31st, 2017 was	\$12,821
On October 1, 2018. it was	\$7,681
On June 1st, 2018 Our Mission Fund Balance was	\$7,408
On September 30th it was	\$12,574

Financial Notes

* Total Income includes \$37,500 in draw downs from the Memorial fund so we can employ a Full time Priest. See full explanation on Page 4

** Building and Grounds are \$5,078 over budget due to steam pipe repair in the basement and replacement of the steam pump to the Church.

*** Office & Administration is \$1,927 over budget mostly due to our increase in the size of the Congregation (Mailings and Weekly Bulletins).

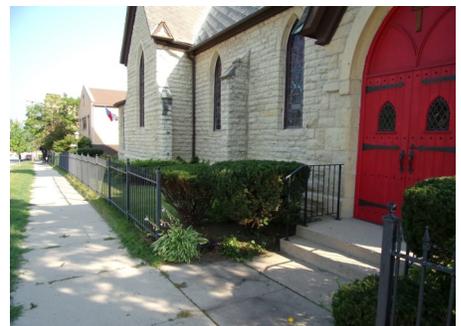
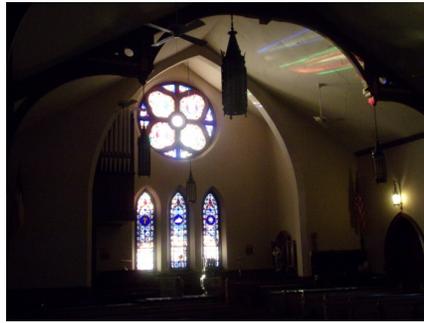
Building and Grounds

- The New Church Door should be installed by November 15th, 2018
- Michaels Plumbing is scheduled to replace all the non-copper pipe in the basement to improve water flow to the bathroom and the Kitchen. Our thanks to the Sandwich Board for paying for this project
- As mentioned on page 4 of this newsletter, the painting of the ceiling in the Church has an accepted bid, awaiting our go ahead once we determine the status of the Church's roof..
- We are seeking a roofing company that works with asbestos shingles to give us the status report on the roof and bid for its repair/replacement.
- We are also seeking a contractor to repair the window in the Guild room and to give us a bid for the replacement of all the windows in the Parish Hall..
- Gary and I have pretty much figured out why the boiler trips. It behaves like a thirsty hippopotamus; when it doesn't get enough water to swim in it gets angry and lays down on the bank. So if we keep the water level up and fix steam leaks as soon as we find them it runs perfectly!.





Around the Church





Church Ceiling Progress

Many of you might be wondering why we haven't repaired and painted the Church ceiling as of yet in response to our 2017 One-to-Grow-On Campaign. The good news is that we have a contractor and a signed contract to do the work. Thanks to your generosity we have the funds to pay for this work. The bad news, or actually the less good news is that we have been approached by a company that says they would like to replace our roof due to damage to the roof that happened during a hail storm on August 28th.. We have had several such companies to approach us about replacing the roof.

Our quandary is, why repair and paint the roof in the Church if the Church roof is damaged and may leak and cause more damage to the Church Ceiling. We contacted our insurance carrier, The Church Insurance Agency to get their take on the situation and they wanted an independent evaluation of the roof and the supposed damage it received.

Our problem now is finding a roofing contractor who can evaluate the situation and if approved do the necessary work to repair or replace the Church Roof. The Church roof is comprised of slate shingles that contain asbestos which requires a great deal of regulated procedures to keep the asbestos out of the atmosphere. Fr. Denzil is seeking assistance from some of his Church contacts in the Catholic Diocese of Joliet.

The bottom line is that this project is still a high priority and will be taken care of in the near future. We are asking for your patience, but even more for any contacts you might have to find the Contractor to inspect and possibly replace our roof.

Thank you!

Trinity's Endowment and Memorial Funds

The Endowment Fund was established on December 21, 1930. Its purpose is to perpetuate Trinity and to provide investment income. It is currently valued at \$673,971. The Funds Assets are held Morgan Stanley. The funds are managed by Trinity's Finance Committee. At the Committee's recommendation, the Vestry approved to take 8% of the Funds valuation each year as income to the Church. The reasoning behind this is that we expect the Fund to earn 8% income each year. Some years will be higher and some lower but an 8% is the expected return. The fund is currently set up that no principal can be taken. The 8 percent income amounts to approximately \$40,000 per year of our annual budget of \$165,000 or about 25%. Despite the 8% draw down, the Endowment fund has grown from \$640,461 on 12/31 2015 to its present value of \$673,971 due to donations to the fund and the increased value of its holdings.

The Memorial Fund was established as a place for people to make memorial donations or bequeaths. It is also where bequeaths and estates given to Trinity without specification about how they want the money spent.. \$5,000 of the Memorial Fund is dedicated to the Altar Guild. The most recent large addition to the Memorial Fund came from the Bogvilo Estate. The Estate gifted the Memorial fund \$373,643.

Specifically targeted gifts are carried in The Church's Mission Fund until they can be expended to meet the grantors desire/.

Trinity's uses the Memorial Fund for two purposes. The first is to supplement our operational budget so that we can afford to have a full time Priest. The Vestry has authorized an annual supplement from the Memorial Fund of up to \$50,000 per year for that purpose. For the first three years a total of \$150,000 was budgeted, we have only had to use \$98,454 to subsidize our budget..

The second is to fund Capital Expenditures. You might remember some of them like our new boiler, the exterior ramp, the tuck point repair, the parking lot resurfacing, the re-orienting of the Organ, Organ repairs, etc.

The Memorial Fund is currently valued at \$335,368.

If you or your family is interested in contributing to either of these funds, please contact Fr. Luckritz or Tom Herget.



Cecilia; Martyr at Rome, c. 280



Cecilia is the patron saint of singers, organ builders, musicians and poets. She is venerated as a martyr. Many of the details of her life are unknown and much of what we do know comes from later periods. She is among the women named in the Roman Canon of the Mass.

According to fifth century sources, Cecilia was of noble birth and was betrothed to a pagan who bore the name Valerian. Cecilia's witness resulted in the conversion of Valerian and his brother, Tiburtius. Because of their conversion, the brothers were martyred and while Cecilia was burying them, she too was arrested. After several failed attempts to put her to death, she died from injuries sustained by the ordeal. The date of her martyrdom is generally believed to be 230 during the Roman persecution of Christians under Alexander Severus, although some scholars have dated it earlier.

Remembered for the passion with which she sang the praises of God, Cecilia is first depicted in Christian art as a martyr, but since the fourteenth century she is often shown playing the organ, a theme picked up by Raphael in his famous altarpiece for San Giovanni-in-Monte, Bologna, painted around 1516. Her story has inspired centuries of artistic representations in paintings, sculptures, mosaics, and stained glass. Composers such as Handel, Purcell, Howells, and Britten have written choral works and mass settings in her honor. Many music schools, choral societies, and concert series bear her name.

In the ninth century, during the pontificate of Pope Paschal I, the remains of Cecilia were uncovered in the catacombs of Callixtus. On orders from the pope, the sarcophagus containing her remains was transferred to the new basilica in the Trastevere region of Rome. Built on what was believed to be the site of Cecilia's home, a church named in her honor had existed on the site since at least the fifth century, and perhaps as early as the late third century, one of the original churches of the City of Rome.

Most gracious God, whose blessed martyr Cecilia sang in her heart to strengthen her witness to you: We give you thanks for the makers of music whom you have gifted with Pentecostal fire; and we pray that we may join with them in creation's song of praise until at the last, with Cecilia and all your saints, we come to share in the song of those redeemed by our Savior Jesus Christ; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

In Memorium - May They Rest in Peace



Gloria Mills Maudsley -
Born August 20, 1924.
Died September 20, 2018



Josephine (Josie) Simons
Born September 7, 1954.
Died September 26, 2018



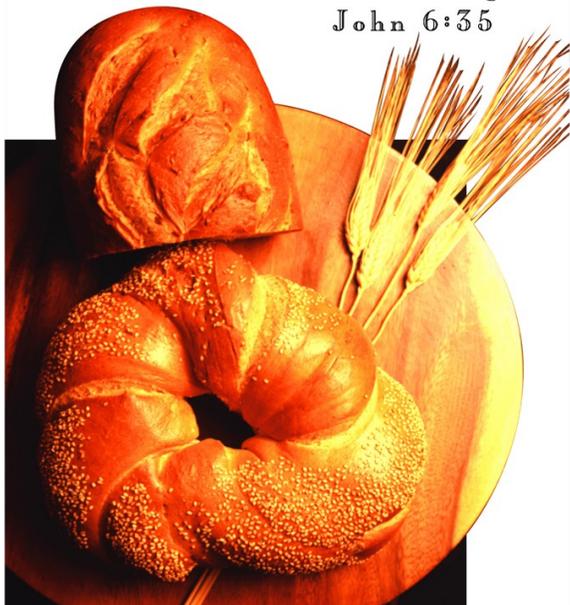
Nicholas Ortiz -
Born October 30, 1969.
Died September 14, 2018



Outreach - Food Drive

“I am the bread of life:
he that cometh to me
shall never hunger.”

John 6:35



Items Needed

(List updated 11/1/18)

- 18 cans of corn
- 18 cans of green beans
- 5 packages of dried beans
- 6 packages of instant potatoes
- 8 cans of tomatoes
- 10 cans of Spam
- 6 cans of soup
- 8 cans of canned tuna
- 10 boxes of crackers

No refrigerated/perishable items or glass containers please. Thank you!

Notes from the Director of Music



OUR TRINITY RINGERS had their first performance on Sunday, October 28 at morning worship. Ten ringers make up the choir, and have done a fantastic job learning many bell techniques. I was really proud of the new musical offering they bring to help praise God, and to enrich our worship. We now begin to practice for Christmas Eve. We'll have a great Carol to ring that evening, along with all the other carols and hymns we'll be singing.

We had our first **Hallowe'en Spooktacular** Sunday, October 28. We had the poem *'Twas the Night Before Hallowe'en* narrated by Guy Stephens, and sang Hallowe'en Carols, had wonderful treats and popcorn; and hot spiced cider to drink. Then, went on to watch the silent movie *Phantom of the Opera* with Lon Chaney. It was fantastic! I had never seen it before, and couldn't believe just how fan-



tastic it really was. People at its premiere must have been scared to death! There was some over acting, but, that happens in soap operas today! We had a nice group that came, including Cleopatra and Cher!

I hope the **Hallowe'en Spooktacular** will be an annual event.



Jubilee Ministries and St. Margaret's Guild - Linda Barber

Jubilee Ministry notes:

Amnesty Center: Attended a meeting at the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services in Chicago. The most common forms filing for immigration benefits can now be done online. I had a citizenship applicant the day after the meeting, and it was a real learning experience doing it online. When we first did citizenship applications they were 4 pages. Now it is around 20 pages.

Sandwich Board: Gale Blogg and I attended the Hunger Committee meeting at the Diocese last month. We will be setting up a display at the convention featuring the recipients of the grants. The Sandwich Board received a grant from the Commission.

St. Margaret's Guild News

Quilt Fund Raiser: We are looking into an online auction for the quilt and all the information will be available to you within the month. If anyone has had experience with the online auction process, please get in touch with Linda Barber.

Convention: The Diocese of Chicago convention will be held at the Westin Hotel, Lombard on November 16-17. Your delegates are: Gale Blogg, Linda Barber and Pat Wilson.

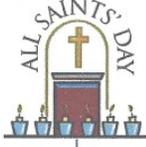
Around the Church

- The Diocese has issued a new tax exempt letter that goes into effect January 1st, 2019. There are copies available in the office if you need a copy.
- The Finance Committee would like to welcome Bella Tousignant to the committee. His background has already made a difference! Always nice to get a new perspective!
- I would also personally welcome Ken Adams to the Building and Grounds Committee. Ken's expertise has already shown itself in the erection of the new flagpole by the marquee.
- Father ordered and received two new oil lamp candles for the candle holders by the lectern. You might have noticed that the candle holders have been missing for awhile. Thanks to Mary for refinishing them and making them beautiful!
- Say a prayer for Gary, our Sexton's finger. While placing a protective drop cloth over the opening on the window that needs to be fixed in the Gild room, the window crashed down and chopped off the end of his finger. He is well on the road to recovery!
- Continued thanks to Maria for her keeping of our grounds. They are always beautiful.
- It looks like St. Charles is not cooking for Sandwich Board on Thanksgiving Day. So Trinity is filling in. If you can assist, please contact Linda by the 16th. From what I hear, all the food will be cooked in advance so there won't be that much prep on Thanksgiving.
- The Sandwich Board had a guest Priest for the Sandwich Board on November 1st. He is the Reverend Gary Cox. His picture is on the picture page. Reverend Cox is the head of the Hunger Commission for the Diocese.
- The Altar Guild is planning a Fall polish and clean party on Saturday the 8th of December at 9 am. It should be done by noon.
- Our Stewardship Drive is the Month of November. Father will be sending out his stewardship letter soon. Thank you in advance for your generous support.
- The Holidays are especially difficult for some of us. There are prayer shawls available on the table in front of the Organ. They might be wonderful gifts for people you know the are having difficult times.



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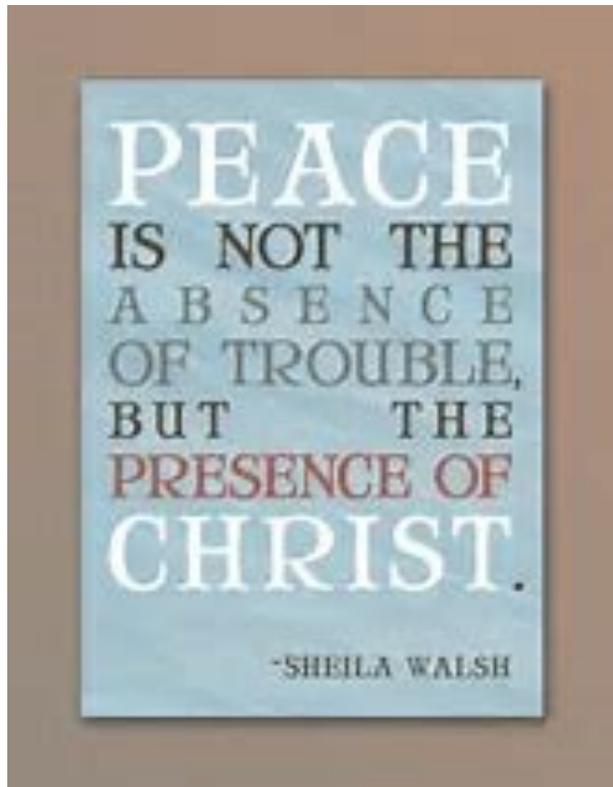
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