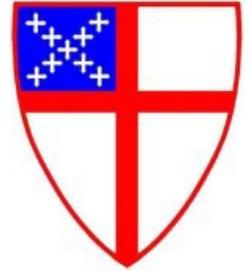


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STEWARDSHIP

Our "Season" of Stewardship began on Sunday, October 7 and will continue until Sunday, November 18. The Stewardship All-Parish Meeting took place on October 28. Ingathering Sunday (the day we turn in our pledge cards and our offering to the Lord) will be November 18. Prayerfully consider your offering. As you consider, you may want to reflect on this verse: "All things come of thee and of thine own have we given thee." (1Chronicles 29:14) Pledge cards will have been distributed at the All-Parish Meeting or sent in the mail if you were not able to attend the meeting. Additional pledge cards are available from the office or at the back of the church.

DEAR TRINITY MEMBERS,

Our Stewardship for this year has been "Joy, Hope, Give". We have talked about our Joys and Hopes for our parish community at Trinity. Now, we are asking everyone to think and pray about what they will give in gratitude for their joy and to invest in their hopes.

How much should I give? This is a personal question that everyone needs to answer for himself or herself. As I have stated in my sermons and other comments, tithing is the Biblical standard for giving. To give 10% of ones income for the work of the Kingdom of God is the norm first articulated in the book of Genesis and in many other parts of the Bible, both Old and New Testaments.

My wife and I have been tithing since we were 26 years old - a long time ago. For us it is a joy - not a burden - to set aside this portion of our income for God's work. In all of the years since we began tithing as an act of faith, God has never ceased to provide for our every need. We have never gone without anything we need. And, it is a great blessing!!!

I encourage everyone to give as generously and sacrificially as possible for the support of our work here at Trinity.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Father Tom

WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDIES & PRAYER

Tuesday Evenings

Come and explore the Parables together in order to discover an entirely new dimension and depth to our understanding. Meetings are at 7 pm through November 27.

Wednesday Mornings

Join together for a peaceful, centering time of prayer and worship. Mid-week Morning Prayer takes place at 8 o'clock in the side chapel. The worship leader is Rebecca Scruton.

Thursday Mornings

Meet at 10:30 in the Bishop Seabury Room for a time of studying Scripture, seeking to be led by the Holy Spirit in our personal and communal lives. Feel free to come early for conversation and connecting. The facilitator is Rebecca Scruton.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	November 4	November 11	November 18	November 24
Opener	D. Paternostro	D. Paternostro	D. Paternostro	D. Paternostro
Celebrant	Rt. Rev. G. Scruton	Rev. V. Miller	Rev. T. Furrer	Rev. J. Alexis
Eucharistic	J. Joseph	D. Paternostro	V. Smith	A. M. Stavola
Lector	G. Lohman	G. Myer	R. Riley	J. Shaw
Prayers of the	D. Paternostro	J. Shaw	C. Chadsey	K. Cole
Presentation of	R. Riley		L. Jones	
Ushers	D. Chellstorp	M. Kucka J. Stavola	D. Paternostro	D. Paternostro
Closer	R. Riley	D. Paternostro	K. Cole	R. Riley
Counters	R. Riley C. Harasymiw	N. Knapp D. Paternostro	G. Myers D. Zarillo	L. Jones C. Tomlinson

FINANCIALS

Pledge Status as of 09/30/2018

Income/Expenses as of 09/30/2018

Total Annual Pledge	\$80,845		
Pledge Budget	\$60,634		
Received	\$70,178	Actual	Budget
Difference	+ \$9,544	Income	\$89,591
		Expenses	\$83,502
			\$101,954

Nothing transferred from investments to cover 2018 expenses as of 09/30/2018.

CLERGY ROTATION

November 4	Proper 26	The Rt. Rev. Gordon Scruton
November 11	Proper 27	The Rev. Valerie Miller
November 18	Proper 28	The Rev. Thomas Furrer
November 24	Proper 29	The Rev. Judith Alexis
December 2	Advent 1	The Rt. Rev. Gordon Scruton
December 9	Advent 2	The Rev. Valerie Miller
December 16	Advent 3	The Rev. Thomas Furrer
December 23	Advent 4	The Rev. Thomas Furrer
December 24	Christmas Eve	The Rev. Thomas Furrer
December 25	Christmas Day	The Rev. Judith Alexis
December 30	First Sunday after Christmas	The Rev. Judith Alexis



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Please consider a donation to Trinity Parish Christmas Flowers. We gratefully accept any amount you choose to give. We suggest a donation of \$50.00. With Appreciation, Trinity Altar Guild.

Make your checks payable to: Trinity Parish. On the check memo line indicate Flower Fund.

Printing Deadline is December 18th

Please indicate (M) for Memorial or (T) for Living Thanksgiving donation on the line below.

Name(s) _____

Given by: _____

You may deliver your payment in three ways.

1. Mail your check to: Trinity Parish, 300 Main Street, Wethersfield, CT 06109
2. Bring your check to the office T-T 9:00 am - noon. 860-529-6825
3. Include with your Sunday contribution

OUTREACH TO LOCAL, REGIONAL, AND WORLDWIDE COMMUNITIES

CHILI + RICE & BEANS COOK-OFF This year's Cook-Off was the best ever! We had seven Rice & Beans and seven Chili outstanding recipes. In spite of a movie being filmed across the street, we had a record crowd of over 90 people, and there was a community spirit like never before. The winners were pretty close for both the Judged and the People's Choice competitions. A large crowd came from St. James', Glastonbury and a good number of people from Grace, Newington. A check for \$874 was sent to Hands On Hartford.

GOLDEN OLDIES CONCERT – Saturday, November 10, 7 pm Mark your calendars for **Sal Basile's** next concert which will have Sal playing guitar and singing favorite songs. Bistro-Style seating, hot and cold appetizers, fruit and punch will be provided. You can pay \$10 at the door with proceeds to benefit Trinity's outreach programs in Wethersfield, Hartford, Haiti, and Nigeria. If you have a favorite appetizer recipe, please make it and bring to share as many of you already do. **We are asking for appetizers only** which work much better.

THANKSGIVING DINNER COLLECTION Wethersfield Social Services has given us the following list of food needed to help those less fortunate in town have a Thanksgiving Dinner. Collection of donations for this program has begun and will go to **November 11**. Needed are: canned corn, canned green beans, instant mashed potato boxes, boxed stuffing, cans of gravy, cranberry sauce, cake mixes and frosting, cookie and brownie mixes, quick bread mixes, juices, mac & cheese mixes, and frozen turkeys. A bin is set up on one of the tables in the outreach corner in the Parish Hall. The foods will be transported to Wethersfield Social Services on November 12. For more information, call Marilyn Ford at 860-529-1869.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS GIFT PROGRAM - Sunday, December 2 and December 9 Trinity Parish has provided toys and gift cards to children in the Greater Hartford area for many years. We take these gifts to South Park Inn and to Wethersfield Social Services so that those less fortunate will have a joyous holiday season. On either Sunday, please bring **new, safe, nonviolent, and unwrapped toys and gift cards** and place them around the Baptismal Font. Suggestions include books, games, dolls, cars, trucks, stuffed animals, and gift cards for teenagers. The teens in Wethersfield like gift cards from Kohl's, TJ Maxx, Marshalls, Target, Walmart, and Amazon. They should be in smaller denominations – no more than \$25. For more information, call Donna Brown at 860-563-2129.

FRIENDLY SHOPPER AND FRIENDLY VISITOR PROGRAMS Wethersfield Social Services coordinates and supervises the Friendly Shopper and Friendly Visitor programs which serve home bound seniors. Friendly Shoppers do grocery shopping for those who need assistance and Friendly Visitors provide social contact and a friendly face to visit on a regular basis. This is a wonderful opportunity for Trinity parish members to help those Wethersfield residents who are housebound. This program does require a time commitment, but two people can sign up as a team and take turns shopping and visiting. Brochures and contact information will be available at the back of the church and on the outreach table in the Parish Hall or call Rose Riley 860-721-0547 for more information.

BOOT PARTY AT CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL IN HARTFORD – December 8 We need a coordinator to handle this. This event serves the needs of 600 homeless and disenfranchised people in Greater Hartford. Volunteers assist with distributing morning snacks, cleaning feet, and handing out lunches, socks, gloves, and personal care packages. We will also have the opportunity to collect items for this event if we get a volunteer. See or call Rose Riley or Marilyn Ford if you are interested.

OUTREACH TO LOCAL, REGIONAL, AND WORLDWIDE COMMUNITIES

DINING FOR DOLLARS WITH BERTUCCI'S We need a coordinator to get more information and set this up with the restaurant. A portion of the proceeds comes back to our church. If you are willing to do this, please contact Rose Riley or Marilyn Ford. More information will be available once someone volunteers.

WETHERSFIELD FOOD BANK The Food Bank has provided a new list of food for those in need in Wethersfield: canned pasta, rice, cans of chunk chicken, jelly (plastic cans or bottles), peanut butter, tuna in water, cans of fruit in 100% juice, low sodium soups, pasta sauce, no salt added canned vegetables, granola bars, fresh produce, cereal, toilet paper, and personal hygiene products (soap, shampoo, toothpaste).

SOUTH PARK INN Please continue to place donations for this Hartford shelter in the box in the Parish Hall. Always needed are women's undergarments (tops and bottoms, all sizes), foot powder, toothbrushes, toothpaste, lotions, spray deodorant, feminine hygiene products, diapers, laundry soap, cleaning supplies, towels, pillow cases, twin flat and fitted sheets.

SYRIAN FAMILY IN WETHERSFIELD There is a basket in the Parish Hall for the family we are helping, and they are so grateful for the items and gift cards you have donated. A recent delivery was made of the paper goods (paper towels, toilet paper, tissues, cleaning detergent). Personal care items such as toothbrushes, tooth paste, shampoo, conditioner, hand soap (bar and/or liquid) along with household cleaning supplies such as Windex, Mister Clean, bleach and laundry detergent are always needed. Due to unforeseen circumstances, they also need food: basmati rice, macaroni, tomatoes (plain, no spices), and plain tomato sauce.

Thanks to all of you who support these programs for those less fortunate. We are truly being the "hands and heart of Jesus".

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 5 - The Evening Book Club will meet at 5:45 pm at the home of Marilyn Ford for a light supper and a great discussion of **The Great Alone** by Kristen Hannah. All are welcome.

November 6 - The Ladies Luncheon will meet at Carbone's Prime in Rocky Hill at noon. All are welcome and if in need of a ride, call Sue Ellen DeCesare at 860-214-2498.

November 10 - Golden Oldies Concert - 7 pm - Sal Basile Concert - Parish Hall For details, see article under Outreach-Local/Regional/Worldwide.

November 12 - The Morning Book club will meet 10:30 am at Barbara Cosgrove's home (860-295-0622). The Book is **The Lake House** by Kate Morton. All are welcome.

November 17 - Ye Olde Sugar Plum Fair - 9 to 2 For more information, see separate article about the fair.

November 18 – Growing in Grace The third class, "I believe in the Holy Spirit," will meet in the Bishop Seabury Room at 10:30 am.

November 26 - Cathedral Dinner It's just around the corner and we need your help. Please donate food, money or your time in helping us prepare and serve a dinner. It's a good time, it is quick - about two hours - and most of all, it can be very rewarding. Join us in helping others. Sign up sheet is in the rear of the church, so let's get ready. Contact Warren & Lynda Blessing at 860-742-3253.

INTRODUCING THE TRINITY PRAYER TEAM

This group will be accepting communications from parishioners who wish to pray for a particular person in immediate need of prayers because of illness or impending surgery. The communication and all details will be confidential to the team.

Members of the team will pray for that person daily for two weeks from the time received. At the end of two weeks, if there is further need for prayers for this person, the parishioner who originally put in the request will need to get in touch again to ask for another two weeks.

Calls should be made to Janice Rouse at 860-529-5139 (please leave a message) or email dickandjan@cox.net.

If anyone is interested in joining the team, please contact Janice Rouse.

Team members include Janice Rouse, Sue Smith, Rebecca Scruton, Sue Krupenvech-Rafala, Mimi Basile, Tina LaMorte, and Cheryl Chadsey.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PARKING - Please be mindful of our neighbors next door when you park in the church parking lot and park only in church parking spaces.

HI-NOON SERIES AT GRACE - Our friends at Grace, Newington have a wonderful series of monthly fellowship events and we've been invited to attend! All events are on Monday at 12 noon. RSVPs are not required. The next event is:

November 5 – Harriet Beecher Stowe Center, Hartford - Bring your own lunch in Parish Hall and then carpool to museum.

THE MEN'S CLUB

Prepared a delicious brunch before our All-Parish Stewardship Meeting on October 28.

From front side of table, back to front;
Warren Blessing, Greg Joseph, Clark Tomlinson, Michael Kucka, JR Stanko. Right side of table, back to front; Paul Milne, Gordon Scruton, Sal Basile, Jerry Stavola

Missing from the photo is Tom Traue.



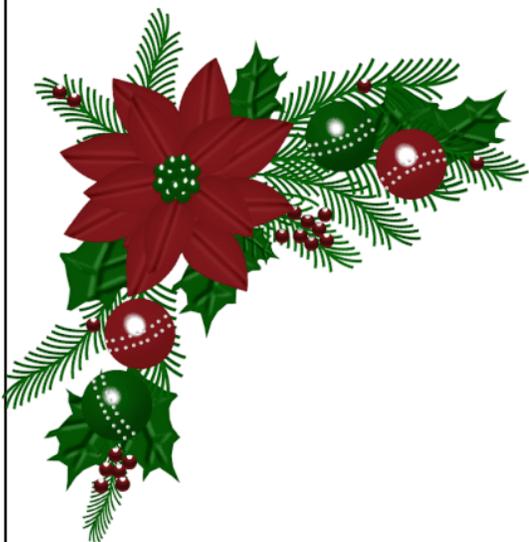
CHOIR MUSIC

The Music Committee has planned our Veterans Day, Advent and Christmas choir music. Now all we need are choristers! Here's the list of rehearsals and performances:

November 4	Rehearsal immediately after service
November 11	Anthem, "May the Road Rise up to Meet You"
December 2	Rehearsal immediately after service
December 9	Anthem, "The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came"
	Rehearsal immediately after service
December 23	Festive Lessons and Carols at the 9 am service
	Anthem "Lo, How a Rose er'e Blooming" with Linda Traue on Celtic Harp
	Another anthem to be determined
December 24	Christmas Eve service at 5 pm
	Anthem from Lessons & Carols and Silent Night with descant

Contact the office if you think you would like to sing. A member of the Music Committee will contact you. Come sing with us!

YE OLDE SUGAR PLUM FAIR



The date for the fair is Saturday, November 17 and the time is 9 - 2. The stage has been cleared for the collection of books, DVDs, puzzles, and Christmas collectibles. Please pack them securely and label them clearly. We will have beautiful, live holiday plants again this year, and we will again have a table of beautiful hand-carved items by Warren Blessing, and original water color pictures and cards, all of which will make beautiful holiday gifts. So, plan to attend!

Please contact Connie Harasymiw or Rose Riley with new ideas and offers to help. Or, feel free to contact any of the following: Ginger Smith for Food Court; Greg and Joan Joseph for Books, Etc.; Kathy Cole and Lynda Blessing for Pet Gifts; Vicki Crafa and Barbara Cosgrove for Christmas Collectibles (this is where items in good condition can be re-gifted along with household and Christmas items); Marilyn Ford and Cheryl

Lewis for Baked Goods; Jan Rouse and Connie Harasymiw for Home Made Gifts; Michael Kucka for Holiday Plants; and Nan Heath for Special Gifts and Paintings.

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TUE, WED & THURS

9 AM TO 12 PM



MISSION STATEMENT

Trinity Episcopal Church is an ever-evolving Christian Community committed to deepening our relationship with God by: *offering worship and education for all ages, caring for and servicing one another and those beyond our community, being open and welcoming.*



Thank You, LORD!

THE PRAYER FOR PARISH MISSION

Dear and Gracious God, Please send us the people we need in order to become the church You want us to be, and please send us the people who need us in order to become the people You want them to be. Help us to respond with love to those You send, making room for them at our table and in our hearts so that together we can share Your love with our neighbors in need both locally and around the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus, who met people where they were, loved and cared for them, and invited them into a deeper relationship with You. Amen.