

THE BELFRY

Trinity Episcopal Church | Wethersfield, CT

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Services

- Sundays - 9 am
Holy Eucharist
- Wednesdays - 8 am
Morning Prayer

Bible Studies

- Third Sundays - 10:30 am
"Growing in Grace" classes
for confirmation, reception,
reaffirmation and renewal
of faith
Bishop Seabury Room
- Wednesdays - 6 pm
Read and Feed
Bishop Seabury Room



From Our Pastor

"Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Never flag in zeal, be aglow in the Spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints, practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you, bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice. Weep with those who weep." *Romans 12:9-15*

Dear Trinity Family,

The verses from St. Paul's letter to the Romans summarize some basic characteristics of an authentic Christian community. It all begins with "Let love be genuine." Talking about love is easy. Loving real people is not always easy.

In the past few weeks, I have observed, or have been told about, many expressions of genuine love between people in our congregation. People helping others with packing up and moving from one house to another (in my humble opinion, one of the most unpleasant experiences of life). People showing great hospitality to host a wonderful party for a child's baptism and for all of the visitors

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Seventy Disciples, from a Greek manuscript, 15th Century, artist unknown.

Sunday Readings

July 7 - Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Isaiah 66:10-14

Psalm 66:1-9

Galatians 6:(1-6), 7-16

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

July 14 - Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

Deuteronomy 30:9-14

Psalm 25:1-10

Colossians 1:1-14

Luke 10:25-37

July 21 - Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

Genesis 18:1-10a

Psalm 15

Colossians 1:15-28

Luke 10:38-42

July 28 - Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

Genesis 18:20-32

Psalm 138

Colossians 2:6-15

Luke 11:1-13

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who joined us that day. People listening to each other respectfully when they have had differences of opinion. People offering encouraging words to others in times of trial.

These are “outward and visible signs of an inward and spiritual grace” (to borrow and repurpose the traditional definition of a sacrament). These are signs of the Holy Spirit working in our midst to “build up the Body of Christ”. These are the natural result of Jesus’ indwelling presence in our hearts and souls. These are the expressions of genuine love that make us stronger and more fruitful in our Christian calling to be, as Jesus says, “salt of the earth” and “light to the world” (Matthew 5: 13-14).

When we yield ourselves to the genuine love of Jesus, God works through our lives. To redeem the brokenness of the world, one life at a time.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Tom

In Celebration of the Baptism and First Birthday of Lulu



Celebration Service to Kick Off Trinity's 150th Anniversary

The formal kickoff for our Trinity 150th Anniversary celebration will occur October 6 at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. We will have a festive Sunday service with Bishop Ian Douglas as our celebrant. This will also be the day that our confirmands, who have been preparing so diligently this year, will be confirmed and other parish members will be received or will reaffirm their faith.

Following the church service we will have a reception for the people of Trinity Parish and other guests. Invitations will be sent out in July. Please look for yours in the mail (email or snail mail) and RSVP to let us know that you're coming.

Summer Bible Study

The Read and Feed Bible Study which is based on Brian McLaren's book, *We Make the Road by Walking*, continues in the Seabury Room at 6 pm on Wednesday evenings throughout the summer. Bring your own dinner; beverages and desserts will be provided. If you prefer to eat before Bible Study, come at 6:30 for the discussion. Bible Study generally ends between 7:30 and 8.

Service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance

Each year, we have a service of thanksgiving and remembrance for those who are interred in our Memorial Garden. This year's Remembrance Sunday will be July 14. The service of thanksgiving and remembrance will take place at the Memorial Garden at the end of Sunday worship. The service will be preceded by the interment of ashes for Dorothy Daigle, a life-long friend of Sue Krupenevich-Rafala who was her advocate and guardian. Any donations in memory of loved ones that are received by July 9 will be included in the service bulletin.

Have You a Need for Prayers?

The Trinity Prayer team accepts requests from parishioners who wish to have prayers for a person in immediate need because of illness or impending surgery. The communication and all details are confidential to the team.

Members of the team will pray for that person daily for two weeks from the time received. If there is further need for prayers, 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.

Team members include Janice Rouse (convener), Rebecca Scruton, Sue Smith, Mimi Basile, Sue Krupenevich-Rafala, Cheryl Chadsey, Tina LaMorte and Nancy Buttarro.



The Good Samaritan, JESUS MAFA, 1973, Cameroon.

Parish Leadership

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Rose Riley, Warden
Judith Shaw
Linda Traue



Martha and Mary, O. Gentileschi, 1620.

Sacred Healing: A Summer Film Series

The North Central and South Central Regions have been working together to offer a series of three films, with facilitated conversation to follow, as a way to explore race and racism. The series is open to those in other Regions, as well. Free.

The series takes place July 30, August 6, and August 13 from 5:30 - 9 pm at St. Paul's, Wallingford and materials are from this year's Trinity Institute, "Scene and Unseen: Facing Race Through Film." Films include *Do the Right Thing*, *Blindspotting*, and *Trace of the Trade*.

Bible Quote for July

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Romans 12:9-11

Outreach to Local, Regional and Worldwide Communities

SAVE THE DATES

July 22 Community Meal, Christ Church Cathedral
 Sept 5 Sal Basile's "Fun" Raiser Concert
 Sept 23 Community Meal, Christ Church Cathedral
 Oct 20 Chili + Rice & Beans Cook-off
 Nov 9 Golden Oldies Concert
 Nov 23 Ye Olde Sugar Plum Fair
 Nov 25 Community Meal, Christ Church Cathedral

JUNE GOLDEN OLDIES CONCERT

Thanks to Sal Basile for a wonderful concert and to all who helped make this a fun evening. Also a big thank you to those who attended the concert and parishioners who gave generously to provide \$1,110.50 to Kateri Medical Services which will buy medicine for the Nigerian clinics which Father Tom supports and visits twice yearly.

NIGERIAN SCHOLARSHIP RENEWALS

At Father Tom's Sunday presentation on his recent trip to Nigeria, we kicked off the scholarship renewals so that the 40 children we supported in the 2018-2019 school year will be able to stay in school for the 2019-2020 school year. Look for more information in the weekly e-blasts and Sunday service leaflets. Last year was our inaugural entry into this important ministry after Bishop Marcus Dogo and his wife, Nana, visited us. It was a joy to see the enthusiasm of our congregation.

SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

We want to help Wethersfield Social Services with a new program for families with children who are experiencing some financial hardship. A caregiver will be responsible for picking up a bag of food weekly containing seven days worth of lunches and snacks. Needed items are peanut butter and jelly (in plastic containers), canned tuna and chicken, peanut butter cracker packages, cheese cracker packages, granola bars and other healthy snacks, and juice boxes. The program started June 17 and ends the week of August 23.

WETHERSFIELD FOOD BANK

The foods listed for the Summer Lunch Program are pretty much what we donate to the food bank. In addition, pasta is needed.

OUR SYRIAN FAMILY

Please continue to put items in the marked bin in the parish hall: paper towels, toilet paper, washing machine detergent, dish detergent, liquid hand soap, shampoo, no-tears shampoo, and juice boxes. There is a need for vegetable oil and olive oil at the present time. The family is so appreciative of your support for them.

Outreach to Local, Regional and Worldwide Communities

SOUTH PARK INN

South Park Inn provides a continuum of services to those who are homeless. Please consider leaving donations in the box in the outreach corner of the parish hall. Items needed include toothbrushes, toothpaste, hand/body lotion, spray deodorant, individually wrapped feminine hygiene products, diapers (toddlers, 1 year+), laundry soap, cleaning supplies, towels, pillow cases, twin flat and fitted sheets.

CHILI + RICE & BEANS COOK-OFF

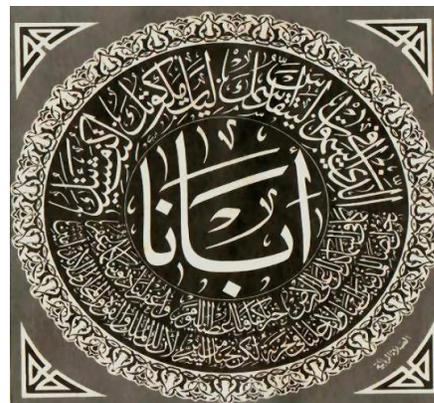
October 20, 5:00 pm

It became necessary to move this annual event from September to October as many more people are available to be part of this program. Meetings with other churches have already begun and more information will be available during the summer months. Both St. James', Glastonbury and St. Andrew's, Rocky Hill will be taking part and hopefully Grace, Newington will join us, too.

CHURCH BY THE POND & LUNCH IN THE PARK



Father Tom recently celebrated at Church by the Pond, a service of Holy Eucharist sponsored by Christ Church Cathedral and held outdoor in Bushnell Park, Hartford at 2 pm every Saturday – rain or shine, hot or cold, sleet or snow. A group from our parish also participated in Lunch in the Park, a feeding ministry with homeless and hungry people in Hartford. We prepared bagged lunches for 60 people and handed them out after the Church by the Pond service.



*Lord's Prayer in Arabic Calligraphy ,
artist unknown, Paris.*

Community Meals Needs YOU

On Monday evening, July 22, we need eight people to assist in serving food to Hartford's hungry and homeless at Christ Church Cathedral. Please sign up to help in the soup kitchen from 4:15 to 6:30ish. No special skills or experience required.

Folks can also contribute food as indicated on the sign-up sheet at the back of our church. Or you can contribute a few dollars to purchase food. For more information, call coordinators Lynda and Warren at 860-742-3253.

A Note of Thanks from the Keane Foundation

Parishioners who manned a 5K water stop recently received this from the executive director:

*Thank you to each one of the Trinity volunteers who helped at the Keane Foundation 5K on June 2. Your assistance was greatly appreciated and you contributed to a successful event!
Gratefully, Judy Keane*



We were happy to lend a hand to the Keane Foundation in support of their mission to provide a safe and fun environment in which youth can come together to participate in athletic, academic, and social programs with the support and guidance of caring adults.

Scholarships for Nigerian Primary School Students



You can help put a needy child through primary school in the Anglican Diocese of Kafanchan, Nigeria. For the second year in a row, Trinity is raising support for students at Kafanchan Anglican Junior Seminary and Gidan Way Anglican Junior Seminary. For \$92, you can provide one of these students with tuition, books, uniforms, food and housing for one year. Our goal is to support 40 students as we did last year.

Whether you'd like to provide a full scholarship for \$92 or a half scholarship for \$46, make your check payable to Trinity Episcopal Church and write "Nigerian Scholarship" on the memo line.

Financial Report

Pledge Status as of 5/31/2019

Total Annual Pledge	\$ 115,542
Pledge Budget	\$ 48,143
Received	\$ 50,468
Difference	+ \$ 2,325

Income/Expenses

	Actual	Budget
Income	\$ 60,600	\$ 56,712
Expenses	\$ 59,467	\$ 56,712

Lay Ministry Schedule

July 7	Opener	D. Paternostro
	Eucharistic Minister	G. Smith
	Lector	L. Jones
	Intercessor	J. Shaw
	Ushers	M. Kucka
	Closer	D. Paternostro R. Riley
July 14	Opener	C. Harasymiw
	Eucharistic Minister	R. Colburn
	Lector	P. Milne
	Intercessor	C. Chadsey
	Ushers	D. Paternostro M. Kucka
	Closer	D. Paternostro
July 21	Opener	D. Paternostro
	Eucharistic Minister	D. Paternostro
	Lector	J.R. Stanko
	Intercessor	R. Riley
	Ushers	C. Chadsey M. Kucka
	Closer	K. Cole
July 28	Opener	D. Paternostro
	Eucharistic Minister	S. Basile
	Lector	C. Helfant
	Intercessor	K. Cole
	Ushers	M. Kucka D. Paternostro
	Closer	R. Riley



If you're missing your favorite dish or kitchen gadget, perhaps it's in the back corner of the parish kitchen. Please stop by soon and pick it up before it finds a new home.

New Podcast:

The Way of Love

"The way of Jesus is the Way of Love. And the Way of Love can change the world," Presiding Bishop Michael Curry says in his new podcast, *The Way of Love: with Bishop Michael Curry*, which launched on Pentecost. These weekly conversations, featuring Bishop Curry along with podcast hosts Kyle Oliver and Sandy Milien, explore living a life committed to living the way of God's unconditional, unselfish, sacrificial and redemptive love.

Each week in Season 1, Bishop Curry introduces one of the seven Way of Love, Practices for a Jesus-Centered Life: Turn, Learn, Pray, Worship, Bless, Go, and Rest. Listeners are invited into deeper engagement with each practice as Kyle and Sandy share their insights and offer questions for reflection or small group discussion. New episodes air Tuesdays through July 30.

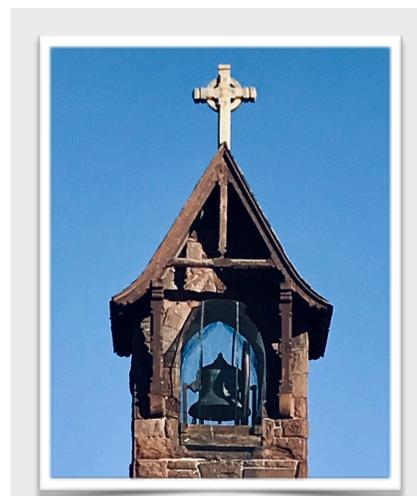
The Way of Love: with Bishop Michael Curry, is available on all podcast apps and at episcopalchurch.org. Visit the Way of Love podcast webpage to subscribe to the podcast through Apple iTunes, Google Play or Spotify and to sign up for notifications of new seasons as well as additional featured content.

A 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



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