

THE BELFRY

Trinity Episcopal Church | Wethersfield, CT



Opportunities for Prayer, Discussion & Bible Study

The Holy Eucharist will be celebrated each Sunday at 9:30 in the sanctuary beginning October 10. If you want to participate in our Zoom Morning Prayer on Wednesday mornings and/or Centering Prayer on Wednesday afternoons, please contact the office for an invite. If you're interested in the Richard Rohr Meditation discussions on Saturday mornings, email garth.myers@trincoll.edu

From Our Pastor

The heavens are telling the glory of God; the firmament declares the work of his hands. Psalm 19:1

Ever since the creation of the world God's invisible nature, namely, his eternal power and deity, has been clearly perceived in the things that have been made. Romans 1: 20

Dear Trinity Parish Community,

As the scripture says, we can see something about the beauty and majesty and power of God from the Creation: from the highest heavens to the smallest cells in our bodies and everything in between, we can see the creative genius and energy of the Creator.

For me, October is the month in which I see the beauty of God in the beautiful dying leaves of the trees. I call the maple trees of New England "God's stained glass windows." It is one of the most beautiful and spiritually alive of months for me. I see the falling leaves as a symbol of the cycle of our lives. There is a springtime of life and a summer and an autumn and a winter. Each season is filled with the majesty and beauty of God's purpose for our lives if we pay attention.

Also in this month, we at Trinity will be focusing on the stewardship of our lives. And in particular, how we use our time and talents and treasure to invest in the Kingdom of God. For three Sundays in October and one in November, we will be focusing on Consecration Sunday. You will learn more about this through mailings and messages in Church.

The main theme of Consecration Sunday is: How will I use the resources God has given me to show my love and gratitude to God?

In this month, in which we are surrounded by so many visual reminders of the beauty of God's world, I invite you to ponder and pray about how you and I will give back to God for all that God has given us.

In Jesus' Name,
Father Tom



The statue of St. Francis in front of our church was given by Peggy Johnson in memory of her husband, Howard. The Johnsons were long-time friends of the Tomlinsons, and so Clark recently restored the statue in honor and memory of them.

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Consecration Sunday Is Coming November 7

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

Our congregation's leadership has selected the *New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program* as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this year.

New Consecration Sunday is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give

*Jesus summed up the spiritual connection between money and God this way:
"Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."*

Luke 12:34

unselfishly as an act of discipleship. New Consecration Sunday encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"

During morning worship on Consecration Sunday, November 7, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world.

Every attendee and member who completes an Estimate of Giving Card does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. We urge people to attend who feel strongly opposed to completing a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During morning worship our guest leader will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

We will encourage participation in Consecration Sunday events through the Consecration Sunday team and governing board. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Consecration Sunday worship.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events.

Consecration Board Chairpersons,
Connie Harasymiw and Donna Brown



Many thanks to our Altar Guild for ensuring that our altar reflected the Season of Creation. Outdoor worshipers are also grateful for their time in setting up an altar outside under the chestnut trees.

The Evening Book Club

The Evening Book Club will begin its 2021-2022 season on October 19 with a discussion of *The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hill* by Robert Dugoni. Sam Hill always saw the world through different eyes. Born with red pupils, he was called "Devil Boy" or Sam "Hell" by his classmates; "God's will" is what his mother called his ocular albinism. Her words were of little comfort, but Sam persevered, buoyed by his mother's devout faith, his father's practical wisdom, and his two misfit friends. We will meet at 5:45 for pizza and discussion at the home of Marilyn Ford. All are welcome. Contact Joan Joseph (golfst4@aol.com) for more information.

BENEFIT CONCERT ON THE LAWN

Saturday, October 23*

3 - 5:30 pm

The Church of St. Andrew the Apostle
331 Orchard Street in Rocky Hill



SAL BASILE
Classic 60's & 70's
Rock & Folk Music



HOWLING HOUND DOGS
Upbeat Washboard Band

Join us for a fun afternoon of lively music, clam chowder, fellowship and fun on the front lawn. There is no charge for the concert, but we will take up a free will offering to benefit Kateri Medical Services to provide medical care for the rural and urban poor in Nigeria.

*Rain date: October 24

We've teamed up with the Church of St. Andrew the Apostle in Rocky Hill to sponsor a concert to benefit Kateri Medical Services. Kateri Medical Services funds and facilitates medical clinics to serve the poorest of the poor in rural and urban areas of Nigeria. They currently help about 20,000 people each year with life-saving medical care, demonstrating the love of Jesus through medical care.

The concert is free and any donations will go directly to pay doctors, nurses, midwives, pharmacists and lab technicians in our six clinics. Know that any donations will be matched by St. Andrew's up to \$10,000! We give thanks to St. Andrew's for their generosity and also Sal Basile and the Howling Hound Dogs for the generous giving of their time and talent.



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

The Feast of St. Francis will be celebrated Sunday, October 3. Father Tom will be present to bless your beloved creature on the front lawn at 2 pm. There will be a short service followed by treats for both critters and humans. All are welcome. Rain or shine.



The oldest depiction of St. Francis is a fresco near the entrance of the Benedictine abbey of Subiaco, painted between March 1228 and March 1229.

Change in Service Time for October 3

There will be a single service at 10 am this Sunday. Bishop Laura Ahrens will be visiting with us as part of the regular round of bishop visitations to all parishes in the diocese. Because of COVID, we will not have a traditional reception but we'll have an opportunity to greet Bishop Laura outdoors after the service.

Business Report

Pledge Status (end of August)

Total Pledge	\$ 87,530
Received	\$ 93,725

Income/Expenses (end of August)

	Actual	Budget
Income	\$105,776	\$113,977
Expenses	\$ 89,835	\$113,977



Undie Sunday Update

By Joan Joseph

As Greg and I pulled up to South Park Inn to unload our packed car, one of the clients asked what we had. When we told him "underwear" he asked if he could get a pair (translation: like right now). Here's what you donated during the Undie Sunday campaign:

- 64 pairs of socks
- 62 T-shirts
- 194 pairs of men's briefs
- 185 pairs of women's briefs
- 33 bras
- 3 overflowing welcome baskets
- miscellaneous household items

Kandayce Aust, our South Park Inn contact, was absolutely beaming as she helped us unload the car. Her message to Trinity: "WOW! This is fantastic. Thank you so much! We are out of everything, so this is perfect timing. Thank you for all that you do for us!"

Regional Events of Interest

October 2—World Day of Prayer with the Girls Friendly Society, 2pm, contact [Delores Alleyne](#) for info

October 3—Celtic Worship, St. John's, West Hartford via Zoom, 4:30pm, [zoom link here](#)

October 10—Swords to Plowshares visits Holy Trinity, Enfield, 10am

October 14—ECCT Children of Abraham event, 6:30, [more info here](#)

October 17—Swords to Plowshares visits Church of the Good Shepherd, Hartford, 11am

October 21—Crafting in Proximity, 4pm, via Zoom, an hour-long time of fellowship, [join here](#)

October 23—ECCT annual convention, info [here](#)

October 26—IREJN & Hartford Seminary's "Unequal Impact: Climate & Environmental Racism in a Warming World", 7pm, [register here](#)

(Editor note: If you need help with the links, please contact Leslie at 860-816-2024.)

Weekly Prayer List (updated October 1)

May your kingdom come and your will be done

Monday

David Anderson, Sarah Blessing, Audrey Booker, Denise Carson, Lorraine Ficara, Connie and Raymond Harasymiw, Bruce Henley, Leslie Jones, Dorothy and Lauren LaBelle, Michael and Cheryl Lewis, Paul and Keri Milne, Joan O'Brien, Denise and Carl Paternostro, Marc-Yves Regis, Jan Rouse

Tuesday

The Brown family (Susanna, Mike, Avery Catherine), Kathy Cole, Vicki Crafa, Susan Fennelly, Tom and Maryjane Furrer, Carol Jones, Nancy Knapp (Chloe and Tate), Taylor Measel, Rose and Ray Riley, Ginny and Mike Rowland, Ginger Smith, Mel and J.R. Stanko, Clark and Joyce Tomlinson, Anne Tranberg, Leslie Watson

Wednesday

Tim Boardman, Dan Carcaud, Arnold and Barbara Cosgrove, Bruce Duncan, Larry Finucane and Terri Frink, Arline Hallisey, Joan and Greg Joseph, Martha Koehler, the Precetaj family (Xhex [Jack], Eleana and Mara), Jane-Helen Ross, Linda Rubera, Sue Smith, Joan True, Mary Lou Wall, Susan and David Whitehouse

Thursday

William and Marion Boornazian, Lorraine Brodeur, David and Mary Chellstorp, Shirley Davies, Sue DeCesare, Peter and Sheila Dewberry, Marilyn Galek, Rob and Nan Heath, Michael Kucka, Geraldeen Lohman, the Myers family (Garth, Melanie Hepburn, Atlee and Phebe), Anne Pimm, Rebecca and Gordon Scruton, The Watson Family (Kirk, Tracey and Hayes), John and Diane Zarillo

Friday

Sal and Mimi Basile, Donna Brown, Darryl Burke, Nancy and Paul Buttaro, Ray and Denise Colburn, the Gebhardt family (Patrick, Jennifer, Hannah and Lily), Rob Jensen and Mitch Grayson, Tina LaMorte and Peter Spangenberg, Paula and Arthur Massa, Barbara Napolitano, Carl Rafala and Sue Krupenevich-Rafala, Judith Shaw, the Stavola family (Jerry, Ann Marie, Elizabeth, Catherine and Pete), Linda and Tom Traue, the Xavier family (Brooke, Fred, Lulu and Za)

Saturday

Warren and Lynda Blessing, Sarah Butters, Mark and Cheryl Chadsey, Ashley Marek, the Desrochers family (Helen, Ben, Molly, Hannah and Andrew), Marilyn Ford, Corinne Helfant, the Karpf family (Jessie, Tom and Bernadette), Billye and Jack Logan, Judith and Charles Melchreit, Robert and Arney Pulford, Barbara and Ed Rowley, the Tumnesheit family (Heidi, Hubertus, Olivia, Philip, Clara and Jacob), Heidi Viola and Brianna Narducci, Darren Yovan and family



St. Francis believed that nature itself was the mirror of God. He called all creatures his brothers and sisters, and even preached to the birds. His deep sense of brotherhood under God embraced others, and he declared that "he considered himself no friend of Christ if he did not cherish those for whom Christ died".

SUNDAY READINGS

OCTOBER 3

Genesis 2:18-24 and Psalms 8
Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12
Mark 10:2-16

OCTOBER 10

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15
Psalms 90:12-17
Hebrews 4:12-16
Mark 10:17-31

OCTOBER 17

Isaiah 53:4-12 and Psalms 91:9-16
Hebrews 5:1-10
Mark 10:35-45

OCTOBER 24

Jeremiah 31:7-9 and Psalms 126
Hebrews 7:23-28
Mark 10:46-52

OCTOBER 31

Deuteronomy 6:1-9
Psalms 119:1-8
Hebrews 9:11-14
Mark 12:28-34

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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