

THE BELFRY

Trinity Episcopal Church | Wethersfield, CT

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From Our Pastor

Dear Trinity Church Members,

I am writing to tell you about a new and happy development in our parish community. Beginning on Sunday, September 1, the Rev. Daryl Burke will join our leadership team as a "missional curate".

In church lingo that means he will be a newly-ordained assistant (curate) who works part-time (missional). This is part of a new initiative by Bishop Ian Douglas, to place newly-ordained people in smaller parishes which cannot afford to pay full-time salaries to clergy. These newly-ordained clergy will be serving in small parishes and the idea is to have a one-year training period in a parish which is similar to the ones they will be likely to serve in the future. The Diocese will reimburse the parish to pay a part-time salary to the missional curate for an academic year (September to June) after which time the curate will move on to lead his own parish.

The Bishop proposed this arrangement to us in early July and we (myself, the wardens and the vestry) have discussed it and decided to accept the offer. We see this as a good opportunity to help train a future leader of the Church and also as an opportunity to hear a different voice and leadership perspective in our own parish community.

The Rev. Daryl Burke was ordained a Deacon at Christ Church Cathedral on June 29, 2019. Prior to his ordination, he was Principal of Weaver High School in Hartford and before that Assistant Principal and before that Teacher at the same school. He is now retired. He has been a member of St. Monica's Episcopal Church in the north end of Hartford for many years and has served in many leadership capacities in our diocese over many years. He will be ordained a Priest on a date yet to be determined during the time he is with us.

I hope you will welcome Rev. Daryl with open arms on Sunday, September 1 and do your best to make him feel at home with us over the next 10 months. In my previous parishes, I have helped to train about 10 seminarians and 5 newly-ordained deacons for future

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*Lost Drachma, James Jacques
Joseph Tissot, 1836-1902
(Scripture: Luke 15:1-10)*

Sunday Readings

September 1

Sirach 10:12-18

Psalms 112

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Luke 14:1, 7-14

September 8

Jeremiah 18:1-11

Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18

Philemon 1:1-21

Luke 14:25-33

September 15

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

Psalms 14

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Luke 15:1-10

September 22

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

Psalms 79:1-9

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Luke 16:1-13

September 29

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

Psalms 91:1-6, 14-16

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Luke 16:19-31

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leadership in the Church. I regard it as a great privilege and opportunity to advance the work of the Kingdom of God.

God bless,
Father Tom

A Word from the Wardens

AN EXCITING FINISH TO AN EXCITING YEAR!

2019 has been an exciting year for Trinity Parish and the final four months will be no different. Here's a sampling of what's ahead.

We will start the autumn months with another of Sal and Dave's wonderful concerts on September 7 and the annual Blessing of the Animals which will take place in late September or early October.

Next up is the 150 Anniversary Service and Reception. This is the kick off event for our 150th anniversary celebration. We will have a Holy Eucharist service at 4 o'clock in the afternoon at which individuals will be confirmed, received or will renew their vows. After the service we will have a wonderful appetizer and hors d'oeuvres reception catered by Hands on Hartford, a not-for-profit organization which works with the homeless and needy in Hartford. Profits on their catering events help underwrite this organization.

Later in October is our famous Chili + Rice & Beans Cook-off and November brings another wonderful evening with Sal as well as our annual Sugarplum Fair.

This year on November 26, members of eight Christian churches from Wethersfield and Hartford, Temple Beth Torah synagogue and possibly members of a local mosque will join together at Trinity for an Interfaith Thanksgiving Service. This is the first interfaith Thanksgiving service that's been held in Wethersfield for a number of years and it is exciting to have Trinity as the initiator of this service.

Finally the waning days of the year will be brightened with our second annual Festival of Lessons and Carols at the 9 am service on December 22.

And these are only the high points — there's much much more going on. Thursday morning Bible study resumes in September and Wednesday night Bible study continues. Opportunities for outreach and mission work abound and then there's the day-to-day ministries that keep our church operating, e.g. Altar Guild, "ladies in the office", Choir, coffee hour hosts, and many, many more.

How blessed we are to be part of such a vibrant faith community. Truly the Holy Spirit is hard at work here at Trinity.

Thursday Morning Bible Study

Morning Bible Study will resume on September 26 from 10:30-noon in the Seabury Room. This will be our time for connecting and studying the lessons for Sunday. Facilitated by Rebecca Scruton. *Because of Parish Hall preparation for our 150th festivities, there will be no study on October 3.*

On October 10, 17, 24, 31 and November 7 and 14, we will be led by Gordon Scruton in the 6-week course: *Learning Spiritual Practices That Can Transform Our Lives.*

This course will be one of instruction and experimenting with six spiritual practices that Christians have used through the centuries to deepen their connection with God in daily life. The topics are:

- Desire for More in our Relationship with God
- Solitude and Silence
- Lectio Divina
- Honoring the Body
- Examen
- Rule of Life

This study is based on *Sacred Rhythms* by Ruth Haley Barton with her video input for each session. It is expected that those who attend will experiment with these practices between sessions and then reflect on them together each week. Sign up in the back of the church or call the office by Sunday, September 22, so that materials will be available for all.

Special Women's Lunch With Nana Dogo

Ministry with Widows and Other Women in Need in Nigeria
October 15, 12 noon to 2 pm, Parish Hall

Our guest speaker will be Mrs. Nana Rahilla Dogo, wife of Bishop Markus Dogo from the Anglican Diocese of Kafanchan, Nigeria. Because of violent persecution of Christians and other factors, many women are widowed young and live a precarious existence in northern Nigeria. The Anglican Diocese of Kafanchan has more than 2,000 widows.

Mrs. Dogo is the President of the Mothers' Union – a dynamic force for women's empowerment all over Africa – and is in charge of all women's ministries in the diocese. She has developed a women's vocational training center to help women become economically self-sufficient.

We invite women to come and hear the inspiring story of Mrs. Dogo's ministry to empower women and perhaps discover strategies for women's ministries here in the United States.

Lunch will be free and we will take a free-will offering to help with the cost of lunch and to aid women's ministries in Kafanchan Diocese.



*Rich and Poor, 17th century, unidentified Flemish painter
(Scripture: Luke 16:1-13)*

Parish Leadership

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Leslie Jones
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Denise Paternostro, Warden
Rose Riley, Warden
Judith Shaw
Linda Traue



Potter, Else Berg, 1877-1942.
(Scripture: Jeremiah 18:1-11)

Visiting Ministry

Would you like to make days a little brighter for people in our Trinity community who are in nursing homes, homebound or recovering after hospitalization? Many of us already visit parishioners who can't attend services or enjoy fellowship.

We know that the experience of spending time with our friends, the smiles and sharing with those who aren't able to attend church, is a gift. The days are long for those who are unable to get out and we're hoping to expand our caring to ease the loneliness and feelings of isolation that many experience.

We welcome you to join us on September 10 at 10:30 am in the Seabury Room for a planning meeting to begin this ministry. Light refreshments will be served. We look forward to sharing ideas! For more info, contact Judy Shaw at jazjaxmiamax@me.com

Outreach to Local, Regional and Worldwide Communities

FROM THE 50s TO NOW CONCERT

Saturday, September 7, 7 pm

Come join your church family and the community for another great Sal and Dave concert in our Parish Hall. Sal Basile will be playing guitar and Dave Spitzer his bass guitar and keyboard, and both will be singing favorite songs. Bistro-style seating, snacks, appetizers, desserts, and non-alcoholic beverages will be served. Please help us by bringing snacks, finger foods, crackers and cheese, chips and dips, fruit, deviled eggs, brownies, cookies, or something that does not need silverware. \$10 at the door with proceeds to benefit Trinity Parish.

45 SCHOLARSHIPS FOR NIGERIAN CHILDREN!

We collected \$4,150 to send 40 students back to primary school plus 5 additional children will be able to attend school, most likely for the first time in Kafachan District, Nigeria starting this month. This covers a full year for tuition, uniforms, books, and lunch. Thank you for your generosity. The Holy Spirit is surely working in our midst!

WETHERSFIELD FOOD BANK

Please continue to support the food bank. Especially needed are canned chicken, tuna in water, jelly (plastic containers), pasta, rice, peanut butter, cans of fruit in 100% juice, low sodium soups, pasta sauce, no salt added canned vegetables, and cereal.

SYRIAN FAMILY IN WETHERSFIELD

Thank you for the items you regularly donate. We will continue to provide paper towels, toilet paper, washing machine detergent, dish detergent, liquid hand soap, shampoo, no-tears shampoo, vegetable oil, olive oil, juice boxes for the children. The family is very appreciative of your generosity.

BACKPACK PROGRAM

We are supporting Wethersfield Social Services by again providing snacks to over 60 children in Wethersfield schools who take home a backpack full of healthy, kid-friendly items to keep them going over the weekend. Healthy snacks such as granola bars, protein bars, lower sugar breakfast bars, crackers (including peanut butter cracker packages), cheese cracker packages, and juice boxes are needed. These go to lower income families in Wethersfield with children.

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CHILI + RICE & BEANS COOK-OFF

October 20, 5 pm, Parish Hall and Seabury Room

Please join us and the community in this event that has taken on a life of its own over the last 12 years. St. James, Glastonbury will be partnering with us again this year. Emails have gone out to last year's cooks and planning is well underway. In addition, we are asking several other churches to participate by providing one cook each for Rice & Beans and one for Chili. Those churches include St. Andrew's, Rocky Hill; Grace, Newington; and Christ, Middle Haddam.

The food is served in 2 oz. taster cups so that people can try whatever they wish and go back for more of their favorites. There are two competitions – a “judged” and a “people’s choice” with prizes going to the 1st and 2nd place winners in each category. You are urged to vote for your favorites in the latter category.

Pay at the door cost is \$10 for adults, \$3 for children (ages 3 to 12), and \$25 for a family of 5 (2 adults only). All proceeds go to St. Vincent's Center for Disabled Children, an Episcopal school in Haiti, where 200 children (100 deaf, 60 blind, and 40 in wheelchairs) receive special education opportunities and life skills training. Their lives have been changed by classes taught in Braille, sign language, Kreyol (Creole) and French.

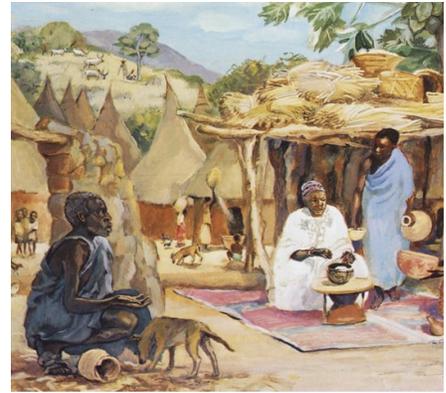
We have a unique opportunity this year because Bishop Marcus Dogo and his wife, Nana, from Nigeria will be spending October 20 at Trinity. Father Tom is asking Bishop Dogo to speak on “Educating Children in Third World Countries” at the cook-off.

A sign-up sheet for desserts and corn bread will be placed on the back table in church later this month. We appreciate the help our parishioners always give.

SOUTH PARK INN

We changed the shopping list for South Park Inn this summer to reflect their changing needs. It's shown just below. With cool weather approaching please also think of sweatshirts and warm socks for men and women. Larger sizes are most needed.

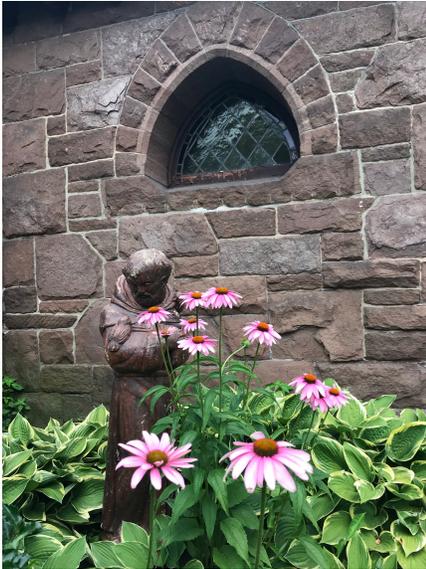
The shopping list includes gift cards (Walmart, grocery stores, fast food restaurants, Cost Cutters); bus passes; laundry detergent and cleaning supplies; new or lightly-used twin sheets and bath towels; underwear, t-shirts and pajamas (especially xl, 2xl and 3xl) for both men and women; adult incontinence products; new office supplies (copy paper, pens, pencils, post-its, file folders).



*The Rich Man and Lazarus, 1973,
JESUS MAFA
(Scripture: Luke 16:19-31)*

Community Meals at Christ Church Cathedral

It's time to plan and prepare for our last two Cathedral dinners for 2019. The next one is September 30 and then November 25 is the last one this year. So, pick out the dinner(s) you'd like to support and sign up. Your contribution of food or money are always appreciated. Your personal time donated to help prepare the food and serve will give you the best feeling. We leave Trinity at 4:30 to meet you there or if you need a ride or have any questions, call Lynda or Warren Blessing at 860-742-3253 or ctvalleywc@yahoo.com.



Business Report

Pledge Status as of 7/31/2019

Total Annual Pledge	\$ 115,542
Pledge Budget	\$ 67,400
Received	\$ 70,896
Difference	+ \$ 3,496

Income/Expenses

	Actual	Budget
Income	\$ 83,142	\$ 79,397
Expenses	\$ 77,991	\$ 79,397

If you'd like to learn more about the business of the church, you can check out the monthly Vestry Minutes on our website at trinityepiscopalweth.org/vestry-minutes.

Evening Book Club

The Evening Book Club will hold its annual planning meeting on Tuesday, September 10. Join us at 5:45 pm at the home of Joan Joseph (860-666-4847) for pizza and books. Bring your suggestions and calendar. All are welcome.

Morning Book Club

The Morning Bookclub is September 9 at 10:30 am and will be meeting at Trinity Parish in the library. The book is *The Kitchen House* by Kathleen Grissom. If you have any questions please call Sue Ellen DeCesare at 860-214-2498. All are welcome.

Ladies Luncheon

The Church Ladies Luncheon will be meeting October 8. It will be at Eastside Restaurant in New Britain at 12 noon. Anyone in need of a ride please call Sue Ellen DeCesare at 860-214-2498. All are welcome.

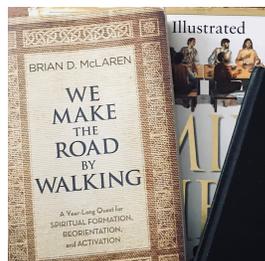
Ye Olde Sugar Plum Fair



Ye Olde Sugar Plum Fair is November 23 and we are looking for items for our regifting and recycling table. So start cleaning out your drawers and basements. We are looking for items like candles, stationery, gift bags, soaps, hand towels and any items that can be regifted or reused for all ages. Christmas items also. All items welcomed that are clean

and in good condition. For any questions, please call Vickie Crafa at 860-956-2997 or Barbara Cosgrove at 860-295-0622. A marked box will be in the Parish Hall.

Read and Feed 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. Bring your own dinner; beverages and desserts will be provided.

We will eat at 6 and begin our discussion at 6:30. If you don't wish to join the group for dinner, please come at 6:30 for the discussion. Bible Study generally ends between 7:30 and 8.

Lay Ministry Schedule

Sept 1	Opener	C. Harasymiw
	Eucharistic Minister	R. Colburn
	Lector	L. Jones
	Intercessor	D. Paternostro
	Ushers	M. Kucka D. Paternostro
	Closer	K. Cole
Sept 8	Opener	D. Paternostro
	Eucharistic Minister	C. Jones
	Lector	G. Smith
	Intercessor	K. Cole
	Ushers	D. Paternostro M. Kucka
	Closer	D. Paternostro
Sept 15	Opener	D. Paternostro
	Eucharistic Minister	J. Joseph
	Lector	J.R. Stanko
	Intercessor	C. Chadsey
	Ushers	D. Paternostro M. Kucka
	Closer	R. Riley
Sept 22	Opener	D. Paternostro
	Eucharistic Minister	A. Stavole
	Lector	R. Riley
	Intercessor	J. Shaw
	Ushers	M. Kucka J. Stavole
	Closer	K. Cole
Sept 29	Opener	D. Paternostro
	Eucharistic Minister	G. Smith
	Lector	K. Cole
	Intercessor	C. Helfant
	Ushers	M. Kucka D. Paternostro
	Closer	D. Paternostro



Our Mission Corner

Please note the changes in our mission and outreach corner in the Parish Hall. The marked baskets are for our outreach collections (think the multiplying of the loaves and fishes), the chairs are for your pleasure. You will find information and updates on our various mission endeavors on the table and on the bulletin board. If you have something you'd like to put on the table or bulletin board, please speak with Marilyn Ford or Leslie Jones.

Thank you...and please enjoy.

This Month's Bible Verse

Trust in the Lord with all your heart,

and do not rely on your own understanding.

In all your ways acknowledge him,

and he will make your paths straight.

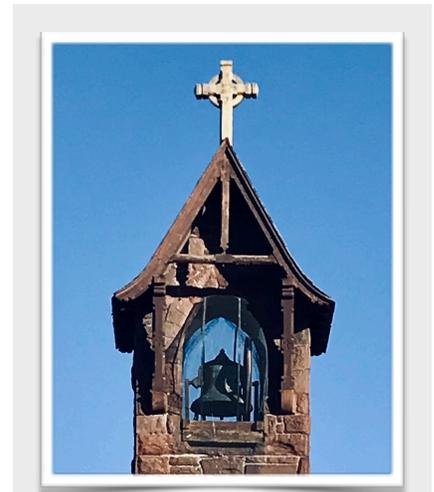
Proverbs 3:5-6

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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