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# THE BELFRY

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Trinity Episcopal Church | Wethersfield, CT

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## Opportunities for Prayer, Discussion & Bible Study

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The Holy Eucharist will be celebrated each Sunday at 9 am in the church sanctuary as well as 10:30 am in the parking lot. 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](mailto:garth.myers@trincoll.edu)

## From Our Pastor

Dear Trinity Parish Community,

I write this as I am about to depart for a three-week vacation. For me, vacations are a time to step back and take a look at where we have been and where we are going in the future.

For the past two and a half years, I have been your part-time pastor. For a year before that, I was here one Sunday each month. Three and a half years all together. Early on our then-senior warden, Rose Riley, compared Trinity Parish to the children's book, *The Little Engine That Could*. You may remember that the little engine had what seemed to be an impossible hill to climb, but kept repeating the phrase "I think I can" until it reached the top of the mountain.

We are a "small but mighty" church that has the audacity to think we can be an impactful presence of Jesus' love in a hurting world. And we do that in many ways: welcoming and helping a refugee family, sharing food with hungry people locally, helping an orphanage in Honduras, helping a school in Haiti, providing sewing machines for widows and providing scholarships for students in Nigeria, providing space for an English as a Second Language program to immigrant families in our Sunday school classrooms, providing space for AA, Al-Anon and other 12-step groups, and providing space for YMCA summer camp during the pandemic.

One consistent comment I have heard from new people visiting our church is the warm and genuine welcome they have received from people here. Hospitality and love is a great gift of the Holy Spirit that we can share with others.

We have just come through a pretty difficult time with the Covid crisis. And yet our church community seems stronger and more resilient now than before the lockdowns. Even though some folks have not returned to church, our worship attendance and financial giving have returned to our pre-crisis levels. We are doing OK and I pray that we will continue to grow stronger in our faith and devotion and service to our fellow human beings. "Small but mighty."

God bless,  
Father Tom



## UNDIE SUNDAY!

September 12, 19 and 26

We'll be collecting new underwear for our friends at South Park Inn.

Women's briefs — M to XXL

Women's bras — larger sizes

Men's boxers — M to XXL

Men's t-shirts — M-XXL

**NOTHING SAYS YOU CARE LIKE UNDERWEAR!**

## Scholarships for Students in Nigeria



You can help put a needy child through school at two primary schools in the Anglican Diocese of Kafanchan, Nigeria.

For the third consecutive year, Trinity Parish is raising support for students at Kafanchan Anglican Junior Seminary and Gidan Way Anglican Junior Seminary. **For \$100 per year, you can provide tuition, books, uniforms, food and housing for one of these students.**

Our goal this year is to support 50 students.



*Still Life with Bread and Figs, 1st Century, unknown artist*

### This Month's Book Club

The evening book club is off for the summer. Mark your calendar and join us for our planning meeting on Tuesday September 14. Look for details in the September Belfry.

### Business Report

#### Pledge Status (end of June)

Total Pledge	\$ 65,648
Received	\$ 71,978

#### Income/Expenses (end of June)

	Actual	Budget
Income	\$ 97,195	\$ 85,485
Expenses	\$ 69,630	\$ 85,483



Please return this form with your check made payable to Trinity Episcopal Church with "Nigerian scholarships" on the memo line.

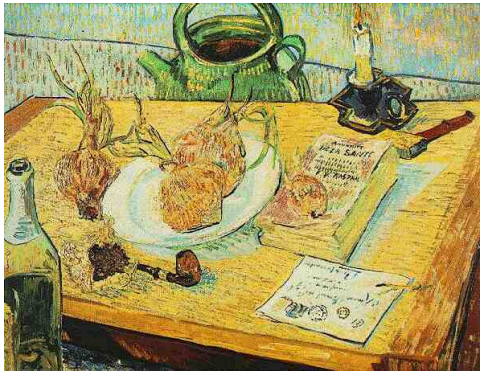
Your name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to contribute: Full Scholarship (\$100) \_\_\_\_\_

Half Scholarship (\$50) \_\_\_\_\_ Multiple Scholarships \_\_\_\_\_



Still Life Drawing Board, 1889,  
Vincent Van Gogh

## Parish Leadership

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### PASTOR

The Rev. Thomas Furrer  
For a pastoral emergency, please call  
860-212-6994.

### STAFF

Linda Rubera, Administrator  
Tuesday-Thursday, 9-12  
operations@trinityepiscopalweth.org  
860-529-6825

Dorothy LaBelle, Music Director

### VESTRY

Warren Blessing, Co-Warden  
Sarah Butters  
Peter Dewberry  
Connie Harasymiw, Co-Warden  
Robert Heath, Treasurer  
Melanie Hepburn, Clerk  
Carol Jones  
Greg Joseph  
Rebecca Scruton, Co-Warden  
J. R. Stanko  
Ann Marie Stavola

## Mission & Outreach

*This small but mighty church has outreach ministries in Wethersfield (Food Bank, Sean's Closet, and Keane Foundation); in Connecticut (South Park Inn, Church by the Pond and Lunch in the Park, and Hands on Hartford Community Dinners); and worldwide (Kateri Medical Clinics in Nigeria, Copprome Orphanage in Honduras, St. Vincent's School in Haiti, Camp Hispaniola in the Dominican Republic and Haiti, and the Diocese of Kafanchan in Nigeria). Our clergy and parishioners have happily taken on individual leadership roles in those ministries. They all fall under the umbrella of the Mission & Outreach Committee now led by Connie Harasymiw and Sarah Butters. We give thanks to Warren and Lynda Blessing for their able leadership during the past year.*

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SOUTH PARK INN — We continue to collect items for South Park Inn. Drop off your donations in the garage on Sunday mornings. New and unused items always in need include:

- Laundry detergent
- Pine-Sol
- New towels and face cloths
- New twin size sheets
- New men's boxers — M-XXL
- New women's briefs — M-XXL
- #10 cans of fruit
- #10 cans of vegetables

New items for Homecoming Baskets presented to guests moving into their own homes include:

- Pot and pan sets
- Dishes
- Silverware
- Coffeemakers
- Cleaning cloths and sponges
- Laundry baskets
- Manual can openers
- Cleaning supplies
- Pillows

Thank you for your generous support. Questions? Contact Joan or Greg Joseph at [golfst4@aol.com](mailto:golfst4@aol.com) or 860-666-4847.





*A Woman Baking Bread, 1854,  
Jean-Francois Millet*

## SUNDAY READINGS

### AUGUST 1

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15  
Psalm 78:23-29  
Ephesians 4:1-16  
John 6:24-35

### AUGUST 8

1 Kings 19:4-8  
Psalm 34:1-8  
Ephesians 4:25-5:2  
John 6:35, 41-51

### AUGUST 15

Proverbs 9:1-6  
Psalm 34:9-14  
Ephesians 5:15-20  
John 6:51-58

### AUGUST 22

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18  
Psalm 34:15-22  
Ephesians 6:10-20  
John 6:56-69

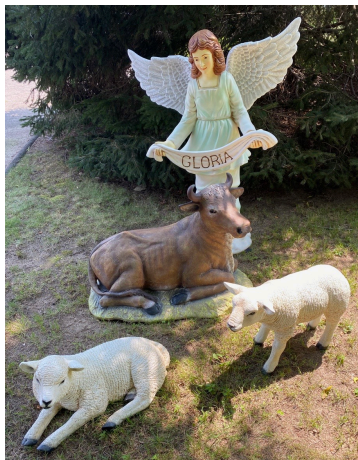
### AUGUST 29

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9  
Psalm 15:1-7  
James 1:17-27  
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

## Only For Today

### *The Daily Decalogue of Pope John XXIII*

1. Only for today, I will seek to live the livelong day positively without wishing to solve the problems of my life all at once.
2. Only for today, I will take the greatest care of my appearance: I will dress modestly; I will not raise my voice; I will be courteous in my behavior; I will not criticize anyone; I will not claim to improve or to discipline anyone except myself.
3. Only for today, I will be happy in the certainty that I was created to be happy, not only in the other world but also in this one.
4. Only for today, I will adapt to circumstances, without requiring all circumstances to be adapted to my own wishes.
5. Only for today, I will devote 10 minutes of my time to some good reading, remembering that just as food is necessary to the life of the body, so good reading is necessary to the life of the soul.
6. Only for today, I will do one good deed and not tell anyone about it.
7. Only for today, I will do at least one thing I do not like doing; and if my feelings are hurt, I will make sure that no one notices.
8. Only for today, I will make a plan for myself: I may not follow it to the letter, but I will make it. And I will be on guard against two evils: hastiness and indecision.
9. Only for today, I will firmly believe, despite appearances, that the good Providence of God cares for me as no one else who exists in this world.
10. Only for today, I will have no fears. In particular, I will not be afraid to enjoy what is beautiful and to believe in goodness. Indeed, for 12 hours I can certainly do what might cause me consternation were I to believe I had to do it all my life.



## Christmas in July

Our Nativity Scene has some new figures for the Christmas Season: a resting ox, standing and resting lambs, and an angel. Many thanks to our parish members who contributed toward these figures: Sue Smith, Carol Jones, Jerry and Ann Marie Stavola, and Carl and Sue Rafala. Watch for Nativity Scene which will be set up in the front of the church right after Thanksgiving.

## Updated Weekly Prayer List

**May your kingdom come and your will be done**

**Monday:** The Brown family (Susanna, Mike, Avery Catherine); Kathy Cole; Roger Dickinson; Tom & Maryjane Furrer; Jimmy & Kristine Gonzalez; the Diaz-Lopez family (Josue, Kayla, Josue Jr.); Carol Jones; Nancy Knapp (Chloe & Tate); Rose & Ray Riley; Ginny & Mike Rowland; Ginger Smith; Mel & J.R. Stanko; the Steidel family (Ellie, Amy, Alexandria); Clark & Joyce Tomlinson; Anne Tranberg; Leslie Watson

**Tuesday:** Tim Boardman, Dan Carcaud, Arnold & Barbara Cosgrove, Bruce Duncan, Arline Hallisey, Joan & Greg Joseph, Martha Koehler, Jane-Helen Ross, Linda Rubera, Sue Smith, J.P. Thomas & Mauricio Garcia, Nick Tracano, Joan True, Hugues Valcourt & Margarita Velez, Mary Lou Wall, Susan & David Whitehouse, Marc Yves Regis

**Wednesday:** David Anderson, Sarah Blessing, Audrey Booker, Denise Carson, Vicki Crafa, Lorraine Ficara, Connie & Raymond Harasymiw, Bruce Henley, Leslie Jones, Dorothy & Lauren LaBelle, Michael & Cheryl Lewis, Paul & Keri Milne, Joan O'Brien, Denise & Carl Paternostro, Jan Rouse

**Thursday:** Warren & Lynda Blessing; Sarah Butters; Mark & Cheryl Chadsey; Ashley Marek; the Desrochers family (Helen, Ben, Molly, Hannah, Andrew); Marilyn Ford; Corinne Helfant; the Karpf family (Jessie, Tom, Bernadette); Billye & Jack Logan; Taylor Measel; Judith & Charles Melchreit; Allison Read, James Ebert & Jamie; Barbara & Ed Rowley; the Tumnesheit family (Heidi, Hubertus, Olivia, Philip, Clara, Jacob); Heidi Viola and Brianna Narducci; Darren Yovan and family

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

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



*Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread, 1872,  
Currier & Ives*

### Need 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 (leave a message) or email [dickandjan@cox.net](mailto: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.

## 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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