

# THE BELFRY

Trinity Episcopal Church | Wethersfield, CT



## Opportunities for Prayer, Discussion & Bible Study

The Holy Eucharist is celebrated each Sunday at 9:30 in the church sanctuary. If you want to participate in 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

Thank you for your support of the  
Kateri Medical Services Benefit Concert



Dear Trinity Parish family,

I am writing to thank you for all of your time, talent, treasure, cookies and personal presence that you contributed so generously on October 23. Thanks to all of our efforts, the benefit concert for Kateri Medical Services was successful beyond our most optimistic hopes.

Thank you to Sal Basile for lending his amazing voice and energy-generating persona to the musical presentation even though he had recent surgery on his hand that prevented him from playing his guitar. Thanks to his road manager, Mimi, for getting him there. And thanks to his friend, Ramon, for playing his guitar to accompany Sal.

Thank you to everyone who helped with organizing and coordinating with the team from St. Andrew's. Thanks to everyone who baked cookies, helped with parking and hospitality. You all created such a wonderful and welcoming atmosphere that it made it a joy to participate in the event for everyone who visited. The parking

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*Catching the Thanksgiving Turkey*  
Grandma Moses  
1943

## Parish Leadership

### 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

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attendants helped many people with carrying chairs and other things from the cars, thus enhancing the warm hospitality of the event.

Thanks to everyone who attended the event and brought a friend. We had a great turnout of about 120 people all together.

And lastly, thanks to everyone who contributed so generously. Because of your generosity, we were able to raise far more than we ever hoped for: **\$42,573**. This is enough to support staff salaries at our two largest clinics for an entire year. Together, these two clinics help about 8,000 people every year. Many people will experience the love and healing work of Jesus through these clinics.

As you know, I wear two hats in the “retirement” chapter of my life. First, I am the pastor of Trinity — a great joy and privilege. Second, I am the leader of Kateri Medical Services — another great joy and privilege! I am doubly blessed! Thank you, God!

On behalf of Trinity, I want to thank you all for making our parish a “small but mighty” example of Jesus’ love at work in the world. On behalf of Kateri Medical Services and the thousands of poor people our clinics serve every year, I want to thank you for making a real difference in the lives of hurting people. As Jesus told us so powerfully, “...when you have done it to these, the least of my brothers and sisters, you have done it to me.” -Mathew 25

Your brother in Christ,  
Father Tom



*Scenes from the Kateri Benefit Concert.*  
Photo credit: Greg Joseph



## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5

### We will honor Father Tom on the 35th anniversary of his ordination

After our Sunday Eucharist on December 5, we will gather during coffee hour to celebrate this milestone. Here is a timeline of Father Tom's service and accomplishments over the years:



Ordained Deacon on June 17, 1986 at Christ Church Cathedral in Hartford

Ordained Priest December 17, 1986 at Trinity Church in Tariffville

Pastoral Assistant at Trinity, Tariffville, 1986-1988

Rector at St. Paul's, Huntington, 1988-2000

Rector at Trinity, Tariffville, 2000-2016

Retirement 2017

Part-time pastor at Trinity, Wethersfield, 2018 to present

Other: Appointed Honorary Canon of St. Andrew's Cathedral in Kasulu, Tanzania, November 1, 2002; founded Kateri Medical Services, May 2003; appointed Canon of St. Michael's Cathedral, Kaduna, Nigeria, February 22, 2004; appointed Archdeacon of Kaduna Diocese, Anglican Church of Nigeria August 4, 2013.



*Harvest Color, Emile Nolde, 1918*

## The Evening Book Club

The Evening Book Club will meet on Tuesday, November 30, at 5:45 for pizza and discussion at the home of Donna Brown. Our selection will be *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray. "A remarkable novel about J. P. Morgan's personal librarian, Belle da Costa Greene, the Black American woman who was forced to hide her true identity and pass as white in order to leave a lasting legacy that enriched our nation." For more information, contact Joan Joseph at [golfst4@aol.com](mailto:golfst4@aol.com)

## Business Report

### *Pledge Status (end of September)*

Total Pledge	\$ 98,471
Received	\$102,702

### *Income/Expenses (end of September)*

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Income	\$116,817	\$128,225
Expenses	\$102,735	\$128,225

## 237th Annual Convention of The Episcopal Church in Connecticut

Over 400 people, both lay delegates and clergy from across ECCT, joined together via Zoom for the 237th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut. Many others with "voice but no vote" joined in via YouTube. There were many highlights to the day, including a service of Morning Prayer and the introduction of a musical piece, "Bridges," in thanksgiving for the episcopate of Bishop Douglas. You can see the convention proceedings and more on YouTube <https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?>



*Freedom From Want, Norman Rockwell  
Saturday Evening Post  
March 6, 1943*

## Coming Soon to the Front Lawn

The Heritage Trail Plaque is planned for installation this month when Trinity Parish will be on the official tour of Old Wethersfield. It has been a long time coming and we're grateful to Tina LaMorte who shepherded the process.

Additionally, the newly-expanded Nativity Scene will be installed on the front lawn right after Thanksgiving.

## Name Tags

Now that we're worshipping together again, please remember to wear your name tag. They're especially useful for new parishioners, visitors and guests. Your name tag should be hanging by the door in the back of the church. If not, please mention it to one of the ushers.

## Hands on Hartford's Community Dinner

Our support of the Community Dinners has been great and they have continued on through the pandemic without missing a beat. Our next dinner is November 22. If you're interested in helping out, please contact ministry leaders, Warren and Lynda Blessing at [ctvalleywc@yahoo.com](mailto:ctvalleywc@yahoo.com)

The dinner dates for 2022 will be available next month. Hopefully, some of us can once again attend in person. The dinners are held in the Bartholomew building which is larger and has good air circulation. If you feel comfortable attending in person, let Warren or Lynda know.

## Lunch in the Park and Church by the Pond

Our next Lunch in the Park date is Saturday, December 4. We'll be preparing and serving bagged lunches for people who are hungry in Hartford. If you'd like to help out, contact Leslie Jones at [lesliejonesie@gmail.com](mailto:lesliejonesie@gmail.com) On the same date, Father Tom will celebrate Holy Eucharist outdoors by the carousel in Bushnell Park at 2 pm. Looking ahead to 2022, the lunch and service dates in Bushnell Park are set for March 26, June 4, September 3 and December 3.

## Soup To Go

Ginger Smith has recently returned from Honduras and will be presenting her Soup To Go fundraiser on November 14 to benefit the children of the orphanage she visits. Here's what will be available at the church from 9 to noon on the 14th.

- Soups (meat, seafood and vegetarian)
- Small breads
- Cookies
- Jams (fruit, combinations, mango chutney, hot pepper jelly)
- Relishes (sweet, hot, spicy, zucchini, corn)
- Pickles (bread and butter, dill)

## Wethersfield Food Bank

Our town's food bank recently put out a call for the following items:

- Jelly
- Soups
- Canned ravioli
- Ramen
- Snack items
- Pasta sauce

If you can help out with any of these items, please bring them to church and leave them in the basket for the Wethersfield Food Bank.

## Weekly Prayer List

*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



*The Thankful Poor*  
Henry Ossawa Tanner  
1894

## SUNDAY READINGS

### NOVEMBER 7

1 Kings 17:8-16

Psalms 146

Hebrews 9:24-28

Mark 12:38-44

### NOVEMBER 14

Daniel 12:1-3

Psalms 16

Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25

Mark 13:1-8

### NOVEMBER 21

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Psalms 93

Revelation 1:4b-8

John 18:33-37

### NOVEMBER 28

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Psalms 25:1-10

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Luke 21:25-36



## 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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