

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church Parish Visitor

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Deadline for next issue will be **October 14th**

Your editor read an article this week about strong churches and a few points resonated:

Every member should be engaged in participation of some kind when it comes to carrying out the mission of the church. There are many opportunities for participation in the life of Holy Trinity and our community. Come to Welcoming Sunday, 9/11 and learn about the various ways you and your family can be involved. Think about what you enjoy doing? What skills you have? How much time you can commit and when? There are options to fit all needs.

Outreach is everything; reaching out to our communities, hoping and helping to make connections and serve. And, effective ministry doesn't happen in isolation, but in collaboration. There are many definitions of and aspects to "community" and "outreach" and Holy Trinity is active internally and externally. But, can we do more as individuals and as a congregation. How can we better collaborate within and without? Think about this as you complete your Profile Survey form.

Prepare for the Future This is what we have been doing with the Capital Campaign, the new Church School curriculum the search for an Interim and so much more. This is what we are doing starting Sunday 9/11. We are preparing for the immediate future with Church School registration and our ministry fair, and we are preparing for the longer term by launching the Profile Survey. We call on each of you to be an active participant in Holy Trinity's ministries and its future.

Pick the right leader: Knowing who you are as a church and what the current needs of the **congregation** are is vital to searching and choosing the right leader and pastor. This will be our next step. The information you provide through the Profile Survey will guide the Search Committee. Complete the survey, express your preferences, your concerns your needs. Help make Holy Trinity relevant, resilient, supportive and strong.

Pray! It may seem obvious, but in order to discern the direction where Christ is calling, a church community needs to be in constant prayer for guidance, strength and faith.



Church Homecoming

COME TO HOMECOMING SUNDAY – 9/11/2016

We will start the year off with bagels, Church School Registration and a Ministry Fair. Please come any time after 8:30 to re-connect with our church family, learn what is planned for the upcoming year and sign up to share your time and talents in whatever way you wish.

SUNDAY SERVICES

Rev. Charles N. Arlin has graciously agreed to continue serving as guest priest until we have an interim. Thank you Fr. Charles. Sunday morning services will continue at 10 AM; **NO Saturday service until further notice.** Should there be a pastoral emergency, please call one of the wardens: Patty Bradley - 201-315-5401 or Annette Loblanco – 201-476-1176.



PARISH SURVEY

You should have seen the notices – now it is time to thoughtfully complete the survey. The launch is **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11th** and it will be available both online and on paper. If you have any questions speak with Deb Rutt and the Parish Profile Committee—Bill Ferrara, Sr., Trish Tarna, Diane Tekirian, Sandy Wates and Jen Stalb. Information gathered will help us select the new rector. Make sure your voice is heard as we plan for Holy Trinity’s future!

GOLF OUTING

Monday September 19th

It is just around the corner and sponsors, players, donations, day-of volunteers are still needed. Come to play and bring friends, solicit a sponsorship or donation, come for dinner, make a donation— please do something to support this major fundraiser for Holy Trinity and the Food Pantry.

Event will be held at the Phillip J. Rotella Memorial Golf Course in Haverstraw, New York (approximately 25 minutes from HTC) on Monday, September 19, 2016. Each player will enjoy lunch, golf, gift bag, cocktails and appetizers, dinner, and dessert. People who don’t play golf are encouraged to join us at 5:00 pm for cocktails, appetizers, and dinner. See flyer at end. Questions or contributions - contact Sam Braverman at Braverlaw@aol.com or [917-613-4572](tel:917-613-4572), or talk to Mark Loblanco [201-476-1176](tel:201-476-1176) or Craig Kardell [551-404-4052](tel:551-404-4052)

Stewardship

You may have been on vacation, but the church continues to operate. After 8 months, we note 27 parishioners are behind on their pledges some by over \$200. The total deficit is currently \$7,094.67. Please bring your pledge commitment up to date as soon as possible.

VESTRY OPENINGS

We will have two Vestry positions open starting January 1, 2017: Buildings & Grounds and Stewardship & Finance. Speak to Patty Bradley, Annette Loblanco, Cheryl Lane or Sam Braverman if you are interested.



CHURCH SCHOOL

Want to make a difference in the lives of our children?— Volunteer to serve as a co-superintendent of the Children's School program; contact Craig Kardell directly at church, by phone - [551-404-4052](tel:551-404-4052) or email at cek41@verizon.net. The curriculum and staff are in place and Nancy DeNoble & David Bradley have pledged to help with the transition, and Craig will coordinate everything.

ACOLYTES NEEDED

Serving on the Alter is a wonderful way to learn about the church and be a part of the Holy Trinity community. Children entering 2nd grade and older are invited to join the acolytes.

Younger children start out as torch bearers on Sunday morning – processing and then going to church school. There will be a meeting to teach the children and their parents how to put on the vestments and carry the torch on the first day of Sunday school, September 18th. Watch for an email with more details and please encourage your children to serve. Please feel free to call Allison or Tim Jennings if you or your children have questions. [201 930 9210](tel:201-930-9210)

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN-

We have \$30,485.72 available in the Capital Fund and would like to complete the siding of Behringer Hall but the cost is \$35,000. The remaining Capital Campaign pledges total \$14,766.28, the balance of which is due by March 2018. We encourage anyone who can to make a donate **now** so we can complete this project and, hopefully, have enough funds to refurbish the Behringer Hall floor. Completing these projects will demonstrate to any potential candidates for rector that Holy Trinity is a viable, committed congregation.

If your employer has a matching grant program, please check with them to see if they will match your contribution. It's an easy way to double your gift. And if you must take a required minimum distribution consider directing some of it to the Capital Campaign rather than your bank account – less income to declare and pay taxes on for 2016.



The Holy Supper is kept indeed in what we share with another's need.

Not what we give, but what we share; for the gift without the giver is bare.

Who gives himself with his alms feeds three, himself, his hungering neighbor and Me (God)

James Russell Lowell

PROJECT BACKPACK

Thanks to all of you who so generously donated backpacks and school supplies for the children helping Hand Food Pantry clients. Twenty-children were thrilled and thankful to received new filled backpacks.



UNITED THANK OFFERING. Continue to give thanks by filling your blue UTO box.

HELPING HANDS FOOD PANTRY

The shelves are bare and the demands continue. Please consider donating from the list below:

- ✚ Canned Meat (tuna, chicken, etc.)
- ✚ Canned Hearty Soup
- ✚ Canned Vegetables
- ✚ Macaroni & Cheese
- ✚ Peanut Butter & Jelly
- ✚ Tomato Sauce
- ✚ Cold Cereal (low sugar) and Oatmeal
- ✚ Powdered Milk and/or Boxed Milk, such as Parmalat
- ✚ Canned Fruit
- ✚ Instant Potatoes
- ✚ 100% Juice
- ✚ Baby Formula & Diapers sizes 4, 5 & 6
- ✚ Staples: flour, sugar, oil, condiments
- ✚ Shop Rite Gift cards



Purchase \$10, \$25 or \$50 grocery store gift cards from Joe Morley on Sundays and donate one or more to the Food Pantry. You will receive a letter confirming a charitable deduction and the Food Panty gets resources to purchase needed food.

Volunteer to shop or pack: Contact Wilma Wigfield: 201-664-4216.

Contribute through **Amazon Smile** by picking Helping Hand Food Pantry as your Amazon Smile recipient.

HILLSDALE HOUSE COLLECTION

Thank you everyone for your contributions so far. Please consider donating calendars, hard candies (sugar and sugar free) and small note pads/note books as well as any type of large print crossword puzzle, word find, etc. for the next few months. Shoprite gift cards in \$10 denominations are also **extremely** welcome; see Joe Morley after church to purchase,

Hillsdale House provides apartments for very low and extremely low income seniors (age 61 and older) and disabled individuals over age 18. It opened its doors in November of 1986 and was funded by the department of Housing and Urban Development as well as the Diocese of Newark and the four local Hillsdale churches. It's Board of Trustees consists of at least one member from Hillsdale United Methodist Church, Pascack Bible Church, St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church, Holy Trinity Episcopal Church and the Hillsdale Fifty Plus club serving as an officer or trustee of the housing corporation Board of Trustees.

NORTH PORCH

North Porch Women and Children's Shelter was very grateful for our Mother's Day donations. North Porch is now accepting donations of new and gently used fall & winter baby and children's clothing, along with Enfamil and diapers. Your child's outgrown clothing can go to a wonderful cause. Please place in the donation box in the breezeway.

CROP WALK

Enjoy a fall afternoon outing by walking to help the hungry. Crop Hunger Walks are interfaith events which raise funds to help families in more than 30 countries. www.crophungerwalk.org One in nine people worldwide lack access to clean water and a healthy diet. Many walk miles to obtain water, food and fuel. In walking as they walk, our steps take on a meaning, We walk to be in solidarity with their struggle. In

the last 25 years, Crop walks have raised more than \$300 million to help people struggling to feed their families both around the world and around the corner. **A portion of the money we raise will go to 3 local charities. The food pantries in Park Ridge and Hillsdale and Family Promise of Bergen County,**

bergenfamilypromise.org

- ◆ **When:** Sunday October 23rd
- ◆ Registration at 12:30, walk 1:00 pm
- ◆ **Where:** Start & end at First Congregational Church, 131 Pascack Road, Park Ridge
- ◆ **What:** one or six-mile walk
- ◆ **How:** Walk as a family, group, or tag team, or pledge a donation for a fellow parishioner
- ◆ **Who:** The Upper Pascack Valley Crop walk is organized by churches and temples in the towns of Woodcliff Lake, Montvale, Park Ridge and Hillsdale.

This is a family friendly event, so plan to do the walk and socialize afterwards. Pledge/sign up sheets will be available at coffee hour in September. Any questions please contact Lorraine Montalbano lamontalbano@gmail.com

AVAILABLE:

Cemetery Plot We still have one double plot for sale at George Washington Memorial Park in Paramus, donated way back in the 1970's. The cost is \$2500.

3 Five Gallon jugs of water for water cooler.

If you are interested, please see either of the Wardens, Annette Loblanco, or Patty Bradley, for more information.

THANK YOU

I would like to thank everyone for all their prayers, cards, and support when my mom passed. You helped me and my family through a very tough time. Thank you all.

Bonnie Fitzpatrick

MUSIC, ART & WINE:

District 9 event Saturday, September 17, 4:00 pm till 7:00 pm at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Englewood, NJ. If not performing plan to attend what should be a delightful event.

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NOTE WELL Weekends till 10/2 See our own Barbara Lee Mercado at the Renaissance Faire in Tuxedo NY. <http://renfair.com/ny/>

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED

Coffee Hour is a time for us to gather, connect, catch up. It is important and people do look forward to a snack and beverage. Sign up on the refrigerator door to bring a treat and help with set up and clean up – a small contribution for the greater good.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

We realize we are missing some dates, please notify the office if your birthday or anniversary has been omitted, or if you suspect we may not have the correct information. Thank you

9/10 Durene Ayer, Max and Sam Stalb

9/12 Pat & Lorraine Montalbano

9/13 Ashley Menniti

9/16 Craig & Kristen Kardell

9/17 John Lane

9/20 William Disanza and Wesley Kay

9/22 Jessica Wates and Julianne Donovan,
William & Mary Disanza

9/23 James Perrone

9/25 Christopher Fitzpatrick

9/26 Lorraine Montalbano

9/27 Bruce Firkins

9/30 Jennie Arlin

SAVE THE DATE

Every Sunday – 10:00am Church Service and church school

Sunday, September 11th –HOMECOMING

SUNDAY - Church School Registration, Ministry Fair, and Survey Launch starting at 8:30 am.

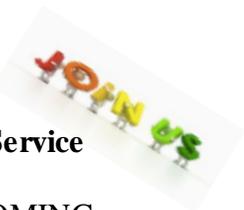
September 17th 4-7pm Music Art & Wine at St. Paul's Englewood

September 18th First day of Church School Acolyte Training

September 19th Golf Outing

October 5th 10-2 Interfaith Roundtable on Mental Health at Central Unitarian Church, Paramus www.eventbrite.com/e/interfaith-round-table-on-mental-health

October 29th Harvest Dance



October 30th Church School Harvest Festival

For the Golf Outing - Please copy, trim and distribute the announcement below to any potential players, sponsors or donors!!

4th Annual Holy Trinity Golf Outing
September 19, 2016 Phillip J. Rotella Golf Club

To Benefit the Helping Hand Food Pantry & Holy Trinity Church, Hillsdale, NJ

\$10,000 Hole-in-One prize!!!

Many other prizes including vacations, golf clubs, 50/50 auction, gift bag, and team awards.

Schedule of Events **11:00am-12pm Registration and Lunch**
12:00pm Shot Gun Start
5:00pm Cocktail Reception
6:00pm Buffet Dinner, Coffee & Dessert, & Awards Ceremony

***Foursome \$750**

Individual Golfer \$175

Dinner Only \$50

**Foursome includes 4 golfers, name of group or company recognition at dinner, and tee sign.*

Golf Cart Sponsor \$200 Includes sponsor signage on all carts Tee Sign Sponsor \$125

For more information, contact Sam Braverman at Braverlaw@aol.com or 917-613-4572.

Make check out to "Holy Trinity Church" and mail to: PO Box 127, Tenafly, NJ 07670