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From Suzanne: To those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 1:2-3

When I was applying for ordination, one of Bishop Gayle's questions to me was "who is your favorite saint?" I admit I stared at her blankly for a good minute. As a child reared in a fiercely Protestant tradition, the saints had not made much of an impression on me. I had Catholic friends, so I knew St. Anthony was for when you lost things and a St. Christopher medal was supposed to keep you out of danger, but until that moment it had never occurred to me to have a favorite saint. Realizing I had to say **something**, I blurted out, "Moses!"

To her credit, Bishop Gayle merely raised her eyebrows and asked me to explain, and I got to talk about how much I love the stories of Moses and how they inspired my own faith journey. Apparently, that was good enough, since I was invited to continue the ordination process! I also figured I'd better not take chances, and I made a point of learning more about the tradition of honoring the Saints.

I discovered that my Roman Catholic friends were not praying **to** the Saints, but rather **with** them, and asking them to intercede on their behalf with God Almighty. While this may feel odd to people like me who were raised in a deep Protestant spirituality, I can understand how you might feel tongue-tied and reluctant to bother the *Creator of the Universe* with your prayers. It helps to have a more human image in mind as we bring our worries and needs before God! The God who meets us where we are is surely appreciative of how the saints offer an introduction for people who are overwhelmed by God's glory.

But more important to me is the way the saints show us the great diversity of what a life lived in faith looks like. There are martyrs who died violently for their faith, and gentle souls whose life-times of service ended in old age, surrounded by family and friends. There are saints whose faith has lived out in ordained ministry or monastic orders, and saints whose Holy work was in schools, or healthcare, or government. There are saints who were counselors to kings and popes, saints who were modern political activists, and saints whose selfless service was centered entirely on their home communities. There are saints who were famous in their own day, and saints who are barely known today.

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What they all share in common is a deep and abiding love of God that drove them to live lives of service, compassion, prayer and self-sacrifice. They are people whom we can genuinely aspire to be like – as one of my favorite hymns put it, “for the saints of God are just folk like me and I want to be one too.”

This All Saints Day, I invite you to reflect on who has inspired you to live more fully into your Christian faith. Is it someone celebrated on the calendar of the saints? Or maybe someone you know personally whose devotion to God and selfless service encourages you to dedicate yourself to living the same way. Then on November 1st, join us in offering a prayer of thanksgiving.

All Saints Sunday worship. We want to remember the faithful departed whose examples continue to inspire and strengthen our own faith. While the church has long celebrated men and women who led exemplary lives and have been remembered through the centuries, it is equally appropriate for us to recall the saints in our own lives who have taught us what it means to live as a Christians. To that end, we invite you to share the names of those in the Great Cloud of Witnesses who have inspired you by emailing Suzanne at revsuzanne@trinitychapel.org. If you would like to honor their memory with a special gift to the church, please mail a check with **All Saints** written in the memo to Trinity Chapel, PO Box 1488, Shirley, MA 01464.

Outdoor, in person All Saints' prayer services will be held at Trinity Chapel at 1 pm and at St. Mark's at 3

News from the Altar and the Pews

The Partnership Update

From Suzanne: Has it really only been 7 weeks since I arrived at Trinity Chapel ?



Wow! I've really enjoyed getting to know Trinity folks at the outdoor services and Zoom meetings and forums. We've also had a very successful joint vestry meeting with the folks at St. Mark's, and we've agreed to appoint subcommittees that will begin working on a formal collaboration agreement. The new agreement will outline our expectations of our shared clergy person, agree to how we will adjust to our service times when we return to in-person worship and encourage communication and collaboration between our two parishes. Our goal is to

maintain each church's unique identity and community, while offering mutual assistance and support.

As Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 says, “Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up the other, but woe to one who is alone and falls and does not have another to help.”

The Partnership Update

While we've made a good beginning, in these Covid times, I am also keenly aware of how many Trinity people are still just names in the directory to me. I am eager to change that fact. In the next few weeks, I am going begin making phone calls to introduce myself and answer any questions you may have about me and about the partnership with St. Mark's. I can't wait to hear from you about what Trinity Chapel means to you and your hopes for the future! If you see a call coming in from my cell number: 508-472-9656 and the Caller ID says it's some guy called Richard Wade (that's my husband), **please answer your phone**. If you're busy, I hope you'll give me a call back at a more convenient time. If you don't want to wait for my call, you are invited to pick up the phone and call me!

Many of you have also asked when I am going to move into the Rectory. As you may be aware, the Rectory is in need of a bit of work and the Vestry is working hard to develop a plan to get it ready for the next stage of its life. As part of the process, we are also going to take the time to ask what that next stage should be. When the Rectory was purchased, it was envisioned as providing a visible connection to the community. While having the Rector live there is one way of accomplishing that goal, there may be others that would better meet the needs of Trinity Chapel, its clergy and the wide community of Shirley.

Between now and the end of February, the Vestry will plan opportunities for the whole parish to brainstorm together and consider different ways the Rectory can be used. As a vision takes shape, we will make some decisions about what needs to get done and how we will seek to fund those needs. I hope you'll all take the time to participate in those conversations.

Thank you for the warm welcome I've received since my arrival just 7 weeks ago, and I am looking forward to the weeks, months and years to come!

Blessings, Suzanne

Community Forum-November 18 7:00pm
Encouraging Civic Responsibility in Shirley.
Presenter: Dina Samfield

The four members of town boards who will be panelists are :
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 Committee Chair Brian Hildebrant, Conservation Commission member
 Marie Elwyn, Zoning Board Chair Chip Guercio, and Greenway Com-
 mittee Chair Sherry Anders.

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News continues

From Nan (and Aslan)



Aslan and Nan send good vibes to all with the following news. Octo-
 ber's 14th's Community's Forum about decluttering gave me the boost to start to get rid
 of unused items. I drove to my consignment shop in Leominster and opened an ac-
 count for Trinity Chapel. Before you go it is a good idea to google them at
www.EverythingCutie.com or just google *Cutiques*. *Check out what items they will*
take. As of today, they are open between 10-3. When the store sells what we bring in
 Trinity will get a percentage. Wow! Like a fundraiser all the time. Cutiques also has a
 clothing consignment shop.

On another topic, we would like to try to get a Christmas Silent Auction set up on line.
 We told Suzanne that we'd like to try and she said that she has done a similar fund-
 raiser and that it can be done quite easily. More news to come in December.

Christ is very alive in our little church. Let's live in the moment and pray for better times
 ahead.

Seafarer's Friend Mission

From Sharron Pothier The members of Trinity Chapel
 have a tradition of reaching out in many ways. One of
 these ways is contributing hats and scarves for the men
 who are far from home working on large ships. The mis-
 sion of Seafarer's Friend is to extend the ministry of the
 churches to meet the unmet spiritual, social and practical
 needs of seafarers in the New England Maritime community. Volunteers visit aboard
 ships, and host seafarers ashore. They provide ways for the men to contact home,
 transportation to shopping centers, as well as social educational and recreational activi-
 ties.



If you knit or crochet, contact Sharron for a pattern or you may just donate any extra
 yarn that she can donate to workers she knows. You can also donate soaps and

Pastoral Care—Nancy Shepherd

Nancy would like to let everyone know that a card or a phone call would be nice to one of the 4 Trinity Chapel's parishioners. First, we hear that *Vince Pothier* is doing much better after a knee surgery. Then *JonnieLynn* is home from the hospital after her second knee surgery.

Unfortunately, *Chet Hooper* has had a set back and is experiencing uncomfortable back pain at night. He is scheduled to have an MRI on November 9th.

Also *Mike Halloran* has been recently diagnosed with esophageal cancer. Please remember Marge and Mike in your prayers.

Autumn Musings from Meredith Marcinkewicz



When do you hang on and when do you let go?

Consider the leaves. Why do some wait until they are dried and brown to let go their grasp on the branch? Or –is it a winter storm that forces them to the ground?

Why do other leaves, shining with bright colors, keep joyfully into the air to cuddle with friends and become part of the earth?

Why do we hang tightly to good habits and bad habits alike?

Why do some people always feel like home, no matter how long it has been since we were with them, and other friendships fade quickly and are forgotten?

I tend to accumulate more and more things, even though I should be downsizing.

Some prayers for the weeks ahead from the Book of Common Prayer 1979

For An Election— Almighty God, to whom we must account for all our powers and privileges: Guide the people of the United States (or of this community) in the election of officials and representatives; that, by faithful administration and wise laws, the rights of all may be protected and our nation be enabled to fulfill your purposes, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

For Social Justice—Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart (and especially the hearts of the people of this land), that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The General Thanksgiving Rite I Morning Prayer

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving kindness to us and to all men.

We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we beech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen





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BRANDON BLACKWELL

PATRICIA BONNACOLTA

JANE BOYD

STEPHANIE BROWN

MICKIE CARTER

MIKEL CARTER

MARGARET CONNERS

JIM COOPER

ALAN CURRIER

SUSAN DEAN

JONNIELYNN DONATELLI

DONNA

ELENA FRATONI

ALAN GATES (Bishop)

MARIE GIORDANO

PAM GLAZER

BOB GOLE

ARIANA GRACEY

MARTIN GRAY

KIKI GRAY

MIKE HALLORAN

KATIE HAMILTON

ROBIN HARRON

CHET HOOPER

RICHARD HOOPER

RENE JEFFERSON-TATE

ED LANDRY

JIM LEONARD

MELANIE MATTILA

MAUREEN MEYER

BOB & WILLINE

MATTHEW

MARY PANETTA

MAUREEN PANETTA

PAUL PANETTA

MARK POTHIER

VINCE POTHIER

AUSTIN REED

ELAINE RICHARDSON

BARBARA ROLLINS

KEARA SCHMIDT

JOE S

TOM TURNER

MARIE VITA

PAT Z.

**THOSE IN OUR
MILITARY**

JONATHAN OAKES

ALEX CORMIER

ANDREW CULLEN

DENNIS HARD,

DUNCAN SCHAFF

BRANDON HARSCH

TOM STRICKLER



NOVEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1 ALL SAINTS DAY	2	3 ELECTION DAY	4 SOUP KITCHEN ST MARK'S	5	6	7 DIOSESAN CONVENTION
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 COMMUNITY FORUM 7:00 RSVP SUZANNE	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 	27	28
29	30					

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Please write if you do not want
to receive or you have ideas for
changes

LURA WHITE SCHOOL NEEDS YOUR HELP

**PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO ADD A FEW SNACKS
AND JUICES TO YOUR WEEKLY SHOPPING.
BRING THEM TO THE CHAPEL AND PUT IN THE
BASKET IN FRONT HALL.**