

HOLY TRINITY *Tidings*

NEWSLETTER / FALL 2020

Regathering Begins October 25th!

After more than seven months of closure due to the coronavirus pandemic, our beloved Holy Trinity will once again be reopened for in-person worship on Sunday, October 25th. What a joyful day that will be! I am so grateful for your faithfulness to our church and our Lord during this unprecedented season. Your prayers, participation and stewardship have truly carried us through. Please continue to pray that the infection rate in Palm Beach County will stay low and that God will keep our community healthy and safe.



We will begin our regathering with the 10am service and will initially limit attendance to 45 in order to ensure that all of our regathering protocols are running smoothly. We will then gradually increase attendance, maintaining social distancing guidelines, to a total of roughly 100. Once we have reached capacity in the church, the Parish Hall will be used for overflow seating.

Of course, the 10am service will still be available to watch online, and our Drive-In 8am service in the Upper Parking Lot will continue. All of our educational and fellowship offerings will remain online for the time being.

Through all of this, we beg your patience and your grace. We have done our best to prepare, but this is uncharted territory. Please also remember that, while you may not get your usual seat in church, this will be another wonderful opportunity to try something new. I can't wait to see you!

Gratefully in Christ,
The Rev. R-J Heijmen

If you are planning to worship in the church, the experience will be a bit different than before the pandemic, so here are some guidelines to keep in mind:

- If you are in an elevated risk category, we ask you to prayerfully consider your return to in-person worship. 8am Drive-In and 10am Livestreamed Worship will continue indefinitely, and Drive-Up communion will be offered every Sunday.
- If you are feeling at all unwell or exhibiting any signs of illness (coughing, headache, etc.), please stay home. Temperatures will be taken before entering the church and no one above 100.4 degrees, or those who arrived with them, will be allowed to enter.
- Registration will be required for in-person worship every Sunday to enable contact tracing. To register, please call Kelly Riccio between Monday at 9am and Friday at 4pm of the week preceding. Space will be limited to 45 at first. Those who do not register in advance may not be able to worship in person.
- We ask that you arrive at church no later than 9:30am in order to allow enough time for check-in and entry.
- Masks will be required during worship, and social distancing of at least 6 feet between family units will be observed.
- There will be music, but no singing during the service, as singing projects the virus.
- Bathrooms will be available, but will require a few minutes for cleaning between each use, so please limit your liquid intake prior the service.
- If you are unable to enter the church, the service will be available to watch on our YouTube page.



Regathering Volunteer Training!

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150+ Goodie Bags Delivered to Good Sam

Thanks to the efforts of our Outreach Team and the generosity of our congregation, we delivered more than 150 goodie bags to the doctors, nurses and other first responders of Good Samaritan Hospital. Members

of the Outreach Team were able to greet these brave men and women personally and The Rev. R-J Heijmen offered a prayer of protection and thanksgiving for their tireless efforts.



Church Maintenance & Enhancements

As we continue to enhance and improve our beautiful campus for the carrying out of God's ministry, you will notice a few projects coming to fruition in the coming months. All of these projects are thanks to the extraordinary generosity of our congregation.

Following through on the very successful Capital Campaign in honor of our previous Rector, David Wilt, we will soon be painting the outside

of our campus buildings. The aim of this project is to beautify the Church, Parish Hall and the entire campus in keeping with our architectural heritage.

In preparation for future online ministry, the Vestry has approved the installation of a permanent camera system in the church. This will allow parishioners and visitors to participate in worship and other services (weddings, funerals, etc.) wherever they have an internet connection.

The air conditioning system in the church is now over 30 years old, and thus the Vestry has voted to replace it, ensuring that we have a comfortable and welcoming space in which to worship.



Walkaround with painting contractors.

Stewardship Season Begins on October 25th

Our Stewardship 2021 campaign kicks off on Sunday, October 25th and will run for 4 Sundays through November 15th. Our theme this year is "Let Your Light Shine!". Be on the lookout for our Stewardship Brochure, which will be arriving later this month, and please be praying about how God might be calling you to make a joyful, sacrificial pledge to His work in and through Holy Trinity.

As we plan for 2021, the Vestry, Staff and Rector have identified three areas on which we feel God is calling us to focus: **Family Ministries, Visibility and Management**. We look forward to sharing more of this vision with you in the weeks and months to come. As ever, if you have questions about our finances or plans, feel free to reach out to the Rector, Senior Warden, Treasurer, or any member of the Vestry. And save the date for the All-Church Regathering and Stewardship Event on Saturday, November 7th, from 5-7pm. We look forward to seeing you there!

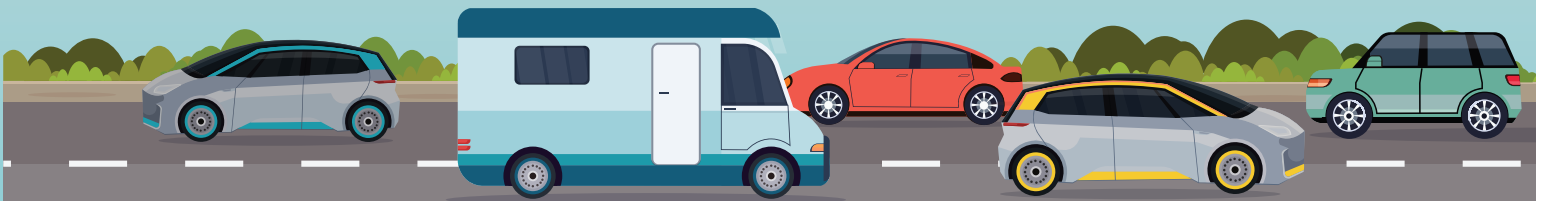
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Family Night & Tailgate Party



Saturday, November 7th, from 5pm to 7pm
in the Holy Trinity Parking Lot and Front Lawn

Join us for music, fun and fellowship!
Bring your own food, drinks & chairs
for a wonderful community evening.



HOLY TRINITY kids

We are so grateful to Elizabeth Brown and Mace Graham for finding creative ways to stay connected with our children during the pandemic. From Children's Choir and Movie Nights via Zoom, to a drive-through Blessing of the Backpacks, to our recent YouTube videos for kids, we have been blessed to minister in Jesus' Name.



Drive-In Worship and Drive-Up Communion

For the past month we have been holding an 8am Drive-In Communion service featuring the latest in broadcast technology – AM radio! It's been a lot of fun and a wonderful way to gather.

From 12-1pm, Drive-Up Communion is offered for those who watch the 10am livestream. In this way, around 50 parishioners per week have received communion, and a few pets have been blessed as well!



Daughters of the King

by Robin Buck



Robin Buck

Greetings, my friends!
Blessed are those who come in the name of the Lord.

In 1999, the Lord led me to Holy Trinity, where I immediately felt welcomed. I was confirmed and married at HT. My daughter, Kirsten was baptized, received her first communion and confirmed here. As a baby, Kirsten, was an early riser, so we attended 8am service, which became a part of my regular routine. Over the years, I became close with the Waltons, Mary Baruch and others. I started volunteering as a greeter. In 2016, the Lord moved Mary to invite me to The Order of the Daughters of the King (DOK), which I now serve as Chapter President. As stated in 1 Peter, "each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms."

What is DOK? It is a religious order. Women prepare themselves for membership through a discernment process. We explore our faith and educate candidates about The Order. Each Daughter takes a lifetime vow to live by the Rule of The Order: prayer, service and evangelism. Because of that vow, we refer to ourselves as an order, not an organization. The Order was instituted on Easter 1885, and Chapters exist across the globe. You can identify a Daughter by the special cross she wears.

The DOK Chapter at HT regularly studies Christian books and materials. Our ministry is sewing prayer blankets and providing to anyone in need. We maintain and pray for those on our prayer list and, pre-COVID, we wrote notes to shut-ins, supporting the program managed by Becky Walton.

My goals as President are to implement and support DOK National's Strategic Plan, which includes inspiring spiritual growth of our Daughters and inviting other women to join our Chapter.

Meet Sarah

Sarah Garcia is our technical consultant, helping Father RJ with the incredibly intricate task of keeping our corporate worship service available. She is also on the staff of the Dreyfoos School of the Arts as a video producer and media specialist. She was born and raised in West Palm Beach and attended the G Star School of the Arts and then the University of Miami in Motion Picture Production. She said much of the current project is the result of trial and error. She creates all the video hymns, the offertory video and all graphics in the livestreaming version of the service and monitors the service each Sunday, switching back and forth between the video and live portions. She has had a good time with this project and feels that Holy Trinity is a real community working together in this most difficult time. We are blessed to have her expertise.



All Saints' Day Necrology and Veteran's Day

As is our custom on All Saints' Day (November 1), we will be reading aloud the names of our beloved friends and family who have departed this life. On Sunday, November 8, we will print the names of all living veterans in the Sunday Bulletin.

If you would like a name to be included, please call or email Kelly Riccio: 561.655.8650, kelly@holytrinitywpb.org

Why I Enjoy Volunteering by Beck Walton



Beck Walton

I was asked to write about my volunteer experience with HT's Pastoral Care Ministry, now called the Homebound Ministry. Although we are all homebound to some extent during this pandemic, the Homebound referenced in this article refers to

our wonderful parishioners who, due to their age or illness, were not able to attend services when we had them (and will be unable to attend church services when they are reinstated). I enjoyed working with our amazing church groups & individuals as we initially formulated ways to reach out to

our homebound parishioners, whether it was through phone calls, note writing, altar flower delivery, or providing the Eucharist. Studies show that volunteering is good for your health and well-being and this is true. I find it very rewarding and uplifting as in many instances after speaking with our homebound parishioners I feel recharged and inspired.

Due to the pandemic, the Homebound Outreach currently consists of telephone calls, however, we continue to look into ways to connect with our homebound until things go back to a more normal routine. And it also says a lot about how special a place HT is to see parishioners taking some of the homebound under their wing for special attention.

Prayer In Time of Great Sickness and Mortality (The Book of Common Prayer, 1928)

O most mighty and merciful God, in this time of grievous sickness, we flee unto thee for succor. Deliver us, we beseech thee, from our peril; give strength and skill to all those who minister to the sick; prosper the means made use of for their cure; and grant that, perceiving how frail and uncertain our life is, we may apply our hearts unto that heavenly wisdom which leadeth to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Financial Report from Beth Walton, Treasurer

January 1, 2020 – September 30, 2020 (*nine months*)

	ACTUAL (9 MONTHS)	ORIGINAL BUDGET YTD	YEAR-END FORECAST
Pledges	\$434,112	\$408,375	\$490,00
Open Plate	\$190,408	\$105,000	\$235,000
Christmas Easter	\$4,328	\$20,000	\$11,303
Montessori School	\$39,927	\$46,040	\$66,550
Facility Rental	\$16,422	\$8,250	\$18,000
Miscellaneous	\$40,635	\$0	\$41,000
Endowment	\$44,872	\$44,874	\$59,832
TOTAL REVENUE	\$770,705	\$632,540	\$921,685
	ACTUAL (9 MONTHS)	ORIGINAL BUDGET YTD	YEAR-END FORECAST
Diocese Assessment	\$61,047	\$78,487	\$72,673
Staff Salaries and Benefits	\$369,953	\$347,000	\$488,226
Music	\$2,622	\$12,217	\$6,500
Hospitality	\$2,455	\$3,375	\$2,600
Utilities	\$31,663	\$36,480	\$49,640
Christian Education	\$4,482	\$7,256	\$4,700
Administration Miscellaneous	\$60,770	\$50,142	\$92,977
Grounds Maintenance	\$103,050	\$92,663	\$128,763
Technology	\$9,374	\$6,885	\$15,580
Covid-19 Related Expenses	\$32,513	\$0	\$80,000
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$677,929	\$634,505	\$941,659

As we continue through the pandemic, I would like to give you a snapshot of the financial condition of our beloved Church as of September 30, 2020.

Overall, the results continue to be encouraging. Our income is up (thank you), but our expenses are up as well. Your continued support of Holy Trinity has been a blessing! We know that there are some households within our Church that have seen lost and reduced incomes and must reduce or pause their support. Without asking, many others have stepped up and continued your pledges, and in some instances even given extra.

On the expense side we have made several changes to the original budget, reducing where we are able, but picking up COVID related expenses that were unforeseen.

We have continued to track both revenue and expense on a weekly basis and made forecast

adjustments as needed. Some of the COVID expenses include a new audio visual system in the church to produce quality online Church services; the entire Church has had a deep cleaning; the bathrooms now have touchless dispensers; regathering supplies have been ordered and are ready for your return.

We realize that these are challenging times, which is why our mission is more important than ever. I want to thank everyone who made donations online or mailed a check over the past several months. It has made a difference. Your generosity is gratifying and inspiring. When the time is right, we will be prepared and look forward to being fully engaged in all ministries again.

Should you have any questions about the church finances, please contact Beth Walton (*Treasurer*) at 561-655-1919 or bethwalton@palmbeachunitedway.com.



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Important Dates

Sunday, October 25

In-Person Worship at 10am (*see front cover*)
Stewardship Season Begins (*page 3*)

Sunday, November 1

All Saints Day (*page 6*)

Saturday, November 7, 5-7pm

Let Your Light Shine!
All-Church Outdoor Regathering Event (*page 3*)

Sunday, November 8

Bishop Eaton's (Virtual) Visit
Veterans Day Observed (*page 6*)

Thursday, November 26

Thanksgiving Service at 10am

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