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Dear Members and Friends of Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Marlborough, MA,

Jesus says: "*Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.*" - John 14:27

I am writing to encourage you to keep your hearts, faith and hope focused on and in Christ Jesus our Lord and Saviour. Friends, we need not be afraid. No matter what our circumstances, God, in the Person of Jesus Christ, has confronted them in the flesh on the cross. His is the victory and his victory is forever. Should death itself come upon us, let us face death knowing and believing, with all our heart, that He has overcome death! Death is no longer to be feared. Jesus Christ is the door through whom we leave this world (whenever our time comes) and his are the arms - arms of divine love and mercy - that receive us who trust in him.

While what I have written above is true (and I believe it with all my heart), this present crisis, experienced by the whole world, begs the question:

Why Does God Allow Evil?

Introduction: The last time *The Messenger* (our church's Newsletter) was published, few, if any, of us could have imagined the severity of the impact the Corona Virus (COVID - 19) would have upon our world. In only two short months, no-one living on this planet remains untouched by this virus in some way. For many, the fear is greater than the virus. However, important wisdom is being offered us by God (if we are open to it): We are reminded of the frailty of human life, how life as we know it can change "*on a dime*", and how we must not take for granted the abundant and wondrous blessings of God, especially the blessing of Worship and communing with God through assembling together, Word and Sacrament (please see: 1 Thessalonians 2:13; 2 Timothy 3:16ff; Hebrews 4:12 and 1 Corinthians 10:16-17; Luke 24:13-35 and John 6:51-59). This time has also helped many of us to realize that our relationship with God, with one another, with our family, friends, neighbors, etc. is not something we should take for granted. These relationships, although sometimes challenging, even very challenging, are gifts from God. It is time for us all to take the high road. Seek to reach out to those from whom you are estranged, rather than justifying your own anger or position. Justifying yourself is easy. Loving those who have hurt you is hard, thus seek the grace of God. It is time to love others and ourselves as we are loved by God (see John 13:35), to forgive as we are forgiven by God (see Matthew 6:14-15; Colossians 3:13), to appreciate the blessings of the present day (see Psalm 118:19), and to share the Good News revealed by God in Jesus Christ, as we have received it (see 1 Peter 3:15). I have heard from a number of our church family who, with sadness and some even with tears, expressed their longing for the day when we can assemble again as a church family (see Ephesians 5:19-20), worship God (see Psalm 96:9), hear and receive his holy Word and his Sacraments, etc. We all miss fellowship with one another after Mass (see Hebrews 10:24-25) and some of us miss the freedom and blessing to attend Christian Education on the Lord's Day (see Psalm 111:2) and to be disciplined as the Lord commands. Things are NOT as they were. Having said this, God works all things for good and according to his purposes in the hearts and lives of those who love him (Roman 8:28). Thus, love God, for he loves you and desires only good for you. In the midst of these challenging days, pray: "*Lord God, I love thee, help me to love thee more.*"

The Present Threat: The corona virus has impacted God's whole world. Every person on this planet, to a greater or lesser degree, is at risk, and many are being overtaken by fear. It is true, for some the risk (due to age, present illnesses or other ailments) is greater and for some the threat may even result in death (see Isaiah 25:8). How are we to respond as the Church? It is a priority of the Church at this time to pray for the world (see 2 Chronicles 7:14; 1 Timothy 2:1-2) and to bear witness to the whole world that we DO NOT fear as the world fears (see 1 John 4:18)! Our God, in the Person of Jesus Christ, has overcome sin and death. God, in the person of Jesus Christ, is Emmanuel - God with us (see Psalm 46:7; Leviticus 26:11-12; Matthew 1:23). He has confronted sin and death himself in the flesh on the cross and is risen in eternal victory over these evils (see Romans 6:9-14). Thus, sin and death is no longer the final word in this world. Life and salvation in Jesus Christ is God's final word in this world in his Son Jesus Christ (for all who believe in Jesus and no longer in themselves or the empty promises of this fleeting world). Do not be fooled, nor be afraid. The corona virus is not the final word in this world over you or over those whom you love. God has offered us an alternative (see John 3:16-17). Thus, I strongly encourage you (because of my sincere love for you in Christ Jesus our Lord and Saviour, whom I believe in with every fiber of my being), to invite him initially or anew into your heart. Once enthroned in your heart and life, - do not be afraid of the things of this world. All things in this world are fleeting. Only God is eternal. He will not forget you. He will not abandon you. He is with you.

Prayer is important: Christians everywhere should pray for a divine hedge of protection to be placed around us all (especially, around the vulnerable) to protect us/them from this present danger (see Psalm 91:3-7). May God soon deliver us all from this global epidemic. However, far more important than being delivered from this present epidemic, is our response to God in the midst of the epidemic.

Please Remember: I shared the following in an e-mail with one member of our church family, "*These are uncertain times. Having said that, God's love and the Truth of His holy Word is certain. His Word remains forever! Thus, let us hold fast onto Him and His holy Word.*" (see Hebrews 2:1; Matthew 6:33; Psalm 119:105) and let our hearts long for the day when we can once again assemble and receive the Blessed Sacrament of His Body and Blood together.

Jesus Says (no matter what we face): Good news, The Great Commandment has not been affected by the corona virus:

"Our Lord Jesus Christ said: Hear O Israel [O People of God], The Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets" (see Mark 12:29-30). These words are as true today as they were only weeks ago. May we receive them into our hearts, live them out in our lives, and consecrate ourselves initially or anew to God's honour and glory! If we were all to love God, one another and ourselves as God would have us love, this world would experience something far greater than the corona virus!

God's Revelation & The Problem of Evil: God has not chosen to share all things with us. We are part of his creation and we are thus, finite. Although blessed with minds and the ability to understand and reason, we are limited. God alone is infinite. God alone is uncreated (i.e., God has no beginning or ending). We are created. He is holy and we are sinful. Thus, we cannot begin to grasp the infinite depths and mystery of God.

Having said this, God has revealed to us aspects of this great and wondrous mystery, in order for us to enter more fully into relationship with him and his Word.

- God created all things. He created them good (i.e., God does not create or bless evil). He created humanity to be in a personal and eternal relationship with him. He would be our God and love and care for us, and we would be his children and love him and receive with hearts of thanksgiving his divine love and care. This relationship was meant to be eternally reciprocal. God pours out his divine love into our hearts, and we respond by loving him and one another. God still seeks this relationship with us in his Son Jesus Christ (see Romans 5:8-11).

- God gave us freewill. That is, he created us with the ability to receive his love and to reject it. Yes, he knew we would ultimately reject him. Just as any parent knows their children will rebel against them and hurt them at least to some degree. However, freewill was necessary in order for our relationship with God to be free and real. Without freewill, we would be slaves or puppets; creatures forced to love and serve God. This is not God's desire for us. He loves us, and desires that we freely choose to love him and to receive his Word in return. However, he did not abandon us to sin and death (see Genesis 3:15; God's first promise of redemption).

The Fall of Mankind (from right relationship with God): As a result of the Fall (our turning from God and his Word), we introduced sin and death into his creation. Thus, we now live in broken communion with God. God is perfect holiness, love, light, life, etc. Thus, to reject God and to turn from him and his holy Word, is to embrace sin, hatred/prejudice, darkness, eternal death, etc. Only Jesus can restore us to full communion with God as our Father. In him we have forgiveness and thus the holiness, love, light and life of God. He is our Father and we are his children by adoption and grace (see Ephesians 1:3-6; Galatians 3:26-29).

Is God punishing us?: I am not saying that God caused this virus. However, I do believe he is using it to serve as a "wake up" call to us all:

- May we never again take God's blessings of family, friends and neighbors for granted.
- May we never again take the gift and sanctity of human life (yes, from the womb to the tomb) for granted. May this experience help us to appreciate anew the gift of every human life; born and unborn, strong or weak, young or old.
- May we never again take the Lord's Day for granted (our freedom - especially in this nation - to gather in his Name for worship and to encounter our God in one another and through his Word and holy Sacraments).
- Let us turn (yes, repent) from our sinfulness and seek God's love and mercy for us (his divine love and mercy for you and for me) and a deeper relationship with him through worship. It is time to put ourselves aside (we are just not that big of a deal) and seek God on his terms (according to his divine revelation) and not on our terms.
- As mentioned above, let us love one another as we are loved, forgive one another as we are forgiven and share the Good News of God in Jesus Christ as we have received it - that is, undeservedly.

God protect you and all whom you love and hold dear. This too will pass us by. All things are for a time. Only God and his Word is forever. We have eternal life, only in him (see John 3:16-17).

God's Peace,
Fr. Michael+

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ANNUAL MEETING OF HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH

Our Annual Meeting was held on Sunday, February 5th in the Fellowship Hall. Many of our members were present to enjoy a potluck lunch followed by the meeting. At the meeting, the new Parish Council was voted into office (see list at the end of this newsletter). John Bottini, the Treasurer, reviewed the budget for 2020, and reported on the work carried out in the buildings. Dcn. Shawn Fowler spoke on discipleship and Mike Kenyon gave a report on Stewardship. Fr. Michael gave his verbal report in place of the sermon during Mass. At that time, he announced the **Bishop Donald F. Harvey Award for Christian Ministry** will be given this year to **Dan and Emily Morse** in thanksgiving for their many ministries to our church family. Bishop Donald will present the Award during his next visit to Holy Trinity. If you would like a copy of the Annual Report please contact Richard Bostock, the Clerk, at richard.bostock@umassmemorial.org.

Frequently asked questions about Live Streaming of the HTAC Mass

Q: *What do I need to see the live-streamed Mass?*

A: Any device (phone / iPad / Computer) that will allow you to view YouTube will work

Q: *How do I view the Mass?*

A: On Sunday the livestream is available about 10 minutes before 10:00AM, to view the Mass in your browser go to <http://www.holytrinitymarlborough.org> There you should find a link to the Livestream. Just click that link and it should work.

Q: *Sometimes the stream just freezes, why is that and what can I do?*

A: There could be multiple reasons why the video freezes, your internet connection may not be fast enough, YouTube might be having problems sending the video, there might be an issue at Holy Trinity sending the live feed. While we will take care of things and do our best to ensure there are no problems at our end this is a learning experience for me and so mistakes happen. I am working to ensure that all works well.

Q: *Can I view the Mass after it is over?*

A: Yes, you can, just go to the Holy Trinity Anglican Church Marlborough MA and you should be able to find the videos. Here is the link in case you get the newsletter electronically <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwPUDje8lgInXBkt-tm44Ig/videos>

Q: *Will this go on after we are all back in church?*

A: That is for the Archdeacon to decide.

Fr. Praveen



EASTER MEMORIAL FLOWERS

Easter is April 12th and that will soon be here. We hope we will be able to have Easter services, at least live streamed if not open to all. At the back of this newsletter is the form to be filled out by anyone wishing to contribute to the memorial flowers. If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at 1-508-877-8736 or email jbottini@verizon.net. Thank you! Tanya Bottini

A Service of Healing is held the third Saturday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Holy Trinity. The service begins with a Bible passage and brief reflection to open our hearts and minds to some aspect of God's Divine healing, continuing with confession and the litany of Healing. Individual anointing and private confidential prayer follow. Bring your personal concerns and requests from others. For further information or questions regarding the service, please contact Den Rhonda: 508-517-9805 or email 'cottonfamily@verizon.net'.

The Intercessory Prayer Group meets once or twice a month under the leadership of Martha Ayisi. Those participating in this ministry pray for our clergy, their families, and for the Holy Spirit to bless the members of our church family, our ministries, our financial worship, and for God's protection upon us all.

Thank you to Den. Rhonda for this information on prayer at home:

- **Monasteries of the Heart:** This gives free access to meditations and reflections. Go to monasteriesoftheheart.org or joanchittister.org.
- A good website for daily prayer is www.sacredspace.ie. It is an Ignatian prayer site by the Irish Jesuits that provides a weekly thought and a daily prayer that walks through the Ignatian pattern of reflection.

Churches United Prayer Event: Unfortunately, it is necessary to cancel the event scheduled for late April. Please watch for information on when it will take place.

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

In this program the children encounter God through developmentally appropriate presentations, centers, and prayer with a strong focus on Scripture, liturgy, and the whole of sacred history. This program helps the children develop a personal relationship with the Lord. We meet in our Atrium (classroom) each Sunday at 12:00 noon. If you would like to know more about the amazing education program for children, please speak to Diana Newton Wood or Monica Walker.

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ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Bible Study: On Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. Fr. Michael leads Bible Study in the meeting room of the Admin. Building, followed by a Said Mass. All welcome!

Sunday Morning: Most Sundays at 12:00 Noon Fr. Michael leads adult Christian education in the meeting room of the Undercroft. Please join us!

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Requiem Mass for those who have died as a result of addiction

On March 7th, 78 people attended the Mass of Remembrance for those who have died as a result of addiction, those who mourn the passing of loved ones, and those struggling with addiction. Thank you to everyone who helped with this service and the Reception following. A few testimonies we heard following the Mass:

- "This is exactly what we needed. Thank you."
- "I felt my son beside for the first time since his death. He told me, 'I'm ok mom.'"
- "I have not been able to return to church since my son died. After today, I'm almost there."
- "The sermon was powerful. It really spoke to me."

Our special thanks go to Jim Ash of the Main Street Journal for his invaluable advice, practical help and publicity. Our thanks also to those restaurants who donated food for the Reception: Bob Kays of Prospector Bar & Grill; Randy Scott of Main Street Café; Steve Dembro of Steve's Back Road Café; and Mike Lawson of Chick-fil-A. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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Happy birthday:

April: Judith Richards – 9th; Tanya Bottini – 15th; Joan Fallon – 16th; Dan Morse – 16th; Verna Peterson – 19th; Sarah McKinnon – 23rd; Ronald DeSantis – 25th; Fr. Bob Cummins – 25th; Dustin Hassard – 27th; Emily Morse – 27th; Renee Beausoleil – 29th.

May: Rylee Cashen – 8th; Michael McGinnis – 13th; Brian O'Leary – 14th; Fr. Bruce Thayer – 17th; Kendall Cotton – 22nd; Nicholas Cotton – 23rd; Mary Carroll – 29th; Steve Walker – 29th.

Happy Anniversary:

Michael and Elizabeth McGinnis on April 4th; Bob and Kathleen Demers on April 6th. Charles and Diane Place on April 30th.

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2020

Monday, July 20 – Friday, July 24

Sponsored by Holy Trinity Anglican Church and First United Methodist Church

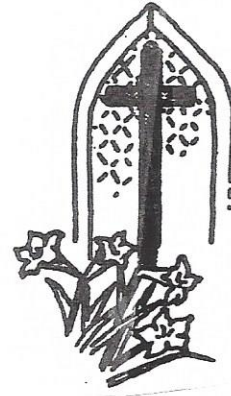
This year's VBS is *Mystery Island*, a week of fun and learning about the Word of God! Please encourage your children (and your friends' children) to sign up early. Registration forms are now available so please let me know if you need one (or more). We are very grateful to those people who have already expressed an interest in helping this year, but more are always needed. Please consider assisting in any one of many areas. Thank you!

Monica Walker (508-272-6900) or walkermonica@comcast.net

Please note: While public church services are suspended, we hope to live stream most Masses.

April

Sun, April 5 Palm Sunday	8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Low Mass Morning Prayer Solemn High Mass
Thu, April 9 Maundy Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Holy Triduum – Part 1 Solemn High Mass
Fri, April 10 Good Friday	3:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross Holy Triduum – Part 2 Solemn High Liturgy
Sat, April 11 Great Vigil of Easter	7:00 p.m.	Holy Triduum – Part 3 Solemn High Mass
Sun, April 12 Easter Day	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Low Mass Holy Eucharist
Sat, April 18	6:30 p.m.	Healing Service
Sun, April 19 Easter 2	8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Low Mass Morning Prayer Holy Eucharist
Sun, April 26 Easter 3	8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Low Mass Morning Prayer Holy Eucharist



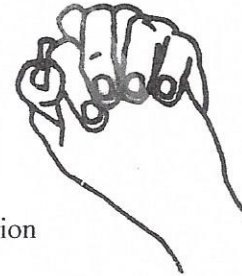
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Sun, May 3 Easter 4	8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Low Mass Morning Prayer Holy Eucharist
Sun, May 10 Easter 5	8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Low Mass Morning Prayer Holy Eucharist
Sat, May 16	6:30 p.m.	Healing Service
Sun, May 17 Easter 6	8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Low Mass Morning Prayer Holy Eucharist
Sun, May 24 Ascension Sunday	8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Low Mass Morning Prayer Solemn High Mass
Sun, May 31 Pentecost	8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Low Mass Morning Prayer Solemn High Mass



What happens and when...

Second Saturday Volunteer Days	April 11 and May 9	
Weekday Masses	Wednesdays	11:30 a.m.
Noon Prayer and Homily	Fridays during April	12:00 noon via teleconference
Healing Service	Saturday, April 18	6:30 p.m.
	Saturday, May 16	6:30 p.m.
Week of Fasting	Monday, April 6 – Saturday, April 11	
	Monday, May 18 – Saturday, May 23	
Day of Prayer	Saturday, April 11	6 am – 6 pm
	Saturday, May 23	6 am – 6 pm
Christian Education:	Sundays 12:00 noon	Christian Education
	Wednesdays 10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
Church Growth and Discipleship Group:	Thursday, May 7	9:30 am
June’s Table:	Saturday, April 4 & 18	5:00 p.m. (set up at 4:00 pm)
	Saturday, May 2 & 16	5:00 p.m. (set up at 4:00 pm)
Men’s Breakfast	Saturday, April 25	9:00 a.m.
	Saturday, May 23	9:00 a.m.
Parish Council	Thursday, April 30	7:00 p.m.
	Thursday, May 28	7:00 p.m.



Deadline for June/July “Messenger”: Sunday, May 17, 2020.

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SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP - Please are you able to help?

If you would like to help with providing food for our fellowship time following church on Sunday morning, please contact Joan Balk at 508-835-2085 or jcbalk@aol.com. Thank you!

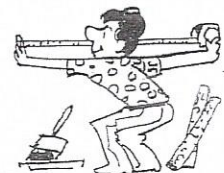
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FOYER GROUPS: As soon as we get back to “normal life”, the Foyer Groups can be organized. If you have not yet signed up to participate, please do so by emailing walkermonica@comcast.net or calling Fr. Michael at 508-330-2179.

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SECOND SATURDAY

There are always many tasks needing our attention. Please join us for maintenance, cleaning and other fix-it jobs. Upcoming Second Saturdays will be April 11th and May 9th. Please join us! For more information, please contact Tanya Bottini on 508-877-8736. Thank you!



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PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOOD PANTRY

“For I was hungry and you gave Me food” (St. Matthew 25:35a). You are invited to contribute to the Food Pantry. Please place your offering in the box provided in the Narthax. Thank you and God Bless You! Also, if you are in need of food, please speak with Fr. Michael or Kathleen Demers.

ANGLICANS FOR LIFE

“You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in Your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed” (Psalm 139:16, NLT)

- **Please visit our table** in the entrance to the church. There is a huge amount of information that you may take to read.
- **The Spring 40 Days for Life Campaign** began February 26th. The prayer vigil in front of Planned Parenthood was suspended as of March 23rd owing to the corona virus. Of course, we can continue to pray at home. You may follow by tuning into www.youtube.com/40daysforlife.
- **First Concern of Marlborough** (508-305-2493), **Kindred Healthcare** in Marlborough (hospice) (888-796-3741) and **Constellation Hospice** (978-904-3059) are looking for volunteers. All of these organizations work for Life. They ask for only one hour or more a week at your convenience.
- **Playpen for donations:** Thank you to everyone who continues to donate to our local pregnancy resource center. A playpen is located in the Fellowship Hall for donations of baby items, t-shirts, diapers, clothing sizes 0-3 months through 18 months, baby wash, etc. Items collected are given to Birthright of Marlborough, First Concern, and neighborhood mothers.
- **Anglicans for Life** is an international Pro-Life Ministry within the Anglican Communion, upholding and proclaiming the sanctity of all human life from conception to natural death. Our local Chapter seeks to raise awareness regarding alternatives to abortion...Let us help you! If you are being called to help with this vital ministry, or if you would like to have information on how we can help, please speak to our co-Coordiators Kathleen Demers (508-624-7642) and Marjorie Franko (978-369-8192). Thank you!

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From our People's Warden

- **The Winter Coat Program:** This ended February 29th. We had 120 people come through our doors during the campaign. They left with winter coats for themselves and their children, along with other articles of clothing. Anything left over went to the Recovery Connection and a home for displaced women and children. During this time we also continued to offer hot coffee to everyone who came through the door and there were a couple of people that came by just for the fellowship, which we enjoyed. Thank you to everyone who donated clothes and coats this year.
- **The Food Pantry** will need to be replenished soon. Many people have reached out to Fr. Michael in need of food. If you are able to contribute, please call me and we can arrange a drop off time. Giving a big thank you in advance. Sending a VIRTUAL HUG TO ALL!
- **Parishioners needing rides:** Some of our parishioners have a need for rides to doctors' appointments or to do errands. If you have some free time during the week and are able to help, please speak to me.

As always, remember to pray for one another. We are one big family. Thank you!
Kathleen Demers
People's Warden (774-249-5780)

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Additional information regarding food availability:

Any elder in the following towns; the Boroughs, Hudson, Sudbury, Wayland, Framingham, Ashland, Holliston, Hopkinton, Natick, Dover, Sherborn who is experiencing food insufficiency can call BayPath Elder Services and a grocery bag of shelf stable food items will be delivered. Such things as peanut butter and crackers and other protein foods are included. Bags are premade and no choice of content can be accommodated at this time. BayPath # 508-573-7246 nutrition or 508-573-7200 main office. Contact Dcn Rhonda if you are out of these areas and a phone number will be provided for the elder service agency in that area.
As far as is known right now, the Marlborough Food Pantry is open.

JUNE'S TABLE

June's Table is staying open, and we have a (temporary) new look! Each Saturday, we are distributing meals in a take-out container, so that our guests can take a nutritious meal home with them, versus gathering in our Outreach Center. We've had a great response to this system in the past two weeks and feel very blessed that it has allowed us to continue serving meals to our friends in French Hill. This Saturday and each week going forward, Fr. Michael will be including a blessing he has written with each dinner, letting our guests know that they are important to us, and are in our prayers.

Some special needs at this time are: volunteers to prepare the take-out food and deliver it to the Outreach Center at 4:30 pm; and four volunteers to pack the boxes, and help clean-up. We have put in place recommended food safety and serving guidelines, to protect all involved. This outreach has become even more important to our guests, during the CoronaVirus outbreak. If you feel that you are able to help, please let Emily Morse (978-808-8608), Dcn. Suzy Kenyon (508-654-4497), or Fr. Michael McKinnon (508-330-2179) know.

The following are upcoming dates for Holy Trinity's service at June's Table: April 4 and 18; May 2 and 16; and June 6 and 20.

Thank you for your prayers for June's Table, especially during this challenging time. God's peace.

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OVERCOMING ALL OBSTACLES

We are more than conquerors through the love of Christ given to us, no matter what circumstances exist. As we continue our walk toward Easter with anticipation of the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ, trust in His abiding love. With COVID-19 virus looming over our nation and the world, we must continually pray and cry from the bottom of our soul for mercy and healing. Believe in God and Trust Him! By believing we acknowledge God exists and if we believe we must trust Him. As we are confined in our homes, talk with our Lord and tell him of your fears and yes doubts.

The story in Numbers contrasts two ways of looking at obstacles. Before the Israelites entered the Promised Land, Moses sent 12 men to spy. Caleb, one of the spies returned saying, "Let us go up at once and take possession, for we are well able to overcome them" (Numbers 13: 30). This was a great faith statement, but was not shared by the others. The men who had gone with him, said, "We are not able to go up against the people, for they are stronger than we. There we saw the giants;....and we were like grasshoppers in our own sight" (Numbers 13: 31, 33).

Do not look at obstacles and say, "I'm a grasshopper", meaning, I'm fearful, feel helpless, or I'm in despair. We can face all fears and threats with Christ. We are not grasshoppers because God made us in His image. So be of good courage, believe in God, and do not be afraid! Romans 8:37 explains, we are more than conquerors through the love of Christ given to us. Also, "The Lord keeps you from all harm and watches over you. The Lord Keeps watch over you as you come and go, both now and forever more". Psalm 121: 7-8

We need to be people of faith. We can't let fear rule our hearts, govern our prayers, and dictate what we think God can do.

"Do not be afraid; only believe." Luke 8: 50
With a Joyful Spirit - Joan Carol Balk

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SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

This was very much enjoyed by friends, members and neighbours. Many thanks to the Men's Group for their work cooking, serving and cleaning up. A good time was had by all!

In the midst of the present crisis, please note (in addition to what is mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter):

- Fr. Michael is meeting people for Sacramental Confession and Absolution. Please call him at 508-330-2179 to make an appointment. Confessions take place in his office and the penitent and Fr. Michael will remain six feet from one another.
- 12 Noon Friday Prayer and Homily, followed by a time of spontaneous/charismatic prayer (via teleconference). Please see: Philippians 4:5b-7.
- Fasting: Please fast, health permitting, from lunch every Friday and join us for Noon Day Prayer.
- **1:00 p.m. Easter Day Special June's Table Dinners (i.e., ham, green beans, scalloped potatoes, dessert). This meal is open to everyone. If you are alone or are unable to make Easter Dinner (for whatever reason), please come by the Church Outreach Center on Easter Day from 1:00 - 1:45 p.m.**
- Fr. Michael and Christine are assisting people in need with groceries.
- Fr. Michael is keeping connected with our church family by phone. If he has not called you yet...he will ☺.
- We are hoping to live stream the Sacred Triduum (7:00 p.m. on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and for the Great Vigil of the Resurrection on Easter Eve).
- Easter Sunday will be live streamed beginning at 10:00 a.m.
- **Special Note:** We hope to offer a way for people to pick up their Palms after Mass on Palm Sunday (TBD).
- **Special Note:** We hope to find a way for people to make their Easter Communion on Easter Morning (TBD).
- **Special Note:** As the Church, the Body of Christ in the world, we are attempting to: 1) be faithful to our call "to be the Church" in every circumstance and 2) to protect people, especially those who are vulnerable among us, from the virus.
- **Special Note:** Bishop Charlie needs your prayers and support as does Fr. Michael. Please pray for your pastors.

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Notes of Note:

- **Men's Group:** All men are invited to join us for breakfast at 9:00 a.m. followed by discussion. Upcoming meetings are scheduled for April 25th and May 23rd. For more information, please contact Dan Morse at 978-808-0901, or dwmorse@live.com.
- **Week of Fasting and Day of Prayer:** Our upcoming Weeks of Fasting and Day of Prayer on behalf of our Church Family are as follows:
 - *Week of Fasting:* Monday, April 6 – Saturday, April 11; Monday, May 18 – Saturday, May 23.
 - *Day of Prayer:* Saturday April 11; and Saturday, May 23.
- **Next Special Collection for the Rector's Discretionary Fund:** Sunday, May 10, 2020.
- **Special Collection for the Non-Stipendiary Clergy Fund:** Sunday, June 14, 2020.
- **Amazon Smile:** We are a member of Amazon Smile, which you can reach via our website - just go there and click on the logo. If you are asked for a charity, put in Holy Trinity Anglican Church, or pick it from the list. Amazon Smile donates 0.5% of any qualifying purchase to us, so, for all your future Amazon purchases, use our link, rather than going directly to Amazon.com.
- **Prayer requests:** please email Emily Morse at emmorse@comcast.net or call or text Emily on 978-808-8608.
- **Parish Council meetings:** Any member of the parish is welcome to observe any regular Parish Council meeting. The dates are printed in this newsletter and the calendar on the Sunday Bulletin.
- **Fr. Michael is off every Friday and Saturday.** He will be present for special Services and events in the life of our church family that fall on these days. On these two days, please only call him in the event of an emergency. Thank you.

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A Collect for Easter Day:

Almighty God, who through thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by thy life-giving Spirit; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

Contact Information for Archdeacon Michael and Holy Trinity Anglican Church

- In the event of an emergency, please call Archdeacon Michael any time, day or night, including his day off at 1-508-330-2179.
- **Fr. Michael's days off are Fridays and Saturdays.**
- Archdeacon Michael's Cell Phone: 1-508-330-2179 (this is the best way to reach Archdeacon Michael).
- Archdeacon Michael's e-mail: bible.catholic.7@gmail.com to be used for less important matters
- Church website: www.holytrinitymarlborough.org
- Like Holy Trinity on Facebook: facebook.com/HTACMass
- Our Diocesan Website: www.anglicannetwork.ca
- Our Provincial Website: www.anglicanchurch.net

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DEADLINE FOR JUNE/JULY 2020 "MESSENGER"

The deadline for the next issue of this newsletter is **Sunday, May 17, 2020**. Please hand your items to me, or e-mail them to me at walkermonica@comcast.net. Thank you! Monica Walker

EASTER MEMORIAL FLOWERS

Please fill out this form and enclose it with your special Easter Flowers offering.

The deadline for names to be included in the Easter bulletin is **Palm Sunday, April 5, 2020**.

Contributions in ANY AMOUNT are most welcome. Your check should be made out to Holy Trinity Anglican Church. Please mail your payment marked "*Flower Fund*" to:

Mrs. Tanya Bottini, Holy Trinity Anglican Church, 60 Gibbon Street, Marlborough, MA 01752

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Given in loving memory of _____

Given in thanksgiving for _____

Given in living honor of _____

This (these) memorial(s) is (are) given by: _____

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The Rt. Rev. Charles "Charlie" F. Masters	Bishop
The Rt. Rev. Donald F. Harvey	Bishop Emeritus
The Ven. Michael J. McKinnon	Archdeacon and Rector
Father Robert Cummins, PhD (Harvard, MA)	978-339-3077 (c: voice mail only) or 978-456-2767 (h)
Father Bruce Thayer, MD (Rehoboth, MA)	508-479-4059
Father Praveen Mutalik (Marlborough, MA)	508-259 -0804 (c) or 508-481-0409 (h)
Deacon Patricia Brewin (N. Attleboro, MA)	508-695-0544 (h)
Deacon Rhonda Cotton (Harvard, MA)	508-517-9805 (c) or 978-456-8680 (h)
Deacon Susan Kenyon (Stow, MA)	508-654-4497 (c)
Deacon Shawn S. Fowler (Moosup, CT)	509-368-4858

(In the event of a pastoral emergency when Archdeacon Michael is absent, please call one of the above.)

Parish Council:	Mike Kenyon	508-733-9439 (Rector's Warden)
	Kathleen Demers	508-624-7642 (People's Warden)
	John Bottini	508-877-8736 (Treasurer)
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	Jay O'Leary	508-624-9705
	Donald Richards	Senior Warden Emeritus

(For non-pastoral issues in the church during Archdeacon Michael's absence please contact one of our Wardens)



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