

God's Design for Time

Church family, I recently offered a sermon on the Lord's sanctification of time, a teaching that has major implication for our everyday lives. As I did not have enough time to elaborate fully on how we might manifest this "making holy" of time in our own lives, I have elected to do so in this issue of the Messenger. Let me begin by recapping the biblical principles upon which our application will be built.

God created all things in six days; on the seventh He rested. Here is how the Genesis account describes it: "Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation" (2:1-3). We see, first, that God blessed this day, and note that it is the only day for which He did so. Second, He "made" the seventh day "holy," and we also noted that this is the first item of creation to be sanctified. This day is holy because God ceased from His activity.

For this reason, God called His covenant people to align with His design for the week, insisting that they cease from all their activities on the seventh day. This is codified in the ten commandments, wherein He states that His people will "remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy" (Ex. 20:8). Their resting from all labors was the way that they were to keep the Sabbath holy, because they were imitating what God did in the creation week. It is important to note that the Sabbath is not holy because God's people treat it as such, but because God made it so. They are coming into alignment with the holiness God already imparted to the day.

Lastly for our biblical principles, we looked to the prophet Ezekiel in order to glean the effect that this holy day has on God's people. There the Lord said, "I gave them my Sabbaths, as a sign between me and them, that they might know that I am the LORD who sanctifies them" (Ez. 20:12). So we see that God uses the weekly day of rest to sanctify His people. Although the Sabbath is a memorial, it is also more than that, functioning in a manner that might even be described as "sacramental," as God imparts grace to His children thereby.

Thus we have the following description of the matter: God, who is holy, made the seventh day holy. His people are to treat the seventh day holy, aligning with God's design for the week. By keeping holy this day that God already made holy, the people of God themselves become holy. Happening at the very beginning of created existence, we see that this design for time is vital in the eyes of God. His plan is for His children to adhere to this pattern. It predates the Law. It is a gift from the Divine by which He draws unto Himself.

It is therefore pertinent that the people of God today continue to participate in God's design for time. Although we are not under the Law, because this principle was instituted in the beginning and thus transcends the Mosaic code, we Christians ought to submit to the Lord in this matter. We did note that although the seventh day is Saturday, it does seem that God made a shift in what day would be holy unto Him by raising His Son Jesus Christ from the dead on the first day of the week. For this reason it seems acceptable to make the day of rest, which is holy unto God, Sunday rather than Saturday.

Now, what exactly does it look like for Christians today to adhere to God's design for a weekly day of holiness? We want to develop a mindset of prioritizing God each Sunday, first by making sure we are in Church and are bringing our families. We should instill in ourselves, and if we are parents, within our children, that worshiping God with the Body of Christ is the most important thing we do all week. For this reason, we do not schedule or sign up for other things that conflict with Sunday church attendance. We ought to miss as little as possible. It is not about Holy Trinity Anglican Church; it is about the Lord. Sundays are His, and thus, we present ourselves before Him each week, to worship and receive Him, and to be built up by the ministry provided at the

local congregation. If for some reason there is a conflict of schedule that you just cannot get around, get up early and come to the 8am service, or find a church that has a Saturday night service for that week only, and make sure you are in God's house. Further, when you go on vacation, find a bible-believing Anglican Church to attend on that Sunday. Show yourself and your family that we do not take vacations from the Lord! Going to church ought to be a joy, not a chore; if it is the latter for you, God wants to do a work in your heart that You might delight in Him!

If you can, try to make the entire day one of rest in which you worship God corporately and spend time with your family at home. For parents of young children, include other things that they will enjoy on Sunday so as to make them look forward to the entire day. Take them to get a sweet drink on the way home from church; make a special dinner on Sunday afternoons; ask them what they learned in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and be sure to praise them for what they are able to remember; take an interest in what they are learning at church.

Lastly, for those with work conflicts: I encourage you to have a goal of attaining a change in work schedule so that, ideally, you do not work on Sundays at all, but if that is not possible at this time, at least not to work during the morning or early afternoon. Let your employer know that you are a Christian who takes his or her faith seriously and that you desire to free up that time for worship. God will honor this. Also, if you are seeking employment, as you apply for jobs, make a note with future employers that you do not work on Sundays, listing your religious adherence as the reason. They will know that they are considering a principled person for the position, but far better is that God will know that you are willing to make sacrifices for Him. Again, He will bless you in response and will open doors for you that otherwise would not have opened.

Having covered our participation in the holy day of rest God implemented, please be on the lookout for further teaching from me (in an email) in which I will expand on how we are to sanctify time in our daily lives, for both ourselves and our families. The marking of time as holy is an integral part of life that many believers miss out on, weakening their faith and making more difficult the handing on of their Christianity to their children; but the Lord calls us to be people who make wise choices in our everyday lives so as to bolster our faith in Him and to impart the same to our loved ones. May God bless you and yours as we enter into Holy Week!

Fr. Shawn+

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HOLY WEEK AND EASTER CELEBRATIONS:

Persons are encouraged to attend one or more Stations of the Cross:

- Each Friday during Lent at 7:00 p.m. (3:00 p.m. on Good Friday)

Persons are strongly encouraged to attend the Sacred Triduum; the zenith of Christian worship:

- Maundy Thursday Solemn High Mass: 7:00 p.m., April 6
- Good Friday Solemn High Liturgy: 7:00 p.m., April 7
- Solemn High Mass for the Great Vigil of the Resurrection: 7:00 p.m., April 8
- *A Said Mass with Easter Hymns will also be offered on Easter Morning at 10:00 a.m., April 9*

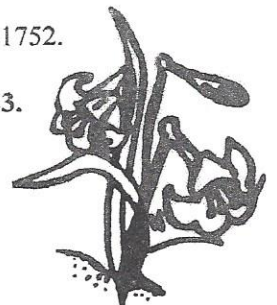
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EASTER MEMORIAL FLOWERS

As always, we will have a wonderful show of flowers at Easter. You are invited to contribute to the flowers by making a donation in memory of a loved one, or in thanksgiving or living honor of someone. Please fill out a form inserted in the Sunday bulletin, or send your request to Tanya Bottini at jbottini1@verizon.net. Your check should be made out to Holy Trinity Anglican Church. Please give your payment to Tanya Bottini, or place it in the offering plate marked "*Flower Fund*". If mailing, please send to:

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

The deadline for names to be included in the Easter bulletin is **Palm Sunday, April 2, 2023**. Contributions in ANY AMOUNT are most welcome.



NEW TIMING FOR THE MESSENGER

After this edition of the "Messenger" the timing of future issues will be tied more closely to the seasons of the church year. Thus, beginning the end of May, the newsletter will cover the following times:

- Pentecost through the first half of the long Season of Trinity (approximately the beginning of September).
- The second half of Trinity
- Advent, Christmas and Epiphany
- Lent and Easter

Your submissions to the "Messenger" are always welcome. Please try to keep articles to no more than 300 words. Longer articles will be included only if space allows. We want to include upcoming events and ongoing activities as well as articles of interest submitted by our readers. We also need to keep the newsletter to a reasonable length. Any questions or concerns, please contact me. Thank you!

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

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Holy Trinity Parish Profile 2023

The Canonical Committee has worked diligently to create a Parish Profile to be used as part of the search process for our new rector. We are very grateful to everyone who completed the parish-wide survey this past January. That information was invaluable as we tried to reflect the needs and hopes for the future of Holy Trinity. We are pleased to report the Parish Profile is completed, has been approved by our Bishop and is accessible to all via the Holy Trinity website. There will be hard copies available at church or you may request one from me.

Also, several people have asked about results of the survey. To that end we have created a Survey Summary which, in keeping with the survey's pledge of confidentiality, does not attach names to specific comments or responses. Content that is or might be personally identifying materials, as well as material that may be prejudicial to the search for a new rector, have been omitted. The opinions expressed in the survey are solely those of the respondents and not of the members of the committee. If you would like a copy of the Survey Summary, either via email or hard copy, please contact me.

I am extremely grateful to the members of the Committee (John Bottini, Kathleen Demers, Emily Morse and David Tucker) for their hard work preparing these documents and overseeing the task of selecting our new rector.

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ANNUAL MEETING OF HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH

Our Annual Meeting was held on Sunday, February 12th 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 reviewed the budget for 2023 and reported on the work carried out in the buildings. Fr. Shawn gave his report and announced the Bishop Donald F. Harvey Award for Christian Ministry will be given this year to Gregg Dunphy and Diana Newton Wood in thanksgiving for their many ministries to our church family. Bishop Donald will present the Award when he visits Holy Trinity later this year. If you would like a copy of the Annual Report, hard copies are available at church or contact Monica Walker at walkermonica@comcast.net.

THE POWER OF CHRIST'S RESURRECTION

At Easter we celebrate how God forever proved His love by sending His son to die for us, then raising Him to life again. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." John 3:16

Our God loves us infinitely! He is vitally concerned with every aspect of our lives. When we have pain Jesus understands perfectly because He bore our infirmities on the cross. He took every sin and disease and bore them in His body. He took it all!

Centuries before Christ was born, Isaiah prophesied about Him, (Isaiah 52:14) saying His visage was marred more than any man, and His form more than the sons of men.

What mutilated Jesus beyond human recognition wasn't what the Roman soldiers did to Him. It wasn't the merciless flogging that He endured, or the crown of thorns thrust down on His head, or the spikes driven into His wrists and feet. Isaiah 53: 4 gives the true reason: "Surely He has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases, yet we accounted Him stricken, struck down by God and afflicted."

What marred Jesus beyond recognition was that He carried all our sins, disease and death so that we would not have to carry them. Isaiah continues the prophecy in verses 5 & 8: "He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed - For He was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgressions of my people He was stricken."

It's vital that we understand all that Jesus Christ did for us on the cross. Yet do not stop there! Fast forward three days to the day of the Resurrection. Psalm 118:17 promises, "I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord". This verse is the concluding psalm of the Seder service, the Jewish feast of Passover that commemorates their deliverance from slavery. Jesus told His disciples at the Last Supper, "I have eagerly desired to eat the Passover with you before I suffer" Luke 22:15.

During the Passover meal, (Matthew 26:26-28): Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave to His disciples saying, "Take eat: this is My body." Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink from it, all of you. For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins".

As we journey through these 40 days and 40 nights let us meditate and pray in preparation for EASTER. On this day the earth shall ring as we sing Alleluia, Alleluia. Christ our Lord is Risen. The power of the resurrection is beyond comprehension. REJOICE for CHRIST INDEED is RISEN!

Joan Carol Balk

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Thank you, Diane Place, for sending this prayer:

Sorely I miss those I love who are with thee.

I pray, O Jesus, that Thou wilt reveal to me unseen presences. Help me to know how close my loved ones are. For if they are with Thee and Thou art with me, I know that they cannot be far away.

Make real for me that contact of spirit
with spirit that will re-establish the lost
fellowship for which my heart yearns.
Give to me faith shining through my tears.
Plant peace and hope within my heart.
Point me with joy to the great reunion.

But until then, enable me to live happily and worthily of those who are with Thee. In the Name of Him who is the Lord of Life, I pray. Amen.

- Peter Marshall (appointed twice as Chaplain to the U.S. Senate)

June's Kitchen



A service opportunity for youth age (13 – 17) **and/or** adults to prepare a healthy well-balanced meal for those in need in the City of Marlborough...

We need helpers to prepare the Saturday, May 20th, 2023 meal for 40 servings...

- When: 3rd Saturday of the month, every other month from Noon up to 3 pm.
- Where: Holy Trinity Anglican Church Kitchen/Outreach Space
60 Gibbon Street/472 Lincoln Street, Marlborough, MA
- Who: Diane O'Leary (Primary Adult Leader); Brian O'Leary (2nd Adult Leader)
- How: Contact olearyclan@comcast.net for further details. 1st come; 1st serve registration.
- Benefit: Opportunity to serve, learn and practice life skills such as cooking and kitchen safety, all the while enjoying fellowship with peers, and earning community service hours.

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Food during Christian Fellowship:

We all enjoy the light lunch between Mass and Christian Education each Sunday. If you are able to commit to bringing food on an occasional specific Sunday, that would be greatly appreciated. Please don't leave it to just a few people! For more information, or to offer help, please contact Joan Balk (508-835-2085 or jcbalk@aol.com).

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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 on any given Sunday. Needed items right now are canned soups, fruit, tuna, and chicken; pasta sauce. Canned vegetables are NOT needed at this time, thank you. Please place your offering in the box provided in the Narthex. Thank you and God Bless You!
Also, if you are in need of food, please visit our Food Pantry located in the Fellowship Hall, or speak with Fr. Shawn or Kathleen Demers.

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Winter Coat Program

We began the free coat program Wednesday, November 16, 2022. We helped 176 people find coats for themselves and family members. We supplied Hudson Food Pantry with coats and many coats went to Afghan refugees. This totaled 302 coats. Some of the coats have been packed away for next year and the remainder were donated to Hartsprings Foundation (Big Brothers Big Sisters) and Savers, which amounted to roughly 200 coats throughout this year! Most of the coats were donated by Mark Vital and his students from AMSA. We ended the program March 15th. A big "Thank You" to all the volunteers who stepped up to help Lynne and me.

Kathleen Demers



Join us for an Evening of Fun & Games! Friday, April 28, 2023 – 6:30 pm – 9 pm

Light supper followed by a few rounds of table games (7 pm start)...

Family & friends are welcome!

Look for sign-up sheet at Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall early April, 2023!
If willing to host a game/two, please indicate on sign-up sheet...

Menu: Grilled Cheese & Tomato Soup (GF upon request), Chips, Veggie Tray,
Hand Fruit & Assorted Cookies; Coffee, Tea, Juice Boxes, Water

Meal Donation - \$5/Adult, \$3/Kid Under 12

Childcare available upon request to watch/play age-appropriate games with young children in Walker Hall.

HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH'S
Women's Fellowship
Upcoming Dates:

April 15th 2023 from 10:00-11:00am:
Online Zoom Call with time for prayer and
discussion of Ephesians 4:17-32.
Please bring your prayers, notes and insights
inspired by your study!

May 20th, 2023 at 10:00am
An in-person time of fellowship with potluck brunch fare.
Location to be determined.
Address and directions will be sent via email to
the women in our church as the time approaches.

Please email caitlynkfowler@gmail.com
to be added to the Women's Fellowship email list
or to volunteer to host in your home.
Thank you!

What Do You as a High Schooler Need that God Has?

“A Plan for your Life after Highschool”

God has a plan for you, and has since Day 1!
Preparing for life after high school can seem like a daunting challenge!
But with God by your side; Nothing is Impossible!

Join us this Summer in a Personal Management course for young adults age 14 – 18 called
LIFE SKILLS!

Seek the Lord’s guidance as you shore up your knowledge base in the following areas:

- **Thinking About the Future – Life’s Work, Career (Costs & Benefits), Earning a Living**
 - **Short & Long-Term Planning**
- **Our Relationship with Money, Bank Accounts, & Building Personal Financial Statements**
 - **Preparing for Purchases – Debit Cards, Credit Cards, & Loans**
 - **Insurance**
 - **Saving & Investing**
 - **Project Planning (Capstone Project)**

- Registration: May 1 - 15, 2023; Test drive the course! Sign up for the Introduction!
- When: Introduction - Tuesday, May 16, 2023 – 6:30 pm – 8 pm
- Who: Diane O’Leary, Lay Minister, Accountant, & Scouts, BSA Personal Mgt. Mentor
- How Often: Series is offered a minimum of 2x per month; approx. 12-14 sessions.
- Where: Remote via Google Meet; unless otherwise specified...
- Practicums: Yes...Discussions, case studies, reflection, prayer, reading, doing! 😊
- Materials: Scripture, Presentations, Case Studies, Calendar, Calculator, Pencil, Notebook
- Requirement: Completed Parent Permission Slip

If interested in learning more about this course, please contact olearyclan@comcast.net.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd enables children to encounter God through developmentally appropriate presentations, centers, and prayer with a strong focus on Scripture, liturgy, and the whole of sacred history. The program helps the children develop a personal relationship with the Lord. This year we are blessed with several children new to our church and the Atrium. We now have two groups, the older ones led by Diana Newton Wood; the younger group led by either Monica Walker or Cate Fowler. Parents and others assist in the Atrium each week for which we are very grateful. The students are interested and responsive to the Atrium presentations. Some of the parents are taking Atrium Assistant training online which is a great blessing. For more information, please contact Monica Walker, Diana Newton Wood, or Cate Fowler.

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.

The Heart of the Matter “We Live What We Learn”

By Diane O’Leary, LIFE Skills Personal Management Mentor

In a previous article, “The Things that Make You Go Hmmm”, the closing paragraph focused on two-four letter words “holy rest”; this daily sacred time that begins and ends with God, In Jesus (The Word), by the Power of the Holy Spirit.

But what does the above require of us? To let go of the things of this world, and open our hearts and minds, and the Bible...

Let’s do that... In the center of the Bible is a book called “Psalms”. What are psalms, you ask? They are praises, prayers, poems, and songs that represent the fullness of our human emotion, behaviors, and experience as shared by persons who have been called to testify to the Light of Truth...

I feel great comfort in knowing that there are words that can express the deep sorrows and joys of our human existence. **But, do these words of deep sorrow point to hope; do these words of deep joy point to humility?**

The Daily Office invites us to encounter specific scripture passages not just annually, but even more so throughout the year. Why is that? In the words of John Dewey, “we do not learn from experience... We learn from reflecting on experience...”

It has been my experience working with youth that more and more they have become the pawns of secularism rooted in dopamine-inducing screen behaviors that are embedded in our so-called civil society. With much effort early on to delay or minimize the effect of its grip; our institutions have let the serpent loose to our children’s and our own peril through, “misinformation, disinformation, deliberate polarization, ideological bias, hidden data harvesting, First Amendment rights, **the moral and ethical (deliberately addicting users)**, the routine acquisition and selling of private information, and pornography.” (Wall Street Journal – Sat/Sun. April 9-10, 2022).

What were once children and adults with eyes full of light and sparkle, are now eyes like zombies, staring off into space, doped, tired, yet blindly seeking more of the same...It is a feed-back loop by which we have become its slaves. Our family time has been reduced to meme sharing and heads-down tech-driven conversation, versus pure unadulterated face to face conversation rooted in genuine LIFE-giving love.

In Psalm 141:9-10 (Prayer for Preservation from Evil), it says, “Keep me from the trap that they have laid for me, and from the snares of evildoers.” “Let the wicked fall into their own nets, while I alone escape.”

In Psalm 127:1 (God’s Blessings in the Home), it says, “Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.”

In Psalm 128:3-4 (The Happy Home of the Faithful), it says, “Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your children will be like olive shoots around your table.” “Thus, shall the man be blessed who fears the Lord.”

In Psalm 95:10-11 (A Call to Worship and Obedience), it says, “They are a people whose hearts go astray, and they do not regard my ways.” “Therefore, in my anger I swore, ‘They shall not enter my rest’.”

It is with great sorrow that we as a culture have lost sight of what it means to have LIFE in all of its fullness; to seek and experience His rest that gives us an “inner peace that passes all understanding”. The world taunts us with Facebook, TikTok, YouTube, Instagram, texting, gaming, and now at a screen near you, the “Metaverse”. **The world works to convince us that we are lost without it...**

When we were kids, our greatest fear was being lost...Being separated from those we love...
But today, seeking to be lost (though blindly) is the norm...

How do we shake-up a society who seeks to be lost? A society that desires rest in materialism, power, self-centeredness, and the constant feed-back loop of me, me, me? **It begins and ends with those two-four letter words, “holy rest”. This daily sacred time with God, In Jesus (The Word), by the Power of the Holy Spirit. In Him, our words of deep sorrow point to hope; our words of deep joy point to humility...**In Isaiah 40:4, it says, “Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become

level, and the rough places a plain.” **When the world knocks us down, the Lord picks us up. When the world puffs us up, the Lord brings us down to a healthier place.**

This is a call to Action....

Are we living into the personal relationship with God, in Jesus, by the Power of the Holy Spirit that is ours by adoption and grace? Are we practicing LIFE skills that will give ourselves and our families the strength, resilience, humility and grace to prepare us to meet and rise to the challenges visible and invisible in our life and of this world?

Are the first words from our lips in the morning, “Lord, nothing will happen today that you and I together can’t handle?” Are we sharing at least once per day with our family, a mealtime “grace”; a special set of prayers to honor and thank God for watching over us as we went about our day; thanking Him for the roof over our head, food on our table, and our time together as a family? Are we moved to read Scripture and attend worship together as a family during the Liturgical seasons of the year to help us grow in our faith not only as a family, but as members of the Body of Christ?

Uphold, honor, and protect the gift of which the Lord God has blessed you – your faith, your life and your family...

In Romans 8:35-39, it says, “Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?” “No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

What is the antidote to rid ourselves of the world’s grip on us?

Get lost and found in God’s Word!

Let the Truth set you free! Amen...

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Just Me and My Shadow

“Just Me and My Shadow” is a luncheon fellowship group for those who live alone and others who simply would enjoy some company and fellowship. We meet once a month (usually the third Wednesday) for lunch and fellowship. People **do not** need to belong to our church family in order to attend. All are welcome. Thus, please feel welcome to invite a family member, friend, or neighbor who lives alone or someone in need of a little company and fellowship. If you are unable to afford the meal, PLEASE do not let this stop you from joining in the group. Just let Fr. Shawn know (860-207-2210 or shawnfowler86@gmail.com) and he will cover all or part of your meal. Please join us on Wednesday, April 19 and Wednesday, May 17 at 1:00 p.m. at the Longhorn Restaurant, Boston Post Road West, Marlborough.

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2023



Plans are moving along for our Vacation Bible School. It will take place the week of **July 17-21**. This year we will use the program *Keepers of the Kingdom* published by Answers in Genesis. We are expecting another wonderful week encouraging children in their relationship with the Lord.

The program runs from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. each day and is for children aged three through eighth grade. There is opportunity for teens to volunteer as Teen Helpers. The cost for students is \$35 per child, but no child would be excluded for financial reasons. If you know of a child who would like to attend, or if you would like to be one of our wonderful volunteers, please contact Monica Walker at walkermonica@comcast.net.

FAMILY NEWS

Rest in Peace:

A. Edward Steele, Jr., father/father-in-law of Christine and Fr. Michael McKinnon and beloved Grandfather of Sarah and Rebecca, died February 3rd following an eighteen month battle with cancer. Our love and sympathy are with Christine, Fr. Michael and all their family.

Jerry Hudson, dear friend to us all, devoted husband of 69 years to Fran, father to Denise, grandfather and great-grandfather, died February 15th. A memorial service was held at Short and Rowe Funeral Home, conducted by Fr. Shawn and attended by many friends and family. We send our love and prayers to Fran and all the family.

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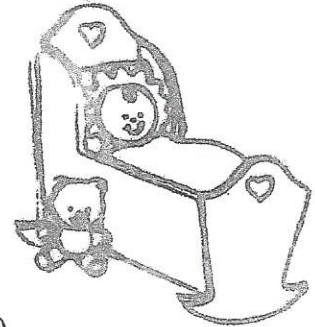
Happy Birthday:

April: Judith Richards – 9th; Dorothy Hodgson – 14th; Tanya Bottini – 15th; Joan Fallon – 16th; Dan Morse – 16th; Verna Peterson – 19th; Sarah McKinnon – 23rd; Fr. Bob Cummins – 25th; Dustin Hassard – 27th; Emily Morse – 27th; Renee Beausoleil – 29th.
May: Rylee Cashen – 8th; Michael McGinnis – 13th; Brian O’Leary – 14th; Kendall Cotton – 22nd; Nicholas Cotton – 23rd; Cate Fowler – 25th; Mary Carroll – 29th; Steve Walker – 29th.

Happy Anniversary:

Michael and Elizabeth McGinnis on April 4th
Bob and Kathleen Demers on April 6th
Charley and Diane Place on April 30th

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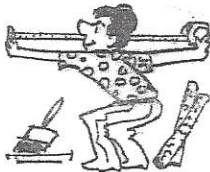
“You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in Your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed” (Psalm 139:16, NLT)

- **Brochures and other information:** There is a huge amount of information regarding Sanctity of Life issues on the walls in the Narthex (entrance to the church) that you may take home. Please visit the website www.anglicansforlife.org which lists the many great programs going on right now. The list is too long to mention everything!
- **The Spring 40 Days for Life campaign** began February 22 and runs through April 2, 2023. Go to www.40daysforlife.com for more information. As of March 23rd, 248 lives have been saved. **BREAKING NEWS!** Confirmation has just been received of the **23,000th** baby saved (that we know about) since 2007.
- **Please continue to pray** for the unborn, the sick, all those who society feels are a burden.
- **Newsletter of Anglicans for Life:** The current newsletter from Anglicans for Life is on our table at the entrance of the church. It may also be viewed at <https://anglicansforlife.org/publications/>. You can also keep up to date with Life Issues by going to www.Liveaction.org.
- **Donations of clothes, etc:** Donations of baby and toddlers diapers, clothing, etc. benefit First Concern Pregnancy Resource Center (www.firstconcern.org). We also service the young mothers in the neighborhood when needed. Donations may be left in the entrance to the church or the playpen in the Fellowship Hall. You may also contact Kathleen to arrange a drop off time.
- **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-Coordinator Kathleen Demers (508-624-7642) and Marjorie Franko (978-369-8192). Thank you!

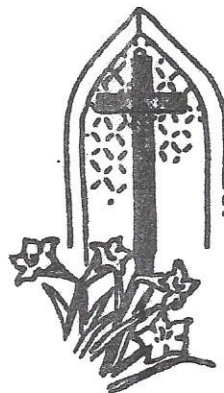
Notes of Note:

- **The Intercessory Prayer Group** is led by Martha Ayisi. Those participating in this ministry are committed to pray for the clergy of HTAC and their families. They pray for the Holy Spirit to bless the members of our church family, our several ministries and our financial worship. They also pray for God's protection upon us all.
- **Noonday Prayer on Tuesdays:** This will continue via Zoom. All are welcome. Following Noonday Prayer we offer a time of free prayer for all who are able to join in.
- **Adult Christian Education** is offered each Sunday at 12:15 p.m. All welcome!
- **Wednesday Bible Study** is offered at 10:00 a.m. in person and via Zoom. At present we are studying Genesis. Please join us!
- **Men's Group:** All men are invited to join us for breakfast at 9:00 a.m. followed by discussion. This is usually the fourth Saturday of the month. 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 17 – Saturday, April 22; Monday, May 15 – Saturday, May 20.
 - *Day of Prayer:* Saturday April 22; and Saturday, May 20.
- **Special Collection for the Rector's Discretionary Fund in 2023:** Sundays, April 9, July 9, October 8.
- **Special Collection for the Non-Stipendiary Clergy Fund in 2023:** Sundays, May 14, August 13, November 12.
- **Special Collection to help fund June's Table in 2023:** Sundays, June 11, September 10, December 10.
- **Prayer requests:** please email Emily Morse at emmorse@comcast.net or call/text Emily on 978-808-8608.
- **Parish Council meetings:** Any member of the parish is welcome to observe any regular Parish Council meeting. At present these meetings are held via Zoom.
- **Fr. Shawn is off every Monday 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.

SECOND SATURDAY IS FIRST SATURDAY IN APRIL!!!



Thank you to everyone who has given of their time and energy to help maintain our buildings and grounds! But, as always, there is plenty more to do. Please, please help as you are able! We would like to spruce up our buildings and grounds before Easter and so our work day for April will be the first Saturday, April 1st. In May we will revert to our usual Second Saturday, May 13th. Please watch the Enews for information on tasks needing attention.



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The Rt. Rev. Donald F. Harvey	Bishop Emeritus
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Contact Information for Fr. Shawn and Holy Trinity Anglican Church

- In case of an emergency, please call Fr. Shawn any time, including his days off at 860-207-2210.
- Fr. Shawn's email: shawnfowler86@gmail.com
- **Fr. Shawn's days off are Monday and Saturday.**
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- Our Diocesan Website: www.anglicannetwork.ca
- Our Provincial Website: www.anglicanchurch.net

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Please let us know!

If you, or a family member, is sick or in the hospital,
please inform Fr. Shawn or another clergy person.
They will arrange visits, and holy communion if requested.

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DEADLINE FOR NEXT MESSENGER

The deadline for the next issue of this newsletter that will cover Pentecost through the end of August is **Sunday, May 21, 2023**. Please hand your items to me, or e-mail them to me at walkermonica@comcast.net. Thank you!
Monica Walker

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Prayer for the Call of a Rector:

Heavenly Father, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your church, and especially on the canonical committee as we seek to discern your good and perfect will in the choice of rector for our parish. Fill us with your Holy Spirit to guide and direct our hearts and minds in each step of this process. We trust you will bless us once again with a godly, faithful pastor who will equip us to grow in our life of faith and in our witness to this community. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.