

GLAD TIDINGS

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Our situation would be easier if Jesus were less clear about the priorities he sets for us. At the heart of the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew's Gospel, Jesus says, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." "All these things" refers to such things as food, clothing, and other fundamental necessities of life, plus security, safety, and moral clarity. The priority that Jesus asks us to seek is God's kingdom, God's righteousness, the first thing above all else to which we are meant to direct our attention and efforts. That is also the first petition in the pattern of prayer that Jesus taught his followers to say: "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done..." We should notice that only after that priority is established are we encouraged to ask for our own needs in the form of daily bread.

--Peter J. Gomes

What equips us to follow Jesus' directions, what gives us the will to seek God's kingdom before our personal needs and desires? Relationship! Like any other meaningful endeavor our discipleship grows out of relationship, our relationship to God through the person of Jesus. Our commitment to follow Jesus' way of generous sharing grows from our own closeness to Our Lord.

September is the edge of stewardship season. It is the time in which we begin to consider how much money and energy each of us will dedicate to the work of these parishes. It is the time in which we recommit ourselves to the work of God's kingdom here in Ossining.

This year, your visioning committee has spent time and effort in learning more about who you are as members of Trinity and St. Paul's and also about how we together can take our talents out into the greater world to serve. In October, they will report back to you on their findings. The information they collected all relates to stewardship because it lists those things that we as members of the parishes value and also our common resources.

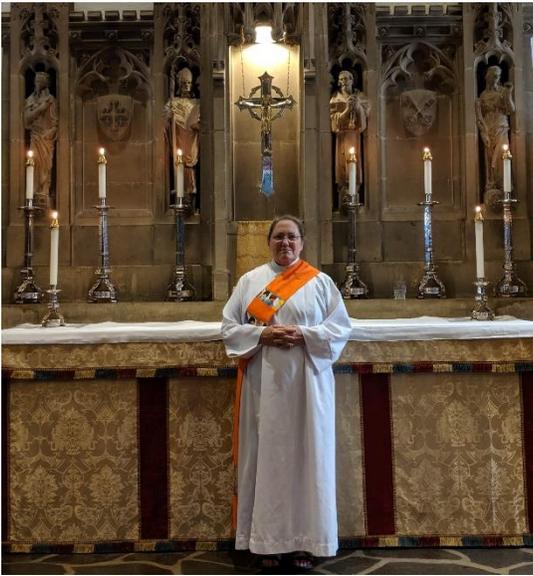
So, how do we turn our values and resources into action? Step one, through prayer. If we are to act as disciples we need to know the One whom we follow. Then the rest will fall into place. What we do in the year to come, what we give in the year to come, needs to grow from our relationship with the one who has given us all.

This stewardship season, I ask you to do one thing: pray. Before you sign that pledge card, pray. Ask God's will in this and in everything having to do with our common life because God's wishes and desires are "better than anything we can ask or imagine."

Glad to be back among you...glad to be back home!

Cooper +

DEACON BEACON



Have you noticed my orange stole and wondered, “What’s up with that?” This summer has been one of such hatred and gun violence that, following two mass shootings in less than 24 hours, I was moved to wear my orange stole in an attempt to give my heart a hug. I wore it more than once this summer and only one person asked me why I wasn’t wearing the color of the day. I explained why and they suggested I share my reason with you.

Here’s a little history from the web. [Why orange?](#)

Orange is the color that Hadiya Pendleton’s friends wore in her honor when she was shot and killed in Chicago at the age of 15 — just one week after performing at President Obama’s Second Inaugural

Parade in 2013. After her death, they asked us to stand up, speak out, and Wear Orange to raise awareness about gun violence. From that grew a movement among Episcopalians, led by Bishops (Bishops United Against Gun Violence) supporting the “Wear Orange” movement above and beyond the orange stoles (though they are pushing June 2nd as the Gun Violence Awareness day) and their website also has some good tips for promoting awareness, such as:

- *Share the social media links below on Facebook and Twitter*
- *Encourage others to have their pictures taken in orange garb on June 2nd*
- *Encourage people in your dioceses and churches to post those pictures on social media using TWO hashtags: [#WearOrange](#) and [#Episcopal](#). (We will then share these photos more broadly from the [Episcopalians Against Gun Violence](#) Facebook page and The Cross Lobby Twitter stream.*
- *There is also a movement among some clergy to wear orange stoles at church on the Sunday closest to June 2nd. If you decide to endorse that, please let us know.*

Yes, I will be encouraging all of you to wear orange June 2, 2020 and the Sunday designated near it, June 7th. But it’s got to be more than a fashion statement. It needs to be something that we are committed to work for, the power for change is all yours. Can we work together for meaningful change? I’m eager to hear your thoughts.

Faithfully,

Deacon Dorothee

The Cycle of Blessings

To be a successful, mission-driven organization, most, if not all, of the Holy Currencies (Truth, Leadership, Relationship, Time & Place, Wellness, and Money) need to be successfully addressed and in some balance. Most churches, including ours, focus primarily on the currencies of money and time & place.

There is much work yet to be done...by all of us.



Strategic Visioning Committee Update, September 2019

It has been a pleasure having our two parishes come together in thoughtful prayer and discussion at our Congregational Events (May 19 and June 30) and we look forward to your continued participation at our third event, Sunday, October 27, at St. Paul's. Your continued input is crucial to us as we work together to discern a path for our future.

At our May event, we shared, learned, and celebrated our histories.

At our June event, we looked at our current ministries at St. Paul's and Trinity and whether there is balance, the "three-legged stool" – ministries "to", "in" and "of" the churches.

Your Visioning Team has worked all summer long collecting and evaluating the information that you have provided, pulling together demographic information, and speaking with church leadership to help us develop a holistic picture of our two churches: our strengths, missions, and areas of need. To clarify some of the information we have received, we will be sending a very short survey to you in a few days, which will help the team determine which missions and programs are **most** important to you and how you feel about our joint programs. (To show our genuine appreciation of the time you have given to this project, we will be submitting your name in a raffle drawing for gift certificates from local businesses when you complete the survey and again for attending the upcoming joint meeting.)

At our October event, we will present this information to you. In turn we will be looking for your input as to what the future holds for Trinity and St. Paul's, our path forward, and which sustaining ministries may be in the future. Following this meeting the Visioning Team will develop a recommendation to be presented to our vestries prior to our Annual Meetings.

On behalf of the Strategic Visioning Committee, we thank you for your past attendance and look forward to your continued shared interest, engagement, and participation as we ***discern what God is inviting us to do, be, or change so that we can become successful, sustainable, and mission-driven.***

If you have any questions or comments, please speak to one of us and tell us your thoughts. Thank you!

Tam Hernández and Darryl Moy, Co-Chairs

Cameron Beaudreault

Kellie Ishmael

Jo Ann McGrath

Mark Monroe

Cecilia Quintero

Melanie Rowe



WELCOMING SUNDAY: SEPTEMBER 15TH

The choir will be back and, as is our tradition, we will celebrate the beginning of the Fall season with a picnic. Trinity provides the hot dogs and buns—and the chef! We bring our favorite sides and desserts. Be sure to mark your calendar, set your alarm, and join your Trinity family in worship and fellowship!



When CROP began in 1947 (under the wing of Church World Service, which was founded in 1946), CROP was an acronym for the Christian Rural Overseas Program. Its primary mission was to help Midwest farm families to share their grain with hungry neighbors in post-World War II Europe and Asia. Today, we've outgrown the acronym but we retain it as the historic name of the program.

CROP Hunger Walks help to provide food and water, as well as resources that empower people to meet their own needs. From seeds and tools to wells and water systems, the key is people working together to identify their own development priorities, their strengths and their needs - something CWS has learned through 70 years of working in partnership around the world.

Carl Gonsalves is organizing the Trinity/St. Paul's team of hunger fighters for the Briarcliff NY CROP Hunger Walk on October 5th, starting at 12:30 at the Briarcliff Congregational Church Parish House (30 South State Road in Briarcliff Manor) and proceeding through the village and into Law Park. There are 1-mile and 3-mile options for walkers to participate in. To donate or sign up, simply copy and paste the following URL into your web browser:

<https://www.crophungerwalk.org/briarcliffny/Team/View/115890/Trinity-St-Paul>



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From Carolyn Black:

The Youth Music Program of St. Paul's is sponsoring a fabulous Chinese Dinner at the home of Cha and Darryl Moy (he's the chef), 4 Gualtiere Drive, Ossining, on October 5, 2019 at 6:00 PM. \$100.00 per person. The feast is limited to the first 14 guests. To reserve your place, call me at 914-734-7209 or email me at carolynrblack@gmail.com

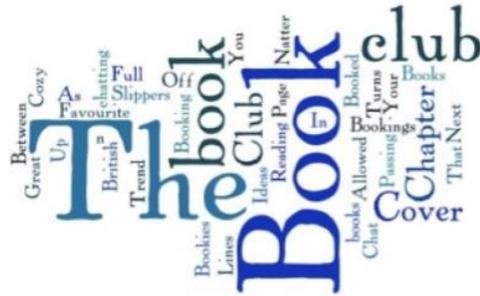
Thanks for your continued support of the music program at St. Paul's.

BIBLE STUDY

We're planning on resuming our after-service discussions on October 20th. This year, Mo. Cooper will lead them, so we will only be meeting every other week. (This will also ensure that Trinity and St. Paul's are "on the same page!" The book she has selected is *Short Stories by Jesus: The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi* by Amy-Jill Levine. In this book, she takes us back in time and explains how original audiences understood Jesus' parables. We'll learn how new interpretations of the parables continue to challenge and provoke contemporary readers two thousand years later. Please let Mo. Cooper know if you are interested in participating!

UPCOMING SERVICE SCHEDULE

September 1	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist	Proper 17
September 8	10:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Proper 18
September 10	Noon	Healing Service	
September 15	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist	Proper 19
September 17	Noon	Healing Service	
September 22	9:30 AM	Confirmation and Holy Eucharist Service at St. Paul's	Proper 20
September 24	Noon	Healing Service	
September 29	10:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Proper 21



Thanks to all who joined us for our summer reunion on August 18th and for a very brief discussion on Eddie Izzard's memoir, *Believe Me*. He is an interesting artist/activist/performer but maybe NOT a writer. In fairness to the author, a few of us were familiar with his work and he does have an impressive and colorful history, but this work was not everyone's cup of tea. One of the recurring themes in his book is the impact the sudden loss of his mother had had on him when he was 6 years old. I promised I would share this video clip on the lifelong grief following the loss of a parent; both Stephen Colbert and Anderson Cooper share some moving insights about their own loss of a parent:

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/tv/news/stephen-colberts-thoughts-on-grief-stun-anderson-cooper-choke-him-up/ar-AAFU3R5>

We decided that we would welcome a break from non-fiction and memoirs for now. Here are some of the books which we are currently considering:

The Nickel Boys by Colson Whitehead

<https://www.npr.org/2019/07/18/740901819>

Wolf Hall by Hillary Mantel

<https://www.nytimes.com/2009/11/01/books/review/Benfey-t.html>

Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens

<https://www.kirkusreviews.com/book-reviews/delia-owens/where-the-crawdads-sing>

The Shallows by Nicholas Carr

<https://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=127370598>

The Last Stand by Steven King

<http://worldsstrongestlibrarian.com/8407/the-stand-by-stephen-king-book-review/>

We Need to Talk: How to Have Conversations That Matter by Celeste Headleeby

<https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/33385019-we-need-to-talk>

Do you have any ideas for books or events?

Contact Cecilia via e-mail: cquintero1506@gmail.com

HAVE YOU HAD YOUR PICTURE TAKEN? IT'S STILL NOT TOO LATE!

On Easter Sunday, many of you had your picture taken for the new Trinity/St. Paul's Directory. If you were unable to be there, please contact us at trinityossining@gmail.com to set up an appointment. If you prefer to have us use your own photo, just email an original digital photo in jpeg format to us there!



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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Norma Brown	1
Kellie Ishmael	8
Ronald V. Lazaro	8
Tamsen Hernández	10
Miguel Hernández	14
Yahra Roman	20
Amanda Chadeayne	21
Jackson Pica	25
Charles Baker	27
William Shullenberger	27
John Anton Nieto Cullen (Tony)	30

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Terri and Michael Roman	16
Cecilia Quintero and Dennis Parker	18
Ed Shultz and Jennifer Ward-Shultz	28
Jack and Mary McClung	29

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 15	Welcoming Sunday
September 16	Vestry Meeting
September 21	Planning Committee Safe Church Workshop at All Saints Briarcliff
September 22	Bishop Glasspool's visitation at St. Paul's

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MISSION STATEMENT

Trinity's mission is to nourish our community in body mind and spirit through worship, music, spiritual formation and outreach activities.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Trinity Episcopal Church is a diverse and inclusive group, dedicated to providing beauty and welcome to all who seek a place of peace and prayer.

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