

Commemoration of All Faithful Departed



Autumn has arrived and the colors of the season are all around us. We will soon commemorate an important three-day observance on the Church calendar, Allhallowtide. Derived from the old English word, *hallow*, meaning ‘saint’ and ‘to make holy’, these three days offer us a time to remember those who have died: martyrs, saints, and all the faithful departed.

We are familiar with this time period of time, which begins the evening of October 31 and ends on November 2: All Saints Eve (Halloween), All Saints’ Day (All Hallows), and All Souls’ Day (All the Faithful Departed).

Halloween is a vigil the evening prior to one of the seven Principal Feasts, All Saints’ Day. It is also the night in which persons wear costumes of a thing that may ‘go bump-in-the-night’. But this custom began not for us to emulate such things. We dress up to declare a statement: As followers of Jesus, we no longer have anything to fear. This act is celebratory in nature.

On November 1, All Saints’ Day is of such importance that this day alone may be observed on the following Sunday, in addition to its observance on its fixed date. This day is a time for us to commemorate the saints and martyrs of the Church throughout the centuries. The use of the liturgical color of white is appropriate, signifying for us victory and life. All Saints is one of the four days recommended in the Prayer Book for the administration of Holy Baptism.

On November 2, All Souls’ Day, we remember all the faithful departed, known and unknown to us, of the vast body of the faithful. It is a day for particular remembrance of our family members and friends.

Let us prepare ourselves for this meaningful three-day observance and recall the spiritual bond we have with one another and with God, by way of Christ Jesus. We are assured of this Divine presence in life with a belief that nothing can separate us from the love of God. As such, we continue to be in communion and fellowship with all those whom we love.

Trinity will observe All Saints’ Day on Sunday, November 7.

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

-- The Collect for All Saints’ Day

Peace, James+

Important dates in November

All Saints' Day: Sunday, Nov. 7, at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

TECW Meeting: Saturday, Nov. 6, at 9:30 a.m.

Stewardship Sunday: Nov. 28.

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Diocesan News

Diocesan Partnership Extended by Two Years: A Letter from the Standing Committees Presidents *October 11, 2021*

Friends,

After much prayerful consideration and several months of discussion, the Standing Committees of the Dioceses of Western New York and Northwestern Pennsylvania have voted to extend by two years the timeline for evaluating the historic partnership our dioceses initiated at our joint convention in October 2018. These votes were finalized on October 7.

We will make a presentation to the diocesan convention about this decision when we meet via Zoom this Thursday, but we are writing today to share with you in advance our reasons for initiating the extension of the partnership.

As you may recall, the dioceses originally agreed to evaluate the partnership after three years and vote on whether to continue it after five years, meaning the initial evaluation would have taken place at our joint convention later this week. However, the Covid-19 pandemic has rendered this timeline impractical, and the Standing Committees agreed to postpone the evaluation until 2023, and the vote on whether to continue the partnership to 2026.

The past 18 months have brought changes and challenges that none of us could have imagined when our dioceses agreed to share a bishop, the Rt. Rev. Sean W. Rowe, and a staff for five years. Our original plan called for our two dioceses to spend three years working together to deepen relationships and develop shared mission priorities culminating in the creation of a common mission strategy. It was an audacious undertaking to embrace new ways of

working on behalf of the Gospel in our region, and the original timeline may have been somewhat overly ambitious. In the midst of a worldwide pandemic, it became simply unworkable.

Our bishop, diocesan staff, clergy and congregational leaders have risen to the challenge of continuing to be the church when everything about doing church has had to change. As we learned the nuances of online worship services and formation programs, maintained pastoral relationships while physically distanced and navigated how to begin regathering in person safely and well, we have shown the resilience for which our region is known. It is clear, however, that managing the Covid-19 crisis has come at the cost of strategic planning and movement at the personal, congregational, diocesan and partnership levels.

We will continue moving forward with our joint ministries and re-engage our strategic mission work with the intent of having a proposed covenant agreement for the partnership prepared for evaluation at our joint convention in October 2023. Each diocesan convention would then have the opportunity to amend or approve such a proposed covenant before voting whether or not to ratify it and continue the partnership at our joint convention in 2026.

We believe that this is the best way forward for us at this time as we continue to seek to collaborate to transform our congregations and communities through the power of Jesus Christ. We welcome your questions, comments and feedback and covet your prayers.

In Christ,

Mr. James Isaac, President, Diocese of Western New York Standing Committee

The Rev. Stacey Fussell, President, Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania Standing Committee

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Trinity Episcopal Church Vestry Minutes

September 21, 2021

As approved at the October Meeting

Present: William Roberts, Senior Warden; Sue Torrance, Junior Warden; Jack Torrance; Lucille Bryant; Janeil Rey; Doreen Gould; Virginia Becker, Treasurer; and, The Reverend James Clement, Rector. **Excused:** Karin Wheelock.

Call to Order: Fr. Clement called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m., with an opening prayer.

The Meeting Agenda was approved as given, as moved by Lucille Bryant, seconded by Sue Torrance.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Lucille Bryant, seconded by William Roberts, to approve the July 20, 2021 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Committee Reports: Finance / Building and Grounds

Finance: Virginia Becker reported. A motion was made by William Roberts, seconded by Lucille Bryant, to receive the treasurer's report. The treasurer's written report was received as submitted and reported. See attached.

- A transfer of \$10,000 from the Snowden Lane cash account will be made in late September or early October, as planned for in the annual operation budget.
- The current balance of the Building Fund is \$1,201.27.
- The Lake Shore Line of Credit is near the time of reactivation. Attorney fees will be associated with this process.
- Trinity Masterworks Choir Account: An invoice was received for the purchase of music and a donation was recently deposited into this account. An acknowledgement of this donation was sent by the parish office.

Memorial Fund Report: Virginia Becker reported.

- Current balance: \$2,867.28. No change since last meeting.

Buildings and Grounds: Fr. Clement reported.

- The piano in the church was recently tuned.
- Hard surface flooring on the main floor of the parish building was cleaned and polished by Chadwick Bay Properties.
- Fire extinguisher inspection was conducted by Allen Fire Equipment.
- Village of Fredonia building inspection was conducted. No issues noted by the inspector.
- An informative sign for persons entering the driveway from Day Street was installed. This action concludes the new parking lot signage plan.

Additional Reports: Congregational Ministries

Episcopal Church Women: Doreen Gould reported.

- A meeting is planned to take place during the month of October. There is hope for the group to conduct a rummage sale in the coming weeks.

Flower Guild: Melisa Eichmann issued a written report.

- Flower Guild Account: Balance as of June: \$723.20. Two deposits were made during the month of July in the total amount of \$250. Two invoices for Fresh and Fancy, for the total amount of (\$250) have been paid since that time. Current account balance is: \$723.20

Trinity Masterworks Choir: Doreen Gould reported.

- Rehearsals have begun for an online concert to be held on Thursday, October 28, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Further details about the event will be released soon.

Rector's Report: Fr. Clement reported.

- Attended online meeting with clergy of the Partnership dioceses.
- Attended online Diocesan Council meeting.
- Trinity has returned to a two-service Sunday worship schedule. Coronavirus guidelines remain in effect.

- In consultation with Janeil Rey, Director of Sunday School, Christian Education programs will be postponed until the end of October or early November.
- Information about classes for Confirmation-Reaffirmation will be released soon. The Right Revered Sean Rowe will be present at Trinity for a Confirmation service on Thursday, December 2, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

- Parking Lot: Fr. Clement made an inquiry with four separate companies for parking lot repair, resurfacing, and sealing. A motion was made by Janeil Rey, seconded by William Roberts, to approve *Option Two* on a bid proposal as presented by Olsen Sealing, Forestville, N.Y., in the approximate amount of \$2,500. The work will be conducted in Spring 2022. Motion carried.
- Union of Black Episcopalians (UBE) – Bishop Holly Chapter: A motion was made by Janeil Rey, seconded by Doreen Gould, for payment of \$100 towards a congregational membership for Trinity Church with our local chapter of the UBE. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m. with a motion made by Doreen Gould. Vestry ended its time together with prayer.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, October 19, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by: Sue Torrance, Acting Clerk.

Parish Notes



REMEMBER!

Turn your clocks backwards one hour on Sunday, November 7.

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A Message from the Treasurer

2021 Pledge Statements

What a faithful parish we have in more ways than one! Not only did we pay off the loan on the stained-glass windows on time, but pledges to the general fund have been honored throughout this challenging year.

Third-quarter pledge reports were mailed in October. The number at the bottom of each column is the balance still owed through that quarter. If there is a plus sign in front of the number, it indicates how much more you gave up to that point than you pledged. Feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Planning for the Future

The 2022 General Budget is being prepared keeping in mind fiscal responsibility. Even with cuts and savings in some line items, the parish will still incur increases in some areas. A significant goal is to become less dependent on investments by supporting more of the budget through pledge income. At this point in the process, we have a goal of \$119,000 in pledges.

Pledging for the Future: Why We Pledge

Pledging assists us in preparing well for our congregation so we meet our financial obligations. It is a financial commitment of faithful support for the year. It is usually given incrementally by the week, month, quarter or occasionally in a lump sum. The timing is important in supporting a suitable cash flow. How much should you give? Some give a percentage of their annual income. Not everyone can tithe (10%), but try considering a percentage that fits your budget. Or, commit to a level of giving that honors God's gifts to you.

In the next week or two, you will receive a letter from the Stewardship Committee. We ask that you prayerfully think about your pledge for 2022 and consider an increase over your 2021 pledge. Stewardship Sunday is November 28th. Please return your pledge cards to the church on or before that date so continued preparations may be made. Thank you and may God walk with you in your discernment.

Virginia T. Becker, Treasurer



November Parish Outreach

Santa for Seniors

Trinity is joining with other churches and the Office of the Aging (OFA) to collect items for seniors residing in Chautauqua County.

Each year the OFA delivers Holiday gift bags and a Holiday meal to those who otherwise would not receive a present at Christmas time. The goal is to deliver to seniors who live alone with no family in the area and are in need this holiday season.

Our congregation has committed to the goal of collecting 150 tubes of toothpaste (4-10 oz. size) for this county-wide outreach. Toothpaste for sensitive teeth is greatly appreciated.

Collection boxes will be located in the narthex of the church on Sunday mornings and in the vestibule at the Garland Hall entrance for drop-off during the week.

Please provide your donation of toothpaste by **Sunday, November 14.**

Christmas Family

Outreach will be accepting monetary donations to support a family in need this Christmas season.

We are working with a local school district. Money collected will go towards gifts for the children, a food basket for Christmas morning and pajamas or blankets for the family.

Please put monetary donations in the collection plate in an envelope labeled Christmas family. You can also mail your donation to the church. If using a check, please be sure to write Christmas family in the memo line.

Please contact Karin Wheelock or Diane Sercu with questions. We will set a tentative deadline of November 30 but will begin shopping as soon as we have the family information! Thank you in advance for your support.

-Diane and Karin

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TECW News

HUGE THANK YOU

TO EVERYONE WHO
DONATED THEIR
BELOVED ITEMS,
THEIR VALUABLE TIME,
THEIR MONEY TO THE
RUMMAGE SALE of
FALL 2021

Too soon for final total but maybe
close to \$1,000 !!!

MEETING NOVEMBER 6, 2021
GARLAND HALL at 9:30AM
PLEASE JOIN US!

TECW THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

ITEMS NEEDED BY
NOVEMBER 19, Friday

MONETARY DONATIONS BY
NOVEMBER 16TH BOX IN
GARLAND HALL VESTIBULE
AND BY FRONT DOOR OF CHURCH
(SEE ITEM LIST BELOW)

TECW is once again helping the Rural Ministry with their Thanksgiving Food Needs. Last year we were able to donate over 141 items.

Every item helps. If you wish to make a monetary donation and let us do the shopping please mail or leave in the collection plate cash in envelope marked TECW THANKSGIVING or a check written out to TECW with Thanksgiving food in memo line. Thank you for your support.

Items

Tins of fruit
Tins of vegetables

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Tins of dried onion (for green bean casserole)
 Cranberry (tin not fresh)
 Gravy
 Cans of compete pumpkin pie and matching 12oz
 cans evaporated milk
 Juice (not cranberry) in plastic bottles
 Boxed desserts
 Bags of stuffing
 Pie crusts mix (not refrigerated)
 Graham cracker crusts

AS ALWAYS Please continue to save your quarters for the Stocking Project. You can grab a container if you need one from the basket by the front church door or in Garland Hall. It's amazing how quickly they add up.

-Doreen Gould

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Lectionary Readings for Sundays in November: www.lectionarypage.net

Sunday, Nov. 7

All Saints' Day
 Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9
 Psalm 24
 Revelation 21:1-6a
 John 11:32-44

Sunday, Nov. 14

25th Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 28
 Daniel 12:1-3
 Psalm 16
 Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25
 Mark 13:1-8

Sunday, Nov. 21

Last Sunday after Pentecost: Christ the King
 Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
 Psalm 93
 Revelation 1:4b-8
 John 18:33-37

Sunday, Nov. 28

First Sunday of Advent
 Jeremiah 33:14-16
 Psalm 25:1-9
 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
 Luke 21:25-36



Christmas Flowers

The sign-up form for Poinsettias for Christmas will be located this year at the entrance of Trinity Church. Poinsettias are \$8.00 each.

The deadline to reserve flowers and for payment is **Sunday, December 5th**.

If you have any questions, please contact Melisa Eichmann, Flower Guild.

SAVE THE DATE!

The Right Reverend Sean Rowe will visit with the parish family on Thursday, December 2, for

Holy Eucharist and Confirmation
 at 5:30 in the evening.



“And from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the first-born of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood”

– Rev. 1:5

Christ the King Sunday

Birthdays in November

- 1 Stephanie Weatherlow
- 5 Paige Niedbalski
- 7 Amy Liener
- 8 Fred Liener
- 9 Sue Dilks
- 9 William Erick
- 10 Maureen Blackburn
- 13 Alice Jonus
- 14 Christopher Liener
- 15 Ann Sullivan
- 18 Carter Cruz
- 19 Peter Johnson
- 20 Abigail Sedlmayer-Rexford
- 25 Wade Weatherlow
- 25 Rod Geiben
- 26 Jocelyn Berner

Wedding Anniversaries in November

- 1 James and Emily Ivey
- 17 Jenn and Jake Wilkins
- 18 Alberto and Janeil Rey
- 22 Lauri and Wade Weatherlow
- 24 Linda and Michael Liener

In Memoriam

- 2 Mary Skrzypek
- 5 John Maier
- 7 Ann Manly
- 15 Dorothy Clark
- 21 Peggy J. Wallace
- 21 Aurel Ludlum
- 26 Barbara Bernhardt
- 26 John D. Gould
- 27 Elizabeth Keib

Trinity Tidings

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Sue Torrance, Jr. Warden

Janeil Rey

Lucille Bryant

Doreen Gould

Karin Wheelock

Jack Torrance

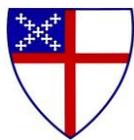
Virginia Becker, Treasurer

No *Worship Server* schedule for the month of November.

Service participants for Sunday services have been provided a schedule.

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