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Join St. Francis in Blessing the Animals

A Festival For Pets

October 3, 2021 1pm-3pm

Open to ALL Humans & Pets of ALL faiths!

Music! Food! Prizes!

In addition to a beautiful liturgy of blessing in honor of St. Francis, we will be celebrating the blessing animals give to us with various food and services available on site.

Confirmed attendees include:

Food Trucks: Chicago Hot Dogs, Bruster's Ice Cream, Let's Eat

Services: Second Chance Pet Adoptions, Oak Creek Animal Company (groomers), Livestock Conservancy, Mobile Vet/Acupuncture, Pooch Pad.

Register for prizes!

<http://form.jotform.com/212306482235954>

Who Am I? Why Am I Here

“The Diaconate just might be what saves the church in these times.’ These words came from a clergy colleague years ago. We were at a conference and the discussion topic was the changing church. Our focus had been primarily on the priesthood and the kind of leadership priests ought to have for these times. A thoughtful silence followed her words as the group reflected on this shift in perspective,” reflects Bishop Diana Akiyama of Oregon.



It might not be as dramatic as Bishop Akiyama makes the role of the deacon sound. But, the role of the deacon is important. The deacon brings to the table the voice of parties that might not ordinarily be heard in a parish discussion.

Hearing the other side is what a deacon is good at. People get lost in committee meetings and vestry meetings in a very well meaning way. The deacon is the balance that is needed as we serve God and our neighbor and must be heard if we are going to move forward as a parish family.

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry adds, “The deacon is at the intersection of world and church, if you will. Which is why the deacon reads the Gospel. I mean it’s not because it’s an honorific position. The deacon is reading the Gospel because it is the teachings and the life and the spirit of Jesus, who was God incarnate, who bridged Heaven and Earth.

You see what I mean? Who is our bridge to church, our faith in the world. And so the deacon is that person, at the intersection. That’s a unique charism and calling for the deacon. It’s not the same for priests. It’s different for a priest. It’s not the same for a bishop. Though, the irony is bishops and deacons have the most in common.”

The deacon is a voice from the edge in the middle of our servant ministry to the world.

Presiding Bishop Michael continued, “We need deacons who are really deacons, who are living at the crossroads, at the interface of world and church. I mean that’s why last night I talked about Francis of Assisi. People forget he was a deacon.

And his whole life was modeled after following the teachings of Jesus and trying to follow His footsteps. For deacons to be the main people who voice and live that witness, calling the whole church to follow the teachings of Jesus, and to walk in His footsteps, that is...the primal calling of the church. I mean, that’s what the Christian community is about.”

Francis’ life is something that every member of the Third Order tries to follow for the very reason Presiding Bishop Curry states. Presiding Bishop Michael spoke further, “I mean... we’re supposed to be followers of Jesus I thought. I could be wrong. So if that’s the case, the deacon is the primary witness to who we are to be as the baptized followers or disciples of Jesus.

That’s what the deacon is, which is what Francis of Assisi did. That’s exactly what Francis did. He

called the church from bishops being princes and princesses in royal purple, called us back to the holy poverty, to daring to take up the cross, and give up self, and follow Jesus. That's the Jesus movement, the deacon is the primary inviter to the Jesus movement."

As a parish, Trinity is called to take its place as part of that Jesus Movement, and the deacon is a servant leader in that call. Bishop Michael adds, "Let me tell you something that's a game changer. You're talking about a church that is serious. I mean that's my vision of the diaconate in the church. That it is the leaven that will leaven the whole lump.

It really will...The deacons are poised, it's like they've been pre-positioned by God, which I guess is the case, to do this. Because Francis, I mean I keep going back to Francis, but part of Francis of Assisi, he drove the church crazy, well drove bishops crazy because he was calling them to be what they were supposed to be in the first place. He was calling the whole church to do that and be that. Which is what a deacon is supposed to do.

Francis of Assisi became frustrated with a church that wasn't reaching out and teaching people about Jesus and about His life, and about His teachings. And he was frustrated with a church that wasn't, at least as consistently as it needed to, actually...walking in the footsteps of Jesus."

So we are called to go together, each fulfilling God's call to us as the future of the Episcopal Church in the Fuquay-Varina area of North Carolina. Bishop Diana concluded, "God is on the move, and deacons have a key role to play in helping us recognize where this holy presence is taking us in the church and in the world."

Deacon Bob Thomas, TSSF

Bishop Diana Akiyama (Oregon) 9/2021 "The Diaconate just might be what saves the church in these times."

Dani Gabriel 10/19/19 "Diakonia: Interview with Bishop Curry"



Grades 1 thru 6

Lessons are now available online at
<https://www.trinityfuquay.org/sunday-school>

Angier Food Pantry Needs:

Breakfast Cereal
Rice

Please drop off any donations at the church.

The Food Pantry is also looking for volunteers to collect, sort and pack food.

October Birthdays

10/7 Perry Cizek

10/8 Catherine Williams

10/24 Ernest Jackson

10/25 Julia Wingler

10/28 Charles Fischer

10/28 Martin Steel



If we missed your birthday or have the wrong date, please email srwarden@trinityfuquay.org

Let Us Pray For You.

Prayer is an integral part of our daily life. Your contemplations, concerns, thanksgivings, and celebrations can be daily prayers.

We know and trust that God hears all prayers: those that are spoken and those that are kept close to the heart.

Email your prayer request to:
prayerrequest@trinityfuquay.org

The Daughters of the King will lift up your requests in prayer for 30 days unless otherwise specified. All requests are confidential.

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



Sonnet Sequence with Todd Truffin



Malcolm Guite's *Parable and Paradox* offers up sonnets inspired by the sayings of Jesus. On the 20th Sunday after Pentecost, we will read the troubling passage where Jesus tells the rich young man to sell all he has in order to inherit eternal life. Guite's "Sell All You Have" voices the response many of us in the affluent West have when we read this passage.

Jesus's instruction seems radical to the extreme. Thus, our first response is understandably "I take it you're not saying this to me." How often do we read Christ's instructions and think "I'm no saint." We then go on to list various saints as if "saints" were some special species of human different from us. We conveniently forget the words of a favorite hymn that we'll likely sing the first Sunday in November, the hymn that tells us that "there's not any reason, no, not the least, why I shouldn't be one too" and that "the Saints of God are just folk like me."

So, what is it that makes it so hard for us to contemplate selling all we have? In solid sonnet fashion, after illustrating a problem, the sonnet elucidates an explanation. We have "bought...the whole consumer thing." We have "filled my life with all this stuff." You don't have to live in a mansion to have a life filled with stuff. It is a major challenge to resist the pull of the culture we live in that convinces us that our value is measured in the house you live in, the car you drive, the nest-egg you build up for the future.

This Gospel passage is troubling not just because it asks us to do a hard thing. It is troubling because it is hard to see the Good News. The rich young man was "shocked and went away grieving." Guite's sonnet ends in a similarly grieving mode. The repetition of the opening question emphasizes the disbelief that the person hearing Jesus's words feels.

Lest we fall to the despair of the rich man, we might look to the end of the passage. Jesus reiterates how hard it will be for the rich to enter heaven, and the disciples ask how it will be possible. Jesus responds "For mortals, it is impossible. but not for God; for God all things are possible."

Sell All You Have by Malcolm Guite

To whom, exactly, are you speaking, Lord?
I take it you're not saying this to me,
But just to this rich man, or to some saint
Like Francis, or to some community,
The Benedictines, maybe, their restraint
Sustains so much. But I can't bear this word!

I bought the deal, the whole consumer thing,
Signed up and filled my life with all this stuff,
And now you come, when I've got everything,
And tell me everything is not enough!
But that one thing I lack, I cannot get.
Sell everything I have? That's far too hard.

I can't just sell it all...at least not yet.
To whom, exactly, are you speaking, Lord?

Here's Your Chance to Provide Altar Flowers!

Now that some are meeting in person and others are worshipping online, the opportunity to dedicate flowers for the altar is open.

For those who wish to participate, please email **Annette Stowe (annette@annetestowe.com)** at least 2 weeks in advance.

In the email please include the desired date, name of donor(s), reason for dedication (in memory of . . . , in honor of . . . , in thanksgiving for , , . to the glory of God . . .etc) , and indicate who will be picking up the flowers after the Sunday service.

Then mail a check for \$25 to Trinity Episcopal Church and indicate "flowers" on the memo line. Please contact Annette to sign up or if there are any questions.



The Altar Guild Needs YOU.

In this month's newsletter Deacon Bob writes about the challenge churches in the diocese are facing getting volunteers to do the work done prior to the pandemic. You've also heard Mother Susan speak about the need for Altar Guild workers.

The Altar Guild keeps the sanctuary in a state of readiness for worship.

The activities are not hard; the reward is immeasurable; and the camaraderie can't be beat. There are many options to participate. Experienced Altar Guild members are ready to mentor one and all.

Please consider joining this vital ministry for our church. Contact **Edna Gaston (ladybug.gang@gmail.com)** for more information or to volunteer, . Can we count on YOU?



Let Us Know What's Happening

The Trinitarian is one way we communicate what's going on in our little patch of the Jesus Movement. You don't have to be an official leader of a Church Ministry to submit news to *The Trinitarian*. If God is doing something amazing in your corner of the world, we want to hear about it. If a member of your family is serving God outside the church walls, we want to hear about it. If you hear about an opportunity to minister to the community, we want to hear about it. If you are celebrating an important milestone or achievement...you guessed it, we want to hear about it.

Don't worry if you think your writing skills aren't "newsworthy," the editor will be happy to massage the knots out any tense prose.

Please email all news and articles to **Todd Truffin at tctruffin@gmail.com** (Pictures make the newsletter more interesting!) **The deadline for inclusion is the 20th of each month.**

Sunday Worship

Services are LIVEstreamed on our **YouTube** channel every Sunday Morning at 10:05am.

Subscribe to TECFV on YouTube. You can also view past services whenever you would like.

