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A WORD FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

As a congregation, we have achieved so much at Trinity Church just in the past few years. Everything we have achieved was due to the care and guidance of Mother Susan, and we are truly blessed to have her as a part of our church family.

Our achievements include:

- Becoming a parish
- Growth in our numbers
- Increased pledge income
- Increased Outreach funding and activity.
- We are more active than ever in our community



As we are all aware, Mother Susan is with us as an interim rector on a part-time basis, and the time has come for the wardens and vestry to implement a plan on moving forward with a permanent rector. Mother Susan will acknowledge that an interim can only take a church so far. With her unequivocal support, we are encouraged to plan to call a permanent rector. We believe that we want to continue with our progress as a Parish, and that we would challenge ourselves to call a full-time rector if the budget allows.

We are asking each of you to prayerfully think about what you would like to see happen. If we want to continue to grow and have a rector who is employed more than part-time, we have to own the responsibility ourselves to make that happen.

In a few weeks, you will be receiving a new pledge card for the coming year. Giving is part of our faith. We must consider how God has blessed us and how we wish to show our gratitude. Your wardens and vestry are asking that your wishes are reflected in the amount you pledge for 2021. We have come such a long way, especially in these difficult times. With your faithful commitment to Trinity, we hope to support a full-time rector and that is where everyone can play a part. This cannot be achieved by a few. Together we have proven that no challenge is too large. It will take a village!

We will all be so sorry to see Mother Susan leave us (to enjoy her retirement!) but it is mutually for the best. Let's always celebrate the blessing that is the Rev. Susan Keedy and show her how far she has brought us.

Save the Date! Tuesday, October 13 7:00-9:00pm

OneWake ONLINE Founding Assembly

Register at www.onewake.org/launch

Trinity's ONE Wake Core Team members are Mother Susan, Deacon Bob, Steve and Karen Teague, Monty Reichert, Edna Gaston, Catherine Rubin, Leeann Billington, and Bob Williams.

For the last few weeks, the Core Team have invested time and talent to build ONE Wake: an exciting new broad-based social justice organization composed of 42 religious and non-profit organizations across Wake County.

During the **Founding Assembly on Tuesday, October 13**, ONE Wake will:

- (1) Announce the results of an ambitious non-partisan effort to contact over 20,000 eligible voters for voter registration and assistance with absentee ballots;
- (2) Unveil its social justice action agenda on affordable housing, education, and jobs creation with input from over 3,300 Wake County residents;
- (3) Invite candidates and elected officials from every party and corporate leaders to work with ONE Wake and Trinity to address these important issues;
- (4) Kick off a non-partisan Get-Out-The-Vote Campaign to ensure that every registered voter in our community votes in the upcoming election.

ONE Wake hopes to see 2,000 people from ONE Wake institutions attend the Founding Assembly. Trinity has pledged to deliver 40 members.



Where Could One Wake Take Trinity? - Deacon Bob

**Join me in this prayer
by Fr. James Martin SJ,:**

Loving God,

Open our hearts to those most in need:

The unemployed parent worried about feeding his or her children.

The woman who is underpaid, harassed or abused.

The Black man or woman who fear for their lives.

The immigrant at the border, longing for safety.

The homeless person looking for a meal.

The LGBT teen who is bullied.

The unborn child in the womb.

The inmate on death row.

Help us to be a nation where every life is sacred,
all people are loved,
and all are welcome.

Amen.

It was so good to see members of our Wednesday Noon Bible Class back at our first couple of classes. We jumped back into the curriculum we established back before COVID-19 interrupted us. We're looking at the Women in the New Testament of the Bible. Of course, there was some discussion of other topics, like the new One Wake ministry.

I've heard it said many times around Trinity that we try to help, but what we do seems so small. I've heard others say that there's so much need, and we don't know where to start. And, I've heard that we are slowed or hampered in what we want to do to help because the town government doesn't see the problem and won't do anything.

Could One Wake be the answer to all those hesitations? One Wake asks the parish family members of Trinity to take the chance to join 39 other religious organizations who all see the same three issues in this area.

Whether it's low cost housing, job and work force development, or education issues, these religious organizations are banding together to do what Christ charged us to do: treat others as you would like to be treated.

It all begins with everyone exercising the right to vote. Everyone can do this. First, vote yourself. Then, help all your friends to vote. Check the NC voting information sites for when, where and what your options are for casting a ballot.

Once politicians see that surge at the election, they should begin to listen more closely to the voters' voices. One Wake teaches us what to say to keep them listening and how to get organized so that politicians will see that a number of voters recognize the same needs we do.

One Wake will also teach you what buzzwords will work to get others to join us as we push to work to reduce or eliminate some of these needs as we restore the dignity of those in need.

So, how do we get started?

First, check out the One Wake website. www.onewake.org There, you will see the hopes and dreams of others in Wake County as well as successes One Wake's partner organizations have already had. While you're there, register for the kick off meeting on Tuesday, October 13.

Then, attend the Zoom meeting on **Tuesday, October 13**. Listen to what the speakers say and the politicians pledge. Participate in the evening's events. Come back and talk to any of Trinity's core team members about how much or how little it takes to be involved. If you aren't sure who to talk to, Mother Susan, Karen Teague or Deacon Bob can point you to the other team members.

Trinity has pushed Outreach to the forefront of its ministries. It's now time to take a step in a new direction to make our donations and volunteering mean that much more by working to significantly reduce the problems we have donated so much to over the years to alleviate.

Let's put out the mat and welcome everyone to Fuquay-Varina by voting and seeing how working with One Wake can help us to solve some of the problems in and around Fuquay-Varina.

Deacon Bob, TSSF



4 WAYS TO GIVE



GIVING BY CHECK

Drop your check in the church mailbox or mail it to Trinity Episcopal, 1128 S Main St, Fuquay-Varina, NC 27526



ONLINE GIVING

This is the simplest and most secure way to give.
We process online transactions both through checking or savings accounts and through all major debit/credit cards.

CLICK TO GIVE ONLINE



MOBILE GIVING

Download the GivePlus mobile app from your app store, search 27526 and select Trinity. Click the donate button and register. Add checking or savings, debit or credit card.



TEXT GIVING

Text the dollar amount you wish to give, for example: 50, to 844-952-2166 and follow the prompts to enter a credit/debit card

STEP BY STEP HELP

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Sonnet Sequence

with Todd Truffin



Until I was in my 30s, I was fed a narrative that Christianity was unwelcome in American arts and that formal poetry was likewise despised. Then, I was introduced to the work of Mark Jarman, a Christian writing about Christian themes, writing sonnets...and getting published in the finest literary journals and winning prestigious awards and teaching at Vanderbilt University. To my delight, Jarman's work was also undergirded by a healthy dose of irony.

"Unholy Sonnet 1"

by Mark Jarman

Dear God, Our Heavenly Father, Gracious Lord,
Mother Love and Maker, Light Divine,
Atomic Fingertip, Cosmic Design,
First Letter of the Alphabet, Last Word,
Mutual Satisfaction, Cash Award,
Auditor Who Approves Our Bottom Line,
Examiner Who Says That We Are Fine,
Oasis That All Sands Are Running Toward.

I can say almost anything about you,
O Big Idea, and with each epithet,
Create new reasons to believe or doubt you,
Black Hole, White Hole, Presidential Jet.
But what's the anything I must leave out? You
Solve nothing but the problems that I set.

If you remember past *Sonnet Sequence* episodes, you might recognize that this is a classic Italian sonnet with its two-part structure. The first half of the poem is "simply" a list of names we might use for God. It is no ordinary list culled from Scripture; it is a list that "says something." Certainly, the first line comprises normal, mundane, regular names for God. The list then shifts into more "progressive" and abstract titles, some of which echo Biblical names—"First Letter of the Alphabet, Last Word" recalls the Alpha and the Omega. At that point, however, the list takes a turn. The poem shifts from Scriptural names of God to names of things that have become our gods in contemporary America: comfort, money, power.

After observing the shift in culture away from Our Heavenly Father and Mother Love and Maker to Our Bottom Line, the speaker examines the relationship between himself and these new names for new gods. The speaker uneasily recognizes the power of the Name-Giver to define the Name-Receiver as "with each epithet / [I] create new reasons to

believe or doubt you." How efficacious or comforting is a god over which you have the power to give names? The speaker concludes that these new gods can "solve nothing but the problems that I set" which implies that the Name-Giver can limit the god's scope.

What are we to do if we do not understand the true nature of the problems facing us? If a god can only solve the problems that we set for it, it has no power to heal wounds of which we are not aware or which we do not understand. There's the saying that if all you have is a hammer, everything looks like a nail. If our gods are comfort, money, and power, we will tend to see those things as the solutions to whatever ails us regardless of what the real solutions might be.

October Birthdays

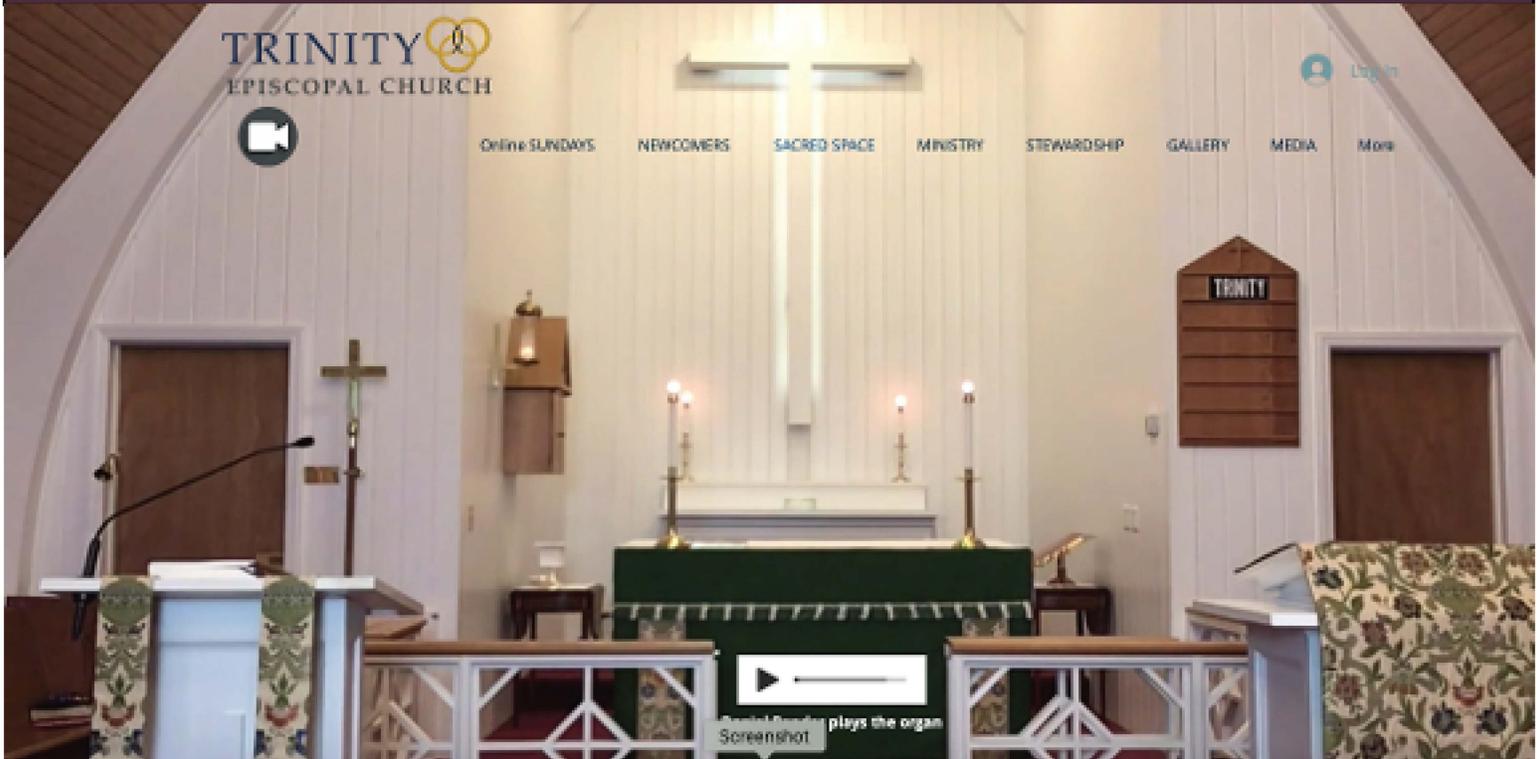
Happy Birthday to all!

- 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

SACRED SPACE



We hope you can take advantage of being at church on our "[Sacred Space](#)" page. This video of the space plays automatically when the page opens. To listen to our organist, Daniel Ponder, please click the play button and adjust your volume accordingly. There may be a slight delay on the music starting depending on your internet speed.

Updated Directory

To access the directory on the website, you must be a site member. Look for the "Log In" at the top right of the website, click and follow instructions to sign up.

Please note, access is restricted to known church members.

 Log In

RY MEDIA More



Grades 1 thru 6

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

Angier Food Pantry Needs:

**Breakfast Cereal
Crackers
Cookies
Rice**

Donations can be left on the back pews in the church - enter by the front door.

Need an entry code? email srwarden@trinityfuquay.org

Adult Bible Study is Happening!

Our in-person Noon Adult Bible Study Plus classes will continue every Wednesday. Before you come, please check your temperature. Stay home if your temperature is above normal for you or if you don't feel well.

Bring your chair, your mask, and your Bible. Wash or sanitize your hands at home and come to the church lot. We meet outside around the picnic table in the back of the church. Everyone will sign in and sit in a circle, staying 6 feet apart from anyone not from your own household. Everyone must wear a mask covering their nose and mouth.

We are continuing to look at the Women in the New Testament during the first half of class followed by a theological review of the next Sunday's Gospel. Please project so that everyone can hear. Simply raise your hand and if you need the speaker to speak louder and enunciate more.

As always, should there be a sudden change in the COVID-19 pandemic situation, we will wait on our Bishop's okay to return to class. Call Deacon Bob if you have any questions at 919-285-2338. Leave a message if no one picks up right away, and he will get back to you.



6 Session Offering for High School Youth

From the Absalom Jones Center in Atlanta, this curriculum is designed specifically for youth in Christian community. Participants must plan to be at all sessions.

Oct. 17	9:00am	In-person (GSO/HP Area)	Intro and Covenant/God, the Artist
Oct 19	7:00pm	Via Zoom	History of Racism in America
Oct 26	7:00pm	Via Zoom	White Privilege
Nov 02	7:00pm	Via Zoom	Internalized Oppression
Nov 07	10:00am	In-person (GSO/HP Area)	Repentance, Healing, and Reconciliation

For more info, visit www.episdionc.org/dismantling-racism-youth-edition/

We want to see your smiling faces!

Please upload a picture of yourselves in lockdown! We would like to publish your upload in Trinity publications and media, so please only upload if you are agreeable!. You can upload your picture by clicking on the Upload button or you can email a photo to susansteel1@gmail.com or text a photo to 919-675-2920....

