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Grateful & Hopeful

By Fr. Samuel Nsengiyumva



I write this reflection only a few days after my return from my native country of Rwanda, a few minutes following our January meeting, and a few days before our annual meeting. If you ask me how I feel about all this, I can only think of two words: grateful and hopeful.

I am grateful to God for a wonderful trip where I was able to spend time with my mother and all my living siblings, cousins, nieces, nephews, and numerous other relatives and friends. The trip was so successful that almost everything went according to plan. Most importantly, I am grateful to be back safely and ready to continue the work God has called us to do together.

At tonight's Vestry meeting, we reflected on the shared blessings of the past year. I am grateful for the privilege and honor of serving alongside such a dedicated group of leaders whose only goal has been to discern and to do God's will for our church and community. I am grateful for the unity of purpose so manifest in our engagements as Vestry leaders. Beyond the Vestry, I am grateful for the faithfulness of so many of you who have supported us with your time, talent, and treasure. To God be the glory!



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As we move forward into the future, I am hopeful that the same God who has sustained us through the past year, will carry us through this year. I am particularly hopeful about the opportunities we have to continue making Holy Trinity a warm, welcoming, and Christ-centered community for all people to belong, blossom, and bless.

It is my hope and prayer that each one of us will remain faithful to the mission God has called us in this place. With each one's prayer, participation, and patience, I have every confidence that we will not just survive but thrive in 2023. (Philippians 1:6).

2023 Annual Parish Meeting

In accordance with our by-laws the 2023 Annual Parish Meeting will be held on **Sunday January 29, 2023** following a combined worship service to be held at 9:30. We will elect 3 Vestry members to succeed those who have faithfully completed their 3-year terms. We will also elect one person to serve 1 year of an unexpired term.

The meeting is open to all active participants in the life and mission of Holy Trinity but only **Voting Members** will be eligible to vote or be considered for elective office. A voting member is:

- A confirmed (received) Episcopalian and recorded as such in the Parish Register. Confirmed Episcopalians who have not yet transferred their membership from their previous parish are not be eligible to vote until they do so.
- A confirmed Episcopalian 16 years and older
- A confirmed Episcopalian who for the previous year has been faithful in corporate worship, unless for good cause prevented, and is faithful in working, praying, giving for the spread of God's Kingdom at Holy Trinity and beyond.

If you are not sure about your status, please contact the rector.

Ministry Reports

We will also receive reports from the Rector, the Wardens, the Treasurer, and Ministry Team Leaders. The Treasurer will also present the **2023 Budget** as passed by the Vestry. Those concerned should submit their reports to the Parish Administrator as soon as possible.

Sr. Warden's Report

I want to start by thanking God for the safe return of Fr. Samuel and Rose from their well-deserved family holiday. They were missed, and I was very happy to report all was well at Holy Trinity.

We are starting this New Year on some very good footing. Our budget for 2022 finished in the black. We have very good stewardship, on the part of the vestry and Fr. Samuel, to thank for that. We will be getting a new roof – cost is covered by insurance. We have been blessed with 21 new members to our "Family". Our school has received some very much needed exterior improvements.

The end of the month we will have our Yearly Meeting and will vote in some new members to the vestry. The sad part is losing the members that have served us so well the past couple of years. Mark Welton, with the Finance Committee, spearheaded the Heritage Planned Giving Program. With this program, Holy Trinity's Financial future should be secure. Liz Mustin's I.W.C. Committee has done a wonderful job of welcoming new members and making them feel part of the "Family". They follow up church visits and have a New Comers Dinner to introduce them to Holy Trinity and its many ministries. She has also helped to expand the Christian Education Program. Randy Siver's contributions to Holy Trinity are endless. All one has to do is look around to see all he has done. Randy, and his team, have kept the grounds in wonderful shape. They have painted the exteriors, Church and School, giving it that fresh look. The maintenance of the interiors of the buildings, is endless. Though these people will no longer be on the Vestry, I know their contributions will continue.

I hope everyone looks at the many ministries we offer, and considers being a part of the work we do. We are looking to expand our social activities this year. This is evident with the restoration of The Ladies Group. They have already had 2 social events that were very well attended. The Men's Group have brought back Pancake Sunday. These groups can always use some new recruits. We are hoping to have some events to include the "neighbors". We are looking forward to this New Year and all its possibilities along with all of you.
Doris Brennan, Senior Warden.

Treasurer's Summary Report

December 2022

Contributions	Actual	Budget
Pledges	\$38,468	\$21,527
Other Income	<u>\$ 880</u>	<u>\$ 4,459</u>
Total	\$39,348	\$25,986
Expenses	\$26,915	\$25,986

All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee. *1 Chronicles 29:14*

November 2022

Russ Casson, Treasurer

School Board Report



ESPORTS LEAGUE AT HTES

Justin McCallister, Head of School at Holy Trinity Episcopal School, has announced that our students will soon be competing in an ESports League. ESports, short for Electronic Sports, is a competition using various video games. Though these types of competitions have

been occurring nationally and internationally for several decades, this league is new for the state of Florida and HTES. All Florida schools, public and private, have been invited to participate in the new league, and our students are anxious to join.

Students will compete against other schools within the Orange County District, both as individuals and teams. Thus far approximately 20 middle and high school students have shown an interest in being part of the HTES team. After school practice will begin next week, with actual competition beginning in the spring. As with all team sports, students compete within their district and can eventually vie for the state championship.

Our team will initially use borrowed equipment (gaming specific monitors and PC's, and game consoles) for their practice sessions, but will soon need to purchase equipment for competitions. Mr. McCallister estimates that the initial cost of equipment will be \$2,000, with additional funds needed as the number of competitors grows and they advance in competitions.

This team is a first for HTES, as it allows our students to participate in extracurricular activities and compete against other schools in our area. More importantly it provides an opportunity to foster school spirit and develop team building skills. We wish our team well and look forward to hearing of their successes.

Laura Bustin



Dear Holy Trinity Service Team,

On the following dates our kettle shift raised the following for The Salvation Army programs and services.

On 11/25/2022, - \$552.65 .

On 11/26/2022, - \$412.92

On 12/16/2022, - \$409.64

On 12/17/2022, - \$690.01

For a grand total of **\$2065.22**

Every dollar you helped collect will fuel critical services for individuals and families in need through assistance programs, disaster relief efforts and so much more. Visit salvationarmyleesburg.org to read about the help available in your community.

We hope you'll consider signing up next year and share the joy of bell ringing with family and friends who are looking for ways to serve their communities!

Thank you for Doing the Most Good.

Merry Christmas and God bless you,

Major Marie Harris

Director of Volunteer Services
The Salvation Army

HTEC Top Church Group Bell Ringers for 2022

At the Salvation Army Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon, Thursday, January 19, 2023 more than 250 volunteers join together at the Salvation Army post in Leesburg to be honored for the time and service they have given in 2022. Of the various teams that volunteer to be Bell Ringers, Holy Trinity was recognized and awarded a plaque by the Salvation Army Volunteer Coordinator, Major Marie Harris for being the *Top Church Group Bell Ringers* for 2022, raising a total of \$2,065.22 in support of our partners in faith, the Salvation Army.

HTEC Top Church Group Bell Ringers for 2022

Standing in for the Rev. Samuel Nsengiyumva, a representative of the Holy Trinity Men's Group, Jim Kelly accepts the award for Holy Trinity Episcopal Church and School.

See pictures in back.



We got froze out in January boys and girls, but we will be back on the course at Pennbrooke Fairways in February – on Saturday the 11th. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. If for any reason you cannot get to the Parish Hall to sign-up, but wish to play, simply send me an e-mail at pmclaugh7@gmail.com and let me know – I will take care of it. Hopefully we will have much better weather for February's event. See you on the course and in Church on Sunday.

In Christ's Name

Your Golf Guy

Pat McLaughlin

We're starting the new year for the Holy Trinity School Golf Benefit.

The 2023 date has been selected as October 21, with a later tee time of 1:00PM, for the benefit of those of us who don't wake up with the chickens. Put it on your calendar now.

We want an early start on signing up players and sponsors for this year. The early start is needed to ensure that we match our great success of 2022. Our kids need you.

So, talk to anyone who plays golf or does business in our area. More information will be coming in the next newsletter, bulletins, and social media.

Some thoughts are being discussed for other fund raisers during the year too.

Peace

Judy and Gregg Monin

MoninJudy@gmail.com and
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Vulnerable

There he lay in glory,
A baby instead of a King,
The baa's and neighs of animals,
No mighty bells to ring.
Of castles, armies, and riches,
He cared nothing of,
But to live life vulnerable,
Was to live his life with love.
The Christ, born of a virgin,
An epiphany of good news,
The author of my life,
My deliverer without dues.

Ron Whetsell
January 8, 2023

PASTORAL CARE

**For pastoral care
we welcome you to contact:**

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or call the church office Monday
through Thursday during office
hours.

Please continue to phone or email
your prayer requests to 352-787-
1500 or office@holytrinityfp.com



Although it is not unusual for Central Florida to experience hurricanes in the late summer and early fall, winter weather fronts can produce storms with tornadoes. In February, 2007, a tornado struck the Fruitland Park area resulting in a lot of property damage and the death of teenager Brittany May.

The May family suffered financially and was not able to afford the cost of a funeral or Cemetery plot. Even though the family was not a member, Meg Ingalls, the Rector of Holy Trinity, offered the services of the Church and donated the plot in the Northeast corner of our Cemetery.

Next month: What was the May Festival?

Russ Casson

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:15 p.m. Holy Eucharist –
Rite 2 (*with no music*)

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist Rite 1
(*with no music*)

10:30 a.m.– Holy Eucharist Rite 2
(*with Organ Music*)
(*Live-streamed on Facebook*)

Wednesday 11:30 a.m. - Healing Service
*with Communion (Live-streamed on
Facebook)*

Happy
Anniversary

Happy
Birthday

Jim & Jane Kelly
Raymond & Sophie Vallee
John & Mary Jo Neidow
Ed & Ann Hankwitz
Randy & Debbie Siver
Wanda May
Walt & Glenda Albers

Russell Casson
Kathy Jones
Wanda May
Jack Koller
Jeanette Rodenbaugh
Mary Ann Boggia
Bonnie Hultin
Gary Sarto
Judy Gygi
Mark Welton
Ed Hankwich
John Neidow
Val Tuller
Nancy Lee Schnepfe
Raymond Vallee
Dottie Noble
Janice Gordon-Barnes
John Turner
Montana Alger
Jeanne Nicolosi
Thomas Synan

UPCOMING EVENTS

MONTHLY HOT PANCAKE BREAKFAST:

NO BREAKFAST THIS MONTH.

Join us the last weekend of the month for the monthly hot breakfast in the Parish Hall served by our Holy Trinity Men's group, from 9:00am – 10:30am. We will be serving pancakes, sausages, eggs, coffee, juices, etc. Volunteers are needed for this important ministry.

Christmas Decorations – January Birthdays



Bell Ringers for the Salvation Army Award Presentation





**Award Presentation Dinner
For the Holy Trinity Bell Ringers**

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Sunday 8:00am (Sanctuary)

Sunday 10:30am (Sanctuary)

Wednesday Healing 11:30am (Chapel)

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