

RECTOR'S COLUMN

The Lord spoke to Moses on Mount Sinai, saying: Speak to the people of Israel and say to them: When you enter the land that I am giving you, the land shall observe a sabbath for the Lord. For six years you shall sow your field, and for six years you shall prune your vineyard, and gather in their yield; but in the seventh year there shall be a sabbath of complete rest for the land, a sabbath for the Lord: you shall not sow your field or prune your vineyard. (Leviticus 25:1-4)

Dear Friends,

Soon after I arrived to serve as Trinity's rector in 2011, our leadership team worked with the Canon to the Ordinary to create a five-year plan with the Bishop's Office for gradually working our way up to once again paying our full diocesan assessment. We achieved that goal last year, paying our full assessment throughout 2017. This placed us in the desirable position of requesting forgiveness for all past unpaid diocesan assessment from 2010 to 2016. Trinity's total unpaid diocesan assessment over that period was \$134,691.00.

Changes to diocesan policy are such that, typically, congregations are expected to pay at least 10% of the unpaid prior years' assessments. However, in the case of Trinity, the diocesan Budget and Finance Committee, shared with the Diocesan Council that Trinity's case began before the Council changed its policies on unpaid assessments. Additionally, the Budget and Finance Committee and Diocesan Council were aware of the difficulties Trinity has endured (through no fault of its own) and applauded the dedication and commitments Trinity has made to return the parish to financial stability and paying its full diocesan assessment.

Though Trinity still has some decisions to make to assure a sustainable future over the long run, our efforts have been greatly relieved by the ultimate decision made by Diocesan Council during its meeting on April 26th to forgive 100% of Trinity's prior years of unpaid assessment. On behalf of the Trinity community, your leadership team has extended profound thanks to the Budget and Finance Committee, Diocesan Council and Bishop Rickel for their support over the past several years in working with us to achieve a significant financial goal.

Trinity has achieved this goal in the face of changing socio-economic pressures which the entire Episcopal Church and other mainline churches are currently facing. Therefore, now having achieved what might be considered a more "normal" state of usual concerns, Trinity is entering into a sabbatical year (beginning from this past Trinity Sunday until Trinity Sunday of 2019). Throughout the remainder of this fiscal year, a Stewardship and Sustainability Work Group will be working with The Rev. Eric Law, an Episcopal priest who is also the founding consultant of the Kaleidoscope Institute. Through the consultation process, Trinity's members will be provided resources and training to create a sustainable faith community ready to identify and meet the needs of the long term future. Trinity will engage an understanding of stewardship that is lived 365 days of the year and through a broadened understanding of what constitutes our many currencies as a community of faith. This is exciting work involving core values and the vision to which God calls us. In it, there is much potential for continuing to revitalize our traditional ministries and identifying new opportunities.

The members of the Stewardship and Sustainability Work Group includes: Gonzalo Canseco (Senior Warden), John Heberling, Andraya LaFredo, Katie Prettyman, Allen Hicks, and Pat McCollum-Stephen (Chair). Along with the Vestry, Officers and Business Group, the Stewardship and Sustainability Work Group will work with the Trinity community in the creation of our 2019 budget and related vision process that will more broadly inform Trinity's budget going forward over the next several years.

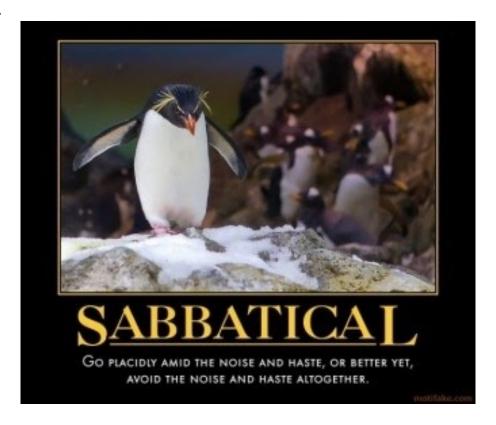
In keeping with the theme of Trinity's sabbatical year, "Stewardship and Sustainability: Year Round Investment in Our Holy Currencies," I will take my first ever sabbatical. From the beginning of August to the end of October of this year, I will do some personal study around the themes of sustainability and make some efforts to incorporate sustainability in my daily life and in the home that I share with a husband, two cats and two dogs. Also, because sabbaticals are intended to include rest and reconnection with family, my husband and I will travel to Poland to visit my brother, Don, who has emigrated there.

Additionally, my intention is to visit communities that are dedicated to sustainable living, domestically located in New England, Alaska and in the Navajoland Area Mission of The Episcopal Church. Over the month of June, I will provide more information and answer any questions about my part of the sabbatical and plans for meeting Trinity's needs during the time I am away. You will be well cared for, and I am confident that you will be in very competent hands of our very dedicated and skilled lay leadership.

I hope that each of you will join me in engaging the gift of this Trinity sabbatical year. It is a time of discernment and reflection about what sustainable stewardship will look like for Trinity over the coming years. It is not a time of fret and worry but a time of deep communal prayer, listening, and centering ourselves in the heart of Christ. The Diocesan Council has granted fiscal forgiveness of unpaid debt, but only God can grant us the grace to enter into deeper relationship with Christ and with one another. We must be one another's keeper, inspiring each other to imagine and believe what all is possible for Trinity and will yet be fulfilled by the God who has promised to make all things new.

In Christ's Peace, let us rest together a while,

Pastor Rachel+



Our Core Values

(Vestry Retreat 2016)





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<u>Sunday</u>

8:00 AM

Holy Eucharist Rite I
With Cantor

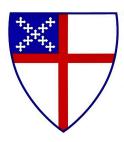
10:00 AM

Holy Eucharist Rite II With the Trinity Choir

10:00 AM Sunday School

Nursery Available at 8:45 AM





FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

These past few weeks have been a blessing to our parish in terms of financial news.

<u>First</u> we had a wonderful Latin Nights Dinner & Auction Gala on May 19th, where our congregation came together to enjoy a fun night of music, food, and many auction events. Final numbers in terms of expenses are being tallied for the event but we know that our total fundraising effort brought just over <u>\$11,000</u>. This is excellent news to help us re-pay our endowment loan.

The event was one that could have not been possible without the effort and dedication from many people in our congregation, so I want to take some time to recognize them: Carol Bartley, for being the committee lead and engine behind the full effort to a successful event; Janet Kowaslki and Christopher Jennings for being part of the organizing committee; Christopher Jennings for also being our lead person in getting the event tickets and coordinating the ticket sales effort; Kelly DiCicco for helping keep track of the auction box around the office and charging the electronics during the week days; Jason Grace for spending the entire night of the event serving as a cashier; Julia VanderVegt for also being a cashier and meticulously entering all the auction sales into our master tracking; our Trinity youth Group lead by Darcy Canseco for creating all the decorations for the event; Andraya LaFredo, Alex Moser and David Spring for joining Darcy Canseco and her dad Jamie Hume in helping put up all the decorations the day of the event; Dustin Rampley for buying all of the beverages and then together with Christopher Jennings running the bar all night; Charlene Rawson, Linda Dixon, Deb Holmes, Jerry Carson for getting the wonderful food bought, prepared cooked and served; Morgan Crosby for also helping serve the food; Eileen Bernat for coordinating all the hors d'oeuvres; Andraya Lafredo, Alex Moser, Jeffrey Wheeler and Anna Wheeler for their help bussing the tables; Melody Oxley for organizing yet another wonderful dessert dash, which brought over \$900 in donations; The Cherry Street Brass (aka Tijuana Blast) Band for providing a wonderful evening of classic tunes; Darcy Canseco for being our MC for the night; Ben Baird, Diana Baird, and Dough Lathom for their cleanup efforts in the kitchen; Dianne McCormack for so diligently keeping track of the sales, via cash, checks and electronic transactions; and last but not least to everyone who donated items for the auction and everyone who attended the event. And speaking of donated items, a special thanks goes to our own Pastor Rachel, whose two live auction items allowed us to bring close to \$3,000 alone! I sincerely apologize if I forgot someone in this list; everyone who put a little bit of effort into the event played a big role and helped us be successful.

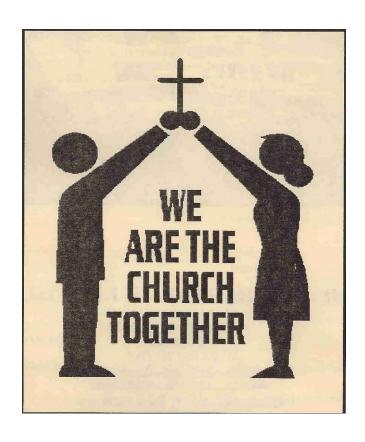


The <u>second</u> set of wonderful news was shared with the congregation during Trinity Sunday. We learned that the Diocese of Olympia after many years of working together with our parish, vestry teams, and Pastor Rachel has agreed to forgive 100% of our unpaid assessment going back to 2010; this forgiveness amounts to \$134,691.00. Part of the reason that allowed the diocese to forgive this unpaid assessment was that as of last year, our parish is in good standing paying full assessment.

The efforts that have brought us here involve various vestry groups, business committee members, and treasurers over the past 7 years. However, the one constant that was always been there guiding us, leading us, and having the most difficult discussions with the diocese was Pastor Rachel. She deserves all the credit and thanks for having reached this successful milestone.

We all know it has been a challenging time and very difficult for our parish to get back to a position of paying full assessment and trying to stay sustainable. We know we have a very challenging remainder of 2018 and being able to carry a balanced budget into 2019. However, the events of these past few weeks with the successful fundraiser and the forgiveness of our diocesan debts, reinforces the belief that where there is faith and a will to succeed, God will always provide a path. It is now up to us to continue to believe, have faith, and become active members of stewardship in our parish as we walk through the remainder of this challenging year <u>together</u>.

Blessings to all, Gonzalo Canseco



FROM THE JUNIOR WARDEN

Dear Trinity Episcopal Family,

The beautiful summer season is almost upon us, remember your sunscreen. :) Thank you to everyone that gave a helping hand in this last month, we were an active parish. It's our parishioners that make Trinity a welcoming spiritual home to so many in our community. To all those that helped with the Auction, the Bishop's visit and those that came to *both* Saturday work parties, thank you! I have two updates I am excited to share with you all:

- 1. Leaky Roof: As some of you have noticed there is a leak in the roof and comes out in the coat corner of the Narthex. The original-existing roof is beyond its expiration date by 10 years or so. The Vestry graciously approved, at the May Vestry meeting, the installment of a new roof for over the Narthex and Administrative Office wing. Thanks, be to God, for our generous parishioners, community contacts, and our leadership's hand in getting us a new roof! The planning & logistics have mostly been completed and construction should begin shortly. Let us pray for the continued beautiful weather through the construction.
- 2. Vestry's Auction: The 'Latin Nights Gala Dinner & Auction' was fruitful, and the event itself was spectacular! This year's dinner was deliciously prepared thanks to the incomparable Charlene Rawson and the entire kitchen crew, from the veggie peelers, to the dishwashers, to the table servers. We are ecstatic to have a preliminary total of \$11,500, give or take, raised for the Endowment loan repayment. We will have an accurate grand total after the final accounting has occurred, but thus far we have gone above and beyond our expectation for this year's auction. THANK YOU!

Saturday Work Parties: Thank you to the generous folks that are dedicated to keeping our parish a beautiful temple for the community it serves. As the weather gets warmer the Building and Grounds team will have more projects to be completed and we are looking for some new helping hands to make that work easier to get completed. Trinity is a spiritual home to many, and like most homes, there is a lot of "housework" to be done. We meet at the church on the second Saturday from 9am-12pmish, there's donuts, fruit and coffee provided. Are you able to donate 3 hours once a month on a Saturday morning? If yes, see you Saturday, June 9th, 2018!

Yours in Service to Christ, ~Br. Chris

Brother Christopher D. Jennings, OSF, Junior Warden



TREASURER TIDBITS

It is hard to believe that it is June already and that summer is fast approaching. While many of us will be away enjoying time with family and friends, it is always important to remember that the daily expenses of running Trinity, the salaries of our staff and all our program expenses continue. They do not take a vacation and they remain steady throughout the summer months. My request of you is that you make a commitment to make your pledge steady through the summer months so that our cash flow remains good and we remain solvent.

I have not updated you on the "approved loan up to \$50,000 from the endowments" for a while. We are doing well. Thus far we have only taken \$18,333.34 (through June). This compares to a possible \$25,000 we would have been approved to take through the 6 month period. So, this is overall good news. My hope and prayer is that during the summer month, pledges keep coming in at their normal pace and that we get a few "special gifts" as I challenged each of us in the last Chimes. If all of us would give just 10% of what we were spending on ourselves, on our summer vacations, as a one-time thanksgiving to God, our summer cash flow and need to dip into the loan would be eliminated.

Many of you may remember the stewardship talk Julie Amdal gave several years ago where she first introduced the idea of a "gift in thanksgiving". Her talk changed my life and how I try to give. She talked about how each time she and Pat are blessed with a gift from God, that they try to give part of it back to God. In this remarkable case, you may recall that they paid off their mortgage. They then made one extra mortgage payment- but not to their lender- but to Trinity in thanksgiving to God for gift of being able to burn the paperwork from the bank. This talk moved me in ways that I can't put into word, but am trying to personally put into action. Sometimes I forget, but my pledge to you is to do better.

Would you join me this summer in finding a way to do better? To give a special gift back to God..... a thanksgiving for being able to afford that marvelous trip, a one-time tithe from a cash windfall from the sale of your home as you downsize, an extra few coins that put in a piggy bank each week that you save in lieu of having that extra Dairy Queen treat on a hot summer's day. My prayer is that you have a safe and wonderful summer. That you find in your heart way to continue to support Trinity, that you find that extra giving spirit in Thanksgiving to God.

Blessings to you over the summer.

In His service,

David



Music Program News

I just attended a festive choral evensong for Trinity Sunday at Epiphany Episcopal Church, in a well-to-do part of Seattle. The program was honoring the retiring organ professor, Dr. Carole Terry, Epiphany artist in residence, after decades at the U.W. School of Music, where I graduated. The evensong was wonderful, a combination of adult and a small children's group, patterned after English cathedrals. It was grand, nuanced, and extremely polished. They are fortunate: the choir at Epiphany has long had paid section leaders, and now has at about a dozen 'choral scholars' – professional singers who are able to support the capable volunteers and raise the entire group's performance level. Being a neighborhood parish helps, of course; their children's program has several levels and high expectations. All of this has contributed toward a vibrant parish community with wonderful hospitality, preaching, music, liturgy, and outreach to the community.

We at Trinity, Everett, don't have the same economic or geographical advantages that Epiphany, or other "neighborhood" parishes do, but we do have a tremendous, devoted community who come from near and far to support their parish family, in so many areas. Our own recent Trinity Sunday was a great example; the whole place 'hummed' with activity and loving care for days leading up to the day ending our 125th anniversary year, Confirmation, and Bishop's visit. We had quite a few cancel Memorial Day weekend plans in order to take part. One great example is that of the Zenie sisters: Elaine and Lilly were both acolytes, and sang in the Jr. Choir. They ended their family camping trip about 5:00am Sunday, to get on the road to get the girls to church on time for 8:00am rehearsal.

As for our choir, I am continually inspired by the kind of devotion that has folks coming back twice a week for almost 10 months of the year. Our bell choir doesn't perform every week, but they practice almost as frequently as the adult choir. Bell director Heidi has to juggle some heavy work and family demands to lead our group – and is deserving a lot of credit and appreciation. The junior choir kids (and their parents who help assure their appearance!) are great, devoted folks who juggle a lot. *They work hard*, and it shows.

I love to hear a choir. I love the humanity...to see the faces of real people devoting themselves to a piece of music. I like the teamwork. It makes me feel optimistic about the human race when I see them cooperating like that. — Paul McCartney

Our last **FULL CHOIR SUNDAY** will be **June 10**. I hope you will take a minute and thank a choir member for their tireless efforts to bring joy and beauty to our congregation. We don't have staff singers to boost the group, nor do we audition to screen out less desirable voices, but we have spirit. I am truly blessed to have such a group to share time and music with.

WOMEN'S CHOIR: Since the men did such a nice job for Mother's Day, the women of the choir will sing, **along with Jr. Choir**, for **Fathers' Day, June 17**.

Junior Choir will meet June 3 and June 10. We will practice for Fathers' Day and brainstorm for a fun summer activity.

Rehearsals for Women's Choir will be June 7 (8:00pm) and June 14 (7:15pm). Any other ladies who would like to join us just for Fathers' Day are welcome. Please contact me!

IDEAS? COMMENTS? Please contact

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TRINITY YOUTH GROUP

We had a great time with the Trinity Youth Group this past year! We kicked off the year with an overnight lock-in at the church with the Trinity Lutheran youth group, made meals together, played games, celebrated the seasons by decorating pumpkins, Christmas cards, Secret Santa, and Easter cards, and got involved in our communities by writing letters to our senators. Our youth also gave back to the church, helping to create decorations for our celebratory dinners and fundraisers and ran the TYG Café! This past week we wrapped up the school year by going to see the newest move in the Star War series, SOLO.

We wish all the TYG and their parents a fun, safe, and memorable summer break!!







But wait....there's more!

Stay tuned for upcoming summer events! We will be having 2-3 events over the summer for the Trinity Youth Group and will be sending out invitations as the dates are set, so please keep an eye out for details in your email, church bulletin, and Chimes!

Sincerely,

Alex, Andraya, Darcy, & Gonzalo – TYG "grown ups"

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Trinity Sunday School's Godly Play lessons will wrap up for the year on June 10. We are grateful for all our volunteer teachers, guest stars, children and their parents & grandparents for enriching our community.

We are saying goodbye to the wonderful Patrice O"Brien, who has brought loving structure and supported our transition to a volunteer led program. She and her husband, Patrick William O'Brien have transformed Merrick Hall with their kindness, talent and leadership.

We will return in September to start another year of lessons. We welcome all kiddos 3 and up who would like to participate in a gentle, loving introduction to the stories of the Bible taught in Godly Play.

With summer rapidly approaching, remember to check out the Camp Huston summer camp offerings: Huston.org for more information. Our church and the diocese offer partial scholarships for those interested; please contact Kristen or the administrative office here at Trinity for more information.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

The year is half way and the shawl ministry has knit and crocheted 114 prayer shawls and sent 39 of them to hospice. We also have completed 81 pocket prayer shawls and 16 Seafarer hats. The shawls are ready to be sent by anyone in the parish to give to someone in need of God's love with a shawl. Linda Bond is a good example of sharing the love of God with a shawls. She has given many shawls to her co-workers and families as they deal with illnesses and death in their families. You too, can make a difference in your work place.

Our meetings are in the guild room on the 1st Saturday of each month at 10 AM-11 AM, unless it falls on a holiday weekend. And then we meet on the 2nd Saturday of the month. The next meeting is scheduled for June 2nd. We hope to see you there. All are welcome to join in this ministry of love for our neighbors.





THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

Many thanks to everyone involved with our *Latin Nights:* a Dinner/Auction Gala. It was a lively, funfilled evening of delicious food, toe-tapping music, and auction bargains. In addition to having wonderful fellowship, we will clear around \$11,000 to begin repayment of the loan we took last year from our main endowment. Outstanding!

So, to all those who helped with planning; who donated auction items; who volunteered to set up, decorate, cook, serve, bus tables or clean up; who manned auction tables, served as emcee, and acted as cashiers; who bought raffle tickets; and who filled Rogers Hall with nearly 100 people on May 19th....we salute you!

The Dinner/Auction Committee: Carol Bartley, Gonzalo Canseco, Christopher Jennings, Janet Kowalski



food Pantry Items Needed

Items are needed for the Food Pantry that Kelly maintains in the Church Office.

When bringing items in please keep the following things in mind:

- please do not donate food that is expired
- all outdated and expired foods will be thrown out
- this is not the time to clean out your pantry
- Any opened food items will be thrown out



SUNDAY READINGS

June 3 Pent 2

Deuteronomy 5:12-15
Psalm 81:1-10
2 Corinthians 4:5-12
Mark 2:23-3:6

June 10 Pent 3

Genesis 3:8-15
Psalm 130
Corinthians 4:13-5:1
Mark 3:20-35

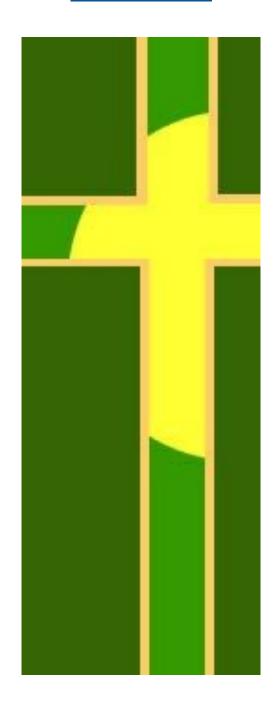


June 17 Pent 4

Ezekiel 17:22-24
Psalm 92:1-4,11-14
Corinthians 5:6-10,[11-13],14-17
Mark 4:26-34

June 24 Pent 5

Job 38:1-11
Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32
2 Corinthians 6:1-13
Mark 4:35-41



TRINITY VESTRY

Class of 2018

Carol Bartley

Gonzalo Canseco

Harry Stengele

Jeff Wheeler

Class of 2019

Eileen Bernat

Jason Grace

Nick Fuchs

Janet Kowalski

Class of 2020

Christopher Jennings

Doug Lathom

Andraya Moser

Julia Vandervegt

<u>Treasurer</u>

David Kosar

Clerk of the Vestry

Michelle Wheeler

Chancellor

Sarah Mack

2018 CONVENTION DELEGATES

Delegates

Ray Smith - 1 year

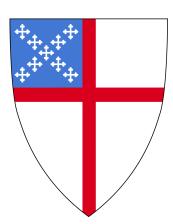
Bob Wheeler - 1 year

John Heberling - 2 years

Mary Heileson - 2 years

Alternate Delegates

Diana Baird (First Alternate)
Ben Baird (Second Alternate)
Gonzalo Canseco (Third Alternate)
Melody Oxley (Forth Alternate)





Leann Harrison Torgerson



BIRTHDAYS

Marjorie Bissell - 6/1 Duff Mason - 6/1 James Davis - 6/2 Virginia DeLisle – 6/4 Michelle Geonange - 6/4 Phil Lewis - 6/4 Lisa Wright – 6/4 Aileen Barker - 6/5 Christine Grace – 6/5 Margaret Kinns – 6/5 James Hansen - 6/8 Joshua Johnson - 6/13 Tiernan Baird – 6/14 Carol Bassett - 6/14 Mary Kay Lambert – 6/14 Nancy McDonnell – 6/15 Douglas Bell – 6/17 John Galt - 6/18 Kaye Smith – 6/19

Samantha Reed – 6/20
Barbara Greenleaf – 6/22
Jerry Carson – 6/23
Morgan Crosby - 6/24
Peter Dean – 6/24
Pat Grodt – 6/26
Anne Lambert – 6/27
Greg Youngstrom – 6/27
Caitlin Mack – 6/30
Hannah Mack – 6/30



ANNIVERSARIES

Donald & Rosemary Stapleton - 6/4
Myron & Jann Smith - 6/7
Norman & Christine Grace - 6/9
David Kosar & Kelly DiCicco - 6/9
Ryan & Christy Boyett - 6/12
Ted & Roxanne Olason - 6/16
Graham & Susan Anderson - 6/23
Michael & Stephanie Rothermel - 6/27
Robert & Deborah Moore - 6/28
James & Grace Hansen - 6/30



Our Parish Prayer List*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others:

Those who are ill or in need of prayer

Larry V., Blu T., Larry K., Charise L., Louis D., Kara D., John D., Lucille D., Maliki S., Moses S., Milani S., Silas D., Kayleen S., Buzz B., Kerry S., Billie C., Barb L., Mary B., Norma H., Doris Mc., Lisa B., Genevieve E., Elaine A., Adam A., Lil C., Lee G., Julie A., Jean M., Mary Margaret McS, Anne McS., Meghan McS., Colleen McS., Erin McS., Carole., Guillermo O., Brian T., Dee R., Melissa C., Brad R., Brian C., Joel D., Nate D., Ben D., Donna L. Paul L., Omar C., Brian T., Jann S., Jamie M., Casey C., Phillip N., Helmi H., Sharon S., Brett G., Laura O., Emily V., Vonnie E., Mary T., Mary U., Liz Mc., Steve Mc., Bill B.

For the victims and families of natural disasters around the world; for those who suffer from chronic illnesses; for those who are caregivers for their loved ones and others.

Our Parish Military List**

For those on deployment, in the military and their families:

Bryce Abbott - (nephew of Bonnie Wold)

Danielle Bevans - (granddaughter of Margaret Bevans)

Mark Bove Jr - (friend of Deborah & Harry Estep)

Tad Carson - (son of Jerry & Carolyn Carson)

Darius Crisp - (nephew of Kelly DiCicco & David Kosar)

Ryan French - (great nephew of Jenny Miller)

Chris Hogan - (son of Cindy Hogan)

Paul Jokiel - (cousin of Pastor Rachel)

John Snyder - (son of Stu & Ellie Snyder)

Mark Wold - (son of Bonnie Wold)

* If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, and would like to be included on the Parish Sick List, please contact the Parish Office to be included.

George - (friend of Janet & Jim Hallauer)

Chaplain Jim Lewis - (nephew of Fr Wayne & Marie Bond)

** If you or someone you know is in the Military, and would like to be included on the Parish Military List, please contact the Parish Office to be included.



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Trinity Website

