



# Lifeline

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## The Church of the Holy Trinity

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### A Message from Our Rector, Fr. Kevin M. Cross

#### The Christian Rubric

*“Jesus tells us things like: Love your enemies; Bless those who curse you; Do unto others as you would have them do unto you; As you did to the least of these who are members of my family you have done to me; Father, forgive; Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, all your strength. This is the first and great commandment and the second is like it. You shall love your neighbor as yourself. Jesus makes it abundantly clear that the way of unselfish, sacrificial love – love that seeks the good and the well-being of others as well as the self – that love is the rubric of the Christian life.” – The Most Rev. Michael Curry*

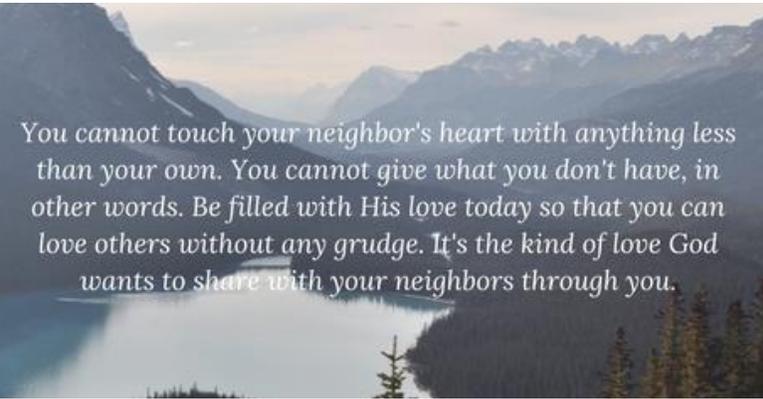
This quote is the introductory statement from a sermon Michael Curry delivered at the outset of the pandemic over one year ago. In the prayer book we follow various rubrics instructing us how to conduct our worship and prayer. I like how Michael has identified a rubric for everyday Christian life. I am sure you will agree this rubric has been put to the test to the extreme this past year. We have not only been called on but heard that caring for the other is essential for the life of all – including ourselves. This pandemic has vanquished the idea that we can live our lives on our own accord without giving thought to the other. This has always been true, but the reality was really driven home by this crisis. Our health has been at the mercy of the practices of others. If selfishness dictated the behavior of the world, we would not have achieved the fruits of success that are finally allowing us to emerge from the isolation and extreme health precautions necessitated by the pandemic.

However, I think the rubric of living a life that “seeks the good and well-being of others as well as the self” is even more of a challenge today. Many of us who have been vaccinated are enjoying the freedoms that come with that status. We wear our masks less frequently; we can shop without as much anxiety and most important of all we are able to begin reconnecting with family and friends. It is heady stuff, and the inclination is to now throw all caution to the wind since we are protected – a sense of invulnerability easily takes over our psyche. At church I have been asked why we still require some to wear masks, why I wear a mask at indoor services, why communion has not returned to normal. My best answer is that it is out of concern for others.

Recently the world has found out that the immune compromised among us have not been able to build up the antibodies from the vaccine. We also know that many have not yet been able to receive a vaccine. And the most vulnerable of all our children may not be able to be vaccinated until sometime this fall. These conditions challenge us to live by the Christian rubric. We say our church “is a house of God for all people.” All people, not just those who have achieved a degree of immunity. Therefore, I ask your patience with our transitioning back to what had been before. Many of our restrictions have been lifted or lessened but some will remain in place.

We have reserved a section at the back of the church for those who do not have immunity. That section requires wearing a mask and keeping a modicum of distance. Fortunately, our new air cleaning system has two returns near this section, so the air is quickly circulated through the filters and UV lighting to produce clean fresh air that flows through the church. Our communion practice will also remain the same for the time being. By the way, did you know that the hosts are consecrated by me and with gloved hands I place each host in an individual packet? I do this to protect your health. I also will continue to mask while inside as will Lisa, Cora, and Barbara, while indoors. We are doing everything we can to create an environment where all can feel safe coming to church to worship, pray and give thanks.

Jesus taught us “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” This is the second greatest commandment. It is our Christian commitment to treat others with love, care, and compassion. We need to take the same care of others as we did for ourselves before we were vaccinated. We are asked to do nothing less. This is a profoundly Christian rubric.



*You cannot touch your neighbor's heart with anything less than your own. You cannot give what you don't have, in other words. Be filled with His love today so that you can love others without any grudge. It's the kind of love God wants to share with your neighbors through you.*

Blessings, Fr. Kevin



## CHEERS and APPRECIATION

- Tremendous thanks to all of you who participated in our May “Gratitude” mission activity. You made over 110 individuals aware of your gratitude for helping us all get through the challenges of the past year. Recipients included our Town employees, Police, Fire & EMS, EMS, Post Office, Sanitation, Coast Guard, and town restaurants. They all played a critical role ensuring our safety and well-being. JOB WELL DONE! Thank you all.
- Much thanks to Josh and Will Schmidt and the Lunch Bunch crew for feeding and caring for the homebound in our communities by providing over 60 meals served with love..
- Thank you to our Altar and Flower Guilds for resuming their support and essential work for our resumed services. It is wonderful to be blessed by your ministries.
- Many thanks to Ellen and Gil Anderson and Elizabeth and Worth Hobbs for their devoted membership and leadership through the years. We wish you the best in your new homes.
- Thank you to Michelle Mactavish for her devotion, skill and countless hours of watering to take care of our grounds.
- Thank you to Cora, the choir, Mellissa Wise, Denise Nathanson and the Delmarva Trio for gracing our services with your gifts of inspiring music
- Thank you to the best Deacon in the world. Lisa you are always there for us with inspiring words and gentle care. We love you.
- Thank you for our new trees
  - The Clubb family for the elm tree in the rectory yard
  - Michelle, Cameron Mactavish and Dorothy Fenwick for the Sycamore tree in the front church yard
  - The Daughters of the King and Nancy Roberts for the Dogwood tree in front of the Chapel

Blessings. Fr. Kevin

## Connie's Corner



My goal is not to be better than anyone else, but to be better than I used to be. Wayne Dyer

Happiness is like a butterfly: the more you chase it, the more it will elude you, but if you turn your attention to other things, it will come and sit softly on your shoulder. Thoreau

Never give up on things that make you smile.

As we approach a day of glee  
 To celebrate Dad, as he created me  
 He had the help of our Holy Dad  
 Who gives life, love and to always be glad  
 He walks with us in this path of life  
 Sharing faith, trying for us to avoid strife  
 His arms are always stretched out  
 Always sharing love let there be no doubt  
 Always sharing love, let there be no doubt  
 So come together to shar all of our Dads love  
 Sent on wings of angels from above.

Written by Connie Greenhawk

## Fun in the Sun



If you would like to submit a favorite saying or thought, email to Connie at [office@holyytrinityoxfordmd.org](mailto:office@holyytrinityoxfordmd.org)

## Worship Services

We gratefully resumed in-person worship services on the second Sunday of Easter. Our services are offered with a number of options so that everyone can use one that meets their needs and concerns. We follow all CDC, Diocesan, and local guidelines in establishing our service protocols. The church and parish hall buildings are ventilated using state of art HVAC cleaning systems that use high level filtration and UV light treatment to sanitize the circulating air flow.

**Weekly Morning Prayer:** Tuesdays at 8:30 am. Broadcast only via Zoom.

## Sunday Holy Eucharist Celebration

**8:00 am Indoor Service\*:** Celebrate Holy Eucharist within the sacred sanctuary of our beautiful, historic church. This service is also broadcast via the Holy Trinity network.

**9:30 am Outdoor Service\*:** Join us for a wonderful service amidst the glory of God's creation on the Church front lawn. Please bring a lawn chair. Weather permitting. This service is also broadcast via Zoom.

**\*Please note: The first Sunday of every month we hold one combined service at 9:30 am on the front lawn of the church.**

To join any of our services by broadcast please go to our web page at [www.holytrinityoxfordmd.org](http://www.holytrinityoxfordmd.org) and click on the designated service button.

## Holy Trinity Milestones

### Burials :

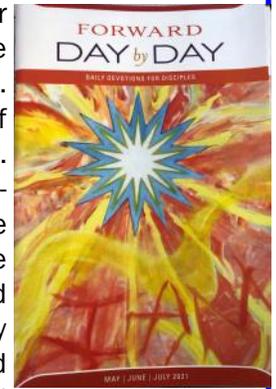
Carole Abruzzese

Mary & Clint Clubb

Dorothy Ghysels

## Forward Day by Day

Many of you enjoy starting your day with a meditation from the devotional Forward Day by Day. We have received our order of booklets for May/June/July. Since the parish hall is not accessible we have left copies on the table outside the entrance to the hall for you to pick up or we would be happy to send you a copy by mail. If inclement weather and you are planning to pick up, call the office and we will tape one on the Parish Hall door in an envelope with your name. If you would like to receive a copy, please call the parish office. This daily prayer resource is available in regular and large print.



## WOMAN ON A JOURNEY

Women on a Journey will take a break for the summer months – and resume meetings in September. Proposed for summer reading....

### MAKE YOUR BED

by Admiral William H. McRaven

When we get together in September we will discuss this book and "Little Things That Can Change Your Life.....and Maybe the World"

We will hope to have an impromptu summer gathering if possible.

Stay tuned for more exciting details and WOJ reading adventures!

For more information contact Beverly Rohman at 410-829-9561 or [beverlyrohman@gmail.com](mailto:beverlyrohman@gmail.com)



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## New Safety Protocols

In response to the improving status of the pandemic and after consultation with the revised recommendations of CDC, State, Diocese, and our own crisis advisory team we updated our current safety protocols. In the interest of creating a safe environment for all we are taking a slow, cautious approach to normalizing practices.

**Masks:** If you are unvaccinated you are asked to wear a mask indoors and outdoors. If you are vaccinated it is up to you whether you wish to wear one or not.

**Distancing:** It is still recommended that you not gather in large groups. Also, if you are unvaccinated, you should be more vigilant about maintaining distancing.

**At indoor services** we will continue to reserve the back right section for those who need or desire to remain masked and distanced.

**The Collection** will resume as we are able to rebuild the usher capacity to handle this task. Until then the current central collection at the entrance will be maintained.

**Service length** for indoor services and parish hall activities will, whenever possible, be limited to under one hour for the time being. There will obviously be some exceptions: for example, Lunch Bunch prep, Vestry meetings.... However, in these cases special attention should be paid to good ventilation and some distancing.

**Singing** will be allowed at outdoor services. However, indoors it will not yet be permitted in the interest of protecting those who are unvaccinated, children, and immune compromised individuals at the services or in the family of attendees.

**Communion:** the current practice of packaged distributed consecrated hosts will continue for the time being.

**Weddings, Funerals and Baptisms** will be permitted in church. However, we will not allow attendance over normal capacity (no added seating).

**Our Altar and Flower Guilds** will continue their current practices.

**The HVAC filtration system must be actively used at all indoor gatherings in the church or Parish Hall.**

**Parish Hall use** will be considered on a case by case. It is paramount that we always keep the vulnerable among us in mind with respect to safety practices. All activities must provide a safe space for unvaccinated, immune compromised, children, and those who are not comfortable yet with the eased requirements.



Love Heals. That is the underlying philosophy of Thistle Farms, an amazing organization that provides housing, healing, job opportunities and love to women who have been trafficked and abused. I recently had the wonderful opportunity to participate in their training in Nashville, TN, and to meet its founder, Becca Stevens. Becca is an Episcopal priest, author, and the chaplain at Vanderbilt University. There were 35 of us in the workshop, from 14 states. Thistle Farms is about to celebrate its 25th anniversary, so they have figured out a lot of things about how to empower these women to heal. And they are willing to share all of their knowledge, the successes and failures, with anyone who is called to do similar work. The need is everywhere, even here on the Eastern Shore. While it can seem like an overwhelming venture, hearing the stories from the women who have been touched by this work was incredibly inspiring, and made me feel that the impossible is necessary and doable. My heart was cracked wide open, and I am now a true believer that Love Heals. - Rev. Dr. Lisa Webb



## Mission

As announced in the May Lifeline, each month we will have a new mission activity to “show our faith by works”. In May you made, and we distributed Gratitude cards to all of the essential workers who have selflessly served us throughout the pandemic. Thank you!



## June Mission Activity – Care Packs of Talbot County

*“When people were hungry, Jesus didn’t say, “Now is that political, or social?” He said, “I feed you.” Because the good news to a hungry person is bread.” Desmond Tutu*

This month we turn our service toward the children throughout Talbot County who experience food insecurity. Almost half the students in Talbot County receive food assistance at school and many of their families do not have sufficient food to provide them meals on the weekends. We can help ensure no child goes hungry through collecting donations of food items for **Care Packs of Talbot County**. We have supported the **Care Pack** program for years. Each Friday, hungry students will receive care packs filled with food to help them get through the weekends.

See the flyer below for the list of desired items. We will collect these items from June 1st through June 13<sup>th</sup>. You may drop off your donations at our Sunday services on June 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> or on a week-day. A “grocery” cart will be in place outside the parish hall doors to receive the items. If you have any questions, please call the office, 410-226-5134.

*“And if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday.” – Isaiah 58:10*

## THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING CAREPACKS

**The percentage of families experiencing food insecurity is on the rise. Hungry students can't learn. Nearly half of all Talbot County Public School students receive free breakfast and lunch at school, and for many of them there is a nutritional gap on the weekends.**

### OUR MISSION

**...is to end weekend hunger among our most vulnerable students. We provide 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 snacks and fresh fruit every Friday afternoon to identified children.**

**In partnership with the Maryland Food Bank, CarePacks serves students in all Talbot County Public Schools.**

### LEARN MORE

**Be sure to “like” us on Facebook for updates and volunteer information. To volunteer, donate or receive more information, e-mail us at [carepackstc@gmail.com](mailto:carepackstc@gmail.com)**



MARYLAND  
FOOD BANK



### MOST NEEDED ITEMS

Food donations are always welcome. We suggest the following:

Oatmeal packets  
Fruit Cups  
Applesauce cups  
Filled crackers  
Toaster pastries  
Granola bars  
Breakfast bars  
Canned tuna  
Canned pasta  
Soups

Single serve packages of:

- Goldfish
- Trail mix
- Fruit snacks
- Cereal
- Peanuts
- Mac and cheese
- Pretzels

**Fr. Kevin - Vacation**

Fr. Kevin will be on vacation June 15–30. If you need assistance, please call the church at 41-226-5134.

**Looking Ahead**

**June 20th 8:00 & 9:30 am Services** Rev. Dr. Lisa Webb will preside at our services this morning celebrating the Deacon’s Mass. A Deacon’s Mass is a communion service led by a deacon. After the liturgy of the word, the deacon administers communion to a congregation from the reserved sacrament.

**June 27th 8:00 & 9:30 am Holy Eucharist Services** The Rt Rev. Bud Shand will be back with us to celebrate our Holy Eucharist services with the assistance of Rev. Dr. Lisa Webb.

The next Lifeline will be a combined July/August issue. Looking further ahead, these are a few Save the Date notices.



**Pentecost Sunday**



**Independence Day Service July 4th 9:30 am. Holy Eucharist Service.** We will come together for one service on this day to thank God for our blessings. Our celebration will be enhanced by American hymns and music by Cora with Delmarva Trio & Wendell Banyay, Trumpet.



**Shepherd Songs – July 14th at 5 pm** An evening of meditation with spoken word and music structured around the Psalm 23, the psalm of The Good Shepherd. Come for a calming, meditative evening of music and verse held in our beautiful outdoor Columbarium on the shore of the Tred Avon river. Musicians, Dr Cora Bruner, pianist, and Denise Nathanson, cellist, will play 12 short pieces inspired by the verses of Psalm 23. This promises to be a memorable, inspiring evening.



**August 8 Ice Cream Sunday 9:30 am Holy Eucharist Service** After a year without, our summer tradition is back. After our combined service this morning we will be treated to one of Summer’s delights: ice cream from The Scottish Highland Creamery!



**Soupmeisters at Work for Lunch Bunch**



### June Service Musicians

June 20th 9:30 a.m. Michelle Webb, Clarinet and Wendell Banyay, Trumpet

June 27th 9:30 a.m. Melissa Wise, Soprano and The Holy Trinity Choir

July 4th 9:30 a.m. Delmarva Trio with Wendell Banyay, Trumpet

### Summer Choir

A dedicated group of parishioners gather together Friday mornings at 10 a.m. to sing together. We would love to have you join us for one week, or as long as you would like this summer. No experience needed!

### Summer Music Guest

Did you hear some beautiful piano music flowing out of the Parish Hall recently? Ieva Jokubaviciute, internationally renown concert pianist, was visiting the beginning of June, performing with the Chesapeake Chamber Music Festival. Al and Eleanor Smith hosted Ieva, her mother, and daughter for the week. We always look forward to Ieva's visit. It is a wonderful opportunity to extend Holy Trinity hospitality through the use of our buildings and instruments to Ieva. Your welcoming spirit and friendship is cherished by this family. Thank you.



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### We Wish The Anderson's Well as They Move



### 2021 Annual Hat Sunday 9:30 am service

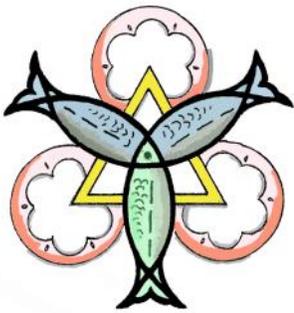
In 2011 we had so much fun wearing our millinery in celebration of the Royal Wedding that we decided to have a Hat Sunday each year just for fun! We encourage you to wear a hat for fun, for fashion, and to recognize the British roots of our church. For inspiration look to Queen Elizabeth II, who always seen in a beautiful, color coordinated hat. We encourage you to wear a hat, fascinator, or other divine head dress. This is for you guys too - let's see some classic bowlers, straw hats, and top hats this year.





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## The Church of the Holy Trinity



## Lifeline



### MISSION

The Church of The Holy Trinity, an Episcopal Parish in Oxford, Maryland: a caring Christian community dedicated to growing in God's love through worship, study, service and fellowship.

### Who We Are

We are a small parish with a big heart comprised of committed people willingly sharing their talents to help those in need.

We are all seekers on a spiritual journey; encouraging of others also on the journey, and non-judgmental of where one might be on that journey.

## Happy Father's Day

