



## TRINITY PARISH

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March 25, 2020

Dear Beloved in Christ,

In our prayers today we remember the annunciation to Mary by the Ángel Gabriel. This strange announcement of God's next move in the unfolding of salvation reminds us that God is always doing a new thing and hope springs eternal. As I stated last week, I will be sending out updates as to what is going on within our parish. I want to thank the staff who are stretching themselves to work in new ways. Many of us are working from home. We are still available to you. Call, email or text.

I hope you are taking advantage of our Facebook live-streaming (Sundays: 9:30 am Morning Prayer & noon Eucharist in Spanish), Compline every evening at 7 pm. Some have asked why Morning Prayer and not the Eucharist at 9:30 am. My reasoning goes in a couple of directions. The bishop is offering Eucharist at 11 am. In this time of crisis, I felt it was important to rally to the symbol of our unity and to hear from the chief pastor (the Bishop). I also wanted to be able to have Charles, Terry, Jim and me present with you on Sundays. Morning Prayer seemed a wonderful way to do this. It was the principle way in which the Episcopal Church gathered in prayer for much of our history. Reacquainting ourselves with this service seemed to me a wonderful gift amidst these turbulent times. Some have asked what vestments Charles and I are wearing. We have on a black cassock and a white surplice. That should remind many from the 10:30 service of the vestments that the choir wears during Lent. In addition, we have a black scarf called a Tippet. The color is always black. It does not change with the seasons like the altar hangings do. To cap it off we are each wearing

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our Master's academic hood. They are different because mine is in the style called Warham Guild. It is an actual hood that I could fold up over my head (if the bats were to fly, for instance). If the bishop changes his offerings, we may change our offerings. However, we will keep the same times 9:30 am and 12:00 pm.

The vestry has been reaching out to parishioners in a phone tree kind of way. We want to be able to check in on each other. Share concerns or resources with each other. If you have not been contacted by a member of the vestry, please send your phone number to the office ([office@trinityparishde.org](mailto:office@trinityparishde.org)). We might not have it on file. In the weeks to come, we will continue this practice. We also may use these check-ins to confirm our contact information with you. We would love to make certain that we have your birthdays and anniversary dates correct so that we can pray for you as a community.

The vestry is striving to be good stewards of our financial resources as well. We have projected out our current income and expenses. Please see the graphic below. You can see from it that we should be able to get to June before we would need to draw from our Master Fund A accounts. A few items to note: 1. There many ways to contribute to Trinity (check, Vanco on-line, stocks, bonds). We are grateful for all of your support and can work with you if you need to use a means of giving that you are unfamiliar with using. 2. We have not heard from our renter at the Christiana Community Building that she is stopping her business. We are hopeful that she can continue. 3. We have heard from Colonial Parking who rents our 11th street lot that they have started the 90 day countdown to ending their lease with them. We are in negotiations with them about perhaps suspending and not ending that lease (that is non-lawyer language). 4. The Church Pension Group has a program to waive two months worth of payments to the clergies pension. They have other funds they can use to make those payments. (For more details call Patty) 5. The Diocese is working on ways to assist parishes with cash flow over the next few months. That is a lot of information. We want to be as transparent as we can about all aspects of our parish life together.

New technologies are being used to connect us for Adult and Children formation. We are using “zoom” meetings for adult formation. You can join our Monday bible study. Simply send an email to the office and we will send you the link. You all should have received the link for tonight’s class on Holy Week liturgies. If you did not, reach out to us and we will resend it. Jim is working on a Noonday Prayer zoom time where it can be more interactive than the Facebook live. Look for more information coming soon. I am reaching out to parents to hear if it would be helpful for them if I offered a story time once a week.

Lastly, we know these are tough times. Charles and I have discretionary funds to help. Our process is to have you contact Zuly, our social worker (Zuly@trinityparishde.org). In strict confidence, she will talk with you about your needs, connect to wider programs if possible and access our discretionary funds for you. Currently, we are offering \$150 to any household in the parish who is in need. We feel that we can make those gifts every other week for the next few months before running out of our combine funds. We will update you if our funds are running low. “With the Spirit working through us we can do infinitely more than we could ask or imagine.”

Peace to you all. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Patty+

<b>TRINITY PARISH</b>				
<b>CASH PROJECTIONS AS OF 03/15/2020 (revised)</b>				
	<b>MAR</b>	<b>APR</b>	<b>MAY</b>	<b>JUN</b>
<b>Checking</b>	<b>30,528.8</b>	<b>56,402.97</b>	<b>105,535.44</b>	<b>49,965.34</b>
<b>Money Market</b>	<b>115,927.6</b>	<b>115,927.6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>DEPOSITS</b>				
Vanco	3,860	5,017	5,017	5,017
MFA Distribution	80,680	0	0	80,680
Allstate Ins	0	4,045.95	4,045.95	4,045.95
CCC	3,518.41	3,518.41	3,518.41	3,518.41
Colonial	0	5,287	5,287	5,287
Day Trust	0	0	11,225.03	0
Diocese	0	4,194.75	4,194.75	4,194.75
NY Life	2,086.76	2,086.76	2,086.76	2,086.76
<b>DEPOSIT TOTALS</b>	<b>90,145.17</b>	<b>24,149.87</b>	<b>35,374.9</b>	<b>104,829.87</b>
<b>WITHDRAWALS</b>				
Payroll	38,195	38,195	38,195	33,195
Payables	25,826	52,500	52,500	56,000
Bank, Vanco, P/R Fees	250	250	250	250
<b>WITHDRAWAL DEPOSITS</b>	<b>64,271</b>	<b>90,945</b>	<b>90,945</b>	<b>89,445</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>172,330.57</b>	<b>105,535.44</b>	<b>49,965.34</b>	<b>65,350.21</b>