

FIRST READING, THE PROPHECY OF EZEKIEL 33: 7-11

You, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life. Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel? The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

PSALM 119: 33-40

33 Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, *
and I shall keep it to the end.

34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; *
I shall keep it with all my heart.

35 Make me go in the path of your commandments, *
for that is my desire.

36 Incline my heart to your decrees *
and not to unjust gain.

37 Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; *
give me life in your ways.

38 Fulfill your promise to your servant, *
which you make to those who fear you.

39 Turn away the reproach which I dread, *
because your judgments are good.

40 Behold, I long for your commandments; *
in your righteousness preserve my life.

SECOND READING, ST. PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS 12: 9-21

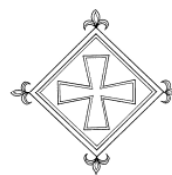
Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing

honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW 18: 15-20



People: *Glory be to thee, O Lord. (Rite I)*

Glory to you, Lord Christ. (Rite II)

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

People: *Praise be to thee, O Christ. (Rite I)*

Praise to you, Lord Christ. (Rite II)

COME BE A TRINITY OFFICE VOLUNTEER

Adults of any age who like people and want to help support the day-to-day workings of Trinity Church are invited to sign up as a Trinity Office Volunteer. Shifts are 4 hours each—9AM-12Noon and 1PM-4PM—on weekdays. Please call or email Cassia: 203-255-0454, X300, or admin@trinitysouthport.org

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please see Form VI on page 392 of the Book of Common Prayer

On our prayer list, we remember especially Barbara Rose, Stavros and Debra, Nick and Varick Niles and their family, Carol Chueka, Bill Watkins, Mary Anne Urquhart, Barbara Lee, Carol Goetz, Rosalie Puglia, Blair, Gail, Joby, Will, Sam, Valerie, David, Sandy, Janet, Warren Long, Amy, Spencer Nemi, Ulla Adema, Amy Ambrose Way, Johnny, Marcy, Brandon Stoddard, Fred & Barbara Hayes, Bryce, Anne, David, Carrol, Nina, Sam Porter and family, and any others who are in our hearts.

Pray for those on our Parish cycle of prayer: Les and Daphne Mitchell and their family, Jean Moffitt, Ryan and Adele Moran and their family, John and Jude Re and their family, Nicholas and Katherine Morris and their family, Paul and Courtney Mucha and their family, Enid Munroe, Jon Murphy and his family, and Randall and Anita Myers.

To add or remove a name on the prayer list, please speak to the clergy, call 203-255-0454, x300, or email: admin@trinitysouthport.org

IN-SPIRE-ATION ✨ AN ART SHOW

To reunite our church family and offer hospitality to visitors this fall, parishioners are invited to submit art for the *In-SPIRE-ation Art Show* that will be in the Parish Hall. Artwork may include **1)** work on paper or canvas, **2)** needlework, or **3)** photographs *not to exceed 36 inches*, matted or framed, ready to hang. Drop off your artwork at the church between 9 AM and 4 PM on the weekdays: Sept. 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, or—by special arrangement—Sunday, Sept. 11. The art show will open on the day of our Homecoming Picnic.

For info, contact Mother Dawn, 203-255-0454, X305, or curate@trinitysouthport.org

Help Us Remember . . .

September 11: At both services on this day, we will commemorate the **10th Anniversary** of the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, and the plane crash in the field in Pennsylvania that caused so many deaths and changed the course of world events. If you have family or friends who perished that day, whom you would like named in our prayers that day, please send the names to Cassia at: admin@trinitysouthport.org before Tuesday, September 6.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

TO BE AN ACOLYTE!

Acolytes—Crucifers, Torch-bearers and Lexifers—provide important leadership for the worship service. To be an Acolyte, you must be a rising 5th grader or older, and be willing to make the commitment to serve. New or returning Acolytes can get more info and/or sign up: email Christine Restrepo, chrisres@optonline.net. That's all until fall, when you'll need to attend Acolyte Training with Father Nicholas. Date TBD.

PEACE IN JERUSALEM IS POSSIBLE!

If you are driving on I-95 North through Bridgeport, be sure to look for the **Kids4Peace** billboard. It was painted by the **Kids4Peace** campers on the Porter's Vermont farm.

CHILDREN AT TRINITY

Childcare is available every Sunday 9:30—11:30 AM for children 0-3 years old in Room #5.

OUTREACH

MINISTRY OF 12

We need volunteers to come forward! Sign up as a monthly team captain for the coming year. Teams provide short-term assistance (rides, shopping, etc.) for any parish member in need. To be part of this essential ministry, please contact Judy Nessel judithness@yahoo.com or 203-255-1608, and choose your month!

TRINITY HANDYMEN

Trinity Handymen (and women!) assist less able Church members with home maintenance needs. (Have a skill? We welcome anyone to our group who's a "fixer!") To give or ask for **Help** - call: **203-418-7559**. Leave a message, we'll get right back!

PLEASE DON'T FORGET THE FOOD PANTRY!

Hunger takes no vacations. Parishioner Steve Galpin and his dog Rufus make Monday morning trips in his handy truck to St. Luke's St. Paul's to drop off items each week, but our grocery cart for donations, kept in the stairwell by the red doors, has been noticeably empty the past few weeks. All donations are nice, but *non-perishable food stuffs are essential!* Thanks for remembering.

COMMUNITY

SAVE THE DATE:

Sunday, September 18!

Trinity Welcome Back BBQ

Trinity Info Fair - AND

In-SPIRE-ation Art Show—Grand Opening

following the 10 AM Eucharist



TRINITY BOOK GROUP 2011-2012

Will meet the first Wednesday each month, 6 to 8 PM in the Parish Library. Bring your brown bag supper at 6 PM - book discussion begins promptly at 6:30 PM. **For the first meeting—September 7** we're reading Thomas Paine's *Common Sense*; and Anne Bradstreet's "Of the Four Ages of Man" and "Before the Birth of One of Her Children" - Get copies in the Volunteer Office!

REMEMBERING THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF 9/11

The Fairfield Clergy Association, the Tent of Abraham Interfaith group, The Council of Churches of Greater Bridgeport, and The Fairfield Museum invite the community to an interfaith observance on **Sunday, September 11, 3:00 p.m. at Fairfield Museum, 370 Beach Road, Fairfield.** Led by clergy from local Jewish, Christian and Muslim communities, the service will honor the memory of those lost, as well as the shared bonds of faith and hope which draw us together. Following, any who wish may participate in "Sacred Listening Circles" at the Museum: an opportunity to share and listen to personal reflections of 9/11, and to speak of our hopes for the future.

MOTHER DAWN ON VACATION

From Wednesday, August 24 to Tuesday, September 6 Mother Dawn will be taking some well-deserved time off. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 11, 2011

8:00 AM Lector: Steven Van Fleet **Intercessor:** Gael Ficken

Chalice Bearers: Glenn Ratcliffe, Peg North

10:00 AM Lector: Sarah Bollman **Intercessor:** Jean Whitney

Chalice Bearers: Judy Nessel, Mary Field Barrett

Ushers: Drew Hiltz (captain), Douglas Soutar, John Morgan, Jon Murphy

Readings: Genesis 50: 15-21; Psalm 103: 8-13; Romans 14: 1-12

Lectionary website: www.lectionarypage.net

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THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OUR LIFE AND MINISTRY THIS WEEK

Sunday 9/4	9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite II Coffee Hour outside
Monday 9/5	Office Closed - Labor Day	
Tuesday 9/6	7:30 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	Morning Prayer in Chapel TPNS Staff Meeting, Parish Hall Holy Eucharist at Carolton
Wednesday 9/7	7:30 AM 9:15 AM 11:00 AM 6:00 PM 7:30 PM	Morning Prayer in Chapel Staff Meeting in Library Holy Eucharist & Healing in Chapel Trinity Book Group in Library TPNS Parent Orientation, Parish Hall
Thursday 9/8	7:30 AM 10:00 AM 4:00 PM	Morning Prayer in Chapel Music for Children Open House " " " " "
Friday 9/9	7:30 AM	Morning Prayer in Chapel
Saturday 9/10	11:00 AM 2:00 PM	Music for Children Open House Ken Coleman Interment in Memorial Garden
Sunday 9/11	8:00 AM 9:15 AM 10:00 AM 11:15 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite I Fellowship in Parish Hall Holy Eucharist Rite II & Baptism Coffee Hour in Parish Hall

BIBLE STUDY

The ever-popular **Wednesday Mid-day Bible Study** will resume in the Library on September 14, when exploration of St. Paul's Letter to the Romans begins.

Men's Evening Bible Study will reconvene in October, watch for announcements!