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This Week at Trinity

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From the Rector

Last November, I asked, what does having clean, abundant water mean to rural communities in arid areas of Africa, or those in areas of drought? Everything!

It means the reduction, and possible elimination of water-borne diseases such as typhoid, cholera, dysentery, diarrhea, and infectious hepatitis. These result from germs ingested through drinking contaminated water, or by washing food, utensils, hands or faces with contaminated water.

It means people can grow enough food for both people and animals so that cattle don't look like walking skeletons, and people don't sicken and die as they are weakened by malnutrition.

It means having enough water for 'cattle dips' to protect livestock from tick-borne diseases.

Water, we think of it as the most common substance on earth, and we often take it for granted. We simply turn on the faucet when we're thirsty, and there is clean, fresh water. That is not the case in Africa. In East Africa, especially Kenya and Somalia, rainfall has been more erratic than usual, and more than 260,000 people have died from hunger. Thea and I visited South Africa in 2010, and besides incredible wildlife, we also saw some villages where water was still being gathered the traditional way, being carried from waterhole or

Lectionary November 26, 2017

Last Sunday after Pentecost

[Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24](#)

[Ephesians 1:15-23](#)

[Matthew 25:31-46](#)



Prayer List

Immediate Needs: Jenny, Cecily, Allison, and Donna

Chronic Needs: Ann, Cal, Norlyn, and Marlene

Military: Pvt. Gabe Davis

The needs of the world: For the homeless and the hungry, for those affected by natural disasters, for those dealing with issues of aging, mental illness, or addiction

Thanksgivings: For all the colors of Fall, for the

traditional way, being carried from waterhole to river. Hours are spent each day carrying water.

On December 3 and 10 we will display and sell crafts and jewelry from East Africa. This is done through a group called African Team Ministries which brings crafts and jewelry to the U.S., and the money made from their sale is sent back, and used in East Africa. One of their biggest concerns is water – similar to what I have described. They are working to help solve the long-term problem of clean and reliable water supplies by providing drills and pumps, sand filters, piping, and drip irrigation systems.

So, on December 3 and 10 bring your Christmas shopping list with you to church. With the variety of jewelry and crafts, you should be able to find something for everyone. The money raised from this sale will be used in Africa on water, or other kinds of projects. Also on December 10, as we think about Africa, it is a good time to think about our involvement as a member of a world-wide Anglican church. We will use the South African prayer book on that Sunday, and we will worship with our brothers and sisters from South Africa using their service.

Please come and be a part of this work to reach out and help those in need in Africa.

Faithfully,
Fr Steve

search committee, for those who protect and serve, for the blessing of friends, family, and neighbors



Parish Activity Schedule

Sunday, November 26

8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I
9:00 am Trinity Choristers Rehearsal
9:30 am Church School
10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II
followed by coffee hour

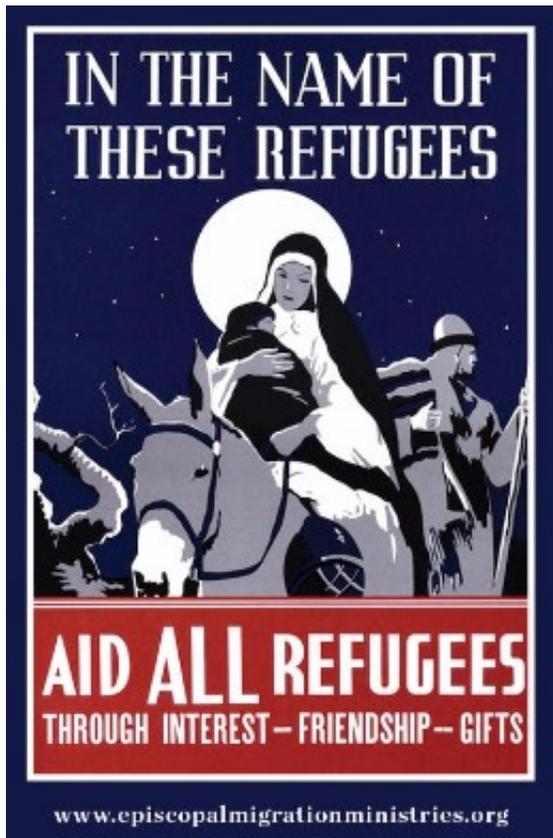
Tuesday, November 28

12:00 pm Holy Eucharist with
7:00 pm Vestry Meeting

Wednesday, November 29

11:30 am ECW Potluck Luncheon





Scripture, Immigration, and the Refugee

This year's four-week Advent Study will focus on refugees and is entitled Scripture, Immigration, and the Refugee. We will discuss relevant scripture, theological impressions, and personal discovery of the aspects of migration, emigration, and immigration. Moses, the Joseph story, and the Nativity Holy Family, among others, will be used as examples along with discussion about our own immigration story. Scripture, Immigration, and the Refugee will meet with Fr. Steve and Deacon Tom on Thursday evenings November 30, December 7, 14, and 21 from 6:30 to 7:45. Join us for this unique look at a contemporary problem and a scriptural response. You can sign up in the Parish Hall or contact the Parish Office at [203-888-6596](tel:203-888-6596).



Foodbank

This week: mayonnaise

Next week: Manwich



NOTES TO CONSIDER

Our tour of organ music from the French Baroque tradition, which you've been hearing since Sunday, October 22nd, has come to a conclusion. We will now be focusing on organ music for Advent, all of which will serve to remind us that Jesus is coming to us once again. So the music will reflect the spirit of preparation for the Incarnation of our Lord. This coming Sunday, the last after Pentecost, which is sometimes called Christ the King Sunday, our music will be alerting us to get ready to prepare. Hence, the prelude will be the beloved "Sleepers, Wake, a Voice Is Calling" by J.S. Bach. The text, which you can find in our hymnal at number 61, tells us to pay attention and be ready for the coming of the light. This is our warning call for the coming weeks. Next Sunday, December 3rd, will be the first Sunday of Advent, and all of our hymns for the next four weeks will be reminding us of the wonderful birth to come.



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WINTER HEATING COSTS - HELP IS AVAILABLE

Now is the time to think about applying to TEAM for assistance with winter heating costs.

Households qualify for assistance if they fall below these income levels:

\$34,366 household of one

\$44,940 household of two

\$55,514 household of three

\$66,089 household of four

Applicants are eligible based on a review of their total gross household income, such as wage earnings, unemployment compensation, social security, pension, etc.; household size; and liquid assets, as shown through bank statements. If an applicant is approved for assistance, TEAM will make direct payments to their home heating provider.

Both homeowners and renters who are residents of Ansonia, Beacon Falls, Bethany, Derby, Milford, Orange, Oxford, Seymour, Shelton, and Woodbridge can apply for energy assistance from TEAM.

To schedule an appointment with Energy Assistance please call 203.736-5420 and follow the prompts.

Milford residents – 203.783-3253

Woodbridge residents - 203.389-3429

Orange residents – 203.891-4787

Bethany residents – 203.393-2100 X 124



New Warm Winter Blanket Drive

The Miller-Ward Funeral Home will be sponsoring a New Warm Winter Blanket Drive. The drive will benefit The Salvation Army and The St. Vincent DePaul Thrift Shop. Please drop off New Blankets for Adults and Children from Monday, Dec. 4 thru Friday, Dec. 8, from 9:00-5:00 p.m. @ 260 Bank St. (Rt.67, across from Klarides Village) Seymour, CT.

Thank you ...

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