

"Going Home Again"

It is said, "You cannot go home again." But I must, because my father needs me. Ninety-two years of heavy work have taken their toll and his breathing is now labored. I will be gone only a few weeks, but I must be at his bedside among our large family.

The Bible says, "Honor your father and mother as the LORD your God has commanded you so that it may go well with you... Deuteronomy 5:16." My grandfather lived to be 116 and he would say that 'without an education you will crawl on your belly all your life'. He passed this passion down to my father. I have many brothers and my father put educating us above everything. Sending us to school cost money which sometimes he could not afford. I remember more than once standing outside at the corner of the mud school building, listening to the lessons that I could not attend.

Not only was my father a tireless farmer, he was a builder as well. He could build a house true and straight from the blueprints in his head. Once, when he could not pay our school fees, he bargained to replace the mud school with one of handmade brick. With my father on the roof with his sharp eyes, we behaved like angels.

My father was a stern disciplinarian. Before the sun came up, we were to be in the field weeding the corn. One morning when I was about nine, I complained of feeling sick. His response was "Do you plan to eat today?" And he meant it. He demanded a lot from all of us, but he was the last to come in at night.

My first school was under a tree where we engraved our lessons in the soil with our fingers. The teacher rewarded a wrong answer with a vigorous blow. The teacher happened to be my sister-in-law, so I got two blows for letting the family down. I attended many schools, some big, some too small to be on the national register, but I was finally chosen to be the boy to represent my district at Kabarak High School, the school that former President Moi built.

When we do go home again, when we return to the past, we must go with an open mind. We cannot go back expecting anything to be the same. If we cannot cleanse our minds and open our hearts, going home can be painful and disappointing.

In my Luhya tribe, the father's name is taken from his son's name. "Baba Nicholas, hold on. I will be home soon."

Rev. Dr. Nicholas N. Sichangi Interim priest.

Your Prayers are asked for Jacob Asroff Jackie Bollinger **Bill Bulford** Donald Cole Helen Cornacchia Jesse Cugini Marie Dawson Kathy Deats Samantha Elwell Rusann Foster Margaret Graham Duffy Heath **Russell Holland Eugene** Irwin Walter Jermyn Libby Keefer Holli Krebs Chase Lupica Louis Marion **Richard Palmer** Rose Perrone Chris Porteus Vaughn Potts Linda Rawlings David Russ **Robert** Schick Moses Sichangi Stephanie Smalls **Carroll Smith** Karen Smith Russell Stobaugh Jacob Timchula Lisa Wiegand

Holiday Turkeys Needed



The Food Pantry would like to have small turkeys or turkey breast available for families for the holidays. If you would like to donate a turkey please contact Goldie Cook or drop off at Trinity House. Upcoming Brotherhood Events November 8 - Brotherhood Annual Dinner at Wesley's Restaurant



December 1 - Work day to assemble crèche 8:00 a.m. January 19- Brotherhood Breakfast Meeting 8:00 am in the Parish Hall.

Our annual yard sale event occurred on Saturday, September 22, 2012. We had a total of 12 vendors. Our cash donations where \$30.00 and we raised \$185.00. Proceeds



will go towards the Evelyn Webb Scholarship Fund. A SPECIAL THANKS GOES TO

Cecil Whig (advertising)

Stars & Stripes 4-H Club (food booth)

Gaffney Family, Cook Family and Susan Weed (setting up tables).



With the grass mowing season winding down soon, I would like to extend my most sincere thanks to the Trinity Lawn Mowing Crew for another year of dedication to perspiration. Gene Clay, Hans Nafzinger, Charlie Davidson, Dave Calladine, Matt Gaffney, and Rick

Burkholder and family remain my green heroes. Thank you again and again for your donation of time and talent to this behind-the-scenes necessity.

Your friend in Christ, ~Rich Gilbert

Lawn Nowing Thanks

Reminder

Trinity Women's Group will meet this Saturday, October 6th at 8:30 a.m. at the Elkton Diner.



Looking Ahead Stewardship Sunday

November 4th

Daylight Savings Time Move your clock back 1 hour!!



Russ's Angels

will walk again this year to End Alzheimer's on October 20, 201. As most of you know, the Russ family lost our father Daniel Russ, Jr. to AD three years ago this October. The Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's[™] is the nation's largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer care, support and research.

Consider joining our team!

Where: Tubman-Garrett Park on the Wilmington Riverfront

When: Saturday, October 20, 2012

Length: 3K (1.89 miles) Contact: Margaret Russ more information to join the team (443)945-1317 or use the link below. We are looking for Trinity folks to join us.

Visit www.alz.org then go to Walk ~ Wilmington ~ find the team Russ's Angels or look up Margaret Russ. Then you can go ahead and register. If you would like to donate to help End Alzheimer's you can use the link above and then hit my team. Feel free to donate to anyone on the team or make a team donation. We will also be collecting donations each Sunday if in cash please hand it to Margaret Russ or Make Your Checks Payable to Alzheimer's Association Delaware Valley Chapter. We appreciate your support to End Alzheimer's, a disease which currently affects over 5.4 million Americans. Someone develops AD every 69 seconds.

Ministry Schedule October 2012

8:00 a.m. service

Date	CBR	P of P	Usher
10/7	Gordon Tozer	Gordon Tozer	Paul Arbour Jr., Sam Smith
10/14	Mary Helen Atwood	Mary Helen Atwood	Mitzi Snyder, Frank D. Brown Jr.
10/21	Gordon Tozer	Mitzie Snyder	Gayle Mayo, Mary Helen Atwood
10/28	Mary Helen Atwood	Mary Helen Atwood	Mitzi Snyder, Frank D. Brown Jr.

10:00 a.m. service

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<u>Date</u> 10/7	<u>Acolytes</u> Hunter Taylor Marina White	<u>Lector</u> Ross Lee	<u>CBR</u> Orville Potts Heidi White	<u>Ushers</u> Wendy Gilbert Richard Gilbert	<u>P of P</u> Debbie McKeown	<u>Greeter</u> Kathy Davidson
10/14	Jack Fossler J.P. Fossler	Bill Gorak	Mary Morrison Margaret Russ	Ross Lee Rick Burkholder	Janice Potts	Sherri & David Calladine
10/21	Aaron Derby Carri Birdsall	Hans Nafzinger	Debbie McKeown Kathy Davidson	Eugene Caffey Charlie Davidson	Judy Caffey	Libby Keefer
10/28	Hunter Taylor T.J.Taylor	Ross Lee	Allen Clay Heidi White	Sherri & David Calladine	Orville Potts	Kathy Davidson

<u>Nursery</u> 10/7 Joan Gaffney 10/14 Tammy Cox 10/21 Sherri Calladine 10/28 Libby Keefer Altar Guild October Nina Fletcher Goldie Cook

Deacon's Corner

Thank you to all who joined us in prayer or in person on Saturday, September 29, at my diaconate (transitional) ordination. It was a grace-filled day and the presence of the Holy Spirit was felt by all. Our own Bishop Shand was the celebrant. Fr. Sam was the gospeller. The Rev. Sheila N. McJilton, Rector of St. Philip's Laurel, in the Diocese of Washington, was the preacher. Her sermon is posted at http://preacher1.wordpress.com/2012/10/03/ordinationof-dr-darcy-williams-to-the-diaconate/.



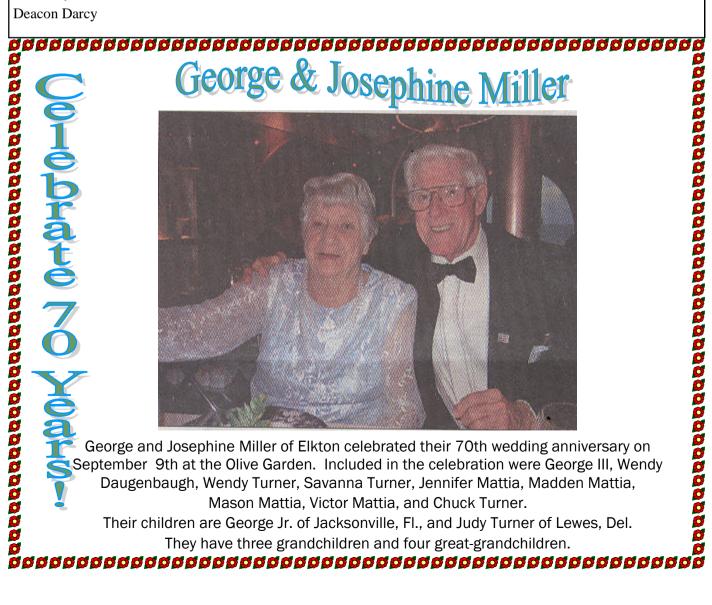
The Spirit of cooperation and shared ministry was apparent throughout the day. This was especially evident at Communion

when chalices from Augustine Parish, St. Mary Anne's, St. Mark's and Trinity Elkton were used. What a wonderful way to symbolize the Bishop's vision here in Cecil County!

In my role as "roving" deacon, my Sunday schedule for October and November has me at St. Mary Anne's on Oct 7, at Good Shepherd in Chesapeake City on Oct 14 and 21, at Trinity Elkton on Oct 28 and Nov 4, at St. Mark's Perryville on Nov 11 and 18, and then on to St. Stephen's Earleville. I plan to attend one or two meetings at each parish per month, to be in conversation with all the parishes exploring ways to answer God's call in our lives, and to have a "Deacon's Corner" in the monthly newsletter each month this year.

Thank you for your warm welcome to Trinity and for providing me with office space. I am looking forward to this year and sharing in your ministry. I can be reached at drdarcy.williams@gmail.com or by phone at 302-547-8634. Faithfully,

Deacon Darcy



All are invited to the

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Brotherhood of St. Andrew Annual Dinner Thursday, November 8, 2012

Wesley's Restaurant Route 273, Fair Hill

Join the Brotherhood for an evening of fellowship and celebration

as we honor those who lead Trinity's outreach to our community in and around Elkton.

The evening will start off with cocktails (not included) at 6:30 PM followed by dinner at 7:00 PM. All dinners are **\$30.00** per person and include Soup and Salad Bar, Tea/Coffee, Dessert, Tax and Gratuity.

Chicken Cordon Bleu with Mashed Potato

Broiled Salmon with Baked Potato

Prime Rib with Baked Potato

Please RSVP to Gene Clay (410-398-0465) with menu choices by October 30th. Please make checks payable to <u>Brotherhood of St. Andrew</u>. Reservations can also be mailed to Gene Clay at 24 Knollwood Rd., Elkton MD 21921.

Brotherhood of St. Andrew ,2012 Annual Dinner, Reservation Slip					
Name		Phone			
Meal Choices:	Total:				
Chicken	Fish	Beef			

October 2012 Monthly Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday						
	1	2 Food Pantry 10:00am to 11:30 am	3	4	5	6 Women's Group Elkton Diner 8:30 AM
7 8:00 AM 10:00AM Holy Eucharist	8 4-H Club Mtg 6:30 PM Vestry Meeting 7:00pm	9 Food Pantry 10:00am to 11:30 am	10	11	12	13
14 8:00 AM 10:00AM Holy Eucharist	15	16 Food Pantry 10:00am to 11:30 am	17	18	19	20
21 8:00 AM 10:00AM Holy Eucharist	22 4-H Club Mtg 6:30 PM	23 Food Pantry 10:00am to 11:30 am	24	25	26	27
28 8:00 AM 10:00AM Holy Eucharist 4-H Sewing Workshop 2:00pm	29	30 Food Pantry Closed	31	September S M T W T 2 3 4 5 9 9 10 11 12 1 16 17 18 19 2 23 24 25 26 2 30	F S S M 6 7 8 4 5 3 14 15 11 12 0 21 22 18 19	November T W T F S 1 2 3 6 7 8 9 10 13 14 15 16 17 20 21 22 23 24 27 28 29 30