
TIDINGS

Dear Brethren,

I want to thank God for each one of you for the grace that God has bestowed upon you, especially for our dear vestry members and the sunshine committee. I am reminded of the wisdom of the former Mayor of Philadelphia (Nutter) who said at my commencement ceremony at Eastern University that it is very dangerous to thank people by calling out their names, least you will forget someone! Each one of you has shown works of mercy to each other during these dark moments of the coronavirus pandemic.



It has not been easy to most of us, but I say that this far we have come by the mercies of God.

Psalms 145:8-9 reminds us that the Lord is gracious, full of mercy, full of compassion, and slow to anger. The phrase “full of compassion” could also be translated to mean mercy, which His divine favor has bestowed upon us.

Sometimes we may forget the ways the Lord has performed miraculous works in our lives or the multitude of His mercies, but His grace and mercies will never change for He loves each one of you, as of unwavering love of a mother to her child.

Though we can now see rays of hope in this spring season, let us not forget that we are “not yet out of the woods.” We have done very well so far and I congratulate each one of you for your cooperation. Let us continue following the CDC guidelines - social distancing, wearing masks, avoiding overcrowding, and consider taking the vaccine. Life will not be this way for long. As an African saying goes: the clay pot can easily break when it gets home. Meaning be careful in life in handling delicate matters, because you can be excited at the end and spoil everything that you have diligently done. Because some of us have received vaccines and others not, let us continue to follow the CDC guidelines.

Let us celebrate our mothers on this Mother’s Day. May the almighty God be gracious to them and we wish them a healthy long life and favor from the Almighty God in everything they do.

On June 20th 2021, our diocesan Bishop will be visiting our parish for his annual pastoral work. Let us welcome him, as it will also be our Father’s Day . Wishing you all a healthy spring season and God’s blessings.

Shalom.

Fr. Nicholas

Acts of Kindness



As we continue to battle Covid 19 and find hope in the growing number of vaccinations but stress with all that is happening in India and other places where new surges are taking place it is good once again to reflect on the Acts of Kindness, reflecting God's love working through us, that is happening all around us.

Just recently we heard in the news about a crash in Ocean City Maryland on the Route 90 bridge that threw a 2 year old into the water. A stranger in another car jumped out and into the water right away to save the infant. They both were

rescued by a nearby boat. All saved through their Acts of Kindness.

Cheryl and I had the misfortune of our well giving out just before Easter. We were told that putting a water line from another house into the outdoor water faucet could give temporary water relief and allow everything to function. We only have one neighbor and did not want to intrude on their water use so we at first discounted this but when it looked like we were facing at least a week without water we approached them telling them that we fully understood if they did not want to do this or had any concerns and it was no problem to say no. Instead, they enthusiastically agreed, checked to make sure everything worked and followed up telling us their pressure was fine. Our water is back now and we have offered to pay their quarterly water bill as our Act of Kindness in return.

One of our parishioners, Mary Katharine was in Redner's Markets. She was approached by a Veteran who told her he did not have the money with him to pay for his groceries. Mary Katharine shopped with him and paid for his groceries and also gave him twenty dollars in cash. The man couldn't resist hugging her in return for her gracious Act of Kindness. After he left, the store manager approached her as she was doing her shopping and asked her if he could give her a gift card. She declined and asked why and he told her that the man she helped was completely genuine and every word that he told her was without a doubt true. Mary Katharine mentioned to me that it wouldn't have mattered either way as this person would have still been in need. A great testimony of God's love working through Mary Katharine!!

I know there are many more that we are all doing. Please let me know so I can include them in the next Tidings. Now that Spring is here and we are filled each day with the beauty of the trees filling out and the flowers blooming, let's all try to end each day reflecting on the Acts of Kindness we have done! And send an email to Ross when you do that!!

Ross Lee



Pentecost Sunday, May 23

The color for the day is Red.

If you can, please wear something red.



May 12 Jane Sichangi

May 13 Mary Katharine Hitchcock

May 19 Rick Burkholder

May 22 Beth Koenings

May 25 Rev. Christopher Porteus

May 25 Latrelle Edwards

April 20 Hudson Situma

April 27 Susan Burkholder

April 28 Beverly Porteus

April 28 Leslie Gorak

April 29 Lewis Collins III

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

April 16 Father Nicholas & Jane Sichangi

May 18 Virginia & Lewis Collins

May 28 Bill & Pat Smith

If we missed your birthday or anniversary, please accept our sincerest apologies
and let the church office know so we can correct our information.

The Rt. Rev. Santosh K. Marray

visits Trinity Church

Sunday, June 20 at 10:30 am



Prayer List

Loving God, we pray that you will comfort those who are suffering, lend skill to the hands of their healers, and bless the means used for their cure. Give them such confidence in the power of your grace, that even when they are afraid, they may put their whole trust in you; through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen



Amber	Fred Layaou III
Michael	Victoria Marsh
Stephanie	Sharon McCallum
Jane Ayers	Jean Mulford
Bob Boulden	Larry Parker
Pam Boulden	Rose Perrone
Rev. Karen Burnell	Piseth
Marion Conner	Pisey
Carol Costello	Rev. Christopher Porteus
Donna Hurst Dellinger	Janice Potts
Elizabeth	Chantha Prak
Sharon Elliott	Liz Rossi
Alan Fenson	Mike Rossi
Shawnda Fenson	Jane Sichangi
Mary Foxwell	Hunter Smith
George Gibson	Betsy Spina
Jane Gibson	Cathy Tosh
Fern Hitchcock	Sandy Tosi
Bill Jackson	Lara Tozer
Kathy Koslak	Socheath Yun