

Trinity Tidings

From the Interim Rector

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS OF OUR LIVES



We will gather together the first Sunday of November not just to be in church, but to remember and honor those who have died in the faith. They, each and every one of them, are the Saints of God who have gone before us. We will join them in due time, and others will gather in this place to remember and honor us. And they will join us as Saints in their time,

and those who they leave behind will gather to remember and honor them.

We will read their names and remember those we knew. With each name read, I feel lives that I never knew now touch my life. To think about the impact of all those who have gone before on the people in the sanctuary, and the influences that all the people gathered have on each other and all the people each of us know, I imagine a pond of still water into which a stone is thrown and the ripples flow out from that impact into places we can only dream of. Saints living out their lives by touching the lives of those around them.

We will stand and read the names of those who have died because This is who WE are. Saints of God following in the footsteps of a man who walked along the shores of Galilee, and spoke a language few now speak, to men and women we wouldn't recognize in a time wrought with chaos and confusion and doubt and fear.

It's been nearly 2000 years since that man called Yeshua was crucified for teaching that people should be good to one another. And still, our time is wrought with fear and doubt and confusion and chaos. We gather strength from the lives of those who have gone before us so that we can push through the dilemmas of the present to build a better future for our children and our children's children. We are building the Kingdom of God on the foundations of those we will remember Sunday – All the Saints!

Blessings
Father Raymond+

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Weekly Worship Schedule

Sunday

**8 am: Rite I Holy Eucharist
(masked)**

**10:30 am Rite II Choral Eucharist
(masks optional)**

Wednesday

7:30 am Holy Eucharist

12:30 pm: Healing Service

**Both in St. Athanasius Chapel
(both masked)**

**~ Come Worship With Us! ~
All are Welcome**

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THOUGHTS FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN



The Call to Vestry Service, By Margaret Odell, Senior Warden

“Vestries should be one of the most exciting ministries in the church – joyful, in fact... Healthy, effective vestries make healthy, effective parishes. When rectors and vestries work together as a well-aligned team, extraordinary things happen for the mission of God.” (*Vestry Resource Guide*, Episcopal Church Foundation, 2019)

I want to talk about what it means to serve on the TOTH vestry because it will soon be time to elect three new vestry members. After the Annual Meeting in January 2023, Ben Schilling, Michelangelo Lobato, and I will be retiring from the TOTH Vestry. All adult members of TOTH who are in good standing are eligible to be elected to the Vestry and your current Vestry welcomes either self-nominations or nominations by other parish members.

But what does it mean to serve on the Vestry? Vestry terms are normally 3 years and include:

- ♦ monthly meetings,
- ♦ retreats,
- ♦ financial support for TOTH,
- ♦ inclusion on the Prayer Chain,
- ♦ interaction with individual TOTH ministries,
- ♦ attendance at regular weekly services, and
- ♦ lots of prayer – for the vestry, the clergy, and the parish.

Being on the Vestry, especially during a time of transition, gives you the chance to learn about every aspect of the life of the parish. In the absence of a permanent Rector, the Vestry collectively is the parish’s fiscal agent and has direct responsibility for the financial health of the parish. This means:

- ⇒ attending to stewardship,
- ⇒ facilitating hiring and employee relations,
- ⇒ maintaining the TOTH physical plant,
- ⇒ interacting with the Diocese, and
- ⇒ supporting the clergy in matters of worship.

Before you start asking if Jesus was joking when He promised “his yoke is easy and his burden is light,” being on the Vestry is not all work. The vestry has many opportunities for sharing moments of joy and celebration, as well as the privilege of supporting fellow vestry members, clergy, and parishioners during challenging times. Being on the Vestry is an incredible opportunity to learn about what goes into “the care and feeding” of a healthy, dynamic parish.

In the past 3 years the TOTH vestry has tackled:

- ♦ calling Fr. Raymond as our Interim Rector,
- ♦ replacing the sanctuary heating system,
- ♦ developing Covid-safe worship guidelines, and
- ♦ helping to hire new parish staff employees.

With the leading of the Holy Spirit, the 2023 Vestry will be instrumental in calling a new Rector and discerning the future direction for the ministry of TOTH.

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FROM THE CO-JUNIOR WARDENS

Greetings to all!

So many things have happened in this past month, almost all thanks to Mark (while I was out playing tourist).

First of all, heating. Mark and Brad (thank you both!) have been working on getting the heat to work and replacing thermostats. Hopefully you are already noticing the difference throughout the building.

Mark also installed new lighting in the courtyard. When you get the chance, be sure to check it out and give Mark a big thank you. He has also added more landscape lighting to the upper parking lot—yes!

The automatic restroom door openers should hopefully be active before Thanksgiving. Again, thank you, Mark.

And finally, both Mark and I have been working on getting new lines painted in the parking lot. We hope you enjoy them! It has taken a while to get both lots cleared out and prepared. Now visitors to Shop on the Corner will just have to park straight instead of creating their own parking system! 😊



May the coming holidays bring joy and peace to your homes and families, and may Jesus be the center of your thanksgivings.

Blessings,

Lisa and Mark

Colossians 3:17: Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.



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A parishioner who answers the call to join the Vestry will be challenged to interact not only with the clergy and vestry members, but with all the other members of the parish. You will have the chance to exercise the gifts God has given you and to discover new gifts that you might not yet recognize. Hopefully, a term on the Vestry will be full of sharing and praying, learning about the parish and the larger church, and discerning the ways you are being called to build up the TOTH community.

If you are interested in being nominated for the 2023 TOTH Vestry, please contact Margaret Odell (meodell18@gmail.com), Ben Schilling (benschilling93@gmail.com), or Michelangelo Lobato (skapecgoat99@gmail.com), and send us the following information:

- Why you would like to serve on the TOTH Vestry;
- How you have been active at TOTH;
- How long you have been a confirmed member of TOTH.

The Vestry has scheduled the 2023 Annual Meeting, including election of Vestry members and deanery delegates, for Sunday, January 29, following the 10:30 service. Watch the “Trinity Tidings” and Sunday bulletins for more details, and please continue to pray for your Vestry!

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY WILL HONOR ALL OF OUR SAINTS

For All Saints Sunday, November 6, we again will be assembling an *ofrenda* to honor those who have gone before.

The *ofrenda* (Spanish for offering) is a traditional Mexican celebration for the *Día de los Muertos*, during which families create altars at home to honor ancestors. According to Wikipedia, the *ofrenda* dates back to the Aztec empire and was incorporated with Christian practices after the Spanish conquest, when the cultures merged.

If you look at the liturgical calendar, All Saints is November 1 and All Souls is November 2. The two days present a distinction between Saints and All the Faithful Departed. We make no such distinction, in keeping with St. Paul's direction that we are all saints in the community of Trinity on the Hill. The collect for All Souls is this:

O God, the Maker and Redeemer of all believers: Grant to the faithful departed the unsearchable benefits of the passion of your Son; that on the day of his appearing they may be manifested as your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

We all share in the kindred of the Lord as God's children. We honor those who are no longer with us so, in addition to the reading of the names of those who have died as part of our observance, we'll have an *Ofrenda* before the Altar for that Sunday. The *Ofrenda* will display photographs and items the families of the church to remember those who have gone on to their reward.

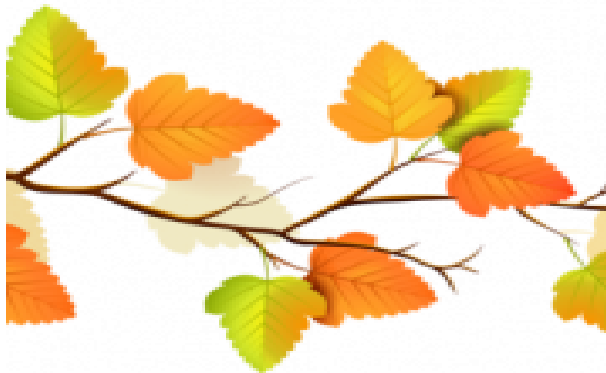
Trinity on the Hill is a home for many families and those who have passed on will be honored and remembered during our Eucharist, and their spirits welcomed to the altar to share in our thanksgiving.



The *Ofrenda* at the TOTH altar, November 2021



TOTH is looking to hire an Organist & Choir Director
Position available immediately
Please contact TOTH Office for more details (505-662-5107)



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Trinity on the Hill's Mission

*The Mission of Trinity on the Hill is to share the power and joy of
 God's love, to fully embrace all God's children,
 and to respond to the needs of our community
 and the world in the spirit of Jesus Christ*

**The next regularly scheduled issue will be
 in early December. Submission deadline:
 MONDAY, November 28, 2022.**

Submit electronically to admin@latoth.org

Compline has resumed!

You're all welcome to attend at 7 pm on Sunday evenings in the Sanctuary for 30 minutes of peace, prayer, and contemplation, accompanied by plainchant and candlelight.

(photo: Isabella Stephens)



DO YOU WANT TO BE ...?

Father Raymond is putting together a list of those in the Parish who wish to be confirmed, received, or who want to have their Baptismal Vows reaffirmed by the Bishop, to request his next visitation to Trinity on the Hill. If you wish to be any of the above, please contact the office so we can have your information.

Confirmation – The sacramental rite in which the candidates "express a mature commitment to Christ, and receive strength from the Holy Spirit through prayer and the laying on of hands by a bishop." Those who were baptized at an early age and those baptized as adults without laying on of hands by a bishop are expected to make a mature public affirmation of their faith, recommit themselves to the responsibilities of their baptism, and receive laying on of hands by a bishop. Adults baptized with the laying on of hands by a bishop are considered to be confirmed.

Reception (Christian Commitment) – Baptized persons who have been members of another Christian fellowship and who wish to be affiliated with the Episcopal Church may make a public affirmation of their faith and commitment to the responsibilities of their baptism in the presence of a bishop. The bishop lays hands on each candidate for reception and says, "We recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion" Candidates for reception normally have made a mature commitment in another Christian fellowship.

Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows – Persons already baptized may reaffirm their Baptismal Vows in the presence of the bishop in the context of a service of Baptism or Confirmation. These might be persons returning to the church after a period of unbelief or those who have entered a new level of spiritual life. This reaffirmation is another level of commitment than the "renewal" of the baptismal covenant by the entire congregation at various times in the church year.

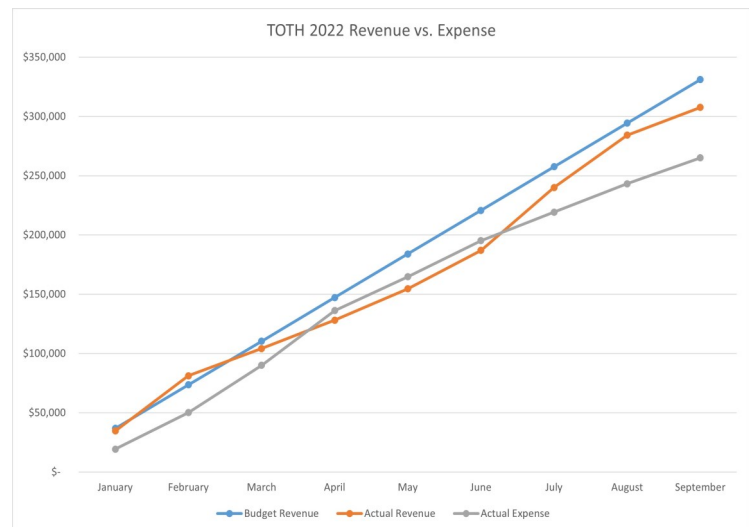
Financial News

September Financial Results:

September unrestricted income came in at \$23,411—lower than budgeted monthly income of \$36,788. Fortunately TOTH's year-to-date revenue is only slightly lower than forecast and our expenses are significantly lower.

September	Month-to-Date		Year-to-Date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Unrestricted Income	\$23,411	\$36,788	\$307,596	\$331,124
Operating Expenses	\$41,582	\$36,582	\$265,068	\$329,572

Note: Our expenses are low this year because an interim rector is less expensive than a full time rector. Our budget shows the full rector budget to show potential candidates in our profile what our rector budget is.



Celebrating Thanksgiving Eve

Come, ye thankful people, come!

It has been said: "Life is short; Eat dessert first."

We will honor that sentiment in Kelly Hall following the Thanksgiving Eve service.

The service of Thanksgiving (which is what Eucharist means) will be at **6 pm** on Wednesday, November 23. It will be a time when we can pray and express our gratitude to God for the gifts we have been given this year.

Following the service in Kelly Hall, the members of the Vestry invite the congregation to a time of fellowship with desserts and mulled cider as their expression of gratitude for the support given to Trinity on the Hill during the year past.

As it says in the Collect for Thanksgiving:

Almighty and gracious Father, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.



Father Raymond reads during the Children's Sermon (above)

Keith and the youth Sunday School class (below) (photos: Maggie Moore)



Shop On The Corner Focuses On Community & Friendship, by Kirsten Laskey (reproduced from Los Alamos Daily Post, October 24, 2022)



There is far more to be found at Shop on the Corner, located on the bottom floor of Trinity on the Hill Episcopal Church, than steals and deals on second-hand clothes or kitchen goods.

One thing that can be spotted is a close-knit camaraderie between volunteers as they sort through plastic bags of clothing or hold up an unusual gadget or doo-dad to brainstorm what exactly it is.

There is a friendly, family-like atmosphere in the store.

Volunteer Persida Ambarus (below right) said she came to the thrift store as a customer and picked up a red chair, but she was so im-

pressed with everyone who worked there that she decided to volunteer, too.

Finally, there is a strong sense of community within the thrift store. Everything and everyone within its walls has a purpose: to improve the community locally, in the state and across the U.S.

The thrift store has changed locations; it moved to a new room in the church. Despite the new digs, its operations are unchanged.

Volunteer Sarah Rochester (above, right) explained a portion of the proceeds from the thrift store go towards Trinity on the Hill, while the rest is donated to nonprofit organizations across the country. Profits also will be given to communities that have been hit by natural disasters. For instance, Rochester said they recently made donations to nonprofit organizations in Florida to assist with efforts related to Hurricane Ian.

The store, which is open 8:30 a.m. to noon Wednesdays, clears about \$1,000 in weekly sales and raises approximately \$50,000 annually, she said.



Anyone interested in donating will find bins outside the Shop on the Corner. Pretty much everything is accepted, besides large pieces of furniture and electronics such as TVs.

"We have such a generous community," volunteer Pam Longmire said. "They are generous to us, and we are generous to organizations in Northern New Mexico."

Rochester agreed. "It's a wonderful community," she said.

Any items that are deemed unsellable are not wasted, Rochester said. She explained they will be donated either to Big Brothers Big Sisters or given to Bernal, a small community in San Miguel County.

Longmire said they get all kinds of donations including antiques that range from dolls and toys to scales. Ambarus said one time they were given 100-year-old letters.

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Ellie Giovanielli (previous page, top left), who has volunteered at Shop on the Corner for 42 years, commended the thrift store. “This is the best recycling we can do,” she said. “It’s about the only retail in town (and) we love meeting people.” “We love the people we serve,” Giovanielli added. “We are happy to give things to people who have nothing for no cost.”



SHOP ON THE CORNER NEWS

As we settle into our new surroundings (see above), we find so much for which we are grateful.

We are blessed by the generosity of the community, the support of our donors, our shoppers, and our incredible “family” of volunteers.

The space is both warm and welcoming, filled with a variety of items ranging from clothing and kitchen needs to holiday items and treasures in our “Boutique”.

Also, Shop on the Corner would love your donations of Christmas items. People are buying Christmas décor and clothing as quickly as we put them on the shelves. Thank you! We are in the Shop on Mondays, 9 am—2 pm and Wednesdays 8:30 am—noon. Donations can be placed in the bins outside at any time—*provided they fit inside the bin.*

SHOP ON THE CORNER OPENING HOURS:

Weekly Wednesdays: 8:30 am—noon

Second Saturdays: 8:30 am—noon

Third Thursdays: 3:30—6:30 pm

NOVEMBER

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

November 2022

Date	Time	Server/other Acolytes	LR or LEM/LR	Prayers of the People 10:30	Media Team 10:30	Usher 10:30	Altar Guild
Nov 6	8:00	Richard Triplett	Kay Dreamtrader				Marilyn and Paul Lisowski Andy and Linda Light
	10:30	Andy Light, Server Mariah Stephens, Crucifer River Yamada, TB Hazel Brookshire, TB	Marilyn Lisowski	Claire Singleton	Rick/Mark	Bill Godwin	
Nov 13	8:00	Luke Favorite	Rozelle Wright				Rozelle and Brad Wright Kathy and Pete Peterson
	10:30	Susan Sprake, Server Ben Foley, Crucifer, TBs, TBD	Susan Sprake	Linda Light	Richard/ Michelangelo	Andy Light	
Nov 20	8:00	Joe Cox	Joe Cox				Renee Roybal Valarie Prestwood Karen Humphrey
	10:30	Isabella Stephens, Server Luke Favorite, Crucifer Peter Maginot, TB Josh Moore, TB	Lisa Rothrock	Lisa Rothrock	Nancy/Rick	D. Giovanielli	
Nov 23 TG Eve	6 pm		Rozelle Wright				
Nov 27 Advent	8:00	Andy Light	Rozelle Wright				Jo Moore Karen Humphrey
	10:30	Mariah Stephens, Server Peter Maginot, Crucifer Hazel Brookshire, TB River Yamada, TB	Lynn Godwin	Anne Huysman	Bill/TBD	Maggie Moore	



Remaining Connected during COVID-19

Let's get something straight: Screen-Time Burnout is a real thing. But it's the safest way to stay connected, so let's use it to the best of our ability. Knowing this, however, we have expanded some in-person offerings for those who desire.

Sundays:

- **Holy Eucharist Rite I** at 8 am, in person only (**masks required**).
- **Choral Eucharist Rite II** at 10:30 am, in person (**masks optional**) and via Facebook live at www.facebook.com/trinityoth

Tuesdays:

- **Women Alive** via Zoom and in Sherrill Hall at 7:30 am. Contact Rozelle Wright or Claire Singleton for the link. First Tuesday walks around sunrise.
- Zoom **Coffee Hour** at 10 am. Link sent out via email (admin@latoth.org for more information)

Wednesdays (masks required):

- **Holy Eucharist**, 7:30 am in St. Athanasius Chapel. In-person service only.
- **Service of Healing**, 12:30 pm in St. Athanasius Chapel. In-person and Zoom service.

Thursdays:

- **Men's Group**, 7:30 am, Sherrill Hall
- **Holy Communion**, 9:30 am at Sombrillo Nursing and Rehabilitation Center
- **Service of Prayer for Healing**, 10 am at Aspen Ridge Lodge

The 2022 Convention of the Diocese of the Rio Grande will be held at the Cathedral of St. John in Albuquerque, November 11-12, 2022.

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Return Service Requested



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