



TRINITY TOPICS: 2020

Warden's World

Last year at this time I shared a Stewardship Sermon that Susan and I heard on a vacation to Sisters, Oregon. This year, there is no vacation but since we are approaching the Stewardship Season, I could not think of a better reflection than what we heard then. I apologize for the rerun, but some things need repeating. Let me share "Whose Fries Are These?"

One day James wanted to do something special with his five-year-old son Jimmy. He asked, "Son, is there anything you'd like to do right now?" Jimmy responded, "I want some McDonald French Fries." His father said, "If that's what my boy wants, then that's what my boy gets."

They got into the blue and white Chevy truck and headed toward McDonald's. Jimmy's lips and tongue were silently moving as he could taste the fries before they even reached the store.

His Dad made the order, and Jimmy's heart pounded when his Dad said, "Make it a Super-Size fry." James took the money out of his wallet to pay for the fries and a drink. Jimmy's little teeth were ready to sink into those hot golden fries, before they made it to the table.

When they sat down, grace consisted of "God bless this food amen," but it seemed like way too many words to Jimmy who was eager to delight himself with this huge blessing of French fries. James was pleased to see his boy so happy over something so simple. He decided to join in the fun. He reached over to get a couple of fries for himself.

To his surprise, his son quickly put his arms around his fries as though building a fort and pulled them toward himself and said, "No, these are mine." His father was in a state of shock for a moment. He could not believe what had happened.

James pulled back his hand and began to reflect about his son's attitude toward the fries. Let's walk together through the things that went through his mind. He was thinking, my son failed to realize that I am the source of those French fries.

I was the one who gave the cashier the money from my wallet. I did not give him the size fry he requested, but something twice as big. Yet here he is talking about HIS French fries.

Not only was I the source of the French fries, he has forgotten that at 6ft. 1 and 195 lbs. I have the power to take all the fries despite his little arms surrounding them as a fort. Or that if desired, I could go back to the counter and bring him so many fries he could never eat them all.

He also does not understand that I don't need his French fries. I could go back to the counter and get as many fries as I wanted.

As James pondered about it, one or two fries really would not have made much of a difference for him that day. What he really wanted was for his son to invite him into the wonderful little world he had made possible. He wanted his son to be willing to share the very blessing that he had provided.

God takes us to McDonald's on a regular basis in our lives. God blesses us. He blesses you and God blesses me. God desires to sit down at the table with us for some fellowship. When God reaches over to use some of the blessings he has given to us, far too often we respond, "No God, these are mine! Go and get your own." We try building our own little forts around our blessings.

God is the source of all we receive.

How about sharing some of those fries?

Peace,

Jim

Sermon Collection of the Week
Contributed by Rick Gillespie-Mobley, Nov. 5, 2002



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The apostle Paul wrote to Timothy, "Instruct them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is life indeed." This verse helps us to think about the ministry happening today at Trinity. Indeed, we are truly blessed to be part of God's work and what He treasures.

November 2nd is the beginning of our three-week stewardship appeal. During this time, we will examine how we obey God's commandment to love our neighbor, not just with our words, but with our actions. As Christians, we are called to be good stewards of God's gifts, and God's justice. This means reflecting on how we meet the needs of those around us, and how we support the ministry of our church. During this time, we will consider how we give as individuals and collectively as a parish.

Please begin with prayer. Ask God to help us to listen to our neighbors in our local and global communities. Consider how we are sharing the abundance that God has entrusted to our care. God will guide us through this time dedicated to giving, and God will teach us to live lives abounding in love.

In Christian Fellowship,

Pastor Ann Marie Winters

A Stewardship Prayer

(words attributed to St. Teresa of Avila)

Christ has no body now but yours;

no hands, no feet on earth but yours.

Yours are the eyes through which

*Christ looks with compassion into
the world.*

Yours are the feet with which Christ

Walks to do good.

Yours are the hands with which Christ

blesses the world.

NOVEMBER 1, 2020

WELCOME

**PASTOR
ANN MARIE WINTERS**

Pastor Ann Marie is moved into her condo on Henley Road and has been in and out of the office this past week. Sunday, November 1, is her first Sunday with us and it is also All Saints' Day.

The service begins at 9:30 and will be Rite II following safe guidelines for Holy Eucharist, social distancing and masks required. Please join us in welcoming Pastor Ann Marie!



All SAINTS DAY is November 1.

This is a time to remember those whose loved ones who have gone before us. Names will be lifted up for prayer during the Prayers of the People.

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS AT
2 AM SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1.
DON'T FORGET TO TURN YOUR
CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR.**



November Birthdays and Anniversaries

Mary Weaver (11/3), Kimberly Schmidt (11/6),
Andrew Allen (11/8), Luke Anticoli (11/14), Doug Jones (11/26),
Leslie Schwartz (11/29)



COMMUNITY GIVING



2020 CHRISTMAS SHOP PROGRAM

Open to families with children from birth to 18 years old (still in school),
in Troy, Casstown, and Fletcher

During the Christmas Shop, parents "shop" for 3 gifts for each of their children.
Families also receive a gift bag with personal care items,
stocking stuffers, books, cookies, and more!

A box for donations will be available soon in the Sanctuary

This year PIH will expand the Christmas Shop for Seniors in need. Seniors will be selected through their Caregivers program to receive toiletries, food, and much needed items.

PIH will be offering a COVID safe virtual Christmas Shoppe for all. This will protect our volunteers families and seniors. All gifts will be available online for shoppers to select from. And they will be offering a drive thru for pickup.



ITEMS NEEDED:

NEW toys, (no clothing), toiletry items, Walmart, Amazon, Kroger, and Meijer gift cards up to \$50 denomination, cash or checks, wrapping paper, tape, new/gently used Christmas trees and decorations.

Gifts for seniors could include electric can openers, electric razors, twin bedding/blankets/pillows, skillets, pots and pans, large print books. A wish list will be created on Amazon for specific items that are needed.

Volunteer: Please call Tina or Heather at 937-335-0448 for details.

See the PIH website for a line to wish list.
www.partnersinhopeinc.org

ON THE CALENDAR

SUNDAYS: 9:30 am Worship: Rite II

WEDNESDAYS: 7:00 pm Celtic Evening Prayer:
A quiet time of reflection may be just what you need in the middle of the week.

MONDAY, November 9 7:00 PM Vestry Meeting

Following are some options for "virtual" services:

The National Cathedral: www.cathedral.org (Scroll down to "Holy Eucharist" and select "Watch Now")
Christ Church Cathedral, Cincinnati: www.cincinnati.cathedral.org (A couple of virtual services to chose)
Christ Church, Dayton: www.daytonchristepiscopal.com



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