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Shrewsbury Parish

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A WORD FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Friends,

For the past several years we have been served by a tremendously devoted servant of God and this parish. Larry Samuels has been our Senior Warden and my counselor, confidante and friend. Larry has also served as Property Chairperson and was previously our Junior Warden. He has been a Christian educator for our children in Sunday School, a VBS instructor and an active and faithful participant in our Sunday morning Adult Spiritual Formation class. He has been very active in the community as a substitute teacher, member of the Crossroads Board, with the Social Action Committee for Racial Justice, with Sumner Hall and the Legacy Day Planning Team. He models what James says so clearly, “Faith without works is dead.”

We have been praying with and for Larry as he battles the awful disease of lung cancer, caused by asbestos poisoning many years ago. His spirits are great, his faith strong and his sense of humor intact. He has an excellent medical team at the University Of Maryland. Peggy, Paul, Rebecca and David (his new son-in-law), and his sister Karin provide ongoing support and love.

Though I know it was a difficult decision, Larry informed me recently that he needed to focus on his health and future medical treatment and feels it best to transition out of the role as Senior Warden. I am in complete support of his decision and applaud him for making his health his first priority. I am confident the members of Shrewsbury agree. We stand with Larry and pledge our love, our prayers, and our constant support during this journey of healing. We thank him for years of service as a layperson

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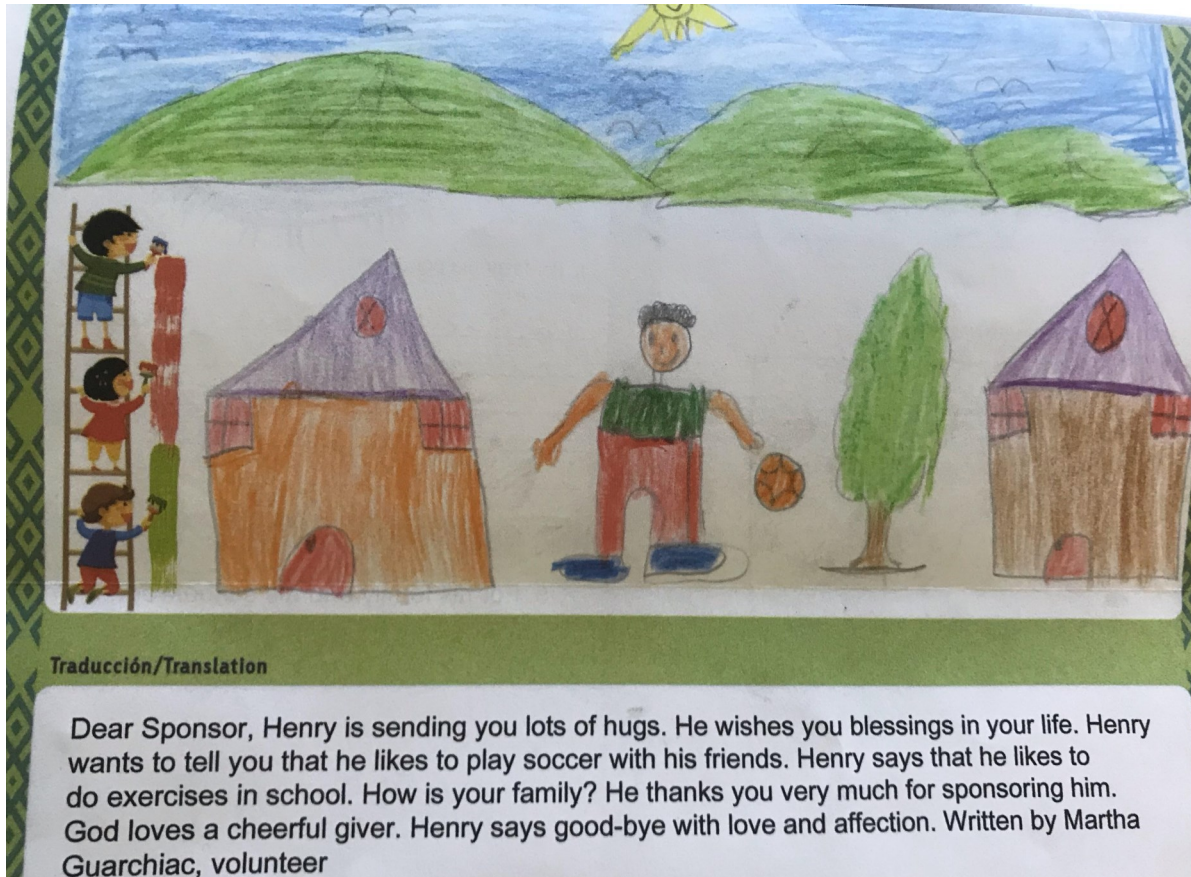


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COMPASSION INTERNATIONAL UPDATE ON YOUNG HENRY AND SOCIAL MINISTRIES PROJECTS



Social Ministry Committee—*The Social Ministries Committee mission is to take care of our parish family, and members of the wider community. Led by the Holy Spirit, we will provide support, services, and resources, using our talents, abilities and energies.*

Although we are not meeting in person, the Social Ministry committee is well and active. We are supporting local outreach programs such as community pantries, The Good Neighbor Fund and The Mask Wranglers of the Eastern Shore. Also we are supporting Camp Wright's efforts, Running Strong for American Indians, and Compassion International.

FOOD PANTRIES

The Community Food Pantry is opened for contributions at 401 High Street in Chestertown. Contributions or curbside pick-up is from 10 am to noon every Tuesday and Thursday and on the second Wednesday of each month. Financial donations can be made to the Community Food Pantry, PO Box 346, Chestertown, MD 21020. For the Northern county, send to: Millington-Crumpton Food Pantry, PO Box 187, Millington, MD, 216 51 which is located at The Asbury Church at 392 Cypress St, Millington, MD. Curbside pick up is on

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Mondays from 9 am to 11 am. Drop offs are accepted Monday through Thursday mornings. It is recommended that you call 410.928.3357 to confirm a time so they will unlock the door for you. Shrewsbury contact person, Sue Coleman

As we all are aware Covid-19 has put an extreme strain on many people. Therefore Food Banks around the country are desperate for support. We now have a basket and box in the hall entryway to receive your donations.

In addition to the standard boxed and canned goods, they will now accept homegrown fruits and vegetables. Cash gifts are also welcome. Every week your gifts will be delivered to either the Millington or Chestertown food bank. Thank you for doing God's work and helping those in need.

THE MASK WRANGLERS OF THE EASTERN SHORE

Our group has been sewing masks, isolation gowns and surgical bonnets for requesting state, county, and nonprofit agencies in Kent, Queen Anne's, Talbot, Caroline, Dorchester, Wicomico, and Worcester counties. We have supplied masks to most police departments and 4 detention centers. Our current focus is supplying nursing homes with washable N95 masks as well as office staff who cannot easily social distance such as courthouse staff.

We are expanding production of isolation gowns due to increasing demand as agencies prepare for fall/winter. Types of agencies we have served include Departments of Social Services, local county DES, Easton Hospital, most police/sheriff departments, detention centers, both officers and inmates, Chesterwye, Visiting Nurses of the Eastern Shore, many nursing homes with a particular focus on staff who visit multiple facilities such as physical therapists, county workers, Maryland Food Bank and feeder programs, Eastern Shore Hospice programs, county courthouse employees, outreach programs into the Hispanic community with safe mask handling as well as masks, health departments, senior citizens, many individual transport masks for chemo patients and care givers.

We are currently faced with an exponential increase in the demand for gowns. Currently we have been asked to produce 300 washable gowns and 180 washable N95 masks for Compass Regional Hospice. This agency has inpatient facilities in Kent, Caroline and Queen Anne's Counties as well as providing services to families in home care.

How can we help?

There is a box in the lobby of Shrewsbury's Parish Hall. The Wranglers are asking for: clean, stain-free cotton or cotton blend sheets

and

masks that are 100 % cotton weight fabric (used for quilting or clothing) not drapery or heavy weight fabric.

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RUNNING STRONG FOR AMERICAN INDIAN YOUTH

Is a new organization we are financially supporting. Their focus is on youth programs fostering change across age groups and entire communities. They are committed to preserving the traditions, languages and sanctity of American Indian families. This population has been one of the hardest hit by the current pandemic.

The organization's founder and national spokesperson, William (Billy) Mervin Mills, also known as Tamakoce Te'Hila, is a member of the Oglala Sioux tribe and former Olympic Gold Medalist. Mills was raised on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. He studied at the University of Kansas where he was a scholarship runner after taking up running while attending the Haskell Institute, now known as Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, Kansas. Mills served as a First Lieutenant in the Marine Corps when he competed in the 1964 games, winning the 10k meter in an upset.

COMMUNITY GARDEN PROGRESS

With a grant from the Diocese this year, the Community Garden Committee began preparing its initial outreach in April. Although Covid-19 limited our ability to fully engage the community through the planned dinner meetings for the parish, we chose to start with a small test bed garden behind the Parish Hall.

In May we tilled 10 100 square foot plots. The Sabetti, Cassidy, Smoot, and Hamilton families each planted a plot. The Bayside Hoyas (Helping Our Youth Achieve Success) brought 4 additional families who planted 5 plots and also the 2 raised beds. The gardens look very full in a very short time.

In September we plan to have a joint harvest and will invite the local press to build interest in the project for next year when we plan to expand behind the hall, increasing the total to 25 plots and 5 handicap accessible raised beds. In the future we could expand to our farm field if we can raise a substantial amount of money.

Bob O'Connell



*For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works,
which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.
Ephesians 2:10*

ANNIVERSARIES

June

- 04 Allen and Wendy Davis
- 05 All and Mary Watson
- 08 Doug and Roberta Brown
- 15 Fred and Jenny Delboy
- 27 Henry and Lisa Sabetti

July

- 11 Jack and Sue Edson
- 21 Andy and Karen Boulden

August

- 14 Peter and Francie Thayer

Do we have your birthday and/or anniversary information? Email us shrewsburychurch@gmail.com

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BIRTHDAYS

June

- 05 Vernon Miller
- 06 Rick Carlisle
- 06 Chris Philipp
- 07 Hunter Schelts
- 08 Thom Sinnott
- 10 Suzanne Moore
- 13 Mary Carlisle
- 15 Rebecca Samuels
- 18 Faith Prince
- 21 Katherine Paff
- 26 Peggy Samuels
- 26 Al Watson

July

- 02 Anna Becker
- 02 Carol Niemand
- 03 Roberta Brown
- 03 Francie Thayer
- 06 Mary Megargee
- 10 Lorraine Reeves
- 13 Lynn Black
- 14 Mike Philipp
- 15 Curtis Roberts
- 18 Jessie Crisfield
- 27 Kevin Wekke
- 29 Linda Hall
- 29 Shawn Redman

August

- 02 Larry Samuels
- 03 Charles C. Raffetto, Jr.
- 06 Laura Wade
- 07 Doug Megargee
- 14 Ward H. Stevenson
- 15 Lisa Raffetto
- 16 Gene Foehl
- 19 Doug Brown
- 19 Peter Thayer
- 21 Beverly Philipp
- 21 Patrick Randolph
- 23 Carol Miller
- 29 KC Holland
- 29 James E. Stevenson

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and a leader. And we look forward to the latest round of “Larryisms,” jokes which keep us all laughing.

After consultation with Larry and members of the parish and Leadership Team and after many hours of prayer while running the roads of Kent County, I am honored to announce two important transitions to leadership in our parish:

Our Property Chairpersons will be Rick and Kelly Schelts. This devoted and enthusiastic husband and wife team will monitor issues of our physical plant and work with a newly formed committee and our Junior Warden Rich Walls to manage and advise the many contracts, work bids and property management issues that take place in an historic church, a parish hall and many acres of farmland.

Our new Senior Warden will be Randy (Ran) Crawford. Ran and his partner David Turner attend the early service regularly. He has served as Assistant Cemetery Warden and Vestry member. What I have found in Ran is a deep faith in God and love of the Episcopal Church and Shrewsbury Parish. In addition, I have been the recipient of his strong sense of compassion and genuine concern for others. He is what we often call a “non-anxious presence” and demonstrates a strong welcome to all. He was my first choice for Senior Warden and graciously and humbly has accepted my invitation. I know each of you who know him will strongly support this new transition and those yet to meet him will be glad you did.

As we go forth, Larry Samuels will continue in an advisory capacity to assist these two important transitions and lend an ear and a voice as needed. And of course our Leadership Team of Roberta Brown and Mary Lou Pagella as Treasurers, Rich Walls as Junior Warden and Rob Busler as Cemetery Warden will heed the call of service and support. Our Vestry continues to serve as parish leaders and elected servants of God and God’s Church and God’s parish, Shrewsbury.

Please join me, Fr. Steve, the Wardens, Treasurers, Vestry and many Lay leaders in offering our prayers for Larry, Rick and Kelly and Randy as this journey of faith continues at Shrewsbury.

Blessings and Peace,

Henry
The Very Rev. Henry M. Sabetti
Rector and Northern Convocation Dean

SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 13,

We will have 7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I in the Parish Hall.

Attendees are asked to bring a chair and continue all Covid-19 health precautions, including masks, social distancing and hand cleaning.

8:45 a.m. Adult Spiritual Formation Class, also in the Parish Hall.

10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II in the church. Attendees are asked to maintain social distancing, wear masks and cleanse hands. Music will resume. No singing until further notice. Seating capacity will be 50% of building occupancy and socially distanced, thus 50 persons maximum. Families and couples may be seated together.

The mandatory sign in sheet will continue for tracking purposes in the event of covid illness. We will continue livestreaming of the 10:00 am service thanks to our Recording Team. Holy Communion will be distributed using only the bread at this time. Our goal is to keep you as safe as possible and serve the most vulnerable of our parish by using mandatory Covid-19 policies and procedures. This schedule is subject to change based upon CDC, state and diocesan guideline changes and modifications.

Submissions for the next quarter newsletter are due on

November 2, 2020

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