



November 3, 2020

Dear Members and Friends of Shrewsbury Parish,

This year presented demands that have been at the very least trying to some while crushing to others. It is expected that the coming year will also pose unique challenges. Shrewsbury provided a respite from these difficult times in a number of ways. Many found solace in attending worship services, others by becoming involved in our ministries to maintain that human connection, and some benefitted through outreach efforts. Our community experienced Shrewsbury Parish Church spreading the love of Christ.

Father Sabetti, the Vestry, and our committees thank those who have contributed their time, talent, and treasure in the past. The leadership of Shrewsbury is a responsible steward of these donated gifts so Shrewsbury may continue to offer ministries that exhibit Christ-like ideals.

Unprecedented levels of giving have taken place in time, talent and treasure through the Covid 19 pandemic. The Rector's Discretionary Fund has received tremendous contributions, enabling our rector to assist parishioners, and also some of the most vulnerable persons facing homelessness and addiction. Our new Community Garden has been a welcome respite for many volunteers providing fresh vegetables for our county, and recent cemetery enhancements are also a testament to the hard work and progress of the church.

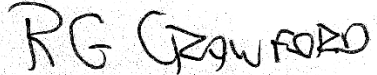
The Apostle Paul wrote in his letter to Galatia, "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ." (Galatians 6:2) He was asking those who were able to be responsible for all in the community and give in any way that would please God. Here in Kent County, the needs continue. The reality is most of Shrewsbury's activities and daily operations require not only time and talents, but also financial support.

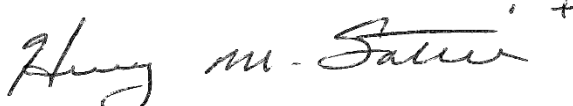
It is expected that the coming year will also pose unique challenges. In making plans for 2021, it is necessary for the church to have a clear picture of its financial health and ability to continue our mission. Filling out a pledge card permits a plausible estimate of anticipated income and empowers the rector, vestry, and committees to set realistic goals. If you are able to do so, please consider increasing your annual pledge. This ultimately supports Paul's admonition "to carry one another's burdens."

Two consecutive Sundays will be designated as Pledge Sundays, November 8th and 15th. On the second of those Sundays, we hope to have all 2021 pledges collected to be blessed at God's altar by Father Henry. Please prayerfully consider your pledge and complete a card. You are also welcome to drop it off in the Parish Office, mail it to the church, or email a scanned copy.

With great gratitude we thank you for your commitment and service as a member of this great parish family and ask God to continue to bless you abundantly.

In Christ's Name,


Randy Crawford, Senior Warden


The Very Reverend Henry Sabetti, Rector and Dean

Shrewsbury Parish is a caring community of faithful people created by God, redeemed by the Son, and empowered by the Holy Spirit. Our mission is to joyfully radiate God's love and to live in Christ.

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ESTIMATE OF GIVING CARD - 2021

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In prayerful thanksgiving for the many blessings bestowed upon my family and me, I/we intend to contribute to the ministries of Shrewsbury Parish Church in the coming calendar year in the amount of:

Weekly	\$	Monthly	\$	Quarterly	\$	Annually	\$
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I/we understand that I/we am/are the sole judge of my/our ability to make these contributions. If my/our circumstances change, I/we will notify the parish office of my/our revised outlook.

Please do ___ do not ___ order church offering envelopes for me/us.

I/we support our parish in its service to Christ and the greater community.

Please return this card on or before November 19th when all cards will be blessed at the Altar.

Mr./Mrs./Ms.

Name:

Address:

City:

Email:

	State:		Zip: