

The **Envoy**



November 2024



Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Ephesians 5:1-2, NRSV

Dear Friends,

As we prepare for our annual Stewardship Campaign, I am writing to invite you into prayer about the journey you make with our congregation – our spiritual home. We are companions for each other as we navigate the ups and downs of our shared lives. It is a walk of love that we make with each other.

Throughout this year I have been inspired by the ways you accompany each other. I have witnessed the way you care for the sick and shut-ins in our congregation. I have eaten at the table with you as you share your recipes and efforts for our community meals and pot-lucks. I have watched as you supported each other when you were struggling or needed a hand or a shoulder. You have helped me when I needed it.

This is what it means to be in community with each other – this is what walking in love looks like.

We have so many gifts to share here, gifts of time, talent, and treasure that we freely give to support our ministry and to do the work of mission in our neighborhoods and communities. We do this not out of a sense that we will get back what we give, but because we are motivated by love. When Paul wrote to his friends in the Church at Ephesus, he reminded them that the very spark of love that founded their community of faith was one of giving. God showed God's love for humanity by giving us a part of the Divine.



Certainly this is what we do when we place our gifts on the altar – we bring our whole selves and share the best part of our love and labor. As you consider what you will share with the Church this year, I invite you to give thanks for the many people who have walked with you in love, supported you in your faith, and shared their gifts with you.

Walking with you in Love,

Jim Frishe, Senior Warden



NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

PLEASE CONTACT ME ABOUT:

- ☐ setting up payments from my checking account/credit card.
- ☐ including the church in my estate plans.
- ☐ making my gift through stocks or securities.

Wealth, Works



It takes more than money to operate ministry in our church.

With gratitude we accept the many gifts of our members as volunteers, servers, ambassadors, and friends in and outside our community.

Thank you for all you do!

- ☐ I/my family would like to volunteer:

- ☐ I/my family would like to learn more about these ministries or opportunities:

- ☐ I/my family have skills and interests we would like to share or teach to our church:

Jr. Warden Report

Wow! What a difference a few weeks can make in all of our lives. Hurricanes Hele-ne and Milton left so many of us in "shock and awe" after passing through our beloved St. Petersburg! Our property survived the storm with quite a bit of tree damage but relatively little building damage.

We lost 12-14 large trees and a lot of branches. One tree actually fell on the rectory and was removed quickly with relatively little roof damage. Our roofing contractor was able to repair the roof immediately so the rectory didn't suffer any further damage.

We were able to get help from a couple of tree contractors working in the neighborhood to cut up and move most of the downed trees to the perimeter of the property where FEMA can assist in removing them from the site. This expense wasn't in our budget and it wasn't cheap! However, it had to be done. Please be patient with this phase of the clean-up as FEMA has a massive task ahead. I believe we may be looking at tree debris for quite a few months.

The City has been contacted regarding storm debris clogging the drainage overflow as well as some depressed ground areas above the damaged main drain pipe. They will be repairing this situation (hopefully soon). If you see any flagged-off areas, please stay clear.

On a brighter note: The Narthex renovation project is making progress. It already has a brighter and cleaner look. A few more things are planned so keep your eyes open for more to come. A special "Thank You" to Berry Ludwig for leading this project. She's had a lot of help from parishioners from the 10:00 service and the Hispanic service. Together they are making our buildings brighter!

I saw this post on Facebook and thought it was appropriate to share with you all, especially after the storms!:

"In the chaos, God whispers, 'Be still and know that I am God.' When life feels overwhelming, thrust that He's already working things out. Peace isn't found in the absence of storms, but in knowing who's in control"

In His Service,

Russ Lynn
Jr Warden



Trees along 9th Ave.,
looking east



Rectory, looking south



Trees by Playground,
55th St., looking south



Pine Forest,
looking north

Hospitality

Happy November! October tried to kick our butts, but God is good and we will be OK.

We've got a few things this month:

- Evening Social will return on Nov. 6th (going to do something a little special for ya).
- We are thinking of doing a special Thanksgiving Day lunch. Hospitality will do the turkeys and each guest would bring a side. There will be a sign up sheet for those interested in the Narthex. This will determine if the event occurs.
- Be looking for notices of the going away lunch for Fr. Hector and Veteran's lunch.

May God bless ya and keep ya!

Sandra Stancil, Hospitality



Loving God,
We turn our hearts to you on this
day for giving thanks, mindful of
your many gifts.
For each one, we are grateful.
For each one, we are blessed.
For each one we are opened to the
abundance of your love.
May this Thanksgiving Day offer a
reminder to be generous with others,
as you are with us.
We praise you.
We rejoice in you.
We give you thanks.
Amen.

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**Nov. 6th &
20th
6pm
Parish Hall**

ST. VINCENT'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Evening Social

Food ~ Family ~ Fellowship

Sign-up in the Narthex or Online: www.stvinepiscopal.org.



TRUNK ~OR~ TREAT 2024

Thank you for
making this event fun
for all!!!



Saint of the Month



LEO OF ROME

BISHOP OF ROME, DOCTOR (10 NOV 461)

Leo I (440-461) and Gregory I (590-604) are the only two bishops of Rome commonly called "the Great." Leo, at a time when the capital of the Empire had been moved to Constantinople, and the government even in Italy no longer had its headquarters at Rome, was the most important official in the city. To him fell such prosaic tasks as supervising the distribution of grain imports and reorganizing the municipal fire department. When Attila and the Huns invaded Italy in 452, he negotiated their withdrawal, and when Gaiseric (or

Genseric) the Vandal captured Rome three years later, it was Leo who prevented the total destruction of the city. It is perhaps not surprising that the theory of papal supremacy gained much ground in his day.

In his day there were disagreements about the correct way to state the truth that Jesus Christ is both God and man. In 449 Leo wrote a letter (known as the Tome of Leo) to Bishop Flavian of Constantinople, in which he affirmed that Christ has two Natures in one Person. The letter was read in 451 by the Council of Chalcedon (the fourth Ecumenical Council), and judged by them to be sound doctrine. It contributed much to the creedal statements of that council.

Leo's influence on church government will naturally get mixed reviews. But for his defense of the belief that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, all Christians may thank God.

From a sermon by Leo the Great:

Although the universal Church of God is constituted of distinct orders of members, still, in spite of the many parts of its holy body, the Church subsists as an integral whole, just as the Apostle says: we are all one in Christ. . .

For all, regenerated in Christ, are made kings by the sign of the cross; they are consecrated priests by the oil of the Holy Spirit, so that beyond the special service of our ministry as priests, all spiritual and mature Christians know that they are a royal race and are sharers in the office of the priesthood. For what is more king-like than to find yourself ruler over your body after having surrendered your soul to God? And what is more priestly than to promise the Lord a pure conscience and to offer him in love unblemished victims on the altar of one's heart?

Prayers for Healing

Shut-ins:

Dante & Rosanna Balzano, Sybil Mulhauser,
Shirley Johnson

Members in Need of Healing:

The Matta Family, Shirley Bonney, Lisa Youla,
Ken Von der Heiden, Emily Matthews, Alice Smith,
Ruth D'Ambrosio, Eileen Prins, Edith Racine, Jim Frishe

Healing for Friends & Family:

Sharon, Johnny B., Cliff, Bill & Dottie, Jimmy, Laura,
Kit W., Randy W., Melissa D., Darrell Blackston, Bill Falin,
Janet Depanoli, Diana, Sandra Schlage,
Judy Prins Franke, Sharon Stoll, Stephen Prins,
Meg Nolin, Mary Ellen Racine, Jim McKiernan,
Michael Perry, Leo Perry, Scott, Kelly, Michael Norris,
Melissa Cercone, Ellie White, Debbie Reeves,
Sean Shannon, Mary Ebert, Martha Salas, Lisa Goodin,
Gerry, Carol Murphy, Brian Hickcox, Katie Grayson,
Heidi Myers, Nancy Fick, Eric Ramsey, John,
Dawn Cantrill, Donald Higgins, Pat, Jack Tyler,
Cory Maddox, Connie Rutter, Evelyn Hill, Bill S.,
Beth Russ, Kellianne Meinhart, Jan Meinhart, Chris M.,
Linda G., Doris Bishop, Janet D., Mike B., Robert Shaw,
Michelle Johnson, Frederick Kirwin, Susan Elias,
Steve Norris, Debra Phillips, Kenneth Norris,
Dede Hacking, Carol Notarianni, Les Shull, Billy Reeves,
Curtis, Linda, David, Bennett, Pierce, Rosemary McLean,
Bella, Maria Paysan, Holly P., Tiffany Leigh, Erica Byrne,
Josie Rose, Brenda Grismer, Kylie Cunningham,
Elena Gibson, Evelyn Pinckney, Martha Vaules, Mike,
Carol Bennett, Kyle & Jenna Flynn and Family,
Susan Barnett, Dave S., all those affected by Hurricane
Helene and Hurricane Milton

If you would like someone added to the prayer list, please call or
email the office: 727-321-5086 / officestvin@gmail.com

O God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers: Mercifully accept our prayers, and grant to
your servants the help of your power, that their sickness may be turned into health, and our sorrow into joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

3 Sharlene Croud
4 Sharon Hall
11 Vicky Bessinger
13 Jean Schramek
14 Michael McManus
15 Ethan Virginski
16 Ro Soucy, Jr.
17 Jennifer Arness
20 Robin Watson
21 Naomi Croud
25 Lou Ann Watson
27 Russ Jones
29 Edwin Mata

Men's Group Breakfast



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**Saturday,
November 2nd
8am-9:30am
Parish Hall**

**All Men of the Parish
are invited to attend
as well as cook.**

Sign-up in the Narthex.



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**Set clocks back
(1) hour
before going to
bed on
Saturday,
Nov. 2nd!**

St. Vincent's Episcopal Church

November 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Office Closed	2 8am Men's Breakfast (turn clocks back 1 hr. to-night!)
3 Holy Eucharist: 10am Rite II 12pm Spanish Daylight Savings Time Ends	4	5 5:30pm Girl Scouts	6 10:30am Bible Study 6pm Evening Social	7	8 Office Closed	9
10 Holy Eucharist: 10am Rite II 12pm Spanish	11 	12	13 10:30am Bible Study	14 6:30pm Vestry Meeting	15 Office Closed	16
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24 Holy Eucharist: 10am Rite II 12pm Spanish	25	26	27 10:30am Bible Study	28 Thanksgiving Day 10am Worship Service Office Closed	29 Office Closed	30



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