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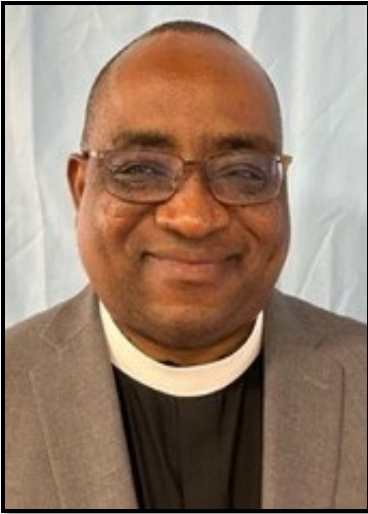
2 - Fr. Samuel & Rose Nsengiyumva

Happy April Birthday To: 

1 - Debbie Quinn	23 - Debbie Lally
12 - Amy Rowell	26 - Nancy Browne
14 - Debbie Stanton	28 - Charlotte Barringer
15 - Jeanette Richardson	28 - Julie Hilkemann
20 - David Gnau	29 - Rob Pilkington

In Loving Memory Of:

Lee Stanton & Jonathan Hole



Rector's Message Resurrection Hope

By Samuel Nsengiyumva

As I look back to the early beginnings of my faith journey, I realize that I tended to focus more on the theological and spiritual meaning of the gospel stories and less on the practical meaning and significance. While I do not regret that approach, I am thankful for the insights I have gained that have allowed me to develop a more comprehensive perspective.

One of the stories of which my perspective has expanded is the story of the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The only meaning I drew from the story as a young believer, was that Jesus died to save us from the consequences of our sins – eternal damnation. While this is undoubtedly the most important lesson from the story, further reflection has led me to a broader meaning and significance.

The suffering

Reflecting on the suffering of Jesus during Lent has led me to a deeper understanding and compassion for those who suffer from all kinds of conditions. I think of those who are betrayed by friends or loved ones. I think of the oppressed, the poor, the sick; all those bogged down by forces beyond their control. I realize that, if Jesus, whose very nature was God, needed someone to stand with him at a critical time, surely mere humans are more likely to need someone to stand with them at a time of need. The words of the proper preface for Lent have heavily influenced my perspective: *Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.*

If there is one lesson to learn from the sufferings of Jesus, it is about the need to be available to those who suffer. The practicalities will vary from situation to situation but we should always find a way to stand with them. I am grateful that many of us here at Holy Trinity have grown to be sensitive to the suffering of others and continue to make ourselves available to those in need in whatever way they need us. In effect, we are agents of resurrection hope.

The resurrection

It is interesting to note that the amount of sorrow around us can easily blind us from the hope of things ever getting better. The fact is, all around us, hope is replacing hopelessness, light replacing darkness, good overcoming evil. Resurrection hope is not only about the resurrection of the dead in eschatological terms, it is also about the experience of daily acts of kindness, love, justice, reconciliation, restoration, and healing.

The story of the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus is in many ways a living story -one that we live everyday of our lives. The challenge is how we live out the story. I suggest that we live it with resurrection hope – being present with those who suffer, being and doing the best we can be under the circumstances, and opening ourselves to the possibility of miracles. In the words of Bishop Payne, we need to be people of “miraculous expectation and glorious transformation.”

May this Easter season be for you and your loved ones, one that is filled with resurrection hope.

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day during office hours.**

Senior Warden’s Report



Last month, I told you that I believe that when we work together in the service of Christ, we not only uplift our spirits but also our bodies and minds. In our loving church, we have the opportunity to identify, nurture, and develop our God-given talents and skills, so we can more effectively serve our communities and fellow church members. When we do this, I believe, we find greater happiness and peace.

Right now, we have that opportunity. Coming up on **May 19, 2025: Light The Path Banquet & Benefit** to celebrate the guiding lights that set our students on a brighter path. Admission to the banquet includes dinner for just \$40. Remember to RSVP by

Treasurer’s Report

February 2025

Contributions	Actual	Budget
Pledges	\$30,711	\$27,668
Other Income	<u>\$23,793</u>	<u>\$ 3,625</u>
Total	\$54,504	\$31,293
Expenses	\$33,500	\$31,293

Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive. Acts 20: 35

Russ Casson, *Treasurer*

Walkway/Sidewalk Dedication

We will be dedicating our newly rebuilt walkway/sidewalk on **Palm Sunday April 13** at 10:30am. We will thank God for all who helped make this project a reality. Please plan to join us.

Friday, May 9, 2025. Whether or not you can attend, please consider making a donation to Holy Trinity Episcopal School, which is specifically designed to meet the needs of our students in grades 6 -12 who experience learning differences related to Autism, ADHD, Dyslexia, and other learning disabilities.

Last month, I also mentioned The Invite Welcome and Connect ministry led by Judy Gygi. This dynamic and energetic group is preparing to introduce a groundbreaking new package of study guides that will revolutionize our lives: transforming first-time guests to our church into regular attendees.

This ministry's next meeting will be held on *April 4, 2025*, from 10:00 am to 11:30 am in our Grace Chapel. The primary focus of this meeting will be discussions on how to plan the rollout of the newly envisioned IWC to Holy Trinity. While this is a significant undertaking that cannot be accomplished in a single meeting, it provides an opportunity to generating ideas and identifying other church members who may be interested in getting involved in this ministry.

Another activity I would also like to bring to your attention is our Vestry's successful representation at the Diocesan 2025 Vestry Training, held in The Church of the Messiah in Winter Garden, Florida, on March 8, 2025. From the below list of seven presentation, each representative had the opportunity to attend up to four separate training sessions. The training covered a wide range of topics of vital importance to the Episcopal Church, including subjects such as:

- Church Size and Dynamics: The Impact on Size, Leadership, Culture, Growth, and Conflict

- Designing with Purpose: Simplifying Social Media and Website Strategies for Your Church
- From Headwinds to Full Sail: Being a Courageous Church in Uncertain Times
- From Surviving to Thriving: Casting Vision and Leading From the Front
- Investment and Cash Management
- Risk Management & Insurance Basics
- Roles of Deacons with Congregation and Vestries

The plan is for all Vestry members to review this training material and related point papers. Once we have completed an initial review we will share insights, suggest potential action items and establish a priority listing in the context of current and planned church projects and activities.

In essence, your ministry teams and Vestry are dedicated to serving Christ. These ministry meetings and Vestry projects provide an additional avenue for you to personally connect with your fellow parishioners, fostering a stronger bond within the church. We would be honored and delighted if you could consider joining us at any of our diverse ministry and Vestry meetings.

Jim Kelly, *Sr. Warden*

Banquet 50/50 & Silent Auction:

We will be selling 50/50 chances for the Light the Path Banquet after the service. You don't have to be present to win; just put your name and phone number on the back of the ticket. Ticket prices: 2 for \$5.00 and 10 for \$10.00. We will also accept donations for silent auction items.

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Holy Trinity
Episcopal School

INVITES YOU TO ITS FIRST ANNUAL

LIGHT THE PATH



BANQUET & BENEFIT

TO CELEBRATE

THE GUIDING LIGHTS THAT SET OUR STUDENTS ON A BRIGHTER PATH!

MONDAY, MAY 19, 2025 AT 6:00 PM

Proceeds will benefit our Specialized Instruction & Services

Food, drinks, awards, silent auction, 50/50 chance drawing, and more!



Admission: \$40
(Includes dinner)

Venetian Center, Harris Room
1 Dozier Court
Leesburg, FL 34748

Scan the QR code to RSVP online. Registration forms are also available in Parish Hall, or you can RSVP by calling Gisselle at 352-787-1500. Sponsorship opportunities available!

RSVP by Friday, 5/9/25

School Banquet & Benefit

Our school will be hosting a “Light the Path” Banquet & Benefit. This inaugural event is an opportunity to bring awareness to the hidden gem that is HTES and celebrate the Guiding Lights who set our students on a brighter path by giving of their time, talent, and treasure. Tickets are **\$40** and include dinner. Proceeds will benefit our school!

We also have sponsorship opportunities available. If you know a local business that may want to help the school by sponsoring or donating items for the silent auction, please don't hesitate to share a flyer and form with them. Every bit counts! Forms are available in Parish Hall.

Parent Group Initiative

You can also support our students by visiting **Fresh Jalapeño on April 21:**

You're invited to our fundraiser

1 DAY ONLY **JOIN US**

MONDAY, APRIL 21st, 2025

WORTHY CAUSE AND GREAT FOOD! **YOUR PARTICIPATION MAKES A DIFFERENCE!**

Fresh Jalapeño MEXICAN RESTAURANT

360 S US-HWY 441
Lady Lake, FL 32159

PLEASE PRESENT THIS FLYER WHEN DINING IN AND 15% OF THE TOTAL BILL WILL BE DONATED TO THE SCHOOL FOR STUDENT PROJECTS!

PLEASE HELP SUPPORT OUR UNIQUE STUDENTS WITH LEARNING DIFFERENCES.

SEE YOU THERE! **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper



Our Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper was held on March 4th at 5pm in Parish Hall. Members shared in conversation around the Hall as the room was filled with the relaxing sound of jazz and the wafting aroma of sweet, warm, buttery pancakes.



Approximately 35 parishioners joined us for some delicious supper, good music, and fellowship. Together, we celebrated this annual tradition of feasting on pancakes before the Lenten season of fasting and reflection. As you may know, Shrove Tuesday is the day before Lent starts on Ash Wednesday. It is also known as Pancake Day, which comes from the old English custom of using up all the fattening ingredients in the house (eggs, sugar, flour) before Lent and fasting began. A very simple recipe to use up these ingredients was to combine them together and make pancakes! This was something completely new to me, but I enjoyed partaking in

the planning and preparation. And I hope you all enjoyed it as well!



Thank you to Sid Yee, Jim Kelly, Bob Mustin, and Rob Pilkington from the Men's Group. They did a wonderful job preparing the pancakes, bacon, sausage, and toppings. Everything was served hot & fresh, and they took care of all the cleanup.



Thank you to Judy Gygi for the wonderful photos, and for helping me set up the decorations for the night. Thanks to all of you who attended and helped make this night a success. We hope to see you next year on Shrove Tuesday for another round of pancakes!

Gisselle Martinez, *Office Administrator*



SHROVE
TUESDAY
PANCAKE
SUPPER
2025



HOLY WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY (APRIL 13 – 20)

April 13: Palm Sunday - 8:00AM & 10:30AM

April 17: Maundy Thursday - Agape Dinner & Eucharist 5PM

April 18: Good Friday - 12PM (stations of the cross) & 6:00PM (liturgy)

April 19: The Great Vigil of Easter - 8:00PM

April 20: Easter Sunday - 8:00AM & 10:30AM

HOLY HACKERS



Fifteen Holy Hackers teed off at Pennbrooke Fairways at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, March 8th. I was unable to attend this one, down with a cold, sneezing and coughing. Naomi had the duty of checking us all in, collecting HTEC donations etc. She also brought me home all the scorecards which I somehow managed to discard without recording the numbers. If my aging memory serves me right though, the low score was turned in by the team of Deb and Randy Siver and Ann and Steve Oakes.

Once again, almost all were able to join us for a great lunch and fellowship afterwards at The Grille at Pennbrooke Fairways. The pictures, as always, are courtesy of our wonderful photographer and golfer, Mandy. We

also said goodbye until next year to Gay & Bob Hensley who are returning to Arkansas after their Winter visit in The Villages. We look forward to seeing them again in February.



We will be at it again on **April, the 12th, the second Saturday of the month**, as usual, all are welcome to join

us for golf and/or lunch and fellowship. With rising temperatures, we will return to a **9:30 am Tee Off** with lunch following about 11:00 am in The Grille at Pennbrooke Fairways.

Dave Aldrich

HTEC School Tutor Program

If you or someone you know wants to make a real difference in a child's life, please call (913) 558-2636 or email jim-kelly8143@gmail.com. No formal academic certification is required. Tutor training and instructional materials are provided. Snow-birds are welcome.

Jim Kelly, HTEC Tutor Program Coordinator

2025 Golf Benefit

match donations!
1+1=2

SAVE THE DATE!
MONDAY, OCT. 20, 2025

LIGHT THE PATH

2025 SCHOOL GOLF BENEFIT

Help us set our students on a brighter path!

SCAN NOW

Continental Country Club
71 Continental Blvd
Wildwood FL 34785

The time, date, and location for our “Light the Path” **Golf Benefit** has been set. It takes place on **Monday, October 20, 2025**, at the Continental Country Club in Wildwood with an 8:30am shotgun start. Golfers will be limited to 112 golfers (28 foursomes), first come first served. Golf, lunch fee is \$110 per golfer or \$440 per foursome. After October 1st the fee will be \$125 per golfer. Lunch will be served at Paulie’s Oaks restaurant at 1pm and will consist of chicken parmigiana, Caesar salad, pasta, rolls and butter, soft drinks. Alcohol is available at the bar.

When registering, donations and sponsorships are also available and will be recognized on our website as well as a hole sponsorship sign. **DONATIONS WILL BE MATCHED 1 FOR 1 FOR THE TOURNAMENT.** Thus a \$100 donation will become \$200, a \$500 donation becomes \$1000, and so on.

Donations go directly to benefit the HTES in support of software programs, personnel that focus on the learning deficits in verbal and math skills and social skills that are lacking in the student population.

Many thanks and let’s have a great tournament! - *Jerry Huetz*, 802-233-3445

Salvation Breakfast Team

Besides Holy Trinity's contributions to the Salvation Army Food Bank via the Red Wagon, we also have a fun-loving and hard-working team of volunteers that provides breakfast service at the Leesburg Salvation Army post to a growing number of less fortunate people in need. You can be part of this mission by joining our breakfast team for just 2 hours on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. For more info about serving our brothers and sisters in Christ, please contact *Jim Kelly* (913) 558-2636 or email jimkelly8143@gmail.com



Little Red Wagon Salvation Army Food Bank

The Salvation Army's food pantries are looking like Old Mother Hubbard's Cupboard. If you would like to help, the Outreach committee is asking you all to contribute to the Salvation Army food bank by making deposits of nonperishable food in the Little Red Wagon at the front of the church on Sundays. Specifically, the Salvation Army is asking for:



Peanut Butter
Jelly (No glass jars)

Canned fruit and fruit cups
Spaghetti sauce
Thin spaghetti pasta
Canned Soup
Mac & Cheese
Canned Beefaroni, ravioli, spaghetti
Canned meat; Tuna, chicken, Vienna sausage
Box meals; Ham helper, Tuna helper, etc
16oz bags rice
Mashed potatoes
Ramen noodles
Single serve grits & oatmeal
Snacks for kids

For more information about helping our brothers and sisters in Christ, please contact Annette Freeman (352) 406-7608

You are Invited to the following events:

HEALTH FAIR 2025

- DOOR PRIZES
- HEALTH SCREENINGS
- LEARNING SESSIONS
- MEDICARE/MEDICAID TIPS
- RAFFLES
- FREE LUNCH
- CHAIR AEROBICS
- COMMUNITY RESOURCES
- AND SO MUCH MORE.....

FREE
ADMISSION

SATURDAY 10AM - 2PM
05 APRIL

VENETIAN CTR
1 DOZIER COURT
LEESBURG, FL 34748

321-754-6057

Solemn Evensong

for the Eve of Passion Sunday

The Evensong will feature

Dyson's Magnificat,

Young's Nunc Dimittis, and

Drop, drop, slow tears

arranged by Sarah

MacDonald as the Anthem.

A Quintet will perform

Tallis's arrangement of Te

lucis ante terminum.

Sung by the choir of

St. Thomas

Under the Direction of

Tabitha Jenkins

Saturday, April 5th, 4:00 pm

St. Thomas Episcopal Church

600 E. Lemon Ave, Eustis, FL

stthomaseustis.org

facebook.com/StThomasEustis/



Upcoming Events:

Holy Hackers | April 12 @ 9:30am

All are welcome to join us at our next outing for golf and/or lunch on **Saturday, April 12th, 2025**. Sign-up in Parish Hall or contact David Aldrich: 203-258-9643 | aldrichkp68@gmail.com

Confirmation Classes | Every Tuesday during Lent @ 10:00am

We will be offering a Confirmation/New member Class on **Tuesday mornings** during Lent from **10:00am – 11:30am**. We will review the basics of the Christian Faith from an Anglican/Episcopal Perspective, & the unique characteristics of its theology, practice, and polity.

Palm Sunday | April 13 @ 8am & 10:30am

Our Holy Week will start with Palm Sunday on April 13 at 8am & 10:30am.

Maundy Thursday | April 17 @ 5pm

Join us for our candlelight Agape Meal & optional foot washing on Thursday, April 17 at 5pm.

Good Friday | April 18 @ 12pm & 6pm

Friday, April 18 at 12 noon – Outdoors Stations of the Cross
6pm – Good Friday Liturgy

The Great Vigil of Easter | April 19 @ 8pm

Please join us for our Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 19 at 8pm.

Easter Services | April 20 @ 8am & 10:30am

Please join us for Easter Services on Sunday, April 20 at **8:00am and 10:30am**.

Bible Study | Every Wednesday @ 10:00am

Join us for Bible Study Every Wednesday at 10:00am in Grace Chapel. Bring your own Bible.

Healing Service | Every Wednesday @ 11:30am

Join us for Healing Service Every Wednesday at 11:30am in Grace Chapel.

Adult Sunday School | Every Sunday @ 9:15am

Features a DVD Series based on the book *The Final Days of Jesus* by Matt Rawle. Join us Sunday mornings 9:15-10:15 in Grace Chapel as we revisit the story of our Lord's final days through the lens of each of the four gospel writers and discover how all four gospels reveal an abundant, diverse, and complementary picture of God's work in the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

Light the Path Banquet & Benefit | May 19 @ 6pm

Come support our school at our inaugural event! Admission is \$40 and includes dinner. Tickets are on sale in the office or online using the QR Code or this [LINK](#).

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Sunday 8:00am (Sanctuary)

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