



THE SALTY SAINT

MAY/JUNE 2021

Mother's Day, May 9th



Father's Day, June 20th



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GOING TO THE HOSPITAL? Having an outpatient procedure?

Please call or email the office to let us know. We really, really want to pray for you, visit you, and support you and those you love, but we cannot do that unless you tell us first.

The Treasurer's Corner

by Mickey Cochran, Treasurer



St Thomas continues to operate in a sound financial basis, thanks to the many parishioners who annually pledge their financial support and faithfully fulfill each pledge. However, (I know this sounds like a broken record) the church will not operate on a sound and sustainable basis at current levels when we successfully hire our new Rector and a Church Choirmaster/Organist. While we have of late resumed indoor services, with reduced occupancy limitations, the church is far from returning to its pre-covid activity level and as such, some sources of financial support still lag considerably. While the church is able to sustain itself a while during the hoped for post pandemic time and the time it takes to fully re-staff itself, each parishioner should carefully and prayerfully consider their financial commitment to St Thomas going forward.

Through Sunday, April 18th, the following results were recorded:

Pledge Receipts	\$88,464.00
Non Pledge Receipts	\$1,975.00
Plate Cash	\$54.00
Miscellaneous Receipts	\$232.12

Through the period, a total of \$22,336.99 was expended for normal operating expenses. Please review the table below for detailed information.

	2021 Results	2021 Budget Estimate	2021 Budget Remaining	Actual % of Budget Realized
Beginning Cash From Prior Year	\$0.00	\$32,000.00	\$32,000.00	0.00%
Pledges	\$88,464.00	\$164,677.00	\$76,213.00	53.72%
Non-Pledge Receipts	\$1,975.00	\$20,000.00	\$18,025.00	9.88%
Plate Cash	\$54.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,946.00	9.88%
Endowment	\$0.00	\$7,200.00	\$7,200.00	0.00%
Prior Year Pledges Paid 2021	\$0.00	*XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	0.00%
Misc. Income	\$232.12	\$500.00	\$267.88	46.42%
Checking/Savings Account Interest	\$0.00	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$0.00
TOTALS	\$90,730.67	\$226,412.00	\$135,681.33	40.07%

*= No Budget Estimate

Sr. Warden's Column

— by Ric Miller

Thanks to all of you for making our return to indoor services a great success. We are fortunate to be able to schedule several supply Priest and Leaders for services into the summer. Please watch the weekly Fishnet for service information.

On another note, The Trinity Center is in need of many repairs and maintenance due to past storms and years of wear and tear. Due to Covid and reduced demand revenues are not meeting their needs. The Vestry voted to earmark the plate offerings on the first Sunday of each month for the center. We also encourage everyone to consider a donation. Just note Trinity Center on the memo line on your check.

Upcoming Services for May/June

May 2nd – MP Larry McAvoy – 9 am
May 9th – HE – Rev. Mollie Roberts – 9 & 11 am
May 16th – HE – Rev. Polk Culpepper - 9 & 11 am
May 23rd – MP – Sandra Swan – 9 am
May 30th – HE – Rev. Donna Kraus – 9 & 11 am

June 6th – To be determined
June 13th – HE – Rev. Jim Horton – 9 & 11 am
June 20th – To be determined
June 27th – HE – Rev. Jim Horton – 9 & 11 am

*MP – Morning Prayer

*HE – Holy Eucharist



Upcoming Birthdays

May

1 – Rosemary Turnage
 4 – Betty Eschenbauch
 9 – Jim Horton
 12 – MaryAnn Adam
 14 – Fritz Morrison
 15 – Chris Smith,
 Larry McAvoy
 18 – Betty Pruitt
 23 – Tom Chuman
 24 – Henry Mallard
 25 – Chip Ide
 29 – Buck Sitterson

June

2 – Susan Tankard
 3 – James Latham, Jr.,
 Jack Chesson
 4 – Marty Paramore
 5 – Wendy Thienpont
 6 – Aida Carter
 8 – Ellen Schwartz
 13 – Bob Scalf,
 Maree Richards-Benson
 16 – Lynn Selby,
 Jacob Satterfield
 20 – Julie Chesson
 23 – Joe Tomaini
 24 – Pat Axness
 25 – Hayden Tankard
 27 – Annie Griffin,
 Joan Seyler
 28 – Joyce Steinbeck
 29 – Mary Ellen Adams

A Blast from the Past

—by Patti Phelps

I've brought you up to 1850 in this blast from the past. Now we'll move forward up to the 20th century.

In 1849 a storm severely damaged the church and wrecked the gable ends, the roof, the brick tower over the front entrance and probably much of the interior furnishings. It is generally thought by historians and Wilson Angley that all of the records for the church were destroyed in this storm. Fortunately the records from before the Revolutionary War were sent to the Lambert Palace in England. According to Rev. H.G. Hilton in a report from 1881 the restoration of St Thomas was due primarily to the efforts of Joseph Bonner.

On the eve of the Civil War St Thomas was under the care of Israel Harding who also ministered to Zion. The Rev Harding was able to conduct worship and minister to the parishioners until Washington was occupied by Federal troops. Rev Harding fled west as a missionary and St Thomas was without ministry until late 1863 when Rev Luther Eborn was sent by the bishop. He ministered to at least 6 churches and at St Thomas he conducted 17 baptisms. After the war the Rev Harding returned and Eborn continued as his assistant. Both were soon replaced by the Rev H.G. Hilton, a Bath native. Although the war left the parish financially devastated the parish began to recover and by the early 1870's the membership was up to 71. He served until 1877 and when he resigned the vestry owed him many months of salary. This has often been a theme of St Thomas. How fortunate the parish was to have such dedicated ministers in spite of the vestry's failings.

This period of time from the civil war until 1877 was one of the most interesting and dynamic times for the church. During these years the church experienced many physical changes. Did you know that we had a belfry and tower? William Walling, a resident of Bath originally from England performed many of the changes. He changed the chancel area, built a raised pulpit, replaced the pews and put them on platforms. He placed the marble tablets flanking the entrance noting important people and times in the church. Yet during the 1870's and 1880's there were numerous appeals to Episcopalians of the diocese for financial aid in the costs of building repairs.

From 1884-1892 the Rev Nymphas E.Price served St Thomas. Considered one of the most beloved and effective ministers, Rev Price was born in Greenville and educated at Trinity School in Chocowinity and UNC. During the Rev Price's ministry many Victorian interior changes were introduced which included a richly decorated altar, a massive canopy above the altar, Queen Anne windows trimmed with stained glass, oil lamps and an ornate chandelier.

Next month I'll take you through the Rev Noe's wonderful work at repairing and restoring St Thomas to its' colonial origins.

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2021 Vestry

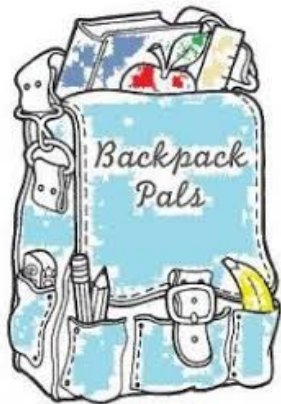
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Susan Tankard
& Kay Leager,
Flower Guild
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Endowment Fund
Barbara Owens,
Communications

Communication Ministry
*This committee is responsible
for the Salty Saint, weekly
Fishnet and the website.*

Barbara Owens
Kay Leager
Joe Tomaini



Backpack Pals In The Time of COVID

The last week of this school year is May 24-28, 2021. Our BPP service for this school year is drawing to a close and what a year it has been. We provided weekend food for a total of 22 students, 6 at Bath Elementary and 16 at Northeast Elementary. Beaufort County will be conducting five and one half weeks of summer school this summer. Ginger Morrison is communicating with the school administrative office to determine if BPP might be needed during that time. If our service is needed, members of the committee will be contacted to determine interest and availability in participating during summer school. We will officially begin the next school year BPP service when school starts again in Fall 2021. STAY TUNED.

THANK YOU to the wonderful group of people who have either purchased food, restocked the BPP pantry, packed and/or delivered the food, donated money or food and/or wished this important service well. Another year WELL DONE!!!!!!!!!!!!!! It is reassuring to be a part of a congregation that is moved to action at the thought of hungry children.

Be Still
AND KNOW
THAT I AM GOD
-PSALM 46:10

Centering Prayer

—by Patti Phelps

Mini Retreat

May 19 & 20, 2021

Trinity Center

This retreat will be an introduction to Centering Prayer and Contemplation. The leader is Father Bob Hudak. Registration is limited and if you're interested in attending or have questions please contact Patti Phelps at 252-495-2444 or by email at frankandpatti@yahoo.com.

Deadline for registration is May 10.



Bill Pruitt/St. Thomas Scholarship Fund

What is the purpose of the Pruitt STEC Scholarship?

Awards of up to \$1,000 for both fall and spring semesters are given to one or more Beaufort County Community College (BCCC) students to help them complete an Associate Degree or Certificate program that will enable them to enter their chosen profession.

Who is eligible?

The Bill Pruitt Scholarship is awarded to eligible BCCC students each semester. Students must live in Beaufort County and have graduated high school with a GPA of 3.0 or higher. The scholarship is limited to students entering a two year job ready program requiring an Associate Degree or Certification. The BCCC Foundation screens applicants for eligibility based on financial need, academic performance, and criteria established by STEC for the scholarship.

What is the process for choosing students for the Pruitt Scholarship?

The STEC Scholarship Committee makes the final selection of awardees based on recommendations from the BCCC Foundation, after having gone through its application and screening process. The STEC Vestry oversees the availability of the scholarship.

How can I help?

The Bill Pruitt Scholarship is funded solely by donations. As you consider your charitable giving for this year please remember the scholarship fund. This help given through St. Thomas positively impacts young people of Beaufort County who choose to improve their lives through education.

Thank you for your continued support for the Pruitt Scholarship!

St. Thomas Scholarship Committee

Betty Pruitt

Sue Brown

Susan Simpson

Worship Schedule – May 2021

May 2, 2021 (Morning Prayer)		9:00	Larry McAvoy
Altar Guild		Susan Tankard	
Acolyte		Robert Tankard	
Lector		Patti Phelps	
Usher		Susan Tankard	
Flower Guild – Flower Guild			
May 9, 2021 (Mother's Day)		9:00	11:00
Altar Guild	Maryanne Adam	Maryanne Adam	Rev. Roberts
Acolyte	Cole Tomaini	Mack Simpson	
Lector	Judi Miller	Patti Phelps	
Usher	Ric Miller	Tim & Allison Smith	
Flower Guild – Flower Guild			
May 16, 2021		9:00	11:00
Altar Guild	Ginger Morrison	Ginger Morrison	Rev. Culpepper
Acolyte	Robert Tankard	Buck Sitterson	
Lector	Larry McAvoy	Bob Scalf	
Usher	Susan Tankard	Lou & Henry Mallard	
Flower Guild – Flower Guild			
May 23, 2021 (Morning Prayer)		9:00	Sandra Swan
Altar Guild		Betty Eschenbauch	
Acolyte		Cole Tomaini	
Lector		Susan Tankard	
Usher		Judi Miller	
Flower Guild – Flower Guild			
May 30, 2021		9:00	11:00
Altar Guild	Johnie Williams	Johnie Williams	Rev. Kraus
Acolyte	Ric Miller	Mack Simpson	
Lector	Judi Miller	Patti Phelps	
Usher	LaRue & Tom Chuman	Jan & Mickey Cochran	
Flower Guild – Flower Guild			

If you are unable to serve, please find a replacement and report the change to the office.

A Pastoral Letter from Bishop Skirving

April 23, 2021

To the people of the Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina,

Greetings in the name of our risen Lord Jesus Christ!

Yesterday morning, it being Earth Day, my morning contemplation focused on the beauty of God's creation and I found myself drawn to the following prayer:

Almighty and everlasting God, you made the universe with all its marvelous order, its atoms, worlds, and galaxies, and the infinite complexity of living creatures: Grant that, as we probe the mysteries of your creation, we may come to know you more truly, and more surely fulfill our role in your eternal purpose: in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. ([Book of Common Prayer](#), page 827)

In particular, the phrase "the infinite complexity of living creatures" stood out to me. Of late, I have been challenged by the difficulty of saying anything about local or national current events without watching the resulting discourse fall victim to politically partisan rhetoric. We "living creatures" who are human dwell in a deeply complex time, and it has become difficult for many of us to understand or be sympathetic to perspectives besides our own.

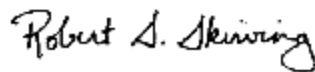
It therefore seems to be an appropriate time to share a first glimpse of the logo we will more fully introduce when we launch our diocese's new website. For now, I simply want to point to the bridge featured in the logo. There are many bridges across the waters of our diocese. This image is intended to represent that reality, but also the ministry of reconciliation given to us by God (2 Corinthians 5) and affirmed in our Church's catechism: "The mission of the Church is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ" ([BCP](#), p. 855).

As I write today, the people of Elizabeth City are living in turmoil as they seek answers about events of Wednesday morning when Andrew Brown, Jr., an African American man, was killed by police. Let us commit ourselves to pray for the Brown family, for all members of the Pasquotank County Sheriff's office and other police services, for community leaders and for all members of the community. Let us pray that the people of Christ Church, with others of faith, will effectively bear witness to God's love for all in their community, while working together to bring peace and calm, healing and reconciliation.

All of us across the Diocese of East Carolina are called to this work, as we live more fully into the promise of God's kingdom here "on earth as it is in heaven." I give thanks to God for our Diocese's [newly reformed Racial Healing Commission](#) and the ministry they will lead, and for this Easter season's prayerful discernment of mission priorities for the Diocese. All are invited to join in this prayerful process, using the resource titled "[We Will, With God's Help.](#)"

May God's Holy Spirit hold us together when other forces seek to divide us. May that same Spirit lead us in seeking God's justice for all people. And may God's Holy Spirit empower us for the ministry of reconciliation in the name of his risen Son Jesus.

Yours in Christ,



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