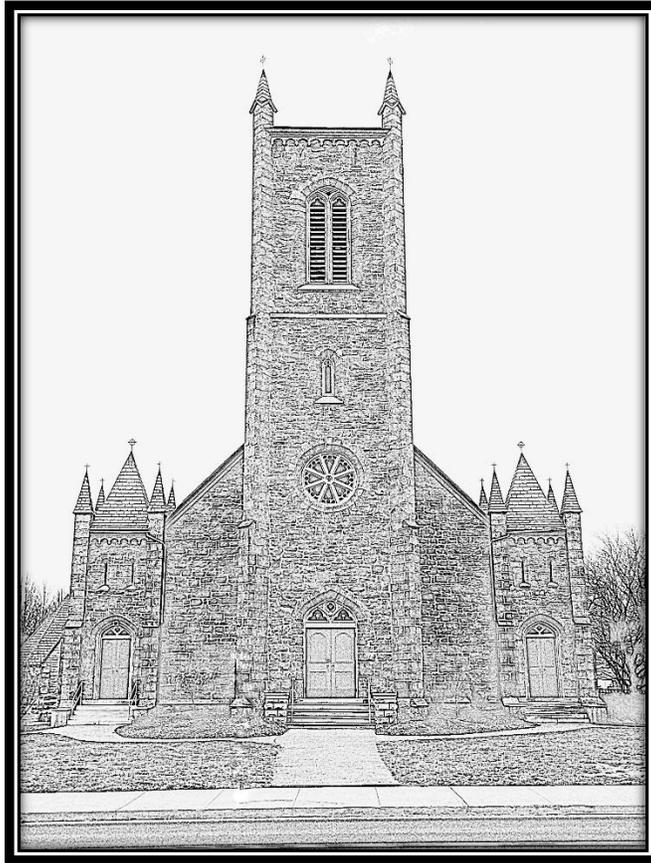


Trinity Church

First Sunday after Epiphany

January 9, 2022

9:30 a.m.



Welcome to our Trinity Church family!

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Announcements

Precautions Required for In-Person Worship—With the increase of COVID-19 cases in Vermont and nationwide and for the safety of our Trinity family, we are now requiring that face masks be worn in church and that seating spacing be more strictly followed. If you do not have a mask, please ask the ushers for one. Please use the pews marked with green tape.

Luncheon Takeout—We'll be delivering soup and sandwiches in the Trinity parking lot on Saturday, January 15 at 11:30am. If you'd like to help, please speak with Rich Jones, Sarah Danner, or Larry Jensen.

Annual Meeting and Vestry Election—The annual meeting of the parish will be held following worship on Sunday, January 30.

2021 Year End Contribution Statements—The 2021 statements have been emailed to those with email and mailed to those without email. If you do not receive your statement by either of these modes, or if you'd prefer a print copy, please contact the church office.

Ingathering for Communion Wine—We are accepting donations of Tawny Port Wine for our Holy Communion.

Diocesan News and Events—Green Mountain Online Abbey invites you to join us for prayer at 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 8:00 p.m. Sunday. Beginning with Epiphany, the Sunday evening prayer services are dedicated to racial healing. Also, on Thursdays from January 6 to February 17, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. on Zoom, Bishop Shannon will lead a diocesan book study of *The Church Cracked Open: Disruption, Decline, and New Hope for Beloved Community* by the Rev. Canon Stephanie Spellers. Spellers is Presiding Bishop Curry's canon for evangelism and reconciliation and was the keynote speaker at the diocese's 2018 convention. See the reading schedule, download the study guide and register online to receive your Zoom link for all seven sessions on the diocesan website. Both endeavors support the new Diocesan mission statement: The Episcopal Diocese of Vermont commits to "take anti-racist actions; work toward environmental sustainability; and develop vital, collaborative, economically sustainable congregations and leaders in our churches and diocesan institutions."

Poinsettias to Take Home—Please give our Christmas poinsettias a forever home! Take a plant with you today.

Christmas Tree Pickup—Rutland Boy Scout Troops 105 and 120 will once again collect discarded Christmas trees at the end of the holiday season, with pickup date scheduled for Saturday, January 15. To schedule your tree pickup, please call 802-438-8721 or email RutlandBSTreeCollection@gmail.com. (This is their major fundraiser, so donations are greatly appreciated and accepted at pickup.)



ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TODAY IN MEMORY OF:

Bob and Judy Green

Our Staff: *Priest-in-Charge*, the Rev. Sarah Ginolfi; *treasurer*, Linda Fay; *Parish Administrator*, Wendy Grace; *Music Director*, John Riddle; *Sexton*, Jeff Zoesch

Our Vestry: *Senior Warden*, Fern Fryer; *Junior Warden*, Jay Slenker; *Members*: Melissa Alarie; Elizabeth Bushey, Kathy Hall; Rich Jones; Krey Kellington; David Thurmer; Holly Webb

Today's Liturgical Assistants: *Altar Guild*— Sue Patrick, Lisa Boerner, Lisa Frankel-Boerner; *Chalice Assistant*— Rich Jones; *Old Testament Reader*— Marc Brierre; *Epistle Reader*— Shannon Hill; *Intercessor*— Mary Ruth; *Ushers*— Larry Patrick, Marc Brierre; *Live Stream Tech*— Lisa Frankel-Boerner

*We offer our thanks to Elisabeth von Trapp for her gift of
music in today's worship.*

9:30 a.m. First Sunday after Epiphany – Holy Eucharist

The Invitatory

Prelude	<i>Prélude sur l'Introït de l'Épiphanie</i>	<i>Maurice Duruflé</i>
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Processional Hymn #124	<i>What star is this, with beams so bright</i>
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Opening Sentences

Officiant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

Officiant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Gloria in Excelsis	<i>S 278</i>
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The Collect of the Day

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Officiant: Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

The Word of the Lord

Lessons of the Day

First Reading	Isaiah 43:1-7
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Reader: A reading from the book of Isaiah.

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth— everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Officiant: Please join me in reciting Psalm 29.

*1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, *
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.*

*2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; *
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.*

*3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.*

*4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.*

*5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; *
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;*

*6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.*

*7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; *
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.*

*8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.*

*9 And in the temple of the Lord *
all are crying, "Glory!"*

*10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; *
the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.*

*11 The Lord shall give strength to his people; *
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.*

Second Reading

Acts 8:14-17

Reader: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The Word of Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Officiant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon	the Rev. Sarah Ginolfi
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Renewal of Baptismal Covenant (Congregation)
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Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.*

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People: I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.*

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant: O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Intercession Prayers and Confession

Reader: Dear God, we seek to follow your will. Guide us as we deepen in spirituality, grow in compassion, and be your courageous hope in the world. Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church. We pray for **The Anglican Church of Chile; Ministry and work of VIA (the Vermont Interfaith Action Group), JUMP, and Cathedral Square Corporation.**

People: *That we all may be one.*

Reader: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People: *That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

Reader: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons. We pray especially for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Shannon, our Bishop; and Sarah, our priest.

People: *That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

Reader: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People: *That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Reader: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People: *That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Reader: We pray for all victims of violence; for those persecuted for race or gender; for all suffering financial hardship. We remember those commended to us, especially **Mario, Dennis, Rodney, John, Meg, Mike, Emily, Susan, Eric, Mona, Harriet, Mary Ann, Joan, Guy, Arlynn, Christian.** Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People: *That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Reader: Give to the departed eternal rest, especially **Judy and Bob Green for whom the altar flowers have been given.**

People: *Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

Reader: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People: *May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Reader: Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. We pray

for parishioners celebrating birthdays and anniversaries, especially: **Emily Patrick, Nicole Brierre, Meg Howard, Richard Sweet, Tom Williamson, Catherine Williamson, Bill Reitz, Kit Wakefield, Joanna Ray, Lisa Frankel-Boerner, Hannah Coburn, Dan Bassett, Jane Jones.** Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.
Silence.

Celebrant: O God, in the course of this busy life, give us times of refreshment and peace; and grant that we may so use our leisure to rebuild our bodies and renew our minds, that our spirits may be opened to the goodness of your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Confession and Absolution

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Thank you for remaining in your place for the passing of the peace.

In these times, you may exchange the peace through eye contact with a wave, a bow, a smile, or whatever motion you grow to embrace in this adapted practice.

Announcements

All may come up the center aisle to receive Communion. Alert an usher if you wish to receive communion in your seat. The priest will distribute the bread and the wine in "kits" that we will consume together once all are served. Those wishing to receive a blessing instead of Communion are invited to cross their arms as a signal to the priest. Also, for various reasons, some opt to receive communion in "one kind" i.e. only the bread or only the wine. Communion in "one kind" still constitutes the full receipt of Communion. Let those serving Communion know if this is your preference upon arrival to the railing.

Thank you for your financial commitment to the life of Trinity Church. Your gift helps our church family spread God's love and joy in the world! Offering plates are located at the top of the center aisle on the way to the altar as well as near the center exit doors.

Offertory Anthem

*We Three Kings
performed by Elisabeth von Trapp*

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving (*service music is found at the front of the hymnal*)

S 120

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your son Jesus Christ our Lord. And so we join the saints and angels proclaiming your glory, as we say:

Sanctus

S 128

*All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Eucharistic Prayer A (*People stand or kneel as able.*)

Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All: *Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.*

The Fraction

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: *Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!*

The Invitation

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Please follow the direction of the ushers, maintaining 6 feet of distance from other family groups, and waiting to consume the elements upon returning to the pews.

Communion Anthem

Poverty

Welsh carol, arr. Caradog Roberts

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: *Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Blessing

Celebrant: May the blessing of God Almighty: Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always.

Closing Hymn #135

Songs of thankfulness and praise

Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: *Thanks Be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Postlude

Salvation now is come to Earth

Heinrich Scheidemann

Exiting: *Your presence is a blessing! Thank you for this gift. There are waste bins at each exit for communion container disposal.*

On the following pages you will find a recap of each session of our Advent Series:
Invite, Welcome, and Connect.

Notes from the "Invite" Advent Series Session on December 7th

At the onset of our time together, we each shared stories of how and why we came to Trinity Church. There were a diversity of pathways to Trinity. One important discovery we acknowledged was that the population of those who naturally found Trinity Church because they grew up in an Episcopal Church is dwindling. We cannot expect the community to know who we are or what we stand for, so sharing our story through relationships will be an important quality for us to enact.

Next, we watched Brené Brown's TED Talk on "The Power of Vulnerability." We examined the intersection of "invitation" and "vulnerability" to discern how the concept of being vulnerable in ourselves and in our community could encourage us to be more mindful of how we share our faith story or welcome the stories of newcomers. Brown writes that being vulnerable takes courage—telling the story with our whole hearts. And, while searching for and sharing vulnerability can be intimidating, "it's also often the birthplace of joy, creativity, and love." With that, one in our group wondered what might happen if we shared the message: "Come, be imperfect with us. You are worthy in your imperfection."

We spoke about the obstacles some may have with engaging church and how it's important to be aware that many visitors may already be in a tender state when choosing to come to church. Perhaps someone has a challenging past with the church or is in the midst of a major family crisis. Giving all visitors the space to embrace and share what they need from rather than projecting our needs onto them shows a spirit of generosity and "letting go the outcome."

To translate our thought into action, we brainstormed the following ideas to broaden our invitation effort at Trinity:

- We could host family friendly events like game nights, New Year's Eve parties, or summer picnics to get to know those in our community and build relationships before taking the step to invite a family who is completely unfamiliar with church to attend worship.
- We could offer a grape juice option during Communion to better serve the needs of those many individuals who come to our parish for AA meetings.
- We could design pins, bookmarks, or new Trinity t-shirts to wear when joining community events and hand out as swag.
- We could create Facebook events and promote them (very inexpensive) for special services like Christmas, Easter, or concerts.

Notes from the “Welcome” Advent Series Session on December 14th

In Tuesday, Dec. 14th's session in the Advent *Invite, Welcome, Connect* Series, we focused on ways to welcome people to Trinity. Specifically, that means our practices for welcoming visitors once they enter the space for worship or church-hosted events.

We began our time by sharing our own stories about how we felt welcomed (or unwelcomed) when engaging in a new experience, culture, or community group. Some themes that arose that made us feel welcome included:

When we felt celebrated in our arrival or were invited to join in a larger culture of celebration already in place.

When we experienced an out of the way invitation upon welcome e.g. when we were given a tour of a new space or some instruction on what to anticipate in the new experience, when we were invited to someone's home for dinner or an overnight stay in a time of need.

When we were specifically connected or introduced to others present.

When we felt our unique presence was valued i.e. when we were encouraged to bring our “whole selves” rather than being asked to assimilate into a culture (the latter being different than welcoming people into our tradition).

We then brainstormed the following action steps we could take at Trinity to enhance our welcome efforts:

- Wear name tags (which could be kept in the narthex at church)
- Update our pew cards and add a QR code to them linking newcomers to our website
- Host casual social events via Zoom (in that format for now)
- Make welcome bags to hand out to visitors with swag like Trinity pens or bookmarks and cookies
- Create an usher role that focuses specifically on gathering newcomer information, connecting newcomers to others, and orienting them to the space (some of this is already practiced by our brilliant usher team!)
- Create a newcomer specific page
- Develop an app for Trinity

Notes from the "Connect" Advent Series Session on December 21st

In our final session of the Advent Series, we focused on how we might better “Connect” new and existing congregants more deeply into the life of the parish. We shared stories about our own experiences of feeling connected to a community, culture, or family group. A sense of being “rooted” or “grounded” within a community on whom we could rely surfaced as a common theme.

We noted the unique bond that formed when, even in new cultures or environments, we were treated like “family” or “insiders” immediately upon arrival to a new group. The invitation into someone’s home was especially meaningful. Many also felt more connected to a parish or community when they joined a ministry team or shared another kind of personal offering with a new community. This specific involvement was an opportunity to get to know a small group more closely. Plus, having a sense of purpose in a new community further deepened the experience of belonging and commitment.

We then watched a short video about a drive-thru rice and beans ministry at an Episcopal Church in Clanton, Alabama. The parish is small—less than half the size of ours—but the congregation saw their size as an opportunity instead of a challenge. Their community’s closeness drove the enthusiasm of the effort.

ACTION STEPS

- We all miss coffee hour. For the time being, we could offer 8-10 person after work gatherings or “dessert” time gatherings via Zoom.
- Each month we could feature stories from individuals in the parish e.g. “News from the Pews” or from community partners to become better acquainted with our “people resources.” An invitation to gather around common interests could be made. These stories could then appear in LOGOS, in the bulletin, or even on our website.
- During worship we could offer a chance for some to share aloud prayer requests, stories of joy, or to invite others to participate in a local service project or community event beyond the parish.
- We talked about the Drive-Thru Saturday soup and sandwich luncheon that we’re already following through on January 15th at 11:30am.

Deep thanks and celebration to all participants in the *Invite, Welcome, Connect* Series!