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**FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK**

*God's Work in Progress*

## **An Ode To The Little Guys**

*By Fr. Matt*

Have you ever felt like you were too small, too insignificant? Or, perhaps, that our church is too small to make much of a difference against the darkness around us? Never think that you are too small. Never believe that our church is too small. For it is a great God who is at work in and through us. When Jesus spoke of faith, he spoke of even the smallest amount of faith that could make a mountain move (Matthew 17:20)! The truth is that **who** we have faith in matters a whole lot more than who we are or what our circumstances are. Think of the fact that Jesus only had 12 disciples, or that even after His death, only about 120 gathered together in faith (Acts 1). And yet it was through these 12, and then the other 108 that came with them, that Jesus established His Church that still stands 2,000 years later. Our church fits nicely between the sizes of these two groups- if we too have faith, God is not limited by our size; He can use us in mighty ways beyond our imagining!

He can do this because of the work of the Holy Spirit in us. Paul reminds us in Romans that the same Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead lives in us when we have faith in Christ (8:11). It is the strength of this Spirit that allowed the youth David to face and slay the mighty giant, Goliath, when all Israel's warriors shied away. The strength of this same Spirit upheld Peter to walk on stormy water (at least while he had faith!). The same Spirit who enabled Stephen to see the glory of God before giving His life as a witness to Jesus (Acts 7). The same Spirit who enabled the disciples to boldly proclaim the work of Christ where they were before ashamed to be with Him. This is the Spirit whom God has given to us! To experience this working of the Spirit, we must have faith. Each of us has a different level of faith, the Bible teaches (check out Romans 12:3), and some even have extraordinary faith as a spiritual gift (1 Cor. 12:9). Living by this faith is where things get interesting, as faith involves risk (at least from the human perspective). To give something up for Christ, or to trust that He can do great things through us, opens us up to potential loss or to looking foolish to the world. Yet we can take the risk of faith, because we believe that God will do as He says, and He says that all things will work together for the good of those who love Him and are called according to His purposes (Romans 8:28).

All that to say: don't believe in yourself, or in ourselves as a church. And don't look at your own strength and abilities or our collective abilities as the most important measure of what we can and cannot do. Rather, believe in Jesus, and remember that it is His Spirit who will work in and through us. If He calls you to something great, or calls His Church to a great work, then He will do it! We have only to trust and walk with Him.

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it. – 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

# BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS CLOTHING DRIVE



The clothing drive for Big Brothers Big Sisters is coming to an end. They will be picking up our donation on Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup> between 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. So far CCA has collected over 50 bags of clothing. If you still have items at home that you would like to donate, please bring them into the church (no later than Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup> before 11:00 a.m.). Remember, the church will receive a donation based on the weight of the collection.

## FAIR HAVEN PARENT'S MINISTRY THANKSGIVING OFFERING

This year Outreach will be giving Fair Haven Parent's Ministry Stop & Shop and Big Y gift cards for them to purchase turkeys for their Thanksgiving Baskets. They are also asking the congregation to donate stuffing and cranberry sauce. You can start bringing in your donations now until November 13<sup>th</sup>. All donations will be delivered to Fair Haven Parents Ministry on November 20<sup>th</sup>.



## MEN'S SHELTER

We will be serving a meal at the Emergency Men's Shelter on Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:45 p.m. This is the weekend after Thanksgiving and we will be doing a special meal for the men. It will be something other than a turkey dinner being that the men will receive turkey dinners from other organizations. Thoughts such as lasagna or manicotta with meatballs are being considered. If you would like to cook and/or donate to this mission, please contact Michelle Viesselman or Nancy Perez. The next meal service will be on Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>.

Staple items which are always needed are:

Paper dessert plates, paper soup bowls, napkins, salad dressing, and disinfecting wipes.

# BRANFORD CARES ANGEL TREE



CCA will be participating in the Branford Cares Angel Tree Project beginning on Sunday, November 27th. This project will work the same as last year. A tree will be set up in the back of the church with the name, age and request of a recipient. Choose your card and bring in the corresponding gift by the deadline. Your past response to this project has been wonderful and greatly appreciated and we look forward to another successful year.

## NEW REACH WOMEN'S SHELTER

Outreach is still collecting sheets and comforters for the New Reach Women's Shelter. In addition to this collection, Outreach will be making up bags which will include toiletries, a jewelry gift and a gift card to Walmart.

Here is a suggestion to anyone who would like to make a Christmas gift to someone in the shelter. How about a gift card which can be purchased here at the church. Stop & Shop and Big Y gift cards will be available within the next couple of weeks. You may also want to purchase a Walmart gift card. Please see Karen Dattilo for more information.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Sunday School is well underway. There are two grade levels this year – one for preschoolers and early education and the other for 4<sup>th</sup> grade and older. Thank you to Jamie Viesselman who is heading up this ministry area. Currently the project that the kids are working on is cards of love and encouragement for Fr. Moses and his church. Kids will also start preparing for a Christmas Pageant.

# WELCOME NEW MEMBER



Abigail Grace Mahan



September 18, 2016

Congratulations Fr. Matt, Liz & Joshua

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

11.....Joann Popolizio  
14.....Shelby D'Andrea  
21.....Annie Lau  
21.....Sherry D'Andrea  
26.....Jerry Spadacenta  
28.....Austin Donle  
29.....Fr. Matt Mahan

## NOV. ANNIVERSARIES

15.....Michael & Karen Dattilo  
21.....Jerry & Diane Spadacenta

### **Please continue to pray for the healing of:**

\*Kate Heermans, \*Lou Nacca, \*BJ Petrosino, \*Esther Tregoning, \*St. Germaine Family, \*Dick & Sally Carr, \*McMahon Family, \*Joy Cunningham, \*Jim Cunningham, \*Lenore Martorelli, Sue Rinato, David Carr, Paula Krauss, Paul Spadacenta, Ken Souse, Joseph & Vera DeLucia, John A. Popolizio, Cynthia Seward, Pam Huntington, Patricia Esposito, Vincent Crudo, Alicia McCormick, Sally Lamb, Debbie DeFelice, Cherly Luzzie, Albert Petrosino, Lorie Canfora, Carol Ann Milo, Kathy Keoghan, Joseph, Carol, and Gina Popolizio, Michael Cacioppes, Diane Whelan, Carleen Cook, Pasqual Testa, David Dube, Rita Troshynski, Olympia D'Antonio, Steve Cignore, Sebastian Kunnappilly, Jerome Barretta, Abby LaBanca, Timothy McMahon, Rose Mattie, Marilyn Barretta, Karen Jacobowitz, Nicole Rodriguez, John Morin, Jason Crispino, Maryann Droukas, Louis Acquarulo, John Giordano, The Riches Family, Rick Gonnevill, Stanley Moniz, Danny Toce, Christine Zannelli, Marie Panosky, Alexis (Mason), Britaini Watterson, Deborah Hickman, Elise Nacca, Carmel Casabona, Susan Olster-Dauch, Belinda Jones and David Beyer.

*Individual prayer requests will be posted for a period of two months; after that, if not renewed, they will be removed.*

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Nov 01.....All Saint's Day service at 6:30 pm  
Nov 03.....Women's Bible Study @ Kate's 7:00  
Nov 06.....Outreach Meeting  
Nov 08.....Compline 6:30.....Choir 7:30  
Nov 10.....Women's Bible Study @ Kate's 7:00  
Nov 13.....Budget Meeting  
Nov 15.....Evening Prayer 6:30.....Choir 7:30  
Nov 17.....Women's Bible Study @ Kate's 7:00  
Nov 20.....Pledge Cards due back to church  
Nov 20.....Vestry Meeting  
Nov 22.....Prayer Meeting 6:30.....Choir 7:30  
Nov 24.....Thanksgiving Day service 10:00 am  
Nov 26.....Quiet Day 9:00 am to 12:00 pm  
Nov 27.....Men's Shelter 5:45  
Nov 29.....Prayer Meeting 6:30.....Choir 7:30

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9:00am Sunday School & Adult Bible Study

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Christ Church Anglican  
Rev. Canon Moses Aderibole, Vicar  
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