Report of Pastor for Parish Life The Rev. John H. Brock March 2021

As I tend to believe that, from someone else's point of view, I lead a relatively dull and uninteresting life (I, for the most part, am well satisfied with my life), my report this month is not that much different from my report last month, or the month before that. I attended various meetings: Fellowship Team, Creative Worship, podcast planning. I assisted a couple of folks with funeral planning. I picked up supplies for The Way of the Cross / Stations of the Cross (if you received one of those three inch nails, you're welcome. They're imported all the way from the Harrisburg Lowe's). Of course, I preached once, presided several times, assisted with distribution of Drive Through Communion.

I did have a meeting with our wonderful and faithful Library Ladies. They did a bang up job in boxing up the entire library before renovations began. Now that the library is nearly completed (we're awaiting new furniture, as well as some window dressings), they are working at returning books to shelves. They will also be combining the resource room from the second floor with the library on the main floor, so there may need to be elimination of not only duplicates, but perhaps of books that have not been utilized in awhile, in order to make room for the study materials that will be brought down. The second floor shelves will remain and be repurposed for, among other, children's materials that can be accessed by the preschool.

I was able to take a few days of vacation, and get to warmer climates, while joined by my spouse and my in-laws. We were able to have a wonderful dinner with some Trinity members while all of us enjoyed the Florida warmth, away from a PA March.

If I may close with some events that spilled from the end of March into April. I would like to say that I feel our staff tape did a great job this year with the Holy Week / Easter worship experiences. We received several comments and compliments on the artwork that went along with the Passion reading on Palm Sunday. Being able to tape the Holy Monday / Tuesday / Wednesday messages in advance, instead of being at Trinity to lead a short time of devotion for what would have undoubtedly been a gathering of less than a dozen (based on ehe previous eight years or so), was much better use of our time as a whole. I feel that the Maundy Thursday worship went well, as did the Friday evening Tenebrae worship. The Way of the Cross / Stations of the Cross was very well attended and received by all who took part. We have some good ideas on how to proceed with it next year. With the Easter Vigil worship being pre-recorded, made getting up for Easter celebration so much easier. And I feel that all five inperson times of on Easter Day were very joyful and well appreciated. A job well done by all those involved, by those who came into the building, and those who participated on-line.

Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

God's peace,

Pastor John Brock