

**Pastor for Parish Life**  
**The Rev. John H. Brock**  
**April 2023 Report for March 2023**

**Recurring Events:**

- Staff meeting
- Pastoral Care
- Production / Live Stream Prep meetings
- Live Stream Worship, In Person Sunday / Saturday
- Preach March 4/5, 25/26
- Write weekly Prayers of the Church (along with Every Member Prayer list) and Pastoral Care report
- Noon prayer service/On Call weekend March 10-12, 24-26
- Council
- Worship Team
- Property
- Creative Worship

**Additional things:**

- Funeral Planning: I. Snyder
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- Thursday Pastor's Bible Study: *Prophecy & Fulfillment - Maundy Thursday*
- Home / Hospital Visitations
- Member Contacts
- Financial Aid to several non-members
- Financial Aid - Friends of St. Francis
- Write, record Holy Wednesday meditation
- Lead Affirmation of Baptism: Special session on *Suicide; Passover to Last Supper; Your Body is a Temple*
- Affirmation of Baptism make up session: The Big Ten (Ten Commandments)
- Tuesday morning Men's Brother's Bible Study.
- Lions club pancake breakfast. Greet various Trinity folk as well.
- Preside at baptism of toddler Henry Healy.
- Staff Work Day. Stephanie & I (with a little bit of assistance eventually from Pastor Horner) dug up the Saw grass plants along the east side of the preschool playground.
- Youth Sunday planning, along with Moses & Pastor Horner.
- Participated in First Communion distribution for three of our youth

**Other things:**

- Quick word on that Special Affirmation of Baptism session: Suicide. Pastor Liz & I worked together on putting this session together. We also invited my son Even to participate, as during his junior year at Mechanicsburg high school, two of his classmates died, and a third took his own life. This turned out to be one of the best discussions I have had with Affirmation of Baptism students, I would say, not only this year, but quite possibly ever.
- I was also able to take a weekend in order to attend a cousin's wedding in North Carolina. This weekend also turned out to be much more meaningful than I anticipated.

I have not seen many of those relations in several years (pretty much since my mother's funeral in September 2020). My cousin, Jimmy, is also a remarkable fellow. He is about six years older than me, and this is his first marriage. He obtained his law degree, and became a lawyer. He then went on to get ordained in the United Methodist church. He joined the navy, became a chaplain, and was then assigned to the Marines as the Navy supplies the Marines with chaplains. After serving full time, he joined the reserves, and got himself elected as a judge, where he served until his retirement. He asked me to give the blessing of the meal at the reception, and I was very honored to do so.

God's peace,

Pastor John Brock