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What Stewardship Means to Us

Fourth in a series of parishioners' stories

The definition of “Stewardship” reads “the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one’s care.” So this leads to the question of what is that “something”? Religion? This Church? Each other? I believe it is probably all three.

My family and I have been part of Christ & Holy Trinity Church since 1998. My son, Jack, was baptized here and attends the Church School program. My daughter, Kate, did Sunday School, confirmation, choir and is now a member of the youth group. My wife, Beth, is, well, many times always here.

Growing up I didn’t attend church much, but having a family has brought me back. I really think the best part of membership at Christ & Holy Trinity is belonging to this family.

We go back to the dictionary one more time for the definitions of “Reflection” which reads “a thought, idea, or opinion formed or a remark made as a result of meditation”. Meditation has varying forms, stretching from Monks who can meditate all day to just taking a quiet moment to center yourself. To me, Christ & Holy Trinity is a place to center yourself. Each Sunday that my family attends church, I enjoy the break from busy lives of after school activities, work pressures, 24-hour-a-day non-stop news, and focus on our family being together.

As we all know, though, Sundays at CHT are not necessarily one single activity. The packed Sunday leaflet includes discussion groups, Church school, youth group, ushers, greeters, altar guild, multiple choirs, and weekly events. I think it is this fabric of activity that binds us together.

So to conclude, I think stewardship is about the Christ & Holy Trinity family we are all entrusted to care for. In caring for this precious gift, we all need to think, pray and give as much as we can to ensure its continuation.

Enjoy your Sunday.