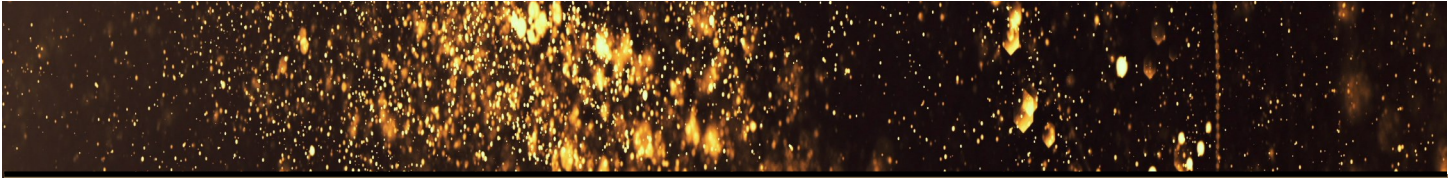


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Stewardship - A Way of Life

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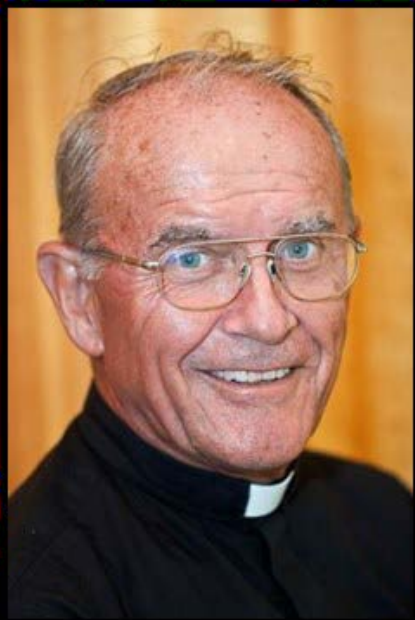
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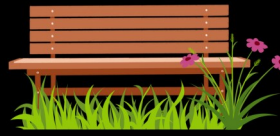
“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and *not* to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

~Jeremiah 29:11~

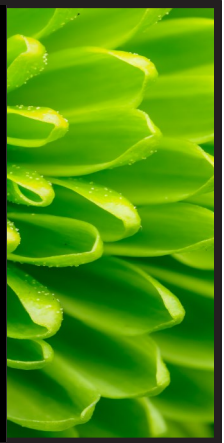




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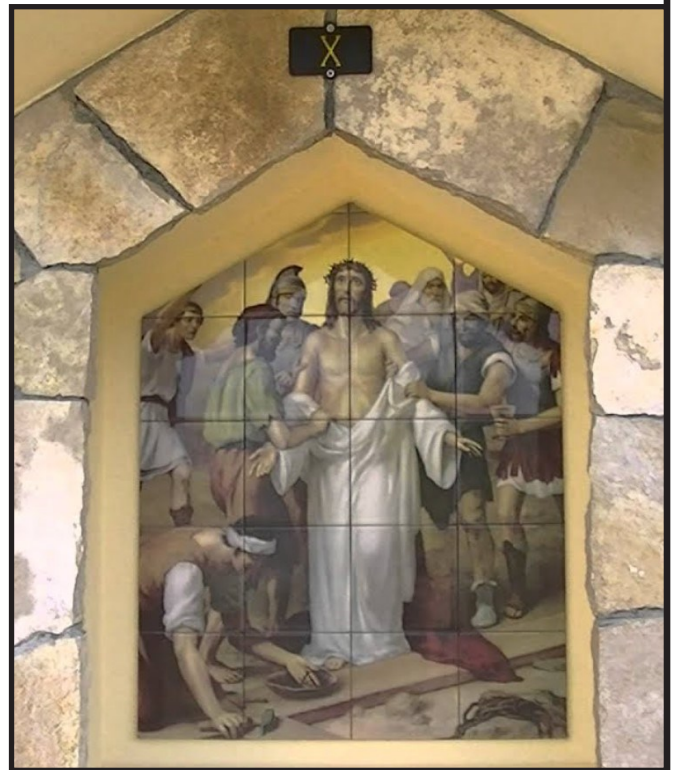
PARISH PRAYER GARDEN



While we can pray **anywhere**—and we should—nevertheless an “atmosphere of prayer” can be physically developed. You can pray driving your car, or while you are jogging, or sitting at the beach, or during the commercials while watching the Gators. However, we could all easily admit, all things being equal, we are much more likely to have a deep

personal prayer time in the Adoration Chapel than while watching TV. You could easily develop a “prayer corner” in your home that would enhance your prayer life.

Some Catholic churches are more physically set up to produce a prayerful atmosphere than other Catholic churches. The grounds outside our buildings at our parish and school campus have a number of aspects that encourage our union with God and the saints (prayer).



We are in the process of developing one special area on campus that will be devoted only to prayer. Thankfully, our Florida weather is generally good and mostly conducive to prayer—even outdoors.

The Parish Prayer Garden presently under construction is situated between the primary school and the church. We have already fenced it in. It will be accessible to all who want to pray there. Wheelchairs can go up the covered walkway leading to the primary school. All others can access



the prayer garden through the wheelchair gate or through a gate near the back of the chapel (cry room).

When finished, the prayer garden will have 14 Stations of the Cross modeled after the 14 stations in Medjugorje. There will be a concrete walkway leading from one station to another. At the center, where the big old stump of the oak tree was recently removed, there will be a tall statue of Christ overlooking the campus.

The cost is not known yet. But, in time, I will be looking for 14 sponsors for the stations and one major sponsor for the tall statue of Christ.

I have two other 'new' projects where I can use your help! Keep reading below for more details.

Project #1



We need to resurrect an Altar Society! Its purpose would be to, once a week, put the finer touches of cleaning the church – the doors, the altar, the baptismal font, the pulpit, the glass upstairs, under the pews, etc. The maintenance crew can only do so much. If you are interested in joining the Altar Society, call the church at 352.629.8092 and put your name on the list.

Project #2

REVIVE the
Energy Saving Committee



It is high time we revitalized our Energy Saving Committee or Green Committee. There is so much more we can do to take care of the garden (the world) God gave us to live in. The garden is for all people – yes, all people. If you are interested in joining, call in your name to the church office.

Thanks!

Fr Pat

Meet Father Titus Kachinda



Believe it or not, when Father Titus Kachinda arrived at Blessed Trinity as our newest parochial vicar, the parish was not completely unfamiliar to him. "I've been here for different occasions with the Sisters - for the celebration of the Ugandan Martyrs. It was not the first time I set my feet here," he told me when we sat down to talk. Father Titus has worked in the Diocese of Orlando since 2016, beginning at St. Margaret Mary in Winter Park, and followed by stints at St. Ann Parish in Debarry, Prince of Peace in Ormond Beach, and OL of Hope in Port Orange. Five weeks ago, he returned to the US after spending more than 2 ½ years in his homeland of Tanzania.

In 2021, Father was in the process of getting his green card when his sister Gemma, a nun, died in Tanzania. Being the seventh of ten siblings in a close-knit family he told me he had a choice to make. "Whether to remain and not go for the funeral of my sister so [that] the process goes on smoothly... or to risk going away and roll back everything [and start over]. I told Bishop Noonan that I cannot stand the pain of not being with the family at this moment in time, no matter what happens. So, I chose to go. And I had to wait for 2 [years] and 8 months to come back here."

Returning proved to be a challenge. "I lost my dad a month ago," he said. "I had made all the arrangements for my departure here and then he passed on 10/15 so I had to postpone everything." Father Titus shared that he is fortunate to still have his mother, who is 90 years old. Asked how the family was handling his return to the US, he said it has been hard for them. It is evident in the questions they ask when he telephones: "Are you still staying there? For how long? Why don't you come back here? You know, you can be a priest back here." He is not finding the transition easy either – he has no relatives at all here in the US.

Father Titus went on to explain why he felt called to leave his homeland. "When the first missionaries came, they came from Europe. And they are buried here – they died here. It's our time now to do the same, so, I can't just be a priest and be at home."

The missionaries who first arrived in Tanzania in 1908, in what later became Father's home Diocese of Singida, planted seeds that made a lasting impact. When they arrived, there were 0 Catholics. In 2019, Singida boasted over 178,000 Catholics, 12.4% of the population! The mission territory had 8 parishes when it became a Diocese in 1972. It now has 31. The Diocese has experienced tremendous growth in both vocations and schools. It sounds a lot like our sister parish, BT Nalweyo. Speaking of which, Uganda and Tanzania share a border and citizens of both countries use the same passport. Father believes that eventually the two countries may unite - along with 6 other sovereign African states - under the East African Federation banner with a single leader.

Father has expressed that BT parishioners have been very welcoming to him. One helpful parishioner went the extra mile to help him get his Florida driver's license! Eventually he will need a car but for now, since the Churchill Publix has reopened, groceries are within walking distance. I asked him about menu items. "I eat everything! My grandparents were farmers and we kept cattle. I grew up eating a lot of beef!" Father also loves cassava, known here as yuca. He has some in the rectory refrigerator right now – it is one of his favorite dishes!

Father wants BT parishioners to know that he is looking forward to settling here and becoming part of the community. "I'm feeling it's good here. I'm happy with everything – there's a lot of work to do here. This is a busy parish, you know?" - Michelle Hernandez



Stewardship Focus: Response

My name is Kennya Nava. My daughter and I have been parishioners at Blessed Trinity for almost 4 years. I am from Brazil and was raised Catholic. For many years I didn't live out my faith, but when I came to this parish, I was received by Father Pat and all our

priests with kindness and compassion. My daughter and I felt welcomed by all our brothers and sisters who have helped and supported us on this journey of faith. Since I returned to my faith, I've decided to serve God with my love, dedication, time, and talents. I've experienced peace and a new life.

Whenever we feel weak or like we can't accomplish something, that is the reason we are here as a church family. We support each other and together we ask God for strength. As brothers and sisters from different families, countries, and languages, we are all contributing to God's glory and kingdom on earth, so that one day we may continue to praise Him in heaven.

Stewardship is a personal vocation. There is no greater or smaller job. The Lord has already prepared a mission for each one of us. He's called you by name and given you everything you need to accomplish this calling. The example of stewardship that my daughter and I look to is our Blessed Mother. We always ask her to guide us.



My name is Paul Miller and this is my wife Linda. We have been married for 40 years and we have 3 children and 12 grandchildren.

Our Blessed Trinity Catholic Community is a positive example of a stewardship environment where Jesus' love for us is shared by helping our fellow brothers and sisters to live the life that Jesus modeled for us. We follow a simple rule: "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Linda and I continue to become more involved in the efforts to spread the Good News in our parish since becoming members 3 years ago. We have supported many of the ministries here at BT including sponsoring students in our Sister Parish in Nalweyo, supporting Blessed Trinity School and Trinity Catholic High School, contributing to Brother's Keeper food bank and many other ministries. In addition, I currently serve as Vice President of Parish Council as well as a member of the BT School Board.

Think of the ways you can enhance the sharing of stewardship with others in our Blessed Trinity Parish and Community. We encourage you to participate in the parish as partners, growing in faith and responding in gratitude. Your Heavenly Father sees your love and kindness and He will repay you for it.

The Eucharist

Kiara Feliciano

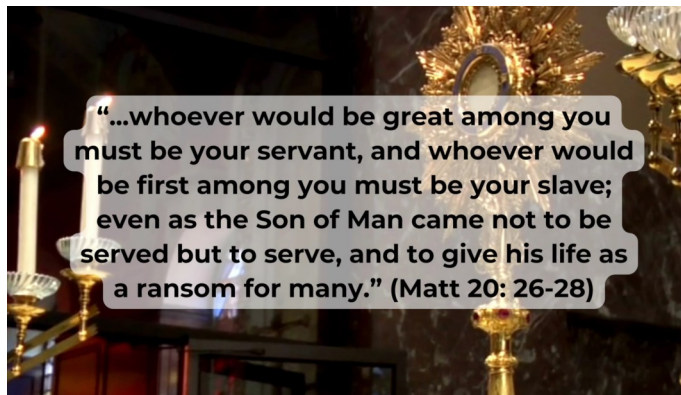


All Things New Productions

“Do this in memory of me.” - Jesus

The Eucharist. It’s the cornerstone of our Catholic faith, what separates us from other Christian denominations.

Every Sunday, Catholics gather at the Lord’s Table and eat of His Body and drink of His Blood. In this very personal communion, we are reminded of a king who came, not to be served, but to serve.



“...whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be your slave; even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” (Matt 20: 26-28)

With this weekly gift of his precious body and blood – the real manifestation of Jesus – we Catholics should be familiar with what it means to be true stewards of Christ.



ALTAR SERVERS



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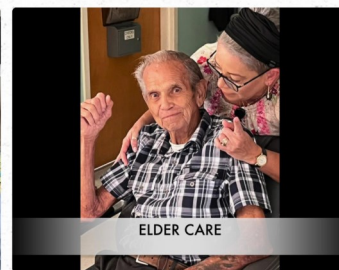
CORPUS CRISTI

You know all about giving back to God and serving others through your time, talents, and treasure, but consider looking to Jesus for inspiration on how to serve as He served. Serving

as Christ served might be easier said than done... You’ll never die on a cross for the salvation of the world. It might even seem crazy to try to compare your works of service to those of Jesus Christ, and it might seem impossible and unreachable to set the Son of God as your standard for living.



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ELDER CARE



EMAUS RETREAT



FESTIVAL HISPANO
Hispanic Heritage Festival

Don’t get discouraged! Jesus assures us: “With men, this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.” (Matt 19:26) God revealed Himself in human form so that we might learn from His example. He lived and died and rose again so that we might live like Him and with Him.



GARDEN MINISTRY



LA GUADALUPANA



LIFE TEEN



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

If you still struggle with feelings of inadequacy when it comes to serving others in the way Christ did, look to his very first disciple. Mary was from a peasant village, of no status or wealth, and with no superhuman gifts. What Mary had was her loyalty and obedience to the Lord. Serving Him was her greatest mission and desire.



MISSION TRIP TO PUERTO RICO



MINISTRY FAIR



MINISTRY TO THE SICK



PARISH COUNCIL

Maybe you think you're not blessed with time, talents, or money. You're a child of God made in His image, and that means you're blessed with the ability to love like Him. Because you are his child, He has a plan for you and how he wishes you to serve him. (Jer 29:11)

of God, you too are a creator, and you are being called to share your artistic talents to help shepherd His people back to Him.



SOUP KITCHEN



VIDEO EDITING



FR. MICHAEL'S BIRTHDAY



STEWARDSHIP CONFERENCE 2023

As you approach the table of the Lord today, ask the Holy Spirit to guide you closer in communion to Jesus Christ.



PRAYER AND ACTION



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SAVING MERCY



Take a moment during the Eucharist to thank Jesus for his physical presence with you and in you. Offer yourself to God completely that He may reveal His perfect and divine plan for you as a Catholic steward.



Like the Virgin Mary, you might serve the Lord as a mother.

Like the apostles, you might be called to minister and share the Good News in the priesthood, diaconate, as a nun, or as a consecrated virgin. Like Jesus, you might be called to heal the sick, to be a teacher, or feed the hungry. Or maybe, as a child



SUMMER WITH THE SACRED HEART VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2023



ANGELS IN ARMS



ADORATION CHAPEL



EDGE



Stewardship Focus: Conversion



My name is Caren Thompson. I was so happy to see the Welcome Home sign above the entrance to the church when I first visited Blessed Trinity in 2021. I believe this place was picked out for me. Twenty years ago, after my mother passed away suddenly, I did some soul searching and realized that I was an immature Catholic (advancing in age but in faith since my confirmation). I was lukewarm at best, going through some of the minimum motions like going to Mass on Sundays and infrequent confessions. Some changes needed to be made.

I dusted off my old Catechism and carefully started to research my purpose in life. Why was I created? What do I believe? I was anxious to really do something worthwhile because so much had been given to me; and I felt so selfish. So instead of continuing to attend seminars about achieving unlimited success in the secular world, I started learning about how to become holy from the examples of the saints and the lives they lived.

During the last 20 years I have made a conscious decision to give the best (first fruits) of my time, talent, and treasure to God. I've been able to twice accompany the BT Uganda mission team on trips to Nalweyo, Uganda. I have assisted in fundraising for their student sponsorships and purchasing classroom supplies. I am part of the Tuesday crew volunteering at the Soup Kitchen, and an active member of the Legion of Mary. I'm also a Eucharistic Minister and bring Holy Communion to the sick and homebound on Sundays. Everyone can do something!



My name is Sam Mascaro. Stewardship is taking all that the Lord has given me and using it towards its proper and most perfect end. Jesus has assured us that we are already the sons and daughters of God, and that he has loved us first without us having to perform. But are we the fullest and best versions of ourselves? Many of us would agree that we are still missing something in our life, that something is just not clicking.

Saint Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa) once said, "When I see a sad person, I ask myself, what is that person holding back from the Lord?"

I have come to see that every moment, every dollar, and even talent given to the Lord is never wasted but honored and made perfect. Since giving my yes to Jesus - since realizing his plan is greater than my plan - I have joined our parish community. I've become a teacher, a core team leader for our EDGE middle school ministry, and a core team for our Life Teen high school ministry. I serve on the Christ Renews His Parish retreat team, I teach Confirmation prep for 8th grade students on Sundays, I serve as a lector, and I generally do whatever Father Pat tells me to do.

Now I don't justify the time serving in ministries or in prayer – I justify the time I am not. I no longer look at how much money I have given to the parish or to those in need, but on how much I have left over. I no longer look at how much I have done or what I have accomplished, I look at how much more work there is to do and how willing the Lord is to do it.



Stewardship Focus: Commitment

Our names are Dave & Jeanne Dinkle. We moved to Florida 4 years ago. When we were looking for a church, it was very clear immediately that Blessed Trinity was where we wanted to belong.



We've learned that stewardship is more than tithing – and it is more than just volunteering. It is a way of thinking and living that puts the needs of others before our own. We should think of everything we have as coming from God and belonging to God. Our talents are not our own, but it is our responsibility to foster, nurture, and grow those talents to use them to glorify God.

Our first year here at Blessed Trinity, coming to the altar with that renewal form on Commitment Sunday – placing it in the basket and kissing the altar - that was so powerful. No longer was it a lackadaisical note of something we *might* do. We had just promised Jesus and sealed it with a kiss! There was no turning back on that!

We committed to one ministry that first year. Each year our commitment has grown. We don't offer up what we have left at the end of the day, week, month, or year. We start with the commitment and know that God will take care of making sure we have what we need after that. When we share our gifts – whether it is our time in the Adoration Chapel, Jeanne's musical talent shared with the Bell Choir, or our love of education to sponsor a student in our sister parish, our gifts grow to become something far greater than anything we could have done on our own.



ANNUAL HISPANIC HERITAGE FESTIVAL

On October 8, 2023, we had our Annual Hispanic Heritage Festival. It began with our 1PM Spanish Mass which had about 700 attendees. We left the church in a procession to the soccer field with our Virgin of Guadalupe carried up front, followed by the flags of the Vatican, the United States, Spain and all the Latin American countries. The festival was set up with different tents representing Hispanic countries, a stage for presentations and a large white tent for people to sit at and enjoy the events.

The festival opened with Fr. Zbigniew blessing the festival participants and the food, followed by the US national anthem. Attendees were able to enjoy foods from a variety of countries, folk dances from different cultures, and a raffle. Raffle prizes were a 75-inch Smart TV, an Apple Watch, and 4 tickets to Universal Studios! The winners were Maria Ramos, Reina Mendez, and Ibelice Sanchez, respectively.

There were about 550 people in attendance, making this festival a success! We are so grateful to all those who helped bring it together. It was a big team effort, and it was all done for God's glory and for the Hispanic ministry at BT. Thank you to all of you who came out and supported us and we can't wait to see you next October! - **Luis Goya**



My name is Karly Cupit. Stewardship means so much more than just measuring what we can give. Stewardship is the grateful response we make to the ever-loving God who has given us ALL that we have.

My first encounter with Stewardship was in middle school. I helped pack sandwiches and other products into bags for the less fortunate of our community. I viewed it as something we were doing as an obligation to our Catholic faith. Later, I saw the invitation I was being given to dive deeper into my identity as a servant of Jesus Christ.

A more recent encounter with stewardship I had was with the Prayer and Action retreat I attended at the end of July 2023. We literally slept in the school classrooms, showered in the gym showers, and went out every single day to serve the community for 5 days. Groups rotated serving at Brothers Keeper, Elder Care, the Soup Kitchen, and here at BT. Despite having only a duffle bag of belongings, an atrocious amount of sleep debt, and a horrible sunburn, I experienced more Joy in that week than any material item could ever give me. When we use our bodies as instruments to proclaim the Kingdom, we find that nothing will satisfy us more than decreasing ourselves and our belongings and increasing our time in love for God.

On Jesus' last day on earth, at His last supper, He chose to wash feet. If you had one day left on the earth, how would you spend it?

My name is Johnson Tobar. After my first communion at Christ the King, I became an Altar server, and after I was confirmed, I joined the youth group and began to be more involved in other ministries.



Even though I was involved and helping, I didn't have a good relationship with God, and I wasn't interest in growing my faith. I went to church, but my faith was not that strong - it was my parents' faith more than my own. I didn't understand what serving God truly meant. I saw living my faith as a job more than anything else.

This past summer I had a life changing experience. I was invited to a retreat called Prayer and Action. At first, I didn't want to go, but my mom encouraged me. I went to the Soup Kitchen where we made the day's meal and witnessed first-hand the tragic lives of so many homeless people. But we were able to feed them and make their day a little better. We visited Brother's Keeper and spent some time with the people at Elder Care making sure they had a good day. Prayer and Action helped me understand that when I serve others, I am doing God's work. I felt amazing doing it and I met wonderful people that helped me grow in my faith.

When I remember altar serving, I remember feeling this warmth in my heart that I never had before. I felt like I got the biggest hug in the world and now I understand that I felt my amazing God's love for me. Now I know that if you want to grow in your faith, be a good steward - at any age!

Serving is not a job but an act of gratitude and giving thanks for the many blessings God has given us. Serving others spreads God's love through our act of kindness. It is the least we can do compared to everything He does for us.

Ripples of Christ Through Sister Juliet

Erica "Ateenyi" Zeno-Robinson

As a pediatric therapist, I often ask children, "Who do you look up to?" For me the answer is simple... Sister Juliet... Over the past 11 years, I have had the opportunity to watch her in action. I have the honor of calling her a friend. I laugh as we pull through car line when my children shout "Hey! There is your Sister!" Sister Juliet is the humblest person. With that said, she's going to hate every second of this article. (So sorry my friend!) This is a woman who won't even let you take her photograph to deflect recognition upon our Holy Trinity. However, don't think that has stopped me from sneaking photos as we all erupt in laughter. Her humor is one of my favorite things about her. "Let me know if you need anything, my friend?" to which she turns on her heel and says, "Can I get a helicopter?" When laughter wasn't enough to quell my anxiety about our 2023 trip (travel fees, leaving my family, business, and patients), she replied, "It's Christ's money, it's all His...have faith and step forward."

Her faith in Christ has created an unstoppable ripple effect in the world. If she had not obeyed the call of Christ, it's impossible to say where we would be. If Father Pat had not listened to her story, how many lives would have been lost? The spirit led them both to where their feet could not wander.

Recognize the ripple of Christ's sacrifice in your own lives and his love/plan for us all. When we are in the thick of suffering, it is often impossible to look back and recognize our Lord's hand in our lives. Thankfully, if we utilize it, hindsight is 20/20. I encourage you all to look back on your own lives, and how Christ has connected so many moments of progress, protection, peace, hope and love. Notice His own ripples in your life. How has our Lord used you as a beacon for others or made things possible you never even imagined?

I am reflecting on my incredible husband. We wouldn't have reconnected had it not been for my initial Uganda trip at Fr. Pat's request. I traveled from Atlanta to Ocala to journey with the group. During a casual dinner out with my best friend, I glanced across the room and there he was. I made eye contact with my high school sweetheart and that's all she wrote folks. We've been together 11 magical years and have 3 beautiful children. Sam, through his observation of my experiences in Uganda, through Christ's ripples, felt

a call in his heart. He said Jesus Christ was his Lord and Savior! He was baptized into the Catholic Church in 2017 and our son just celebrated his first Holy Communion. Christ -> Sister-> Father Pat -> Uganda -> me -> Sam -> Catholic baptism and faith...see where I am going with this?

Jesus makes the darkness tremble. He is up to something even when we are doubting. Call on the name that changes everything. Place your hope in the name of Jesus as you reflect on your ripple-like experiences. Because our God is able.

Without the ripples of Christ through Sister Juliet and our beautiful congregation who knows where we would be and what we would be without. Peace be with all of you. We are one body in Christ. I see your ripples.

Lastly, one of the greatest honors in my life has been being given the same Ugandan name as Sister Juliet...She is an incredible human beacon of Christ.



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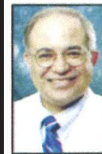
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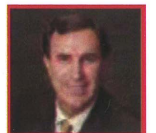
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