

Update from All Saints'

Email to the Parish from The Venerable Christopher Dunn

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It was another steady day at the **Westboro Food Bank**. There are always interesting conversations about the state of the world as people wait in an orderly line to be served. I think the highlight was probably the six year old young lady who was demonstrating her gymnastic abilities in the hallway.

Just a comment; everyone has been so wonderful in pouring out their support for the Food Bank and the donations continue to come in. My concern is that while the Westboro Region Food Bank has a very healthy bank account balance at this point I am hoping that this is not at the expense of the Church General Operating fund.

It is the Church's Operating fund (where our envelope and Direct Deposit givings go) that pays to keep the lights on in the building and everything else to allow us to operate the Food Bank. Currently we are not taking in any money from the New-to-You Shop and we are not receiving a lot of our Rental income. I am certainly not saying that we are in financial crisis, because I know that we will weather this "storm", but I do want to remind people that the ongoing expenses of the Church itself continue through this period. Many of you have gone to great lengths to make sure that you keep up your regular givings and for that I am truly grateful.

So, this evenings news. I learned today of the death last evening of **Kathryn Bailey** who was a member of St. Matthias and a resident a few years ago at Amica of Westboro before she moved on to another long-term care facility. Kathryn is the

aunt of Mary McNamara known to many of you. She is survived by her children Susan and Stuart. Kathryn died in a long-term care facility as a result of Covid-19. Please keep her, Mary and all the family in your prayers this week. "Rest eternal, grant to her O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon her."

Tonight's prayer:

"God our hope, when we are troubled by fear and uncertainty, teach us to commit our lives to your care and to go forward on our pilgrimage, trusting in the knowledge of your love and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen"

All the best

Chris