

Members of St. Patrick's and Our Saviour;

Our Pledge Campaign theme for this year is "**A Future with Hope**". The importance of having hope in the future was made clear to me with the recent visit of our son-in-law (Juan), daughter (Rachel), and 3-year-old grandson (Jack) over the past weekend. They were traveling to Miami to visit the "other" grandparents and stopped by to spend the night and break the trip up into two legs. Interacting with them gave me hope for the future!

First for our grandson. He just loves Hot Wheel cars and Monster Trucks. He built quite a collection of both as the result of earning potty training rewards. Of course we have some of both at our house for him to play with when they visit, as well as toys that belonged to our kids, that we made a conscientious decision to keep for grandchildren, such as a wrecker, a farm set complete with barn, silo, tractor, combine, etc. And another favorite of his is dinosaurs. Jack is so smart! Just like others his age, he likes to tell you things he knows. While I can't understand everything he says yet, he loves to talk and interact with others. I have great hope for the future because of children like Jack.

My son-in-law also gives me hope. As a first generation American, whose parents both escaped from Cuba after the revolution, he has risen to recently earning his PhD while working at the CDC! He is a caring, loving Dad...and someone we often rely on to put things together for us! Yes, Doctor Rodriquez gives me hope for the future.

And my daughter gives me hope for the future. Watching her with Jack, I could not help but feel proud of the mother she has become. She also works at the CDC, and recently spend a 60-day stint on a 7 day/week assignment to a COVID-19 task force. She has been able to balance work with family, in spite of rough times. Thanks to her, we normally receive a regular face time call from her during Jack's bath time at night that has allowed us to keep in touch through the pandemic. I am so proud of Rachel, and she gives me much hope for the future.

I encourage everyone to participate in the Cardboard Testimonials portion of our campaign by Sunday, October 25. The recent holiday gave me an opportunity to do mine, and I have to say I enjoyed doing so....and it only takes a few minutes! You will also get to enjoy a recording of Brent Driggers and I "picking and a grin-in" a couple of folkish songs, to include "Attitude of Gratitude" and "Everybody Has a Gift". They are very appropriate for stewardship songs and I hope you enjoy them!

Enclosed you'll find a pledge card, and I hope you'll join Sandy and I in making your financial pledge on November 1<sup>st</sup>, All Saint's Day and Pledge Sunday.

And finally, "A Future with Hope" means looking forward to a second grandchild. Come to think of it, "Hope" would work as a boy or girl name, right???

In Christ,  
Joe Wingard, Senior Warden



# A Future with Hope

St. Patrick's and Our Saviour 2021 Pledge Campaign



## Cardboard Testimonials | Sharing Your Story

Instead of hearing from a few people about their stewardship stories, this year we wanted to invite **everyone** to share your stories using Cardboard Testimonials. This is how it works. On a piece of poster or cardboard (which the church can provide or you can use your own), respond to the following “before and after” prompt by writing in big letters with a marker:

**Side One:** At the start of the Pandemic, I was concerned about \_\_\_\_\_.

**Side Two:** Now, by faith, I find hope in \_\_\_\_\_.



*Sample of Cardboard Testimonial "How has your life been changed in Christ?"*

Our Interim Parish Administrator, Kelly Rowe, has already started contacting everyone for scheduling a time to come by the church and share your testimonial. We also have Do-It-Yourself (DIY) instructions if you would like to participate but are not able to come to the church to record. You can email her at [office@stpatricksalbany.org](mailto:office@stpatricksalbany.org) or call (229) 432-7964 if you have any questions, are ready to schedule your recording session, or would like the DIY instructions.

## November 1<sup>st</sup> | Pledge Sunday | All Saints' Day

Bring in or mail your pledge card to the church so it can be blessed on the Altar, Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>