

GENESIS

A Message of New Life

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

February 2012

Dear Friends

We will gather for the great Fast of Ash Wednesday on February 22nd. This is a day of great solemnity and it marks the beginning of the holy season of Lent. The liturgy includes an invitation extended by the Celebrant to each of us: "I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word. And, to make a right beginning of our repentance, and as a mark of our mortal nature, let us now kneel before the Lord, our maker and redeemer." (BCP 265) In many churches, including Trinity, this invitation is followed by the imposition of ashes, accompanied by the words, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

Let's be honest. Terms such as "repentance," "mortality," "self-denial," and even "self-examination" are not amongst our favorite listings in the dictionary. They stand in stark contrast to the self-satisfying, self-indulging, self-congratulating, and death denying approach to life that we prefer. Indeed, many of us, myself included, have chosen the Episcopal Church's approach to the Gospel because we choose to emphasize grace over guilt, the goodness of life and creation over the sin and brokenness present therein. Indeed, I have been asked on occasion why we don't just skip Ash Wednesday and Lent altogether and proceed directly to the empty tomb of Easter.

Actually, there is a very good reason that we keep this season. If we didn't, the Good News about Jesus would be greatly diminished, and as a result, we would be less than we have been created to be. The theologian Joan Chittister writes, "This part of the year is clear in its underlying message: God is not a magic act, not a

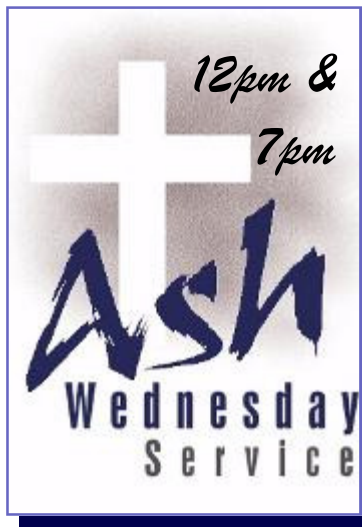
vending machine of Christmas cookies. God is life writ large. This means that we must be able to deal with all of its dimensions if we are going to live it well. We must be prepared to give up some things if we intend to get things that are even more important."

In other words, life lived fully, faithfully, and well requires sacrifice. Without sacrifice, we fall prey to the delusion that it is we who count most and not God. Here's Chittister again: "Self-indulgence, the preening of the self for the sake of the self, blocks out the cries of the rest of the world, makes us deaf to anything beyond ourselves. The starving continue to starve while the self-indulgent feast and, full of the good things they have wrested from life, think they have done a good thing. But the spiritual seek the good that 'neither moth nor rust consumes'.

Ash Wednesday and the following season of Lent remind us that faith requires discipline much like an athlete. We will not complete the marathon unless we first put in the mileage. Likewise, we will not know the fullness of the life Christ calls us to unless we first practice the spiritual disciplines found in that invitation on Ash Wednesday. While we do look forward to the resurrection, we in the meantime are called to live a life completely focused on the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Lent reminds us that it is not about us. It is about loving God with all that we are and all that we have. It is about loving one another as Christ has loved us. I look forward to training with you in the days that are ahead.

Faithfully in Christ,
RB+

RB+



Upcoming Events

Shrove Tuesday
Pancake Dinner, Feb. 21
beginning at 6:30pm!



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Vestry News—January 2012

The Vestry held its monthly meeting on January 18. Reverend Banse offered an opening prayer and then led the group in a recitation of the Lord's Prayer. After the December meeting minutes were approved, the Treasurer reviewed the year-end financial statements. It was noted that an incomplete accounting statement was utilized in adopting the preliminary 2012 budget in the December meeting. The Finance Committee is now in the process of utilizing the most recent financial information available, including the latest Stewardship numbers, and an updated 2012 budget will be presented to the Vestry for review in February.

Reverend Banse discussed the possibility of a Church sponsored missionary trip to Haiti. This would be done under the "Helping Haitian Angels" program that Trinity has been supporting for the past few years. The objective is to put together a team from Trinity of rising high school seniors and recent high school graduates, along with an equal number of adults, to work for a week in a Haitian orphanage this summer. A discussion was held regarding the appropriateness and safety of this mission trip. There will be an informational meeting held on Sunday, January 29, where interested parties will hear more about the trip and the program.

A discussion was held regarding the expansion of the Building and Grounds Committee. For the past five years, this job has been largely performed by one member of the Vestry with primary support from the Junior Warden. Although all agreed the duties have been well performed, it was determined that the building and grounds functions could be better overseen and more proactively managed by a more expansive committee. This group could then take a closer look at all elements of the over 50 year old Church campus and devise a long-term plan for the repair, maintenance and, where appropriate, replacement and modernization of building systems and improve-

ments. This will ultimately help future vestries plan and budget for capital expenditures. The Building and Grounds Chairman will put together a more expansive committee and commence work on a long-term plan in the coming months.

This facility plan could form the basis for a capital campaign. Although Trinity is currently on solid financial footing, repair or replacement of major mechanical systems or improvements could have a deleterious impact on the budget and church operations. It is not believed that Trinity has ever had a capital campaign and the Vestry agreed that this would



Save the date! Trinity Parish Retreat at Shrine Mont July 20—22, 2012!

likely be an important component of thoughtful stewardship of Trinity's extraordinary facilities. Any capital campaign would need to be accomplished separately from the ongoing annual stewardship and planned giving projects. The Vestry agreed to devote more time in considering and preparing for a capital campaign in the coming year.

Trinity has been able to secure approximately 20 rooms at Shrine Mont for a planned Parish retreat on July 20-22. This will also be when the summer music festival will be held. Reverend Banse will begin working on the program.

All committee reports were filed in advance and there was minimal additional discussion held on the reports. Some items of note:

- ◆ Preparations for the Stable Tour are going well, with ten farms currently confirmed for the tour.
- ◆ The Children's Chapel was completed and successfully dedicated on January 15. The Chapel attendance has been strong, although the Sunday School attendance levels continue to be very low.
- ◆ In 2011, 99.5% of pledges were paid – an extraordinary rate. The 2012 campaign is going well, with more pledges and new pledges than last year at this time, although we have raised approximately \$30,000 less than this time last year.
- ◆ The Christmas and Christmas Eve services were extremely popular with nearly 800 people in attendance.
- ◆ The Epiphany supper and service were a great success. The evening was particularly meaningful, as it coincided with the 25th anniversary of Rob's ordination.

Reverend Banse expressed gratitude to the entire Vestry for their contribution to the ongoing success of Church programs. He also thanked the Vestry on behalf of all of the Church staff for their generous Christmas bonuses, as well as the gift of recognition for 25 years as an ordained priest.

After a closing prayer, the meeting was adjourned and the service of compline was held in the Church.



MARCH

Altar Guild	3/1-3/14—Team 4: Jolly de Give, Jim Gable, Patty Jarvis, Sandra Markus, Pamela Wynfield 3/15-3/28—Team 5: Neil Peddicord, Harriett Condon, Ellen Hall, Bunny Shick 3/29-3/31—Team 2: Barbara Augenblick, Debra Latiolais, Becky Hoecker, Ed Moore			
	March 4 2nd Sunday in Lent	March 11 3rd Sunday in Lent	March 18 4th Sunday in Lent	March 25 5th Sunday in Lent
Flower Guild	Carolyn Smith Jackie Eldredge Patty Jarvis Nenie Schara Catherine Turner Leslie Woods-Hulse	Anne Coyner Barbara Augenblick Sally Fletcher Becky Hoecker Betty Long Cindy Mullett	Valerie Dove Bailey Davis Beth Gibbens Susan Grayson Kelly Johnson Molly Spencer Janet Whitehouse Telle Zeiler	Neil Peddicord Kyle Crosan Jason Labrador Ted Latimer Mark Thompson
Memorial Flowers				
Lectionary Readings	Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 Psalm 22:22-30 Romans 4:13-25 Mark 8:31-38	Exodus 20:1-17 Psalm 19 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 John 2:13-22	Numbers 21:4-9 Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 Ephesians 2:1-10 John 3:14-21	Jeremiah 31:31-34 Psalm 51:1-13 Psalm 119:9-16 Hebrews 5:5-10 John 12:20-33

8:00 a.m. Service: Holy Eucharist Rite I

Lay Eucharistic Ministers	Lewis Martin	Ellen Hall	Dan Haney	Beth Lamond
Lector	Cheri Martin	Beth Lamond	Walta Warren	Dan Haney
Ushers	Debbie Gerbich Pam Covington	Robert Bonnie Jimmy Hatcher	Gordie Keys Wayne Gibbens	Carole Stadfield
Coffee Hour	Herbert & Eliot Families	Helen Wiley & Valerie Dove	Michael Motion	Jimmy Hatcher Ellen & Sydney Hall

10:30 a.m. Service: Holy Eucharist Rite II

Lay Eucharistic Ministers	Kaye Nazarian Ken Knapp	Carol Miller Sabine Bibb	Ed Moore Randy Mullett	Karen Hauswald Neil Peddicord
Lector	Stephanie Knapp Stephanie Reynolds	Carolyn Smith Alex Vogel	Jill Vogel Carol Miller	Bucky Slater Mary Looney
Ushers	Tre & Chuck Benefield Kaye Nazarian	Elizabeth Courts, Brett Bibb Jolly de Give	Barbara Augenblick Bob Dale, Ruth Ripley	Gregg Looney, Stanley Dees, Anne Coyner
Oblation Bearers	Scharfenberg	Norman	Murphy	Miller/Simon
Coffee Hour	Shick & Sharp Families	Zita Zdouba	Sweeny & Goettl Families	Jason Labrador & Kyle Crosen Dave & Carolyn Park, Sarah Linder

If you are unable to serve on your scheduled day, please find someone with whom to trade.
Please remember to notify the church office of any changes. Thank you.



Report From Haiti

On December 27, I left Virginia to visit *Kay Anj Dayiti* (“Angel House of Haiti”), in Cap Haitien, Haiti. Our group of nine adults and six teen-age girls spent five days with the kids at the orphanage and learned a lot about Haiti.

Three years ago, Debbie and Bill Harvey founded Helping Haitian Angels, an organization committed to making a positive change in Haiti, one child at a time. *Kay Anj* is home to 42 Haitian children, and works to provide for their physical, spiritual and emotional needs. The children, who range in age from 2 years to 16 years, live in a small group home with six “mamas.”



Having visitors from the United States is a rare treat for both the children and the visitors. Our week there was filled with special activities. We climbed up to the Citadel, had a Christmas party, spent a day at the beach and watched a soccer game. We visited the site of the new orphanage, attended church on New Year’s Eve and distributed clothes and shoes that we had brought. We read, played games, hung out with the kids and watched them put on a great dance performance.



For the Christmas party, I dressed up as *Papa Nwèl*, wished each child *bon nwèl* and gave each a small stocking. The children that were lucky enough to have American sponsors received letters, pictures and a small gift from their sponsors; HHA provided small gifts for all of the others.

help with the ministry to the street kids and visit patients at a local hospital. All of the children worked to make “Christmas stockings”—paper bags with a few small gifts—which were distributed to the street kids.

HHA is obtaining a beautiful piece of land in the nearby town of Limonade, where a new “*Kay Anj Village*” will be built. The people of Limonade are excited, as the new village will include a school and a church which will be open to the community.

— Bill Easton

The children at *Kay Anj* take pride in giving back to those even less fortunate. Some of the older children

Trinity has blessed HHA and *Kay Anj* in a number of ways. Outreach funds have been used to pay for the land lease for the church, and generous grants have been given to help fund vocational programs in sewing and carpentry. Gifts by Trinity parishioners have been used for micro-loans for small businesses in Cap Haitien. Four other Trinity members visited last summer—see “Visit to *Kay Anj Orphanage*” in the September issue of *Genesis*.

Linsey Jorgensen, whom many of us met at Trinity’s Outreach Coffee Hour last June, has moved to Cap Haitien for at least a year, to work with the orphans and to help the older children with their transition to life outside the orphanage. She is also working with the “street kids”—homeless boys who spend their days trying to obtain enough food.





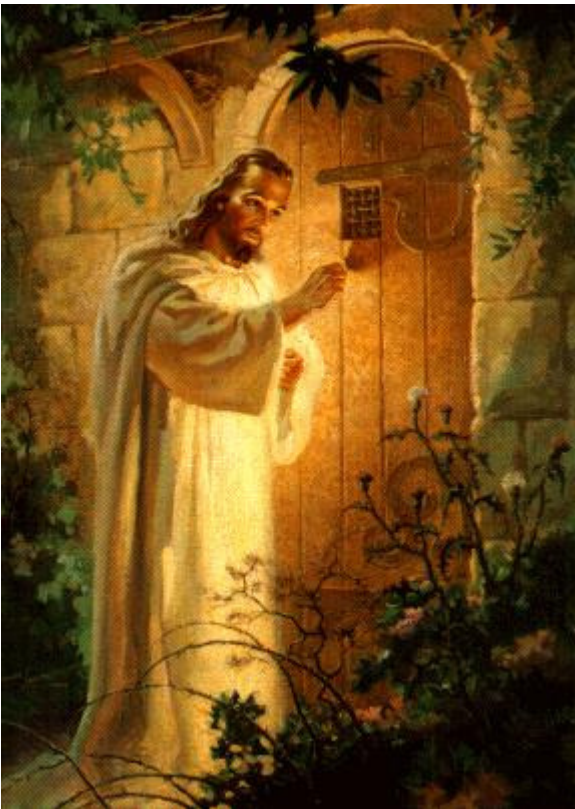
A Stewardship Valentine

February is the month when we observe Valentine's Day, originally called "Saint Valentine's Day". There were actually several Saints named Valentine. Valentine of Rome was a priest who was persecuted as a Christian and interrogated by Roman Emperor Claudius II. Legend has it that Claudius tried to convert Valentine to Roman Paganism, but Valentine refused. Valentine, in turn, tried to convert Claudius to Christianity. For this crime, he was sentenced to be executed. Before his execution, Valentine is reported to have performed the miracle of healing the sight of the blind daughter of his jailer. On the eve before his execution, Valentine wrote the first "Valentine" card, addressing it to the jailer's daughter, whom he had befriended and healed. The note read "From Your Valentine."

On Valentine's Day, some celebrate by being with the one they love. However, there are probably just as many who think of those they have lost – to death, to circumstance, perhaps even to someone else. There is actually a company called Despair, Inc. that sells Valentine's candies called Bittersweets. They look just like the traditional Valentines candies, but one can buy the "Dejection Assortment" of little candy hearts with messages printed on them saying things like, "We Had Plans," "Heart Burn," "Peaked at 17," or even "Table for One."

Imagine for a moment that God has those same sad feelings. The prophets of the Old Testament were not afraid to portray God as a brokenhearted lover. He can be angry, too, as the brokenhearted often are. God can be jealous. But the truth about God is that God longs for each of us to come back, even after we have walked away. God's message to Israel and to us is this: even though you have turned away from me, even if you no longer love me with all your heart, I will never stop loving you.

There is a startling promise in 2 Timothy 2: 13: ***"If we are unfaithful, God remains faithful, for he cannot deny himself."*** It is God's nature to be faithful to us. God will never deny those who are in a covenant with him, even if we deny him. If we turn away from God, God will still seek to win us back to a love relationship with himself. Nothing we can ever do can separate us from God's love.



The highlight of Romans is found in one sentence: ***"I am convinced that neither death nor life, nor angels nor demons, nor the present, nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."*** (8:38 – 39).

We are left with little choice but to throw away the "Dejection Assortment" candies once we fully embrace the reality that we are loved by a God with a perfect, limitless, persistent love. There are many internet websites gaining in popularity based on our desire to know whether someone might be looking for us. One in particular has even trademarked the slogan "Who Is Searching For You?" But we already know the answer. In Revelation 3:20, God answers that question thus:

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with me." (New KJV).

No more "Tables for One!"
Happy Valentine's Day, from the Stewardship Committee.

Stewardship Update:

Pledges to date: 170, Goal: 200; New Pledges for 2012: 26;

Percentage of pledges renewing at the same level or increasing for 2012: 87%.

Thank you for your support.



SOME Serves Fabulous Pasta to over 400!

The 2012 Outreach ministry for SOME got off to a strong start in January as a supportive congregation assisted on many levels, from cooking, both at home and in Cox Hall, to serving in Washington, D.C.



Over 400 guests were served a generous portion of baked ziti, garden salad, fresh bread and muffins, brownies, cookies, chocolate cake, oranges and milk. It was a cold third Friday of the month and the crowd appreciated such a substantial meal. The salad was a great success as was the ziti and there was plenty to feed everyone, including staff.

The number of women served continues to grow at an alarming rate. At least 40 dined at the first seating and several more streamed into the dining room for the second seating. A SOME employee noted that there are many new faces each week joining the regular breakfast and lunch crowd. We met several "Occupiers" residing in McPherson Square, as well as the disabled, the elderly and patrons in recovery programs around the community.

Preparations for Trinity's first SOME meal of 2012 began in earnest weeks in advance.

Glorious frozen tomatoes were procured from the basement freezer of Jolly de Give's home. The brilliant yellow and red varieties were thawed and peeled, then cooked down to form a strong base for the tomato sauce used in preparing the baked ziti. Also added to the sauce were ground sausage and beef, with a little ground venison thrown in for good measure. After all, it would not be a SOME winter meal from Trinity without a little deer meat.

Many generous and kind home cooks rallied to the cause and tackled the prep of 60 pounds of ziti, accomplishing the crucial first step and streamlining the entire pasta assembly. The husband and wife teams of David & Carolyn Park and Nicky Perry & Andrew Stifler showed up early Thursday morning to redistribute the ziti and grease the pans, resulting in 27 trays. Meralyn Autry was another early bird, who with little provocation, chopped a tub of garlic, sautéed it, and added it to the tomato meat base, filling Cox Hall with the fragrance of an Italian osteria. Jolly and Meralyn then added and heated the spaghetti sauce while Harriett Condon blended the ricotta

with eggs and herbs. When all the elements were ready, the assembly began. Layers of provolone cheese, ricotta, meat sauce, mozzarella and a generous topping of Parmigiano-Reggiano were applied. There was plenty of each ingredient to go around, thanks to the quantitative minds of David, Andrew and Ann McLeod. Sally Fletcher led the monumental effort of washing and repacking two cases of lettuce for the salad – 48 rounds in all.

Special appreciation and blessings are extended to the Hill School kindergarten brownie team, Drew Colby and the Trinity Youth Group, Carol Miller, Ellen Hall, Kats Clarke, Heather and Richard Taylor, Bunny Schick, and all the kind folks who baked goodies and cooked the ziti.

Many thanks to the great crew who helped to cook: Nicky Perry, Andrew Stifler, Sally Fletcher, Harriett Condon, Jolly de Give, Carolyn & David Park, Edie Smart, Cheri Martin, Holly Bimba, Tommy Breeden, Robin Keys, and Ann MacLeod.

Assisting in DC were: David Park, Mary & John MacDonnell, Jolly de Give, Robin Keys, Maggie New, and Ann MacLeod.

An on-line recipe "Baked Ziti for a Crowd" on the website Yahoo was the inspiration for the dish, along with Jolly's tomatoes. Ricotta cheese was substituted for the sour cream and cottage cheese.

BAKED ZITI (Serves about 30-35)

INGREDIENTS

3 pounds dry ziti pasta
 1/4 cup and 1 teaspoon olive oil
 3 onions, sliced
 1 tablespoon minced fresh rosemary
 11- cloves garlic, chopped
 1-1/2 pounds ground beef
 1-1/2 pounds ground pork sausage
 4-1/4 (26 oz) jars spaghetti sauce
 salt to taste
 3 (6oz) packages provolone cheese, sliced
 2 cups and 3 tablespoons sour cream
 2 cups and 3 tablespoons cottage cheese
 3 (6oz) packages mozzarella cheese, shredded
 1/3 cup and 1 teaspoon freshly grated Parmesan cheese

DIRECTIONS

Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil. Cook pasta in boiling water for 8 to 10 minutes, or until al dente; drain. Meanwhile, heat olive oil in large, heavy skillet over medium heat. Cook onion in oil until tender. Stir in rosemary and garlic. Transfer to a bowl.

Place ground beef and sausage in the skillet. Cook over medium-high heat until evenly brown. Stir in the onion mixture and the spaghetti sauce. Season with salt. Reduce heat to low, and simmer for 10 minutes.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Grease a baking dish. In the prepared dish, layer 1/2 of the cooked pasta, provolone cheese, sour cream, cottage cheese, and a little less than 1/2 of the meat mixture. Then layer the rest of the pasta, mozzarella cheese, remaining meat mixture, and Parmesan cheese.

Bake in the preheated oven for 20 to 30 minutes, or until heated through and cheeses are melted.





No Souper Bowl This Year

For the past few years the Youth Group has stood outside after church on Super Bowl Sunday to collect money for hunger relief through the Souper Bowl of Caring campaign. The only Souper Bowl rule is that any money collected goes to feed the hungry. This year we have decided not to stand outside holding buckets and we want you to know why. We are not asking for more of your money because in your own sacrificial and disciplined pledging you have entrusted to the Vestry, the Outreach committee, the Rector's discretionary fund, and to the Youth Ministry of Trinity church monies that you say are God's that should go where God wants them to go. By so doing, you have already invested in ministries that feed the hungry.

Through the Churches of Upperville Outreach, Teens Opposing Poverty, SOME, the Trinity Food Closet, Youth Mission Trips focused especially on ending hunger locally, nationally, and globally, and other ministries Trinity Church is deeply invested in hunger relief. Even more than that, in pledging to Trinity Church you have given gifts back to God in ways that will feed people for decades to come. As you invest in the staff of the church, the music of the church, in ministries with young people, in the building itself, in the endowment, in

the grounds, and as you invest in everything else that keeps this place running, you are ensuring that the ministry of Trinity Church can continue to serve as a vessel for God's will.

The light bulbs your pledge buys light up the room where English is learned as a second language weekly and students are fed a hot meal. The heat your pledge buys warms the hearts and bodies of anonymous alcoholics celebrating one more week of recovery. The custodial staff person your pledge pays for cleans the floors on which infants and their mothers learn music together. You see, by God's gifts returned to God for God's purposes we all are fed.

So, this Super Bowl Sunday we are *not* asking you to pull out your wallets again. This time the Youth Ministry is simply saying "Thank You" for the monetary sacrifice you have already made in pledging your gifts to the movement of the Holy Spirit through Trinity Church. With it the hungry are fed, the poor are listened to, the forgotten are remembered, and the LORD can continue to proclaim the Good News through Trinity Church.

DREW

God Sighting!

A parishioner who works as a Mental Health Clinician for low income families and individuals relays a recent God-sighting:

Last night I was with a client who is basically homeless. I had to pick him up at a 7-11/subway type place after being kicked out of his nieces (she battles mental illness). When I got there, he asked me if I needed anything. I didn't. I filled my cup with water and we sat and talked for awhile. As we were leaving I went to buy some peanuts. He quickly pulled out a dollar and bought them, ignoring my

protest. In the car he said the way he sees it is that God took care of him and provided him with work that day and helped him out, so he can do the same for other people. He added, "God always provides." It really touched me that a person who has next to nothing and has been in the shelter off and on with no food stamps or income, never considered saving his money, but gave so freely and trusted in God so naturally. It was pretty awesome. It was one of those moments where I felt the presence of God, if that makes sense.

Lent at Trinity Church *Customize Your Journey*

2/22 at 12p & 7p:
Ash Wednesday Services

Every Sunday at 9:30a:
Church School for all ages

Every Sunday at 9:30a:
Adult Forum
Focus on Forgiveness

Sundays, 12—2p:
Youth Group – 6th-12th graders

TBA
Sr. High Youth- Read the whole Gospel of Mark TWICE in 40 days

Every Wednesday at 10:30a:
Bible Study

Every Wednesday at 12p:
Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

Wednesday Nights in Lent:

Creating a Rule of Life

Supper – 6:00p

Study - 6:30p

Service – 7:30p Evening Prayer

2/29 at 6:30p:

Guest Speaker from Holy Cross, Cistercian/Benedictine Monastery

Creating Your Own Rule – all other Wednesday nights in Lent

Pilgrimages in Lent

3/24 at TBA:

National Cathedral – Bell Tower Climb

TBA

Daylong Retreat at Holy Cross Abbey

Lenten Daily Devotions

Will be available on Ash Wednesday in paper form, e-mail, Facebook, or download from

www.trinityuppperville.org



Children's Chapel Dedication—January 15, 2012



Pictured L to R: Tommy Breeden, The Rev. Rob Banse, Kevin Chadwick, Karen Hauswald, Gina Hammond.

Karen thanked some of those who contributed in various ways to the realization of the children's chapel (*photo at left*).

Tommy Breeden, recovering from shoulder surgery, returned to Trinity for the dedication of the Children's Chapel, and shared his latest poem, "Useless." Tommy's poem reminded us that even in the face of physical limitation, there is always much we can do in service to our Lord (*poem below*).

The beautiful, new Children's Chapel with "faux floor" echoing the floor in the church above (*below*).

The beautiful faux stained glass painting were done by some of Trinity's children (*below*).

Useless

What purpose have I in life,
why do I live
What use has God for me,
and what challenges will he give

If the horse can no longer draw the plow
Is there no room in our lives for it now

What of the bird who no longer flies
Will it not be missed when it is absent from the skies

What worth has the hen, unable to lay
And what worth has the Christian who refuses to pray

Do we not prune the limbs that will not bear fruit
And will not a tree perish that is void of its roots

View others less fortunate than you
Ask yourself, is there something I can do

If our hearts remain loving, caring and kind
It is obvious we are only useless in our minds

Cannot the blind walk, cannot the crippled hear
Cannot the deaf see,
we are only useless if we choose to be

Tommy Breeden
January 2012



Robbie



Children's Chapel



Charles



Brigitte



Parish Life Hosted the Annual

Newcomers' Tea



Jim Billings, Lucy Duncan



Christian Myers, Scott & Barbara Bassette



Henry Chapman, Carolyn Smith, Lucy Duncan



Neita Peterson, Colleen Hahn, Harriett Condon, Barbara Conner



Stephanie Bates

On January 22, the Parish Life committee hosted the annual "Newcomers' Tea" to welcome new members and friends of Trinity. The "new" guests were introduced to Trinity staff members, and had an opportunity to greet one another.

The Rev. Rob Banse was present to welcome our newer members, and to invite them to fuller participation in the life and work of Trinity's various missions and ministries.



Betsy Crenshaw, Rev. Banse, Cathy Hartley, Spencer Allen, Rachel & Charlie Allen



Scott Bassette, Meralyn Autry, Barbara Bassette



THE DIOCESE OF VIRGINIA

God willing
The Rt. Rev. Shannon S. Johnston
Bishop of Virginia
will ordain

DONALD HOLMES CADY
CHRISTINE JOYCE GARCIA
FREDERICO ELOY GARZA, JR.

to the Sacred Order of Deacons.

Saturday, February 11 at 10:30 a.m.
St. Paul's Church, Ivy

The Bishop and the Standing Committee request
the honor of your presence.

Clergy: Red Stoles





Alleluia!

Alleluia. It is one of only two words in the famous choral anthem by 20th century American composer, Randall Thompson. The other is Amen.

The work was commissioned by Serge Koussevitsky in the Spring of 1940 for the opening of the Berkshire Music Center at Tanglewood. It was to be sung by a choir made up of the entire student body, but on June 8, the day of the opening, the piece had not yet appeared. Finally, just 45 minutes before the start of the program, the anthem arrived. The conductor looked at the music and then reassured his singers. "At least we won't have to worry about the text". Since then it has been sung every year for the center's opening. It went on to become one of the best known and most loved pieces of American choral music ever. It has been performed by countless high school, college, and church choirs and everywhere from A Prairie Home Companion to Harvard commencements, where the composer both studied and later taught.

Unlike most settings of the word, this music is decidedly melancholy. As Thompson composed the piece, he was greatly affected by the events of the time in Europe. It was the height of WWII and France had just fallen to the

Nazis. Thompson explained, "the music in my particular Alleluia cannot be made to sound joyous...here it is comparable to the Book of Job, where it is written, 'the Lord gave and the Lord has taken away. Blessed be the name of the Lord.'"

It is this juxtaposition of joyous text with somber penitential music that makes this piece the perfect thing to sing on the last Sunday before Lent, as we do every year. On this Last Sunday after Epiphany, Feb. 19th this year, we sing and say our final Alleluias before giving them up for Lent, and the Randall Thompson anthem has dozens of them. Yet, they don't sound like the Easter kind. Tempered by the music, these Alleluias hint at the season to come. They are the kind of Alleluias one might sing when about to embark on a journey in the wilderness. The kind that reflect both the joy and sadness in our human lives. The kind one might sing when Ash Wednesday is just around the corner. The kind that have to last us for forty days and forty nights. Alleluia.

Christian

Dear Father Banse,

I understand Trinity church has remembered me in prayers since I departed for Zhari district of Kandahar Province last March. I can assure you those prayers have been felt here--and those prayers have been answered. I am scheduled to leave FOB Pasab on the 18th--and with luck I will be back home a few days after Christmas. Thank you for those prayers, and I look forward to seeing you on my return.

Merry Christmas,
Lucas Y. Tomlinson

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Johnston, Bishop of Virginia
The Rt. Rev. David Colin
Jones, Bishop Suffragan
The Rt. Rev. Edwin F. "Ted"
Gulick Jr., Assistant Bishop

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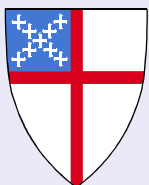
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