



## **TRINITY BELLS DECEMBER 2022**



Advent is a time of preparation. We all know this because we have been told this since childhood, but beyond the chocolate calendars what does Advent mean to us?

For me, Advent is a time of new beginnings. It is a time of reflection upon the past year and an internal accounting of things done well and things that have fallen short of my expectation. If we are to have a new beginning then we must examine ourselves in conjunction with Jesus' commandments to us. Where have we loved God and our neighbor well and where have we fallen short? And how do we see ourselves improving in the next year?

I think it helps to juxtapose Emmanuel with Advent. Emmanuel means God is with us, and Adventus is a Roman ceremony that begins with a populace going out from the city to meet the arriving emperor or bishop and bringing them home. If God is with us, our Adventus goes to greet God as God comes into our lives. I believe this welcoming of God into our lives, in a conscious and intentional manner, reminds us that we all fall short of perfection and need to return to God in humble confession of our shortcomings and misdeeds.

It is a human construct to remind us that, like Jonah, however far we might like to push God aside and rely upon our own reason and devices, God remains. God is always with us, and Advent is the perfect time to welcome God in Christ back to the forefront of our lives in anticipation of the birth of Emmanuel.

Peace and All Good,  
George+

### **BOOK STUDY- PLEASE JOIN US! TUESDAYS, 7 PM VIA ZOOM**

Convictions by Marcus Borg  
Nov 29, Dec 13 & 20, Jan 3

Misquoting Jesus by Bart Ehrman  
Jan 17 & 24, Feb 7

The First Paul by Marcus Borg & Dominic Crossan  
Feb 28, March 7, 14 & 21

(make up day March 28)

## WARDEN'S LETTER – December 2022



It's been a very busy fall at Trinity!

- The fall season had its official beginning with an Open House and Blessing of the Animals at the 10:00 service on October 2. The Invite-Welcome-Connect team was instrumental in scheduling and publicizing this service, which was enjoyed by all two- and four-legged friends.
- The second in our "Trinity Talks" lecture series was held on November 20, when former New York Congressman John LeBoutillier, the great-grandson of Gertrude Vanderbilt Whitney, gave a fascinating lecture and slide show on the Gilded Age on Long Island. Our church, designed by Stanford White and built in 1906, figures prominently in the architecture from that era.
- A comprehensive upgrade is in the works for our Memorial Garden. New glass doors leading from the sanctuary to the garden will be installed, which will give a beautiful view of the garden from the church as well as providing more light in the eastern part of the sanctuary. A labyrinth is also planned. Various parishioners have made donations to this project, and more details will be announced soon.
- The Child Care Center is a continuing source of concern. It has been difficult to find and keep good teachers and balance the child/teacher ratio while keeping a steady income stream. Anyone interested in volunteering in any capacity should contact Father George.
- Outreach is always busy with projects: the Blessing Bags distribution on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of every month at the Hempstead Transit Center; the Rural & Migrant Ministries party and concert at Trinity on November 19; the Christmas Boutique to be held on December 10 and 11<sup>th</sup>; the Adopt-A-Family campaign for the Christmas season; and ongoing visits to shut-ins.

As Father George reminded us on the First Sunday of Advent, the first candle lighted on the Advent wreath represents hope. He asked us to look into our hearts and discern what it is we hope for. My hope list is long, but way up there near the top is the hope I hold for Trinity. Our difficulties will not magically disappear, but if we work together faithfully "with gladness and singleness of heart," I do believe the Holy Spirit will guide us in the direction we are meant to go.

See you in church!!

Sheila Platt, for the Wardens and Vestry



## TRINITY TRANSITIONS

*Grant Eternal Rest Unto Them...*

**ROGER M. GERBER**



Long-time Garden City resident, Roger M. Gerber (93), passed away September 18, 2022 following a brief hospital stay. He is survived by his wife Edith E Gerber (94) of Garden City, daughter Suzanne K. Muller of Huntington, and adult granddaughters Alexandra N. Muller of Huntington, and Cameron Miller-Lemus of California.

Born in Switzerland, he emigrated to the US in the 1950s and married his first wife, Jane O. Gerber, now deceased. Roger enjoyed a long career in the financial industry, first as a Partner at Fahnestock & Co, then at Janney Montgomery Scott, and later as a consultant. He was on the Board of Directors of several foundations including the Orvis Foundation, the now defunct Cathedral School of St Mary in Garden City, and the Liederkrantz Foundation of New York City. He was also a contributor to many causes dear to his heart including the Mineola Chorale Society. Additionally, as a devoutly religious man all his life, he was an active member of two churches, Trinity Episcopal Church in Roslyn NY and Garden City Community Church in Garden City.

A member of Cherry Valley Country Club for fifty years, he was known as an avid golfer and dapper dresser. He was a lover of theater, opera and the symphony and enjoyed wearing a tuxedo whenever he could. In younger years, his leisure time was spent working in and enhancing his gardens, or building something fabulous in his workshop. He loved his family deeply and will be sorely missed.

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## BURNING BOOKS



The next Burning Books selection will actually be about book burning: Ray Bradbury's science fiction classic, *Fahrenheit 451*, which is unfortunately timely. Amazon observes: "Nearly seventy years after its original publication, Ray Bradbury's internationally acclaimed novel stands as a classic of world literature set in a bleak, dystopian future. Today its message has grown more relevant than ever before." We'll meet on Thursday, December 8 at 7:30, with the possibility of going hybrid if desired.

After that, we'll read *River of the Gods: Genius, Courage, and Betrayal in the Search for the Source of the Nile* by Candice Millard, the best-selling author of *River of Doubt* about Teddy Roosevelt's harrowing exploration of the Nile. Date TBD sometime in January.



Harvest altar by Mike Callahan

## OPEN HOUSE & BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

On Oct 2 Trinity Church held an Open House & first ever Blessing of the Animals (even virtual ones). It was wonderful to see the dogs entering our building and eventually becoming quite comfortable there. A light reception with food and drink was held afterwards for all 2 legged and 4 legged guests.



## COMING SOON...



## CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE

**Sat, Dec 10, 9-3**

**Sun, Dec 11, 12-4**

If you have any new or slightly used items, please place them on the right side of the church under the pews.

Volunteers needed for set up and sale days.

Please contact Alexis at [alexis@robaudio.com](mailto:alexis@robaudio.com)



## ART SUPPLIES NEEDED



Suzan Carola, who with her son Paul is now living in Wantagh, visited Trinity recently. She teaches elementary art in Hempstead, a very poor district. She has few supplies, and now they have gotten many new immigrant children. If you would like to help Susan and her students, please plan to bring to church some items that she can use, such as paper towel tubes, egg cartons, newspapers, magazines, yogurt tubs, yarn, wire, pipe cleaners, little wood scraps, markers, crayons, etc. As Suzan says, "We make art out of everything!"

There will be a box in the rear of the church for the supplies.



## PARISH HAPPENINGS



The Hansens were supposed to celebrate their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with family and friends at a local restaurant in September, but covid had other plans. In spite of this disappointing turn of events, many expressed their congratulations via phone calls, emails and cards, and Maryellen & Karl shared their cake at home with family members.



Among the many art dealers in the Hamptons, **Lex Weill** (son of parishioners Dawn and Ted Weill) stands apart as a dealer-advisor with his finger on the pulse of tomorrow's next big contemporary artist. From his Lex Weill Gallery in Southampton, he sells works by Modernist masters, post-World War II through current day.

Weill, who received a Master's in Post-War and Contemporary Art from Christie's, has shown works by Picasso, Jackson Pollock, Jean-Michel Basquiat, Andy Warhol and other contemporaries in his Lex Weill Gallery. He hopes to continue finding up-and-coming artists to promote at his Southampton gallery — hyper-contemporary artists whose works are unique in technique and style, and who are due for an outpouring of support and status.

"The general population is going to understand the seismic value that (these artists) bring to the table, the technical attributes and all of those things," he says. "They're just really themselves, and they have such a unique style that hasn't been done before. For me, that's the most rewarding — finding those artists — because I just know that beyond really enjoying and geeking out over them, sooner or later connoisseurs and advisors will be picking up on them in a number of years."

Lex Weill Gallery is located at 53A Jobs Lane, Southampton. For information, call 631-488-4006, visit [weillgallery.com](http://weillgallery.com) (<http://weillgallery.com>) or email [lex@weillgallery.com](mailto:lex@weillgallery.com)

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Kristin & Julia  
(Paula Johnson's daughter & granddaughter)

Julia is in her first year at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and majoring in computer science. It is a most beautiful architectural and landscaped campus, but very hilly, so Julia's getting a great workout every day!

EMPAC (Experimental Media & Performing Arts Center), one of the newer buildings, was funded anonymously by an alumni. So amazing and acoustically designed, one does not need a microphone to address the audience.

Love their motto. Why Not Change the World?

Paula Johnson

## PARISH HAPPENINGS (cont'd)

### ALL SAINTS BRUNCH- NOV 6



Liz Kaye, Tom Cammisa, Alexis Alexander, Betty Cammisa and Mary LaSala



Kathy Mendall, Bob Seaman, Bill & Barbara Holzkamp and Rev George Sherrill



John and Sheila Platt celebrating their 50th anniversary on a bucket-list Rhine River cruise

## MIKE'S 75<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY



Parishioners celebrated Mike's birthday with him on Oct 16. Mike, never at a loss for words, expressed his gratitude not only for the monetary gift presented to him, but for all the wonderful friendships and memories over the years at Trinity.



Grandma Martha can't get enough of new grandson, Louis, now 4 months old! Looks like he loves his "1<sup>st</sup> Christmas" booties, a gift from Grandma



## **SAVE THE DATES**

- TUES, DEC 6                      OPEN HOUSE at GRACE CHURCH RECTORY  
151-17 14<sup>th</sup> Rd., Whitestone, 4:00-7:00 pm
- THURS, DEC 8                    BURNING BOOKS- *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury  
(see info elsewhere in this newsletter)
- SAT, DEC 10                      CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE- 9:00 am - 3:00 PM
- SUN, DEC 11                      **FESTIVAL OF ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS- 10:00 am**  
CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE- 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm
- THURS, DEC 15                  DEADLINE FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIAL DONATIONS  
(Send in your donation with names of loved ones to be remembered)
- SAT, DEC 17                      HOMELESS OUTREACH (pack up Blessing Bags at Church at 11:00 &  
proceed to Hempstead Train Station to distribute)
- SAT, DEC 24                      **CHRISTMAS EVE- 8:00 pm** (Choir begins at 7:45 pm)
- SUN, DEC 25                      **CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE** 10:00 am (no choir)
- FRI, JAN 6                         **EPIPHANY SERVICE, 7 PM**







# Christmas Open House

*For*

*Grace Church, Whitestone*

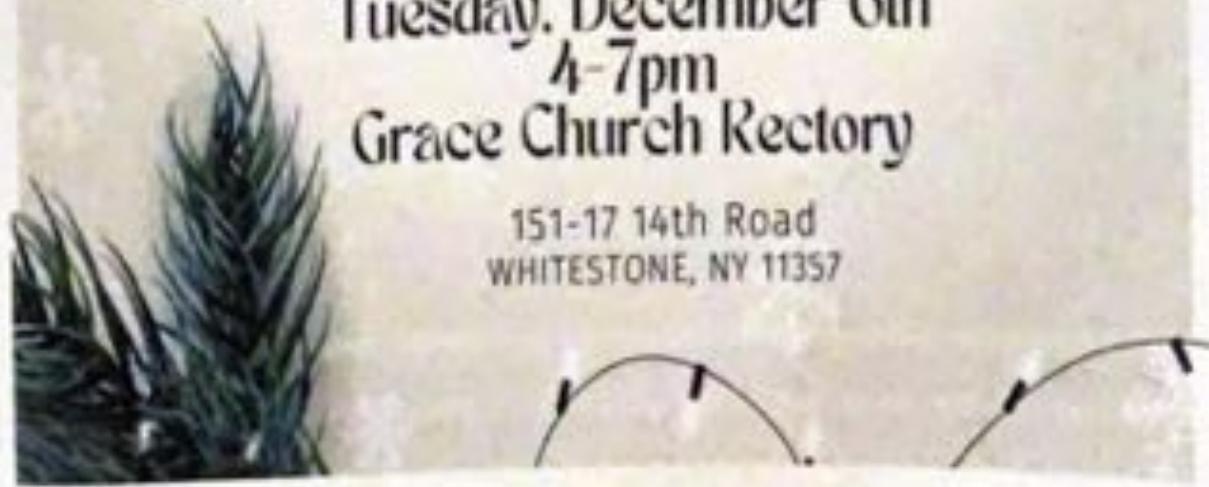
*and*

*Trinity Church, Roslyn*

Please join us for some  
Christmas cheer, food and fellowship.  
Tuesday, December 6th  
4-7pm

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## OUTREACH

### **Long Island Coalition for the Homeless (LICH)**

This past September Trinity Church participated in LICH's back to school lunchbox drive. Twenty new lunchboxes were collected, each packed with healthy snacks, water and juice boxes. Thank you to all who contributed.

Mary LaSala



### **Faith Mission, Mineola**

Faith Mission in Mineola serves 225 families weekly. Each family is given a box filled with food and toiletries. During the Thanksgiving holiday, the pantry struggled but were able to meet the needs of 378 families. Faith Mission relies on their volunteers and donations from the community. Please remember we have an ongoing food drive for Faith Mission. Suggested items: cereal, oatmeal, pasta, peanut butter, macaroni and cheese, canned vegetables, rice and basically anything else.

Alexis Alexander

### **Adopt a Family**

We have adopted a family of 3 from Faith Mission in Mineola:

6 yr old boy, wears size 6/7 clothes, shoe size 1. He likes Super Heros;

14 yr old girl; wears adult XL clothes, shoe size 9.5. She likes Anime stuff;

Mom wears size XL (size 16/18)

Please bring unwrapped items to Church by 12/4. If you would like to donate but don't like to shop, I will shop for you.

Please contact Alexis @ [alexis@robaudio.com](mailto:alexis@robaudio.com)

### **Blessing Bags, Hempstead**

Trinity Church continues its mission of delivering bags of food and other items to the less fortunate at a train station in Hempstead. We welcome all interested volunteers to help, either with packing up the bags or delivering the bags (or both), usually on the fourth Saturday of each month. Our next collection and distribution will be on **Sat., Dec. 17**. We will meet at Trinity at 11:00 & and then drive to Hempstead to deliver the bags.



### **Little Free Library**



Come check out the new Little Free Library at Trinity Church installed by Bob de Bruin, and take a book or two, and leave a book or two. Would be great to fill this up and share our books, for children and adults.

Feel free to stop by any time, during the week, on a Sunday, whatever time works for you.

Children's books are especially welcome, to share with the Childcare Center and the Roslyn Trinity Co-op families.

## RURAL MIGRANT MINISTRY (RMM)

RMM staff members, family members, farm workers and even a Girl Scout troop arrived at Trinity on November 19 for their Roots of Gratitude event. Frank Ferrara started the program with several musical pieces, then RMM's Youth Empowerment Coordinator Lionel Charles spoke, as did several young people. Maria Del Mar Piedrabuena, liaison to the LI Flower Coop shared how the workers grow & sell poinsettias along with wreaths and holiday floral arrangements. With no middleman, the workers get to keep more of the proceeds.

Trinity's choir provided another musical treat, encouraging all to sing along with well-known songs and hymns.

Rev. Richard Witt, RMM's Executive Director explained that they had started years ago with a Christmas toy drive. One migrant worker, a mother, said she would like to select the toy for her child herself and suggested that he set up a store, selling the toys at prices the workers could afford. It continues to this day to work well. The parents know what toy is best for their child(ren), and this approach recognizes the dignity of each customer. Rev. Witt added that the monies collected from the purchases are used to provide a meal to the people who come in to shop.

Link to video of choir's last song & talks by RMM staff:  
[https://www.facebook.com/watch/live?ref=watch\\_permalink&v=825562348565553](https://www.facebook.com/watch/live?ref=watch_permalink&v=825562348565553)

For more info on RMM, please visit  
<https://www.ruralmigrantministry.org/>



## INVITE WELCOME CONNECT

I wanted to share an update on our INVITE WELCOME CONNECT team. After our team formed during Lent, we met periodically to discuss how to implement this Ministry at Trinity in order to live into our baptismal covenant and transform Trinity into being a more inviting and welcoming community. We all care tremendously about Trinity and want to see Trinity continue well into the future. This ministry is a way for us to identify what we do well and what we might need to strengthen or do differently in order to be a community that new members want to join. It is a toolbox we can use to spark new ideas of how to create awareness of Trinity and learn how to share the story of Trinity with others. We need to share our excitement for Trinity with others so they feel the excitement and joy and can't wait to find out where they can fit in. The old saying "it takes a village" applies to our community; we all have a part in Trinity failing or succeeding, and it is time for each of us to step up and do our part. INVITE WELCOME CONNECT has transformed many other congregations throughout the country, and while you may not want to join our team, I ask all of you to help with our goals. We have many different short term tasks that we could use help with which would not require much time. As Father George has mentioned, living into INVITE WELCOME CONNECT fits with our mission; we reach out to others and invite them to see our loving community in action, welcome them when they arrive and make connections with them when they are here. Then we follow up to make sure they know we care about them. Being intentional every step of the way is what will help transform how we do what we do. To learn more, you can email me at [kat1228@verizon.net](mailto:kat1228@verizon.net) or visit [www.invitewelcomeconnect.com](http://www.invitewelcomeconnect.com)

Kathy Mendall





The children have really enjoyed the Fall. They did activities celebrating all of the beautiful colors Fall brings and even got to enjoy jumping in the fallen leaves. Child Care families came to enjoy our Fall celebration; we had a pumpkin patch, pumpkin painting, hayrides, games and Fall snacks.

In November we learned about being thankful for all that we have, and about families that aren't as lucky. We collected non-perishable foods to donate to needy families. Spirituality is also important to the program. "Be kind", and also "Do unto others as you would want them to do unto you" was taught. Our Child Care has added an extra S to the STEAM curriculum. S-Science, T-Technology, E-Engineering, A-Art, M-Math, S-Spirituality.

For the Thanksgiving feast, the children prepared several dishes: homemade applesauce, cranberry relish and biscuits to eat with their turkey lunch. Cooking with children is a great activity that covers Science, Math, and beginning Reading.

In December we will continue helping less fortunate families; we are collecting toys for the Marines 'Toys for Tots' drive, and we are joining the Church in their Adopt-A-Family program.

We have been very lucky to add 3 new staff members. Miss Sabrina is our new Infant teacher, Miss Jackie is our new Pre-K teacher and Miss Melina is a new assistant. They are all wonderful additions to the Center.

Speaking of additions, we were hit pretty hard this September, when the local school districts all began offering Universal Pre-K. We started September with only 16 children. As of this writing we are now up to 26 children.! We even have a waiting list in our Toddler room. As a mission of the Church, we have a contract with Nassau County Dept. of Social Services. This allows lower income children to attend a quality program while their parents are at work. The parent pays a co pay and the County pays the difference. This is only for working parents, who qualify. Six of the ten new children are here through

that program. We are thrilled to be able to offer quality care to these children.

On December 16, the Child Care is having a pot luck supper. Our first one was right before COVID hit, so we are excited to be bringing it back. It is very special to have the families join us for these kind of events.

We want to wish you all a Joyous Christmas, and the Happiest of New Years.

Sincerely,  
Leslie Weible Consultant  
Joanna Sapienza Director





## **“LONG ISLAND’S GILDED AGE” PRESENTED BY GERTRUDE WHITNEY’S GREAT GRANDSON JOHN LEBOUTILLIER**

John LeBoutillier, Gertrude Whitney’s great grandson, presented a lecture on “The Gilded Age: A Tour of Gertrude Vanderbilt Whitney’s Long Island Studio,” on November 20<sup>th</sup> at Trinity Church. Over 85 people were in attendance. It was hosted by the Roslyn Landmark Society and Trinity Church.

Father George Sherrill, priest-in-charge, welcomed the attendees. Jennifer Lister, executive director of the Roslyn Landmark Society, provided a brief history of the historic Church and introduced John LeBoutillier.

In a lively lecture, former congressman John LeBoutillier took attendees back to the Gilded Age to share stories about his great-grandmother and for an inside look at her studio in Old Westbury, now his home. Gertrude Vanderbilt Whitney was an American sculptor, art patron and collector, and founder in 1931 of the Whitney Museum of American Art in New York City. She was a prominent social figure and hostess, who was born into the wealthy Vanderbilt family and married into the Whitney family.


A life-long resident of Old Westbury, Long Island, John LeBoutillier was born in Glen Cove in 1953. A 1976 Magna Cum Laude graduate of Harvard College with a Master’s Degree in Business Administration from Harvard Business School, LeBoutillier used his college experience as the basis of his book, [Harvard Hates America](#). LeBoutillier has since written numerous articles which have appeared on the New York Times Op-Ed Page, The Wall Street Journal, The New York Times Sunday Magazine and in major publications throughout the nation.

In 2020, LeBoutillier was interviewed by *New York Magazine* in this five-minute YouTube presentation:

<https://youtu.be/G4G1SRoaWiU>



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***Wishing all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy & Healthy New Year!***