

# TRINITY BELLS SEPTEMBER 2019

It's the last days of summer. Only a few short months ago our summer began with questions about what would Sundays be like at Trinity? We have had a wonderful summer of Sundays with ministry from Father Tom Pellaton, morning prayer and music ministry led by Ariann.

Growing up, September meant "back to school." Now as September approaches, September for us means a time to refocus our energy. Seasons are changing. Change is something that sometimes pushes us out of our comfort zone and something that can provide an opportunity for spiritual awakening. Our challenges can seem enormous but if we remain centered, no challenge is too big to meet with power and grace.

One positive change from "out of the blue" was a call from the Diocese that the Rev. Joanne Izzo has just finished a call working with a church in the Bronx that is facing many of the same issues that we are. Her experience with transition and Appreciative Inquiry is extensive. The Bishop would like to offer Mother Izzo to Trinity both as a Priest- in-Charge Interim and as a Consultant (she is currently being sought after by four other Dioceses in the NE!) and Mother Izzo does not need housing.



Fr. Charlie Colwell who was scheduled to be our Interim and is a wonderful pastor, agrees that Mother Izzo's background is more suited to tackle Trinity's challenges and is happy to relinquish his call and work elsewhere in the Diocese. We appreciate Fr. Colwell's support. Mother Izzo will not be available until the beginning of November so Fr. Tom Pellaton has graciously agreed to continue as our Supply Priest for most Sundays until Mother Izzo starts. We will continue to keep you updated and share more about Mother Izzo in the coming days and weeks.

Thank you to all our summer teams; Ariann Forella, Sheila Platt, Kathy Mendall, Andrew Cordero and Ken Bongort for our music and morning prayer services, to all our readers, the altar guild team of Maryellen Hansen and Jeanne Millspaugh, the ushers Karl Hansen and Tom Cammisa, all the coffee hour hosts and to our staff of Mike, Ronit, Karann, Jaine and Leslie who continue to do their jobs with efficiency and professionalism.

New Website design coming – stay tuned.

Liz Kaye & Alexis Alexander, Wardens

SAVE THE DATES:	
Sept 8	WELCOME BACK SUNDAY! Please join us for a BBQ on the front lawn after the 10:00 service & catch up with fellow Trinitariansinvite family, friends & neighbors, too! See more info below
Sept 16	Burning Books- Discussion of <i>Nicholas and Alexandra</i> by Robert K. Massie will be at the home of Barbara Holzkamp at 7:30 pm
Sept 29	Outreach Meeting after coffee hour- all welcome!
Nov 1	Mother Joanne Izzo tentatively scheduled to start as our Priest-in-Charge/Interim
Nov 3	All Saints Day Brunch following 10:00 service



#### **MUSIC NOTES**

As our thoughts now turn to the fall, and all that awaits our parish, it's been lovely to have a relatively quiet summer, musically. I always enjoy the simple ease of our summer services, and am grateful to Kathy, Sheila and Andrew, for their beautiful solo anthems that were like a lovely cool breeze on some of those hot and humid Sundays.

Looking forward, Leslie and I have spent some time this summer reorganizing the choir room. Once we are finished with our renovations and decorating, we will post photos in the weekly email. Without hesitation, I can say that we are both very much looking forward to our new season of music at Trinity!

As always, if you are interested in joining our Music Ministry in some way (Youth Singers, Senior Choir, Handbells, or in some way that we haven't thought of, yet) please don't hesitate to contact either Leslie or me. We welcome all of your talents!

Ariann Forella, Minister of Music

## **OUTREACH AND MISSION**

This summer we had two very successful Outreach drives. We collected cans and coins to benefit Rural Migrant Ministries and participated in the Diocesan "Back to School" supply collection. Thank you to everyone who generously supported these missions!

In conjunction with Long Island Council of Churches, Trinity Outreach is trying something new. Beginning in September a requested food list will be published in the bulletin. The list will reflect seasonal food needs. Feel free to stick to the list or deviate as you wish:

September list: canned fish, canned meats, milk/juice boxes, cereal, fruit bars, peanut butter, jelly.

There will be an Outreach meeting on Sunday September 29<sup>th</sup> after coffee hour. Looking for new ways to Reach Out to our community. Please support the work of the Outreach committee and come to the meeting, it is vital to our mission.

### **GRAND CENTRAL TERMINAL TOUR**

Thanks to Karl Hansen, a group of Trinity parishioners were treated to a wonderful tour of Grand Central Terminal in June.







Alexis Alexander



Our new Summer Camp Program was a great success! The children loved the weekly soccer sessions, the visit from the ice cream truck, the sprinklers, water toys and the bouncy castle! Daily fun events were making Jell-O, playing summer sports, blowing bubbles, experiencing camping, celebrating Independence Day, birthday parties, and Disney, enjoying in Luau and Trinity's Beach Party, making Tie Dye T- shirts, cooking with no heat, eating summer Kool-Aids and popsicles, having a blast on Picnic Day kept up the sense of fun.



We are implementing a number of changes that will help us better serve our parent community. Starting in

September, we will open at 7:00 am, a half hour earlier than our current start time. We have also contracted with a food vendor that will provide lunches and snacks for our toddlers and preschoolers, so that their parents will no longer need to send in lunches every day. The goal is to include STEM activities to our program.

Our second infant room opened over the summer, and is rapidly filling up. There is a greater demand for infant slots, so this will enable us to maintain higher enrollment levels. We have capacity for a total of 16 infants, and currently have space for two more. New Assistant Teacher Alexis Stein will be joining us in September in the new infant room. We are hoping to have a fun filled learning experience in the year 2019-2020.

Jaine Verma, Director

# **BURNING BOOKS**



The first Burning Books selection for the fall is *Nicholas and Alexandra* by Robert K. Massie, the author of the biography of Catherine the Great, which we read a few years ago. We'll meet at Barbara Holzkamp's house (12 Grove St. in Glen Head) on Monday, Sept. 16 (phone 671-6827) at 7:30 pm.

The Amazon review writes: "In this commanding book, Pulitzer Prize–winning author Robert K. Massie sweeps readers back to the extraordinary world of Imperial Russia to tell the story of the Romanovs' lives: Nicholas's political naïveté, Alexandra's obsession with the corrupt mystic Rasputin, and little Alexis's brave struggle with hemophilia. Against a lavish backdrop of luxury and intrigue, Massie unfolds a powerful drama of passion and history—the story of a doomed empire and the death-marked royals who watched it crumble."

On the 16th we'll also determine our selections for the year. If you'd like to make a suggestion, contact Jean Henning in advance (<u>jdshenning@gmail.com</u>).

John Platt



Camp pick up in NH end of July (Harry is now almost 6' tall!)



Margo's new condo dining/living room with Trinity pew by Bill Holzkamp, painting by Aleta Crawford, & doll on right gotten with Nancy Krug when they heard Bishop Tutu together

#### POLLITZ DEDICATION



On June 2 there was a dedication of the final resting place of John Codman Pollitz, a Trinity parishioner and Civil War veteran. The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War conducted a ceremony with Union Army reenactors, and a new brass plate was presented to mark the spot on the floor, below which lies Pollitz' grave.





Please plan to join us on Sunday, **Nov. 3** after the 10:00 service for our annual All Saints Day Brunch. More info to follow...

# GARRISON KEILLOR ON EPISCOPALIANS

We make fun of Episcopalians for their blandness, their excessive calm, their fear of giving offense, their lack of speed and also for their secret fondness for macaroni and cheese. But nobody sings like them. If you were to ask an audience in Des Moines, a relatively Episcopalianless place, to sing along on the chorus of "Michael, Row the Boat Ashore," they will look daggers at you as if you had asked them to strip to their underwear. But if you do this among Episcopalians, they'd smile and row that boat ashore and up on the beach! And down the road!

Many Episcopalians are bred from childhood to sing in four-part harmony, a talent that comes from sitting on the lap of someone singing alto or tenor or bass and hearing the harmonic intervals / span by putting your little head against that person's rib cage. It's natural for Episcopalians to sing in harmony. We are too modest to be soloists, too worldly to sing in unison. When you're singing in the key of C and you slide into the A7th and D7th chords, all two hundred of you, it's an emotionally fulfilling moment. By our joining in harmony, we somehow promise that we will not forsake each other.

I do believe this, people: Episcopalians, who love to sing in four-part harmony, are the sort of people you could call up when you're in deep distress. If you are dying, they will comfort you. If you are lonely, they'll talk to you. And if you are hungry, they'll give you tuna salad!

Episcopalians believe in prayer, but would practically die if asked to pray out loud.

Episcopalians like to sing, except when confronted with a new hymn or a hymn with more than four stanzas.

Episcopalians believe their rectors will visit them in the hospital, even if they don't notify them that they are there.

Episcopalians usually follow the official liturgy and will feel it is their way of suffering for their sins.

Episcopalians believe in miracles and even expect miracles, especially during their stewardship visitation programs or when passing the plate. Episcopalians feel that applauding for their children's choirs will not make the kids too proud and conceited. Episcopalians think that the Bible forbids them from crossing the aisle while passing the peace.

Episcopalians drink coffee as if it were the Third Sacrament.

Episcopalians feel guilty for not staying to clean up after their own wedding reception in the Fellowship Hall.

Episcopalians are willing to pay up to one dollar for a meal at church.

Episcopalians still serve Jell-O in the proper liturgical color of the season and Episcopalians believe that it is OK to poke fun at themselves and never take themselves too seriously.

And finally, you know you are a Episcopalian when:

It's 100 degrees, with 90% humidity, and you still have coffee after the service.

You hear something really funny during the sermon and smile as loudly as you can.

Donuts are a line item in the church budget, just like coffee.

When you watch a Star Wars movie and they say, "May the Force be with you," and you respond, "and also with you."

And lastly, it takes ten minutes to say good-bye.

(NOTE: Garrison Keillor attends St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church in St. Paul, Minnesota)

Sent in by John Platt

Found online (Wikipedia):

Gary Edward "Garrison" Keillor is an American author, storyteller, humorist, voice actor, and radio personality. He is best known as the creator of the Minnesota Public Radio show *A Prairie Home Companion*, which he hosted from 1974 to 2016.



# The Mission Statement of Trinity Episcopal Church

Trinity Church is a community where all are welcome. We seek to love God, to learn and practice Jesus' teachings and to answer the call of those in need.





Sunday Services 10:00 Eucharist with Choir every Sunday

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