

# ***TRINITY BELLS***

## ***SEPTEMBER 2021***



Just before Memorial Day, your wardens on behalf of the vestry, extended a call to me to continue as Priest in Charge in a part-time capacity. After prayerful discernment I concluded that I am not called to Trinity. It was not an easy decision but it was sincere and spirit led. I believe I was called to be here to lead Trinity through the challenges of the pandemic. Under the most difficult and pastorally-challenging circumstance I came to know and appreciate you. We must seek in faith and trust the leading of the Spirit as our paths diverge. Neither one of us knows what our respective next step will be- who you will call as your next priest, or who will call me as theirs.

Let me tell you a little bit about the state of the Episcopal Church nationally. Currently, there is a shortage of full-time clergy, interims, and rarer still, bi-vocational or part-time clergy, semi-retired or retired clergy. More and more clergy are retiring, and there are fewer and fewer seminarians. The dioceses in the south and south west are growing as people relocate from the Northeast, and there are a fair amount of positions there. In short, there are more churches seeking clergy than there are clergy to fill the positions. Both priest and church can be very choosy. Twice a year in September and March the diocesan transitional officers gather to present parishes seeking and priests seeking. Priests from outside of the diocese seeking a position in Long Island are interested in full-time, not part-time. The challenges of Long Island for most part-time, semi-retired or retired clergy is the same challenge many of your sons and daughters experience- it's too expensive to live here.

Trinity is at a critical juncture in its life cycle. Part-time clergy are rare, and a part-time position means that the majority of the time will be taken up with administrative duties which will not be attractive to the average priest. However, with a full-time position the administrative duties take up a normal percentage of the day/week, and there is ample time for a variety of pastoral activities. Growing a congregation requires effort and energy, unity of person and is the work of the Holy Spirit in which the congregation, together with a pastoral leader, cooperate.

Trinity has some difficult decisions to make. Like the woman at the well you need gaze into the well with Jesus, bringing all your questions, sense of being marginalized from the wider community of Roslyn, fears, and needs and be ready for him to draw you deeper to a place beyond your imagining. At the heart of things is a willingness to lean into your vulnerability and ask questions of each other and God, that you don't know the answer to, and be prepared for responses you are not prepared for or dislike. When you have done this, then you have a resurrection story to tell that will be compelling and provoke curiosity in people. It is all about change. Change will happen bidden or unbidden. What is in your control is accepting this fact of life and discovering what is positive with a future that will require that you let go of who you once were in order to be who you are.

Mtr. Joanne+

## **CONGRATS TO DR. JIM CRAWFORD!**



On July 27, 2021, Dr. Jim Crawford was awarded the Distinguished Service Award by the Association of Pathology Chairs (APC), a non-profit society which serves as the voice of academic departments of Pathology in the U.S. and Canada. The APC exists to provide leadership and advocacy for the discipline of Pathology, and to enable academic departments of pathology to meet the demands of their three missions: medical education, research, and patient service. The APC Distinguished Service Award recognizes lifetime achievement in the field of academic pathology, encompassing the full spectrum of contributions at the local and national levels in undergraduate and graduate medical education, research, and clinical service.

Since 2009, Dr. Crawford has served as Chair, Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine of the Donald and Barbara Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell, and Senior Vice President for Laboratory Services for Northwell Health. From 1999-2008, Dr. Crawford was Chair of the Department of Pathology, Immunology and Laboratory Medicine at the University of Florida College of Medicine in Gainesville, FL.

In his 22 years as a department chair, Dr. Crawford has served as APC Council member for 14 years, including as President-Elect, President, and Past-President (2004-2010), and as Founding Editor-in-Chief of the society journal, Academic Pathology (2015-present). During these same 22 years, Dr. Crawford has been a highly influential leader at the national level for bringing the field of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine into the “Patient-Centered” and “Value-Based” era of American health care. This has included providing leadership of Northwell Health Laboratories in serving as an exemplar for the value of an in-system laboratory network to an integrated health system, including through the length of the COVID-19 pandemic during 2020-2021.

Aleta Crawford

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### **A NOTE FROM SARANE ROSS...**



Here are most of my family on Cape Cod for my only granddaughter's wedding in August. Unfortunately, Elizabeth and Mike are not in the picture. Also missing is one grandson who had to leave for his job that morning. Just wanted you to know that I am still thinking of Trinity and you all.

## WARDENS LETTER



Three months ago, I ended the Wardens letter by saying, “God willing, when you next read Trinity Bells in September, the epidemic will be under control and we will once again worship the Lord in spirit and in truth—and in person.” God may have been willing, but the unwillingness of so many people to be vaccinated together with the highly contagious Delta variant enabled the virus to roar back this past summer, and now we are once again facing uncertainty about the future. Nevertheless, the work of Trinity went on.

- On June 23, the Child Care Center had a graduation celebration for the twin girls who were the first students to go all the way from the Toddler Room through Pre-K at our center. They are now in kindergarten, and their parents are very pleased at how well prepared they were by the teachers at Trinity Child Care.
- Sunday worship was held at 9 am both in person and via zoom during July and August. Since, due to Covid restrictions, we were unable to use our air-conditioned Fireplace Room as we have done in previous summers, it was a 30-minute, no music, come-as-you-are service. We look forward to resuming our usual 10:00 am service on September 12. Masks are still required, but we will welcome music back into our service with Larry Arnold’s skills on the organ as well as our choir under the direction of Ariann Miller.
- Our outreach mission with Salem AME Church continued through the summer on the last Saturday of each month. Parishioners of both

congregations filled 100 backpacks with food items and other necessities and then distributed them to the “Hidden Homeless” and other needy persons in the vicinity of the Hempstead Transit Station.

- Some much-needed repairs and painting were done to the parking lot. Meanwhile, Mike was kept busy battening down the hatches and dealing with the effects of what will likely turn out to be the rainiest summer in LI history.
- There was strong interest this summer from another church to rent the sanctuary and some office space at Trinity. The Diocese representative for property matters, Dan Panitz, negotiated on our behalf, and we were hopeful that something could be worked out that would benefit both congregations, but now it appears the prospective congregation is no longer interested.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible, either in person or through zoom, when regular services resume on September 12. We need our Trinity community more than ever.

Sheila Platt for the Wardens and Vestry

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### TRINITY TRANSITIONS



*Grant eternal rest unto them...*

**JULES BINGHAM**

## PERSONAL CARE ASSISTANT POSITION

Mark is looking for an English speaking, reliable and responsible person to work as a personal care assistant. We are hoping that someone at Trinity might have connections with potential candidates. As most of you know, he has Multiple Sclerosis and utilizes a motorized wheelchair. Here is what we have posted in other places while seeking potential candidates.

While the hours can be flexible, the overall hours would be 8am – 8pm for one to two days per week. The successful candidate must register with Concepts of Independence Agency in order to be paid and receive benefits. The salary is \$15.00 per hour with the possibility of a cash bonus which would be dependent on the reliability and commitment to staying in the job and the willingness to provide the level of care the consumer is looking for.

The location of the consumer's residence is in a luxury apartment building located on Queens Boulevard in Rego Park, Queens, very close to the Central Parkway, LIE, MTA bus system as well as the M and R subway lines, with easy transfer from other subway lines.

Responsibilities are as follows:

- Providing personal hygiene
- Light meal prep and giving the consumer meals, snacks and proper hydration
- Assisting with exercise
- Other light duties

The candidate should have the physical ability to transfer the consumer from the bed to the wheelchair and/or shower chair preferably by the stand and pivot mode, but other modes can be considered and discussed.

Reliability and punctuality are extremely important. Prior experience working with disabled individuals using motorized wheelchairs is a plus. Training will be provided by the consumer and the other veteran PCAs to ensure the new PCA is comfortable and understands how to provide what the consumer needs.

Please call JohnMark Baburka at 917-678-8216 and leave a message if you are interested. He will call back and schedule a phone interview and then an in-person interview as part of the interviewing process.

Kathy Mendall

## BURNING BOOKS



The 2021-2022 season of Burning Books kicks off on Monday, September 13 with *The Splendid and the Vile: A Saga of Churchill, Family, and Defiance During the Blitz*, by Erik Larson. The New Yorker says this "suspenseful" book "captures the foreboding that settled on London leading up to the bombardment, as well as Churchill's determination not to give in." Based on our experience reading Larson's *The Devil in the White City* and *Dead Wake*, this is bound to be a favorite for Burning Books.

This will be a hybrid meeting, with Sarah Halliday hosting at her home (6 Glen Lane in Glen Head - 516-676-8390), but with a Zoom component for those more comfortable with that. During the meeting we'll choose the selections for the coming year. If you would like to make any nominations, contact Jean Henning (jdshenning@gmail.com). We already have some exciting suggestions!



Ken Bongort makes some repairs in Trinity's Childcare Center



This has been a great summer for our Child Care Center. We were so happy that our enrollment stayed almost the same for the Summer, as it was for the school year. We had so many fun activities. We ended the school year, with our first graduation/moving up day. The children were adorable, whether they sang or had stage fright, we enjoyed every single one of them. A big surprise for the spectators was the release of our butterflies, that we watched develop in our classroom. Some of them seemed reluctant to leave us. We were happy so many parents and grandparents came, as well as some Vestry Members. It was bittersweet that our Graduates are leaving us, but we can send them off knowing they are prepared for Kindergarten.



Every week we had a soccer coach come in and teach the children soccer skills and teamwork. They really looked forward to it, and showed improvement every week. We are considering continuing this for the Fall. We also had water play several times a week. We had water tables, sprinklers and our new splash pad. It is so enjoyable to hear the squeals of delight. The water tables, while fun, are also educational. Children develop fine motor skills by learning how to pour from one vessel to another. The ice cream man came one day and the children enjoyed ordering whatever they wanted. It was a beautiful day out too, so it didn't melt faster than the children could eat it, and only required several dozen napkins :) . Our teddy bears/favorite stuffed animals came for a picnic. The children enjoyed having them come for a day to play at their school.

We did a little traveling with our special passports. We went to Spain and learned games, songs and even made tres leches cakes. We are traveling to Italy next. Our summer program will finish with a luau. As always, Summer went way too quickly.

Our school year will be starting on Thursday, September 9th. This year we separated our 3's and 4's since our numbers are larger in our Pre K than we ever had before. We have several new friends starting in all classrooms, so this should prove to be another great year.

If you would like to see more photos and activities, like us on Facebook.

Happy Fall,

Leslie Weible, Consultant  
Joanna Sapienza, Center Director



## RMM 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY GALA WEEKEND

Join us on October 9 & 10<sup>th</sup> for a celebration of the 40 years of **Rural & Migrant Ministry**. This will be an event filled with good food, celebrations and inspiration from our youth, farmworkers and allies!

We will also be celebrating the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Rev. Richard Witt, Executive Director of RMM. Special appearances by Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and the Co-Founder of the National Farmworkers Association, Dolores Huerta!

Sponsorships are also available. If you are interested in supporting the work of RMM and are unable to attend the celebrations, I would truly appreciate any level of sponsorship or donations!



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Kathy Mendall

## OUTREACH

"What should we do then? the crowd asked. John answered, "Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same."

That scripture from Luke 3:10-11 is a beautiful summary of our Outreach mission to the community. Outreach never took a summer vacation! We continued our monthly fellowship with Salem AME church of Roslyn Heights to pack and distribute Blessing Bags to those in need in the Hempstead community on the last Saturday of each month. The appreciation and gratitude we receive is overwhelming. Since the beginning of the project, we have distributed approximately 700 Blessing Bags.

Outreach has also developed a relationship with Faith Mission, currently located in the Lutheran Church of our Savior in Mineola. Faith Mission provides invaluable community services by offering a food pantry, clothing, and companionship. Our response to their needs included a clothing drive for a family of 4 with a new baby on the way, backpacks and school supplies for 6 children and donations of many bottles of juice from the excess supply from our Childcare Center.

In addition, this past week we gathered and delivered 40 backpacks and school supplies to the Rural and Migrant Ministry in Riverhead.



Thank you to everyone who has helped in any way to support Outreach activities.

Alexis Alexander

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