

TRINITY BELLS

MARCH 2021

My Dear Trinitarians,

At the Annual Meeting I told a story that came to me that describes the past and present. The challenge Nils, Al and Margo faced was that the mission to Episcopalians in this area was drawing to a close. I could see the parallels most clearly in recent interactions with the part time Presbyterian Minister in town and the Part time Pastor of Salem AME as well as the opening up of a kosher butcher and grocery store across the street from the clock tower. St. Mary's continues to have a full parking lot and have created a ministry to the Latinx community.

The viaduct is not the problem; if it were, the Presbyterians and AME congregations would be flourishing as well and St. Mary's wouldn't be. As Aleta put it in a recent vestry retreat – The Estuary has changed. Indeed this is so.

In the annual meeting I also said that your financial situation, be it positive or negative, is a spiritual problem. Our God is a God of abundance and not scarcity. Through these years of financial struggle and survival I am put in mind of the question put to the children of Israel after they came into the promised land: Did your clothes wear out? Did the soles of your sandals wear out? Did you want for bread?

It is not physical location that is the barrier to growth. This is a spiritual matter. Clergy do not grow congregations. The Holy Spirit grows communities. Clergy and congregation must first prayerfully and courageously seek God's will. The most difficult thing is to hold all things lightly. The attitudes that kill congregations are: *We always did it that way. We never did it that way. We tried that and it didn't work.* Letting go is a difficult thing as that is at the core of change. There is a great saying: If you do what you always did, you will get what you always got.



You and the vestry have heard me over and over say: We must first seek to understand what the Holy Spirit is saying to the congregation. Then enter into dialogue and discover how to respond. God is providing to you in abundance for a purpose. Where is the Spirit leading Trinity? As you listen to the Spirit and each other, the skills, abilities and characteristics you seek in your next priest in charge/rector will become more apparent. Keep your eyes front- that is where the future is, and don't trip over the past.

Mtr. Joanne+

WARDENS LETTER

As we begin this year still in the grip of the world-wide Covid-19 pandemic, your Wardens would like to take this opportunity to send an enormous thank-you prayer to all the members of the Trinity family. Together with a staff that went above and beyond the call of duty, you helped us get through this unprecedented, grief-stricken, terrifying, confusing year that was, for most of us, the most challenging of our lives.

First and foremost, to Mother Joanne Izzo, for being our steadfast, calming, and conscientious leader, with sufficient technical knowledge to get us from in-person worship to Zoom worship, the leadership experience to complete and submit grant proposals, PPP loan applications and all manner of bureaucratic mysteries; but most especially for her spiritual leadership and constant reminder that our lives are grounded in God's love and faithfulness.

To Mike Callahan, for being the rock of Trinity's operations, with an ever-watchful eye for all the things that need to be taken care of, both inside and outside, and for the endless work involved in cleaning and sanitizing the sanctuary so that we could resume worship.

Thanks also to Aleta Crawford as Chair of Buildings and Grounds who worked out the many details to seeing the projects through, and to Ronit Meyer, who kept us communicating when communication seemed so difficult.

To Karl Hansen, always ready to offer a hand at Mike's request; Bob deBruin, who offered his engineering expertise to project discussions; Lisa deBruin, who kept our Facebook page going; Sarane Ross who connected us to the Mary Alice Fortin Foundation to apply for a grant for Child Care; the Vestry, who labored over budgets and challenges that translated to additional meetings; and to so many who quietly gave funds for various needs.

To Trinity's Treasurer, Liz Kaye, & all those on the Finance committee, who revised and re-revised the budget and our finances to make sure we had the funds to meet payroll and other financial commitments.

Thanks also to Ted Weill and the members of the Investment Committee for their financial guidance, and to Karann Paskhin, who managed the books and ensured bills were paid in a timely manner.

To Leslie Weible, the Executive Director of our Child Care Center, and Joanna Sapienza, Director, who began 2020 with a profitable center and then had to oversee closings and reopenings, navigate quarantines and maintain a competent staff through it all while still providing learning opportunities for the children in their care. Thanks to all the Trinity volunteers who helped out with the Center in so many ways.

To Ariann Miller for diligently researching the ways to keep our music ministry alive and functioning despite the restrictions imposed on singing, to Larry Arnold for joining us as our organist, and to the choir for creating a choral sound where no choral sound existed.



Larry Arnold

To Rob Alexander, assisted by Ken Bongort, for spending many hours working on the much-needed upgrade of the visual and sound technology in our sanctuary.

To all who committed to support Trinity throughout the coming year with pledges totaling an amount that surpassed last year, and to each person who, usually anonymously, contributed above and beyond any expectation.

To every single individual, who as part of a committee or entirely on their own, often without acknowledgment, quietly followed the call of Jesus to take care of our parishioners in need.

Above all, thanks and glory be to God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine!

Alexis Alexander and Sheila Platt, Co-Wardens

A DISTANT MEMORY...

Many thanks to Mike for the beautiful, varied
Advent & Christmas decorations



Dec 6- altar decorated with boxwood/holly "trees"



Outdoor Nativity scene



Christmas Eve

BLAST FROM THE PAST

Binky & Jim Hebron at the Boar's Head Feast,
circa 1997, sent in by daughter, Leslie Weible



BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

FEB 2020 – JAN 2021

This year started with a prioritized list of projects approved by the Vestry. Then in March the shut-down of all activities at 1579 Northern Blvd – in our beloved buildings – set that entire agenda aside. Child Care Center closed. Our renters: CAPS and Trinity Cooperative Day School were not functioning. They asked for financial relief and the Vestry approved allowing them to not pay rent while the lock-down continued.

During this closed time things still got done. We remained busy with many projects all year:

- 1) Continuing care for the rectory in Glen Head – and prepared it for sale. It was listed with a realtor, visits of potential buyers were coordinated, minor repairs were done and the rectory finally sold with the approval of the Attorney General of NYS – which will doubtless be told by other reports.
- 2) Upgrading the audio and visual technology (finally finished by September) to make Zoom from the sanctuary possible – Mother Joanne was a motivating force from the start for using electronic technology.
- 3) Removing small trees and broken limbs from a large tree near the playground.
- 4) Decorating and redecorating the spaces and taking photographs, so as to enrich the experience of the whole parish with the worship spaces and the gardens around.
- 5) Replacing the retaining wall in the back of the church – the one that holds the lower parking lot away from the rear of the sanctuary – which was beginning to fail.
- 6) Cleaning the sanctuary and Child Care Center and establishing rules for using the buildings again, when allowed to open in August/September with social distancing and mask usage for all.
- 7) Constructing plexiglass barriers at the top of each room divider to help with preventing germs from spreading within the Child Care Center, ordering and storing supplies of cleaning products and protective gear for the teachers – including air purifiers.
- 8) Installing an exterior classroom – 20' x 20' outdoor tent – with small picnic tables to allow for teaching outdoors.

- 9) Replacing the large hall window at the end of the Education Building – which shattered in a wind storm in December (still on- going.)

Other events:

- 1) CAPS went out of business and we allowed them to move out – Trinity has listed the space as available but has not gotten much interest – except from the Day School.
- 2) The Day School asked for a reduction in rent and was given relief by the Vestry – no rent while closed and 35% reduction when open again in September.

It has been an unusual year!

Peace.

Aleta Crawford
(Vestry report for Annual Meeting 2/7/2021)



Lenten Activities

IMPORTANT:

PLEASE SEE WEBSITE (trinityroslyn.org)
FOR ZOOM LINKS TO SERVICES
& LENTEN ACTIVITIES

(Click on Worship Schedule or Upcoming Events)

SUNDAYS: 9:00 - 9:30 AM

Reflections on the Letter to the Colossians

MONDAYS: Feb 22 - Mar 22, 7:00-8:15 PM

Pathways of Prayer followed by meditation

WEDNESDAYS FEB 24 - MAR 24, 7:00-7:45 PM

Discussion of Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's latest book
Love is the Way

POTENTIAL IN-HOUSE HOLY WEEK SERVICES:



MARCH 28- PALM SUNDAY - 10:00 AM

APRIL 2- GOOD FRIDAY- 12:00-3:00 PM

APRIL 4- EASTER SUNDAY - 10:00 AM

FLOWERS:

*Please call the church office by **MARCH 25** if you would like to donate Easter lilies or Spring flowers in memory of a loved one*



The children have had a really great Winter. We don't let the cold weather scare us. We try to go outside every day, as long as everyone is in appropriate clothing. There were a couple of days we couldn't get outside, so we had a snowball fight with our special soft-foam snowballs. We also bring the real snow in and play with that in special bins. We also observed how the snow melts and discussed why.

Each week we have a special unit. One week we studied nutrition. We learned the importance of healthy eating. Our little chefs made healthy snacks and meals. They really loved the smoothies they made, with fresh blueberries and strawberries. February is Healthy Heart Month. We picked the week of Valentine's Day to learn about this. We have a real stethoscope to listen to our hearts as well as the hearts of friends and teachers. We did yoga and now have added that as a weekly activity, because exercise is so important. Fruit is offered throughout the day, and we drink water instead of juice. For Dental Health Week we learned the best way to take care of our teeth. A visit from some kid size puppets was so much fun. They taught us about what foods are bad for our teeth. They showed us how to brush, and we even got new tooth brushes and toothpaste.

It is fun to find out random facts, for example, Jan 28th is National Kazoo Day. You guessed it. We all got our own kazoo and had a parade. The videos are on Facebook.

The Child Care parents received progress reports. This week they will all have a zoom conference with their child's teacher. The children who are moving up to Kindergarten are already recognizing some sight words and are proud of themselves!

Our Child Care enrollment is starting to pick up. We reopened our 4th classroom. Between March and April we have 3 new infants and 2 toddlers starting. They have heard of us through recommendations and our Facebook page. We also have some well-deserved rave reviews on there. Remember to like us on Facebook so you can keep up with us.

The Child Care is truly a wonderful program that I am so proud to be a part of.

Leslie Weible,
Executive Director

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Joanna Sapienza,
Director





THE ART GUILD: THE PAINTED MOMENT

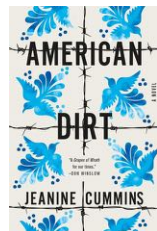
Online Juried Competition and Exhibition

On view: Mar 11 – Apr 14

Artists Awards & Reception: Thurs, Mar 11,
7:30 pm

Aleta Crawford, who is a member of Trinity Church, will have two paintings in this virtual/on-line show. The Art Guild website will carry the show for view after the reception on March 11. See it at theartguild.org. Above is one of Aleta's paintings, called "Tulips".

BURNING BOOKS



Our next Burning Books selection, set for **April 5**, is *American Dirt* by Jeanine Cummins. It tells the story of a Mexican bookstore owner who has to flee Acapulco with her son, setting them on a journey they will share with countless other Central and South Americans-turned-migrants. Oprah Winfrey, who made it a choice of Oprah's Book Club, says, "Everything about this book was so extraordinary. It's suspenseful, the language is beautiful, and the story really opened my heart."

Following that, on a date TBD will be *Warlight* by Michael Ondaatje (the author of *The English Patient*). Until further notice, all our discussions are conducted, quite cordially, via Zoom. As always, all are welcome.

John Platt

OUTREACH REPORT 2020

2020, the year of the pandemic, did not stop Trinity from doing mission. Zoom has enabled us to further our goals of Outreach, allowing us to check in on one another and exchange ideas.

We made and donated 15 themed gift baskets for a silent auction held during Rural Migrant Ministry's virtual event; "Cultivating Justice."

Our holiday activities included a toy drive to benefit Rural Migrant Ministry. We packed an SUV full of toys for children of all ages. We partnered with Episcopal Health services for Adopt a Family. Our parishioners provided an abundance of gifts for a mom and her 14yr old son. We were able to grant them their special wishes and much more. We delivered Amaryliss grow kits to those at home. Unfortunately, we could not have the Christmas Boutique, but there is always hope for one in 2021! For 2021 we have many exciting ideas to do good work in the surrounding communities. Stay tuned. Thank you for everyone's continued and generous support of this very important mission.



Alexis Alexander

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