

TRINITY BELLS

JUNE 2022



In the Crease with Fr. George...

Well, happy six months together!!! I have observed much these past six months, and it has been a happy and wonderful time for us. In our short time together, we have studied and worked towards the scriptural prescription of moving from scarcity to abundance.

We, as a community, have begun to reach out and draw in the larger community of Roslyn. We started with Burning Books followed by a chorus of friends of Ariann, which began a cascade of opportunities: Apple TV, "Invite, Welcome, Connect", David Smith symposium on living wills and medical directives, The North Shore Madrigal Singers, and The North Shore Community Chorus. We look forward to furthering lectures and performances shortly.

Our extraordinary Outreach delivering Blessing Bags that serve those in need in our community is growing and is stronger than ever. Thank you to all that have stepped up to serve on our reconstituted and new committees. Vestry, Altar Guild, fellowship, and counters are the lifeblood of our community, and we appreciate your hard work. Thank you to the staff of our community: Ronit, Mike, Ariann, Larry, Leslie, and all the teachers and staff of Trinity Childcare. Without all of you, this community and I would be nothing. The things that go on behind the scenes are the things that underpin everything that we see, hear, read, and feel. We owe them all honor and respect. Thank you to all that have come to church, even on those Sundays that were snowy, rainy, or otherwise just plain gross. You are a mighty and dedicated family.

Just a few short months ago, you were tasked with deciding whether to close or dedicate ourselves to the mission of Christ in the world today. You chose to "Put your hand on the plow and not look back," and I have seen firsthand the hard work of plowing the fields of ministry, and I am proud of the work you have done. When I look out over the fields left to plow, I see a challenge, not a drudge. A journey, not a task. By keeping our eyes on God and our hearts and minds filled with abundance, we will see the Kingdom of God manifest in each of our lives and our community. I have faith in you.

Peace and All Good,
George+

WARDENS LETTER- JUNE 2022

It was a joyful spring at Trinity as more and more of us returned to in-person worship with Father George enthusiastically settling into his ministry as our Priest-in-Charge. The lifting of some Covid-19 restrictions enabled us to return to everyone's second-favorite Sunday activity—coffee hour! It was good to once again take the time to talk to each other—in person—while enjoying food and drink.

We also returned to in-person events. On April 17 we welcomed renowned elder law attorney David Smith for the first in a lecture series tentatively called "Trinity Talks." He gave much-needed information about end-of-life decisions, including Right to Die issues, healthcare proxy statements and more and gave out printed materials that were very useful to everyone. We were able to attend the lecture either in person or via Zoom.

Music will once again ring through Trinity this spring. On Saturday, June 11, the North Shore Community Chorus will hold its Spring Concert at Trinity with a performance of Handel's oratorio "Elijah." Then the next day, June 12, the North Shore Madrigal Singers, a 28-voice choir from North Shore High School, will hold their Spring Concert at Trinity at 4:00. Also, the Trinity Church Choir has been invited to sing at the installation of The Rev. Karen F. Sherrill, Father George's wife, as Rector of Grace Episcopal Church in Whitestone on June 9, 2022.

The front steps of the church were repaired, and it is planned to add another railing to make the steps safer. The basement was cleaned out, and trees were trimmed. The Child Care Center and the Trinity Co-op children tended their gardens, and gradually the promise of spring was fulfilled throughout Trinity's beautiful grounds.

With another variant insinuating its way into our lives, Covid-19 infection rates are rising in the Long Island area. No mask mandate has been imposed, but everyone is urged to do what is necessary to feel safe. The summer worship schedule will be announced soon, and we hope to return to holding services in the air-conditioned fireplace room. Just keep praying there is no dramatic increase in Covid-19 infections that may cause our plans to change once again.

See you in church!

Sheila Platt for the Wardens and Vestry



An old postcard showing Trinity Church with a Rectory & Parish House in the middle (c 1910) - sent in by Helen Oehrlein

"TRINITY TALKS" LECTURE SERIES



On April 27, we held the first lecture in our "Trinity Talks" series, with elder care attorney and "right to die" expert David A. Smith sharing key considerations for end-of-life healthcare decision-making. Held in person and via zoom, the event was attended by more than 30 people.

The speaker David A. Smith, who has been featured on The Today Show, CNN, Fox and more also distributed copies of materials such as forms for a Living Will, and Healthcare proxies. If you would like a copy of these materials, there are extra copies available at Trinity.

The talk focused on essential issues around understanding and controlling options in advance of health care crises and emergencies. Speaker David A. Smith Esq. has more than 40 years of experience in civil litigation, including many "right to die" cases such as the Baby Jane Doe case and the 2012 Grace Lee case. Discussing "right to die issues," he has appeared on numerous television programs, including the Today Show, NBC Dateline, CNN and Fox News.

"Various forms of life-saving and life-sustaining technologies have grown exponentially and to try to make sure we control the technologies, rather than be controlled by them, it is important that we all think about them, understand them, and make decisions concerning these issues while we still can," said David A. Smith. "By preparing, properly executing and fully distributing documents in which we carefully articulate our own healthcare wishes

in advance of any healthcare crisis, we can better control these decisions."

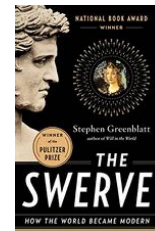
Prior to founding the Law office of David A. Smith in Garden City in 1996, he opened the New York State Attorney General's first Nassau office. In the early 1990s, Mr. Smith served as legal director for the New York-based Society for the Right to Die (later known as Choice in Dying).

As always, it was a great Trinity effort to make this event all come together. Thanks to Rob for managing the zoom in-person and Kathy for her remote support, along with Ruth's efforts on promotion and publicity, and to Liz for finding the speaker for us. Appreciate everyone coming out and supporting our first Trinity Talks lecture.

Thanks!

Lisa de Bruin

BURNING BOOKS



We decided to make *The Swerve: How the World Became Modern* by Stephen Greenblatt (356 pages) our Burning Books selection, on Wednesday, June 1 at 7:30. It was winner of the Pulitzer Prize for Nonfiction, the National Book Award and a New York Times Bestseller. Amazon says, "Renowned scholar Stephen Greenblatt brings the past to vivid life in what is at once a supreme work of scholarship, a literary page-turner, and a thrilling testament to the power of the written word." It will be a hybrid meeting.

Following that, we will read *The Night Watchman* (464 pages) by Louise Erdrich in July on a date TBD.

The final selection for the season, *Apeirogon*, by Colum McCann, will be held over till September.

For more info, contact johnplatt@optonline.net.

NORTH SHORE COMMUNITY CHORUS
SATURDAY, JUNE 11



On **Saturday, June 11, 2022 at 8:00 pm**, the North Shore Community Chorus will present Franz Josef Haydn's oratorio, *The Creation*, at Trinity Episcopal Church in Roslyn.

Trinity members Ken Bongort, Helen Oehrlein and Brigitte McConnell are members of the chorus.

Four soloists will be joining the chorus for this concert: Kara Vertucci as Gabriel, Rob Murphy as Uriel, Ron Meixsell as Raphael and Adam, and Julieann Miexsell as Eve. The conductor is Stephen Goldstein, and Timothy Carl is the assistant conductor and accompanist.

The North Shore Community Chorus was founded in 1983 to bring oratorios, masses and pops concerts featuring the best of music from operetta and musical theatre to the North Shore communities. The chorus welcomes anyone with a basic competency in singing. Auditions are not required. Practices are held on Monday evenings.

For more information contact John Coffey at 516 676-4216.



Ann Mingorance celebrating her birthday with family at a special Trinity coffee hour on April 10

NORTH SHORE MADRIGAL SINGERS
SUNDAY, JUNE 12



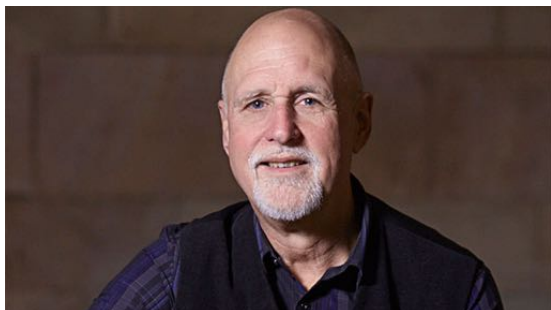
Road to Emmaus

On **Sunday, June 12 at 4:00 pm**, the North Shore Madrigal Singers will hold their spring concert at Trinity Episcopal Church in Roslyn.

Madrigal Singers is the premier vocal ensemble at North Shore High School. They perform a wide variety of largely a cappella repertoire spanning from the 16th to the 21st centuries under the direction of conductor David Catalano. Mr. Catalano, who was inspired to ask if his group could perform at Trinity after coming to a concert here and falling in love with the space and the acoustics, has provided this description of the works that will be performed:

"The centerpiece of the concert is a set of pieces we have titled *Abide* which all take inspiration from Luke 24:29, "Abide with us: for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent." The first is Josef Rheinberger's beloved setting of this biblical text, *Abendlied*. We then will perform Moses Hogan's harmonically rich arrangement of the hymn *Abide with Me*. Poet Adam York and composer Dan Forrest then give us our final piece, a setting of his love poem *Abide*, which he was inspired to write after hearing a performance of the previous hymn. You'll also hear works by Debussy, Monteverdi, and Mozart, among others. It will be an afternoon of love, poetry, and joy."

Please make every effort to come to Trinity on June 12 at 4:00 for what promises to be an exciting musical event for all who can attend.



I've been urged by Trinity Bells to update the Trinity family on my current professional activities.

Following my stroke in July, 2018, my "Sunday Supper" show on WFUV went on hiatus for eight months, while I followed through on a planned retirement as a full-time employee. When it returned in April, 2019, it was reduced to one hour a week from three. (It can be heard from 5-6 pm live at 90.7 FM or anytime in the Weekend Archives at wfuv.org.)

Obviously, the change presented a challenge. I tried to maintain the same features (attention to artist birthdays, up-and-coming artists, concerts in the area, musical themes), but in a streamlined manner. I continued to present occasional artist interviews, but haven't since the pandemic, as I've been recording my show at home. (That may change over time.) I celebrated my 25th anniversary at WFUV in April with a special show spotlighting my all-time favorite performances by guests, including Joan Baez, Judy Collins, Bobby McFerrin, Phoebe Snow, and Rosanne Cash. (You can hear it at <https://wfuv.org/content/sunday-suppers-25th-anniversary-2022>.)



With more time on my hands, I decided to incorporate as a not-for-profit organization, the New Folk Initiative, with the mission to be an inclusive resource for the propagation and promotion of folk music in its multi-faceted forms.

The website (www.newfolk.org) has playlists, a concert calendar, a blog with reviews of albums and plays, and a selected archive of notable "Sunday Supper" sessions.

My third preoccupation is "On Your Radar," a showcase I curate for three artists on the second Tuesday of every month. It's existed for 17 years, the last nine at Rockwood Music Hall, an intimate venue on the Lower East Side. The shows have introduced listeners to a diverse lineup of deserving artists. (You'll also find the lineups at [New Folk.org](http://NewFolk.org).)

Sometimes keeping up with all three can make for a busy week, but my motto has always been "Better Busy Than Bored." Hopefully, there will always be time for Trinity priorities!

John Platt



The Art Guild of Port Washington is having an exhibit of art works entitled "2022 Members Showcase". It will be on view June 10th to July 16th 2022 with a Garden Party reception on Friday, June 10th from 6 to 8 PM.

Aleta Crawford has one piece in this show (see image of "Cherry, Apple, Cherry" 10"x10" oil).



It is so hard to believe that the school year is winding down. We have had a really busy last couple of months. We have been learning about the life cycle of the butterfly. Every morning we check to see if we have butterflies yet. So far our caterpillars have made their cocoons. It will be so exciting to see the beautiful butterflies emerge after watching all of the stages.

We colored eggs and had an egg hunt. For our Spring Fling the children made a homemade carrot cake. It sure was delicious. They learned about planets, and the moon and stars. Earth Day was celebrated by learning how to take care of our planet, and we had a cleanup day.

We began planting in our classroom. We are germinating beans, and we planted marigolds. These will be transferred to our Children's Garden. Our Garden had been taken over by weeds so Barbara Holzkamp helped us get rid of the weeds and put down a weed cover. We were happy to see our red lettuce, from last year, make an appearance. We picked it and even made a salad. The children loved the baby tomatoes we grew last year, and they want to try some zucchini. We also have some colorful plants that we learned will attract butterflies. In keeping with protecting our planet, we have a rain barrel. The children will learn how we can save water and also what can happen when we don't get enough rain. Of course, these activities are just a sample of the STEAM activities we do throughout the year.

They enjoyed Foodie Friday. They had a blindfolded taste test with all red foods- strawberries, raspberries, apples, sweet peppers and watermelon. It was hard to fool anyone. These kids know their fruits and veggies.

Our little thespians had fun with our Drama unit. They put on plays, acted out stories, did puppet shows, and sang and danced. At the end of the week we had a performer (who Miss Ari knows) do a trunk show for the kids. They loved the shadow

puppets, especially since they learned about shadows earlier in the year.

We still have our weekly events: soccer, music and yoga. We know that the Arts and Physical activity are so important for developing the Whole Child.

We have two teachers out on Maternity leave. Miss Joanna and Miss Alexis are expecting babies within weeks of each other. They will both return to work after staying home with their babies for a while. We all have them in our prayers and wish for happy, healthy babies.

Graduation is on Friday, June 10th at 6:00 PM. All are welcome to join us. This is our 2nd graduation and this year we are holding it in our Church. Imagine the acoustics. We have 4 graduates this year. Our threes and younger fours will also be performing.

We are setting up a bench near the garden for anyone who wants to sit and pray, meditate, or just rest their weary bones.

Enjoy your summer!

Ariann Miller-Acting Director
Leslie Weible-Consultant



THE LAST QUARTER

You know time has a way of moving quickly and catching you unaware of the passing years. It seems just yesterday that I was young and embarking on my new life. Yet in a way, it seems like eons ago, and I wonder where all the years went.

I know that I lived them all.

I have glimpses of how it was back then and of all my hopes and dreams.

However, here it is the last quarter of my life and it catches me by surprise.

How did I get here so fast? Where did the years go and where did my youth go?

I remember well seeing older people through the years and thinking that those older people were years away from me, and that I was only on the first quarter, and that the fourth quarter was so far off that I could not visualize it or imagine fully what it would be like.

Yet, here it is my friends are retired and getting grey - they move slower and I see an older person now. Some are in better and some worse shape than me but I see the great change. They're not like the ones that I remember who were young and vibrant but like me, their age is beginning to show and we are now those older folks that we used to see and never thought we'd become.

Each day now, I find that just getting a shower is a real target for the day and taking a nap is not a treat anymore. It's mandatory because if I don't of my own free will, I fall asleep where I sit.

And so, now I enter into this new season of my life unprepared for all the aches and pains and the loss of strength and ability to go and do things that I wish I had done but never did. But at least I know that, though I'm on the last quarter and I'm not sure how long it will last, that when it's over on this earth, it's over and a new adventure will begin!

Yes, I have regrets. There are things I wish I hadn't done; things I should have done, but truly there are many things I'm happy to have done.

It's all in a lifetime.

So, if you're not in the last quarter yet, let me remind you that it will be here faster than you think. So, whatever you would like to accomplish in your life, do it quickly.

Don't put things off too long. Life goes by so quickly.

So, do what you can today, as you can never be sure whether you're on the last quarter or not.

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You have no promise that you will see all the seasons of life. So, live for today and say all the things that you want your loved ones to remember - and hope that they appreciate and love you for all the things that you have done for them in all the past years.

'Life' is a gift to you.
Be Happy!

Remember, it is health that is real wealth and not pieces of gold and silver.

You may think:

Going out is good - but coming home is better!

You forget names - but it's okay because some people forgot they even knew you!

You realize you're never going to be really good at anything like golf - but you like the outdoors!

The things you used to care to do, you aren't as interested in anymore - but you really don't care that you aren't as interested.

You sleep better on a lounge chair with the TV on than in bed – you call it 'pre-sleep'!

You miss the days when everything worked with just an 'On' and 'Off' switch!

You tend to use more 4 letter words – 'what' and 'when'!

You have lots of clothes in your wardrobe, more than half of which you will never wear – but just in case!

Old is good -

- Old is comfortable
- Old is safe
- Old songs
- Old movies
- and best of all, Friends of old!

So, stay well, 'Old friend!'

Have an awesome quarter – whichever one you're in!

Send this on to other "Old Friends" and let them be smiling in agreement.

It's not what you gather, but what you scatter, that tells what kind of life you have lived. . .

Sent in by Barbara Holzkamp.



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