

TRINITY BELLS

JUNE 2020

Dear Trinitarians,

When I wrote my reflection for the March Trinity Bells about the plague of cluster flies, it was beyond my wildest imagination or worst nightmare that the world would be plunged into an 11th plague (as if 10 weren't enough) that has so changed the face of the world in ways we could not anticipate and a future that is unclear.



A slogan to unite people as a community, offering support during this time of distress arose: “We are all in this together”; then came a rainbow of hope. In the book of Genesis God places a bow in the sky as a sign of a covenant between God and all creation that never again will God destroy the world by flood. Mike’s interpretation of the rainbow communicates our message to Roslyn blending the sign of God’s covenant to all creation, promise and hope with the cross. It says to all who pass by: “Trinity is in this together with you Roslyn in the power of Christ’s Love and Compassion for every human being where you are , who you are and no matter your faith, belief, or spirituality.” God’s love as we experience it in Christ is the Exceptionless Norm for how we incarnate Jesus in our lives and reveal him to the world in the flow of daily life.

One gift Trinity is to Roslyn is its being the largest, (and most beautiful) historical building that remains in active use. However, Trinity is much more than that! Trinity will not be consigned to history. Trinity is History in the Now as a community of living loving stones. We do not

know in the next months and years what the future will hold for the world. There is much change that is beyond our ken and control. What is in our control is to live into Faith, Hope and Love that God has established, maintains and sustains Trinity in Roslyn for a purpose that is much greater than a place on the map, a spot in the history books or place of pride for the historic society. The question I posed to God at the outset of Lent, and through Lent and Eastertide “What new thing do you want to do here in Trinity?” I believe the answer is “THRIVE! Deepen your relationships with each other, with the communities where you live and Roslyn. Trust in me and be living stones I made you to be and I will take care of the rest!”

Mtr. Joanne+

WARDEN'S LETTER – MAY 2020



It has been an exciting—and exhausting—time to be on the Vestry of Trinity Church at this historic time. No sooner had the new Vestry been installed at the Annual Meeting on February 2, than we were thrown into the midst of the global pandemic of COVID-19.

- On March 12, 2020, Bishop Provenzano declared all church buildings closed (as of this writing, until July 1), but that did not stop the worship and the day-to-day business of Trinity Church. We held our first Zoom worship service on March 15 followed by a Zoom vestry meeting that evening. Soon Trinity parishioners became true Zoomasters as all worship and meetings of the church were held via Zoom, including the events of Holy Week and a triumphant Easter service.
- With the closing of the church building came also the closing of our Child Care Center. Our director Leslie Weible worked tirelessly with Mother Joanne to provide support to teachers, parents and children as everyone worked their way through the legal, financial and emotional ramifications of the center's closing and laying off the staff.
- The parish rectory in Glen Head was put on the market at the end of February and despite the collapse of the real estate market shortly thereafter, an offer was accepted and contract signed on April 21. At closing, the proceeds from the sale will be held by the Trustees of the Diocese until such time as we purchase a new rectory.
- Thanks to the efforts of Tom Cammisa, Liz Kaye, Bob DeBruin and Mother Joanne, all the forms and supporting documents needed to apply for the Payroll Protection Plan loan were submitted in early April so that we could continue to pay the church staff for 2-1/2 more months. The funds eventually came through on May 13.
- After months of work and review, the new website is ready to launch. It will include a section for online donations, including pledge payments and Child Care Center payments.

Our church buildings may be closed for now, but the people of Trinity will continue to worship the Lord in spirit and in truth.

Sheila Platt, Warden

ZOOM, ZOOM, ZOOM!



A virtual Maundy Thursday Soup Supper at the Platt's



The Childcare Center has really been enjoying our weekly Zoom circle time. The children and the teachers are enjoying seeing each other. The kids are engaging more and more each week, as they discover they can see each other. We get waves and "hi's" and some "I love you's". We love to watch them dance and sing. Each week we have a guest storyteller. It is a riotously happy time, and a joy to see the children with their parents and siblings. We even had a new baby join us last week.

Leslie Weible, Director



Modern Mother's Day!
(Sheila Platt with daughters Emily & Sarah)



Leslie Weible submitted these old photos she recently came across.



Binky & Jim Hebron's wedding, 1942

Leslie's Mom, Binky, was baptized at Trinity in 1923. She was in the first Christmas Pageant and played Mary. She made her confirmation at Trinity as well. She and Jim were longtime Trinity parishioners and were involved in all aspects of Trinity life.

Forty years later, their daughter, Leslie Hebron, married Bill Weible at Trinity.



EARLY TRINITY BELLS

One of the tasks I have undertaken of late is working on Trinity's archives. For many years lots of material was scattered in cabinets and drawers. Upon Margo leaving, I gathered it all up and have been sorting and categorizing it all. We have hard covered books of Trinity Bells that date back to 1907. Going through these and other historical items has really been fun!

The following are excerpts from some of the old Trinity Bells.

Advent 1907...Trinity Bells (Single copies 10c By the year 30c) The first issue of TRINITY BELLS was given free to all. This issue is to be sold. The subscription list numbers 68. This ought to be larger. The editor does not wish to run advertisements but this may be forced upon him. Please pay your subscription promptly. The regular subscribers will receive the paper by mail.

June 6, 1909 Greetings... Some may think that all one has to do when notified by the Vestry to get out the Parish paper, is to assume an engaging smile, say Yes, and write words born of the moment and inspired by surroundings. Not so, however. The editor has no apologies to make, this issue pretending to no literary merit but merely presenting a statement of the work of the Parish for the past three months. Many changes have taken place, many improvements made and conditions generally seem indicative of a healthy condition and a most successful year.

June 6, 1909 TBells article...Mr. A.J. Perry reports that he still has on hand 108 book racks for the pews. They were made to match the pew both in style and color and the price is \$3.50 per pair installed.

September 19, 1909.... This will be the last issue of Trinity Bells unless the members of the Parish come to the aid of the Business Manager financially. The Vestry would like to have it continued but it must be supported outside of the Church finances. We thank two members of our Church for gifts of \$5.00 each which has helped to continue our credit at the printer's and hope that our position will be doubly strengthened by continued support.

December 19, 1909.... We are happy to be able to resume the publication of Trinity Bells. At the last meeting of the Vestry it was voted to pay all the indebtedness of the publication and give us a clean sheet to work on. This number of the Bells will be given out generally through the Parish as a matter of information, but we need subscribers. It costs about \$60 per yer to maintain this little paper and 120 subscriptions at 50 cents per year will bring it to your house by mail before it is distributed in the Church. Will you not be one of the first to assist us with your subscription?

March 1910.... Just before Christmas we noticed that the altar was breaking away from the chancel wall. Investigations showed that the foundations under the chancel were weak. Early in January new props were put in with money furnished by St. Martha's Guild.



Support posts under the altar

June 19, 1910 TBells article....A place to hitch horses has been put in the yard back of the Parish House. Also the sheds back of Bryant Hall can be used.

Mike Callahan

“THRIVAL” STORIES DURING THE COVID-19 SHUTDOWN

From Martha Regelmann:

Hardest thing to cope with is having Mom very weak and frail and sick and nearby, but being unable to visit her. Sad. Praying that we will be able to see her again...

Thankful for all the people and interests in my life. There is always something to do and people to communicate with. The shutdown has helped me get better at making phone calls and sending friendly notes to people I care about.

Biggest gratitude??? Reconnecting with my dear Trinity friends. Many, many thanks to Mother Joanne for the ZOOM ministry. I feel connected again! It was so hard to leave Trinity after so many decades of complete involvement. My heart is happy to see people after such a long absence as we “Gather Together (virtually) to ask the Lord’s Blessings...”

Love to all...



Masks for Ariann & Martha were made by Martha’s sister



Easter Vigil service in the backyard!

From Dottie Seyfried:

When Virtual Becomes Real

I’d been going to Trinity on ZOOM for a while and my family knew about it. So, one Sunday afternoon I was talking with my daughter and son-in-law on Face Time. My daughter asked what I did after church. My response, “well when I got home,”... We all realized what I had said at the same time and burst into hysterical laughter!

Since then it’s become a family joke!

From Ruth Fick:

The saddest part: Not only was I suddenly not able to visit my Dad at Sunrise in Glen Cove, but both his personal aides were asked to leave as well. I wondered if he felt totally abandoned. We were finally able to set up FaceTime together, and at least now I can SEE that he’s doing ok, which is somewhat reassuring.

The most uplifting: One day, while weeding in the garden & being in somewhat of a foul mood because of the corona virus shutdown, I suddenly heard music being played on a nearby church carillon. At first I didn’t recognize the melody, but then realized it was “Lift High the Cross”! And I thought, ok, I can do this, and it totally changed my outlook.

The most unexpected: Neighbors coming together who normally had little time for socializing with each other. We were invited to a “Front Yard Cookout”. Six families sat in beach chairs at the end of their driveways (with their own food) and chatted across the street with each other. It was so much fun and made us all feel that we weren’t so isolated.



Ruth & Peter Fick

MUSIC SPRING 2020

Saint Augustine said, "He who sings, prays twice." That has proved challenging in these last few months. With a music ministry that has become so beloved, not only by our Trinity family, but by the greater Roslyn community, being silenced is not exactly something we are accustomed to. And yet, here we are.

But, as the poet Robert Wadsworth Lowry wrote, "Through all the tumult and the strife I hear the music ringing; It finds an echo in my soul - How can I keep from singing?"

I believe that this is a time of learning, of growing, of evolving. And in order to do that, we need to cease relying on who we were, so we can be open to who we are going to become. Within our ministry, that means we are learning about how to make music using technology we had not previously utilized or understood. It means we are trying things out in real time, and you get to hear (for better or worse) the fruits of our labors every Sunday. It means that Trinity Choir gets to do something very exciting - we get to reinvent ourselves! That's not always smooth terrain, but forging our own path, and discovering that we are capable of something more than we had been, brings its own brand of excitement.

So we aren't able to sing in the same space right now. But that doesn't mean our Music Ministry isn't still here. We are! We are, in the form of recorded voices, presenting meditations and anthems; we are, in the form of diverse musicians sharing their gifts of concertina, ukulele and guitar; we are, in the form of dedicated choir members stepping out from a group of blended voices to lead hymns as solos or duets. Though we aren't able to stand together, be assured that Trinity Choir stands. And what new, and different, and joyful music we will make, when we are able to stand together again! "Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can we keep from singing!"

So ... who's up for ringing handbells with me?

Ariann Miller



Rhododendrons (courtesy Ruth Fick)



Frogs & Daffodils (courtesy Sheila Platt)



Peonies? at Planting Fields Arboretum
(courtesy Sheila Platt)

JOYFUL GENTLE YOGA AT TRINITY VIA ZOOM 2020



Yoga may be just what you need in the time of Covid-19. Yoga can reduce blood pressure, relieve anxiety, increase flexibility, prevent osteoporosis, improve cardio vascular health, help with balance, help you to feel calm and peaceful and much more.

I was grateful to be teaching in the Trinity Church Choir Room on Tuesday nights. Now I am grateful to "see" and teach yoga via Zoom and I invite you to join me on Monday and/or Thursday from 10 to 11:30 AM. If you would like to join us or have any questions, please email me (marylouninard@aol.com) and I'll send you a Zoom link.

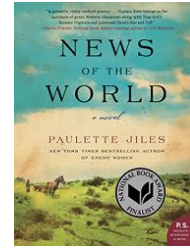
At the invitation of Nils Blatz, I started teaching group classes at Trinity in the '90's in the Parish Hall, which is now the Childcare Center. For a while I found other space to teach. Then, thanks to Helen Oehrlein and Martha Regelman, the Choir Room became available and we will go back there again. One of the blessings of Zoom is that Martha can join us from her home in Illion, NY. Will you join us, too?

Bio:

Mary Lou Minard, Certified Yoga Teacher, CYT-500, teaches Joyful Gentle Yoga. She has certifications from Kripalu Center for Yoga, Prana Yoga, Phoenix Rising Yoga Therapy, Restorative Yoga, Davidji Meditation Teacher and more. She has been studying yoga since 1985 and teaching since 1989. She tells beginners that "If you can breathe, you can do yoga."

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BURNING BOOKS



Our next selection is *News of the World* by Paulette Jiles, a National Book Award Finalist (and soon to be major motion picture starring Tom Hanks). In the aftermath of the Civil War, an aging itinerant news reader agrees to transport a young captive of the Kiowa back to her people in this exquisitely rendered, morally complex, multilayered novel of historical fiction from the author of *Enemy Women* that explores the boundaries of family, responsibility, honor, and trust.

We'll meet on Tuesday, June 23 at 7:30 PM via **Zoom**. If anyone needs instructions to log on, please contact me.

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