

TRINITY BELLS

MARCH 2020

My Dear Trinitarians,

A few times during my first few months here I have encountered the occasional “cluster” fly which I am told turn up in the late fall seeking warmth. One afternoon while I was kneeling in prayer meditatively taking in the creation window above the altar, praying for guidance to understand God’s mission for Trinity, I felt my attention being directed to the Moses window in the West Transept. I arose with a tickle of laughter, insight, wonder and curiosity. I knew exactly why I was going to this window- to witness the flies caught in the layers of stained glass in the upper right panel just opposite the raised hand of Moses. So yeah...I am thinking plague of Egypt, the plague of flies. (Exodus 8:21)

I did a little homework and reviewed this particular plague. Each plague is related to a specific Egyptian God. The purpose was to demonstrate the sovereignty of Israel’s God over the gods of Egypt inclusive of Pharaoh who was thought to be a god. Back to the plague of flies: the Egyptian god related to flies, actually with a head of a fly, is called Khepri. This god was worshipped as the God of creation, the sun and rebirth. Here I was in prayer contemplating the Creator of all Creation claiming by faith God’s sovereignty over all and feeling a friendly nudge of the Holy Spirit to go to the Moses window. Of all the windows the flies are caught here, of all the places on the window trapped opposite the upraised hand of Moses. As we enter the season of Holy Lent we turn toward the story of the Liberation of the Children of Israel from enslavement in Egypt and to the plagues that preceded their departure. For the eyes of faith there are no coincidences. God doesn’t play dice. Their being trapped forever encased in the layers of colored glass depicting God’s light and power flowing through Moses ‘savior/messiah’ of Israel as the Hebrew reads, is purposeful on the spiritual plane of existence. God is speaking to us right now.



I returned to the chancel with a new question and petitions. ‘Okay God, what new thing do you want to create here at Trinity? Here we are reborn by the waters of baptism in Christ. Fill us! Help each member of this congregation and all who come through the doors to experience the power of His resurrection in their lives. Revive us again O Lord so that we can live the mission to tell the story of the resurrection by how we live right here and now. We trust that when we act you will move in ways mysterious, beyond what we could ask or imagine.

Mtr. Joanne+



LENT AND HOLY WEEK

Feb 25-March 31 (Tuesdays)- Eucharist with Healing Prayer-
12:00 noon

Feb. 29-April 4 (Saturdays) Evening Eucharist- 5:00 pm- Informal & relaxed.
Come as you are.

March 5, 19, 26 & Apr 2 (Thursdays)- 6:15 pm: Evening Prayer; 6:30-7:30 pm:
Journey to Jerusalem- comparison of the passion narratives*

March 8, 22, 29 (Sundays)- Bible 101- after coffee hour

April 5- Palm Sunday - 10:00 (one service)

April 8 (Wed)- Tenebrae Service- without choir- 6:30 pm

April 9- Maundy Thursday – Potluck Soup Agape Supper at 6:30 pm
followed by Holy Eucharist at 7:00 pm

April 10- Good Friday- 12:00-3:00 pm & 7:30 pm- Stations of the Cross

April 11 (Sat)- The Great Vigil of Easter 7:00 pm

April 12- Easter Sunday - 10:00 am (one service)

Please join us for one or more of these special services

***PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE BY MARCH 29
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE EASTER LILIES OR SPRING FLOWERS
IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE***

* The four gospels are facets of an exquisite gem of God's love for the world. Each Gospel writer organizes the events that led up to the crucifixion of Jesus in a way that is consistent with the overarching portrait of Jesus they create for the community, (audience). Over the course of 5 weeks together we will explore all four narratives side by side and discover similarities and subtle differences as we reflect through the lens of the text and art. We will move fluidly between the community of the gospel to our own community.

OUTREACH 2019

Our parish is committed serving the needs of those in need, and we do that in many ways, whether it is visiting the homebound, bringing meals to a sick parishioner or through one of our many programs, including:

Adopt a Family

What a generous outpouring of gifts and donations for our "Adopt A Family" this year. Our "family", with two girls, a Mom and Dad, received piles of presents this year for Christmas, thanks to the generosity of the Trinity community.



Thank you for all the shopping, wrapping and the participation in this wonderful program.

Lisa deBruin

Rural Migrant Ministry

Eight bags of Christmas toys were delivered to Angel Reyes, Long Island Coordinator at Rural and Migrant Ministries, Riverhead.



Items were purchased for \$1.00 at their annual community Christmas party. The proceeds are utilized by RMM to further advance the community. Angel is in the Santa suit holding the baby. He sends many thanks to Trinity for the generous donation.

Mary LaSala

Books in Laundromats: Through this program, we have placed more than 10,000 free children's books in laundromats.

Food Pantry: We collect food and pantry items and then work with the Long Island Council of Churches to distribute them to those in need.

Camp De Wolfe Scholarship Fund: To provide scholarships to children to attend Camp De Wolfe, we host a variety of fundraisers, including our annual Trinity Christmas Boutique.

If you would like more information on how you can get involved in the Trinity Church outreach program, contact Alexis@robaudio.com.



We have recently purchased an Episcopal Church and American flag which have been run up our front lawn flagpole. These are very visible and contribute to people noticing Trinity as they pass by on Northern Blvd. William Mood Baldwin designed the Episcopal Church flag, and the stained-glass window depicting Jesus as a child in the temple (in the east transept) was dedicated to him.

Mike Callahan

PARISH HAPPENINGS



Holiday Concert, North Shore Community Chorus –
Steven Goldstein, Conductor – Dec 14



Advent 4 Brunch- Dec 22



Our beautiful Christmas Tree

Christmas Eve



Children's service, 4:00



Who's that guy in the red suit?



The Trinity Choir recessing

PARISH HAPPENINGS (cont'd)



Jean Henning & Sarane Ross- Jan 5



Sopranos at Sarane's- Jan 5



Sheila Platt being officially welcomed into the Church
With Mother Joanne Izzo & Bishop Provenzano



Feb. birthdays- Sarane Ross, Bob deBruin & Liz Kaye

LABOR OF LOVE...

I have been working on making a nine-foot tall cross to be placed on the front lawn throughout Lent. Am using a rather large, formidable floor beam which had been removed during the floor renovation last summer that I had saved with the thought of doing just this. Chiseling out the notch for the crossbeam turned out to be an extremely meditative process as I worked on it in the church basement.

Mike Callahan



The finished product



Our little ones continue to grow as our toddler room has completely filled up, and our preschool class is fuller than it has ever been! We have a few newcomers that have recently joined us, as well. We look forward to bringing in new infants!

We've been blessed with a beautiful winter thus far and have been able to spend lots of time outdoors. Our monthly Pajama Party is always a big hit... the kids love warming up with a special treat: hot cocoa! Our art projects have been winter-themed, as well.



Preschool enjoying our monthly Pajama Party!

Joanna Sapienza

BURNING BOOKS



Our next selection is *The Book of Joy*. It recounts five days of conversations between the Dalai Lama and Bishop Desmond Tutu, who share a lasting friendship, deep spirituality, and a sense of humor. *Publishers Weekly* wrote, "This sparkling, wise, and immediately useful gift to readers from two remarkable spiritual masters offers hope that joy is possible for everyone even in the most difficult circumstances, and describes a clear path for attaining it."

We'll meet on Tuesday, March 24, at the home of Brigitte McConnell, 28 Orchard St. in Glen Head (671-7837). Following that, on a date and time TBD, will be *Island of Sea Women*, a novel by Lisa See.

John Platt



January birthdays- Mother Izzo & Annabelle Luty

MARDI GRAS

Our annual Mardi Gras breakfast was a resounding success! We feasted on pancakes, sausages and fresh fruit, while decking ourselves in our festive finest - especially Barbara Holzkamp, with her gorgeous butterfly mask! Many thanks to "Chef" Karl and Mary Ellen Hansen, Kathy Mendall, and Mike Callahan, for all of their help to make the morning run smoothly. Laissez les bon temps rouler! (Let the good times roll!!)

Ariann Miller



Karl & Maryellen Hansen



Kathy Mendall, Betty Cammisa, Jim Crawford, Tom Cammisa



Barbara Holzkamp, Nancy Hamilton,
Jeanne Millspaugh



Lisa deBruin, Don Kavanagh, Bob deBruin



Liz Kaye and Rob Alexander



The Mardi Gras Crowd

Photos courtesy of Ariann Miller

**JUST MERCY and
COMMUNITY JUSTICE MINISTRY**

On January 19th, a group of Trinity parishioners went to see the movie *Just Mercy*. This movie tells the story of Bryan Stevenson who went to Alabama after graduating from Harvard Law School to defend those wrongly condemned or those who could not afford proper representation.

One of his first cases is that of Walter McMillian, who is sentenced to die in 1987 for the murder of an 18-year-old girl, despite evidence proving his innocence. In the years that follow, Stevenson encounters racism and legal and political maneuverings as he tirelessly fights for McMillian's life.

Mother Izzo, Dottie Seyfried, Brigitte McConnell, Helen Oehrlein and Kenneth Bongort met up immediately after the movie to discuss what we had learned.

Bryan Stevenson told this story in his book, also titled *Just Mercy*, which contains more information about other cases he worked on and about the Equal Justice Initiative he founded to end mass incarceration, excessive punishment, and racial inequality.



**COMMUNITY JUSTICE MINISTRY-
“Collateral Damage: Families of the
Incarcerated and Their Fight to Support Their
Loved Ones” Panel Discussion**

The Diocesan Vicar for Community Justice Ministry, Rev. Marie A. Tatro, and members of the Cathedral recently visited the Nassau County Jail to explore ways to deepen our ministry to incarcerated men and women. Rev. Tatro is inviting us to join them at the Freeport Library on Wednesday, March 11 at 6:30 for a panel discussion with families of these inmates.

Dottie Seyfried and Helen Oehrlein will be attending. If you would like to join us, please let one of us know.

Helen Oehrlein

ED. BUILDING MAKEOVER- BEFORE & AFTER

We have recently removed all the old, misshapen and dying shrubs from in front of the Education building resulting in a much cleaner, open look. Plans are being discussed to possibly create a children’s garden and other low plantings. The very overgrown viburnum shrubs have also been totally removed from the divider of parking lot for better visibility, safety and security.



Mike Callahan

HISTORY WALK

Mother Izzo has put up a “History Walk” (a timeline of sorts) on the wall in the Fireplace Room to record Trinity’s recent and past history. Parishioners are encouraged to add memorable events of the parish on the timeline, such as when we purchased the pipe organ or when our children were baptized, confirmed or married in the church, or when Margo joined Trinity or when the retaining wall was built etc.

The purpose of a history walk is a first step during a time of transition and at other significant moments in the life of a congregation to take a step back and trace the history of the church. This process is also an important aspect of developing a strategic plan for the next 3-5 years. By telling stories that have been handed on and the stories our own generation contributes to the life of community we become more aware of the composition of the DNA of the place and people. In so doing a faith community guided by the Holy Spirit is able to notice recurrent themes, patterns, cycles. In order to discover the future God desires for us we need to pinpoint where we stand in the present and appreciate with insight and clarity where we have been. We cannot change the past, but we can influence the present in order to attain our desired future.



Jeanne Millspaugh & Mother Izzo



Tom Cammisa



Don Josling, Barbara Holzkamp, Sheila Platt



Jim Crawford, Mike Callahan, Sheila Platt, Rob Alexander & Karl Hansen



We got some neat mugs, too!
Maryellen Hansen, Jeanne Millspaugh,
Laura & Don Kavanagh

FAREWELL TO JAINE VERMA

A Farewell party was recently held at Trinity for Jaine Verma, Director of the Childcare Center. Jaine is leaving for personal reasons, and we will all miss her dearly.



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Wishing everyone a joyous Easter!

