## TRINITY BELLS SEPTEMBER 2020

Dear Trinitarians,

Seeking inspiration, I reviewed all the pictures, poetry and thoughts I received and often sent out to share with the congregation in the first few months of the pandemic. I found the longer I lingered over this one photograph the more deeply I was drawn by the beauty of creation. Then quite unexpectedly I saw the Icon of Christos Pantokrator, Christ All powerful beyond and behind the beauty. So my pondering transformed to praying with an Icon. Icons are windows, portals to the larger reality in which we all live and so rarely



touch. The moment of intersection in prayer is as much about being seen as seeing. It is a form of entering into relationship and communication in color and silence. Perhaps in these last months you have had a similar unexpected experience when for a moment the thin layer between heaven and earth parted and touched your spirit renewing your soul and heart.

Though our times feel very chaotic and frightening, the message is clear. The face of Love beyond the flowers reminds me that God is a God of order not chaos. All nature reveals this, forgive me for saying this but even in one tiny Covid cell there is an order. Alas, we just have not figured out how to prevent its order from causing dis-order for us. It is hard to see God's plan for our good when all we see is so much that is beyond our control. It forces us to a level of self- awareness and examination we often prefer to avoid.

Into this global crisis, when we are weak and struggling, we are confronted by another pandemic brewing at subthreshold levels for centuries, one of our own making, systemic racism. There is much written these days about racism and only a small percentage from a Christian perspective. This is a disease and assault on the Body of Christ as real and in some

ways as organized as a Covid cell. As we have seen in the papers with reports of other nations identifying racism in their countries, America is not alone. As Jim Wallis wrote several years ago, for America this is our original sin because we had the chance to change the downward spiral we inherited at the conception of this nation. What is most critical for us as Christians in this moment in history is that we are bound by our baptismal covenant to dismantle systemic racism. We do not need a line in the budget, or marching in protest. We need to be prepared each day to engage in small acts of courage to speak up, speak out, to use our privilege for those who are disempowered. As members of the body it is for us to allow Christ the All Powerful to work through us and for us to work with Christ in his redemptive work of healing and reconciling the world to God. The resurrection teaches us in the end Love Wins. Let us press on so that His love will lead us to unity.

## **WARDENS LETTER- September 2020**

Even with COVID-19 still very much an unwelcome part of our lives, that feeling of anticipation that fall brings cannot be denied. The vestry has worked diligently through the summer months to prepare ourselves and our church buildings for the next phase of COVID-19 life on Long Island.

Worship: Sunday services have been held via Zoom since March 15, as have all meetings or gatherings of any kind. The one exception was a socially-distanced Vestry Retreat held in June on the front lawn of Jim and Aleta Crawford's home. Although we could have returned to worship in the sanctuary in July, Bishop Provenzano had limited attendance to not more than 10 people per service or 25% of the average Sunday attendance, so the congregation elected to continue with Zoom until we could all worship together in the church. Minister of Music Ariann Miller kept the music flowing by learning how to use Garage Band with the choir to create the harmony we have craved. With the "Let There Be Light" window as her backdrop, Mother Joanne led services from her home in Brooklyn while we worshiped from our living rooms or back yards. With masks firmly in place and keeping our social distance, we look forward to getting back into our beloved sanctuary on September 13. (Access via Zoom will continue indefinitely.)

Child Care Center: The Child Care Center has been closed since mid-March, but Executive Director Leslie Weible, with Mother Joanne, Mike Callahan and the vestry, have been working non-stop to make sure the CCC will meet the long list of requirements to reopen on the day after Labor Day. As of this writing, less than half the families have said they want to return, so the staff and the rooms will be adjusted accordingly. A tent will be erected on the front lawn so the children can have an outdoor activity space until it is too cold to be outdoors.

Education Building: CAPS has vacated its premises on the second floor of the Education Building, so we will be looking for a tenant for that space. Meanwhile, the Roslyn Day School also has experienced a reduction in enrollment by half.

Through all the tumult and change, our faith assures us that God changes not. Trinity, however, with God's help, will change where we must to meet the challenges of doing God's work during this time. In the meantime, I recently came across a picture of the Vestry with Al Stefanik in what we think is 1998. We have lost seven of these beloved Trinitarians since then, and it is good to remember them with a thankful heart.



**Left to right: First row** – Allen McConnell, Lilac Chandra, Ruth Fick, Sam Dudley **Second row** – Eithel Ursprung, Joan Ernst, Nancy Krug, Al deGraffenreid **Last row** – Barbara Holzkamp, John French, Al Stefanik, Bob Geib, Jim Hebron, John Platt

## **MUSIC NOTES**

"So long as the human spirit thrives on this planet, music in some living form will accompany and sustain it and give it expressive meaning." - Aaron Copland

Thank you all for your unwavering support of our music ministry! To say that these have been trying times would be a tremendous understatement, especially for those of us whose ministry is largely prohibited right now. That makes everyone's encouragement mean so much more.

As we head into September, and our new season of music making, I'm looking forward to the continued growth our ministry will have, thanks to our expanded knowledge of new technology and equipment, coupled with the choir's growing confidence in singing in a new medium. In that spirit, if anyone would like to give a go at joining us in our technological adventures in music making, now is your chance! If you've been hesitant because of the time commitment, or of the dreaded "singing in front of people thing", now is your chance! All choir members make audio recordings in their free time, which then get expertly (if I do say so, myself) edited together, to create our distinctive Trinity Choir sound. This is some cool, 21st Century stuff! We would love to have you join us! Please email Leslie or me if you are interested.

With each day, we grow closer to that time when we will be making a joyful noise unto the Lord TOGETHER. Until then, I'll see you on Zoom!

## Ariann Forella

Here are a few photos of what my end of Sunday morning music looks like! Even Deacon Fern gets in on the action!









There are lots of details to attend to. If we all work cooperatively this should work fairly smoothly.

People with underlying conditions are urged to continue attending via zoom. Those over 65 are considered a vulnerable population and are urged to continue attending via zoom.

We are limited to 25 people in the building inclusive of priest and organist.

We are going to set up a <u>SignUp Genius</u> for you to pre-register for service. This will ensure we do not exceed the designated number.

## The Procedure upon entering the church:

- There is only one point of entry into the building through the main entrance.
- Everyone must check in at a desk with name and contact information.
- No one will be admitted into the building without a mask. If you have forgotten your mask, one will be provided.
- Masks are to be worn at all times once you enter the building.
- When you enter, use Hand-sanitizer provided; we have a non-contact dispenser
- There will be directional arrows on floor for you to follow the flow to a designated seat.

### WORSHIP:

- Service will be 30 minutes.
- There will not be a choir or singing. We plan on continuing with pre-recorded music and run this through the audio system during service.
- We will have a service bulletin for your use.
- Eucharist will not be celebrated at this time.

### POST WORSHIP:

- Everyone must exit the building immediately after worship concludes. No coffee hour until further notice
- Hand sanitizer will be available as you exit-
- Follow the arrows and direction of an usher and exit through the choir entrance door.
- No one is to enter any other part of the building in order to keep it disinfected and sanitized for the Day School and Childcare.

Please note a person who has an oral temperature of 99.5 or symptoms of cough, chills, muscle aches, headaches, sore throat or new loss of taste or smell should not attend in person worship.

Please note bathrooms are not available at this time.



We are pleased to announce the reopening of our Child Care Center, Tuesday, September 8, 2020. We closed in March due to the pandemic. We kept in touch with the children by hosting a weekly ZOOM circle time in to the middle of August. The children, as well as the teachers, enjoyed this so much. It kept us all in touch while also keeping the children on some sort of routine. We even had a couple of weeks hosted by Patti Pre-K doing music or yoga.

We took our time reopening, so that we had all of the social distancing rules in place, as well as making some upgrades to the Center to ensure we keep germs to a minimum. We have sneeze guards up between rooms and we have added air filters. Parents have been informed of the new drop off procedure and health checks throughout the day. All staff will be wearing masks. We plan on keeping class size smaller this year, to be able to keep children far enough apart with ample room to play. We bought doubles, and in some cases triples, of favorite toys to limit any sharing issues. We have colored washable squares for the children to sit on, so that they can social distance during music, circle, and story time.

We are excited about all of the new educational programs we are implementing. We received a \$10,000 grant from the Mary Alice Fortin Foundation to help us pay for these programs. We are going to have a Children's Garden in front of the Education Building. The children will learn about different plants during different seasons and how to care for them. Some seeds might be grown inside and then planted outside, we also might bring some plants in for the winter. It will be a source of pride for all involved.



We want the children to have more learning time outside, so for this reason we have a tent with several children's picnic tables under it. We will bring the inside

out in many cases. It should be set up in the next couple of weeks in front of the center.

Each week there will be a new unit. Parents will get a list of the topics. We have expanded on our STEAMS program (The second S is for Spirituality, Trinity's own add on).

Since we are keeping class size small, we have limited openings in all age groups. All tours will be after hours or by video.

Here's to a fabulous school year! Be sure to Like our Facebook page so you can see the activities and keep up with Center information throughout the school year.

Leslie Weible, Director

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY, NILS BLATZ!





Hard to believe, but Nils Blatz, former Rector of Trinity, recently celebrated his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday



Let's go Nils!

1990 Confirmation class: Shannon Pryor, Will Henning, Hannah Flynn, Nils, brother of Nicole Lucas, ?, ? & Sarah Platt

Can you name the unknowns???

## **SUMMER AT TRINITY**

Mike Callahan took a few pictures of the Trinity property over the summer (digital version looks amazing).



Colorful annuals planted by Mike?



Japanese Silverbell tree, given by Julie & Henry Dumper in the late 1980s?



Hostas planted by Sarane Ross

## **SOME COVID HUMOR**







### SUMMER MUSIC REFLECTION



One of the highlights for organists of the summer season is anticipating the American Guild of Organists (AGO) biennial convention. Of course, as with all things this year the Guild had to pivot to a virtual happening.

Originally scheduled to take place in Atlanta, Georgia the AGO reinvented itself with AGO ORGANFEST 2020 which was held online each evening at 8 pm from July 20-24. The ORGANFEST was subtitled "Beauty in the Midst of Chaos" which was a perfect description of this gathering of professional musicians. The ORGANFEST was extremely well produced and it drew a robust audience of musicians from across the country and from around the world.

Each evening featured a line-up of online pre-recorded performances by well established stars of the organ world as well as upcoming young organ virtuosos who were all originally scheduled to perform in person at the convention in Atlanta. It was inspiring to hear the stories these musicians told about filming and recording themselves in empty churches with no one allowed to be around to assist because of the pandemic. In addition, each evening included a premiere of a contemporary organ composition, special AGO award presentations and choral selections filmed at prepandemic concerts.

As a longtime member of the AGO I can truly say this was a most enjoyable week that I spent online with my colleagues watching and listening to some incredible music making. Following each night's program the AGO sponsored virtual "after parties" where we were able to listen to the performers and composers discuss their work in real time. And then we broke into smaller discussion groups where we caught up with friends and colleagues from across the US and Europe.

It was a thoroughly inspiring week, and if you are interested in watching and listening to the Performances, they are archived online for anyone to view at <a href="https://agoorganfest2020.org/">https://agoorganfest2020.org/</a>

Two of my favorite performers were Aaron Tan (playing the great Skinner Organ from my alma mater, Yale) and Alcee Chriss III (playing the Letourneau from Atlanta, Ga) (both pictured below).





Aaron Tan

Alcee Chriss III

There is also a wonderful new PBS documentary entitled "Pipe Dreams" which features Alcee and a new generation of talented young musicians as they compete in the most prestigious organ competition in the world: The Canadian International Organ Competition. It is worth watching - VERY entertaining.

It makes me so happy to see this ancient instrument being enthusiastically embraced by a young, eager virtuosic generation of musicians and audiences.

And I am looking so forward to a new season of music making with the Trinity community.

Leslie Waltzer

### HEARTFELT THANKS...



Many, many thanks to all who visited at the Funeral Home, sent cards (or emails) or called when my Dad recently passed away. The outpouring of love & support was amazing and greatly appreciated. Apparently, no one in the Funeral Home group got sick, thank God!

**Ruth Fick** 

### **ROAD TRIP TO VERMONT**

In working from home since mid-March my supervisor told me in late May that even though we were working from home we should still take time off and try to get away. I mentioned this to Mark and after my supervisor told me he was planning to rent a house for his family for a week in Vermont, I thought that would be a great place to travel to. Vermont was one of the states that was safe to travel to, though we had to watch the Vermont Travel website to make sure we would not need to guarantine or take a COVID-19 test prior to traveling. I began my search for an accessible B&B or Inn that would offer a unique and tranquil getaway for us. I happily found that the Inn at Manchester had a newer building with three accessible rooms on the second floor above an event space. We called and booked our room and a room for Mark's friend and PCA who would be traveling with us.





(A little bit of cow social distancing humor!)

We were in Vermont in early August and while it was a short trip, it was so nice to have a change of scenery! Vermont was beautiful despite the one day of remnants of Tropical Storm Isaias. The Inn at Manchester was lovely. The innkeepers and their staff made our stay so enjoyable and relaxing; they were all so friendly and the breakfasts were delicious! We will definitely be back there and highly recommend it to anyone else.



(Mt. Equinox in the background)

While in Vermont we traveled to Brattleboro to buy artisan chocolate and up to beautiful Woodbury and Quechee Gorge (known as the Grand Canyon of New England!). We also stopped by a farm for cheese and maple syrup tasting.

Kathy Mendall

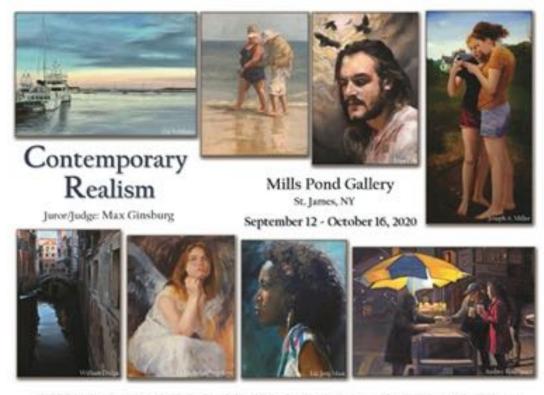
### **SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE**

With more and more families struggling to make ends meet during Covid, there has been less money for school supplies. Trinity parishioners recently came together to collect and donate school supplies to those who need them, coordinated by Alexis Alexander. Thanks to all who participated!



### **ART EXHIBITION**

There will be an art show at the Mills Pond Gallery, 660 Rte 25A, St. James (near Port Jefferson) from Sept 12-Oct 16, in which our very own **Aleta Crawford** has a painting. This exhibition, "Contemporary Realism," is being judged/juried by Max Ginsburg. The gallery is open for viewing: Wed to Fri 10-4 and Sat & Sun 12-4. A phone call to reserve a space (only 15 people are allowed in the gallery at a time) should be made to 631-862-6575. Or visit millspondgallery.org to see the exhibition on-line.



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## RURAL & MIGRANT MINISTRY CULTIVATING JUSTICE VIRTUAL EVENT SILENT AUCTION

As many of you know, I am a board member of Rural & Migrant Ministry, a not for profit which advocates for the rights of rural and migrant farm workers throughout the state of New York. The Long Island Council is holding our annual fundraising event on Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup>.

I am also the co-chair of the planning committee, and besides purchasing a ticket to attend the virtual event, taking out an ad in the virtual event journal or becoming a sponsor, we also have a **silent virtual auction**. I am so grateful to Alexis and the Outreach Committee, Leslie Weible, Aleta Crawford and Bill Holzkamp who without hesitation provided silent auction items. Outreach and Leslie put together gift baskets, Aleta donated some of her beautiful paintings and Bill donated a handmade wooden lamp. Below are photos of some of the gift baskets. If you would like to attend the event and have the chance to put in a bid for one of the items, please look for the event invitation in this issue.

Kathy Mendall









### **BURNING BOOKS**

Our next selection for Burning Books will be *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness,* the highly-praised and very timely book by Michelle Alexander on Tuesday, September 15 at 7:30. It was named "one of the most important nonfiction books of the 21st century" by Entertainment Weekly.

"Bookies" were encouraged to read other books dealing with race in America over the summer. Some of the suggested titles include *The Fire Next Time* by James Baldwin, *Between the World and Me* by Ta-Nehisi Coates, *How to Be an Antiracist* by Ibram X. Kendi, and *The Street* by Ann Petry. If you'd like to be included but aren't a regular member, contact John Platt (johnplatt@optonline.net) and we'll send you the Zoom link.

At our meeting on September 15 we'll vote on our choices for the coming season. If there are ones you'd like us to consider, email Jean Henning (jdshenning@gmail.com), ahead of time.

John Platt

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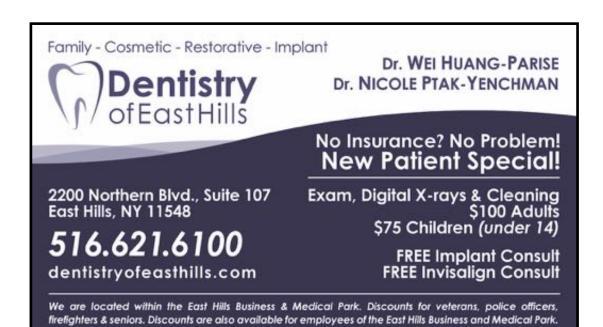
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