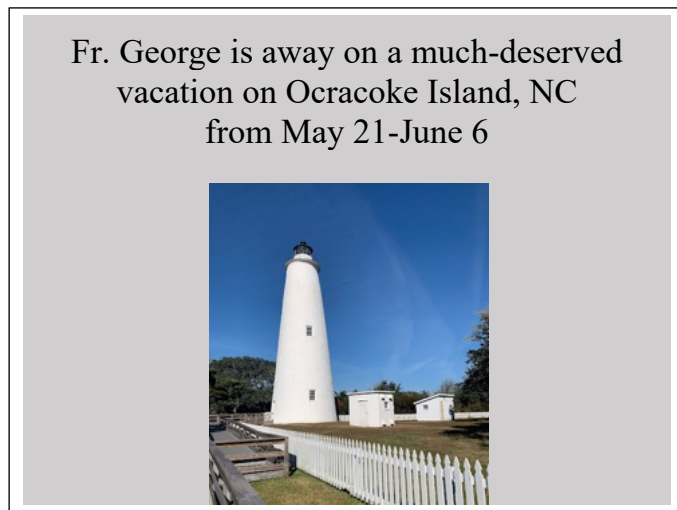




Summertime and the livin' is easy.

So goes the old song, and summertime here is a wonderful opportunity to worship God in an informal and fun manner. As we live into a more relaxed season of the church year, we are reminded that we all need rest. The sweltering heat reminds us to slow down a bit and take a good long look at life. In the church we call it ordinary time or green time. It is a time to remember that, while life is full of Christmas and Easter, it's also full of just plain old ordinary days. Our challenge is to live into this time with Grace and peace. It is an opportunity to slow down and listen to what God is saying to us. I'm looking forward to our fireplace room folk masses, and the musical creativity you all come up with for our time this summer. If you are traveling, have a safe and fun time! If you are staying put, please join us Sundays at 10 in the fireplace room for church.

Peace and All Good
George+



WARDENS LETTER

Most of the Vestry's work and prayers this spring were consumed with the decision to close the Childcare Center and the aftermath of that decision. The CCC has been at the forefront of Vestry meetings for months as we wrestled with discouraging financial reports, ongoing staffing problems, and ever more stringent requirements from NYS Children and Family Services. At the March 16 meeting, we listened to reports from Leslie Weible and Nancy Accardi (both consultants to the CCC) as well as from Father George and Mike Callahan, all of which led to the Vestry's vote to close the CCC after the graduation ceremony on June 16. The parents and staff were informed of the decision on March 29, and Jim Crawford and I had separate meetings with the staff and the parents to talk about their concerns over the closing. Although the meetings were difficult, they made us aware of how much the Trinity Childcare Center has meant to the families it has served for the past 7 years. It was bittersweet to realize that although our mission to provide our community with a loving, safe, environment for the care and education of its children was realized, we could not find a way to overcome all the challenges we faced.



The renovation and landscaping of the Memorial Garden has been accomplished, and now we await the installation of the new glass doors that will lead from the church to the garden and provide the light and beauty of the garden to be easily seen from within the church.



The Vestry will be having a one-day retreat this summer at which we will discuss Mission and Vision for the church, which is especially urgent now that the Childcare Center is closing.



Two memorial services this spring gave our Trinity family the opportunity to grieve for all we have lost while simultaneously rejoicing in lives well lived. On April 22 the church was filled by the many people whose lives had been touched by Helen Oehrlein. Music was provided by folk musicians and our choir together with members of the North Shore Community Chorus, and there were moving remembrances. Then on May 20 the life of Lisa Blatz, the daughter of our former rector Nils Blatz and Leslie Blatz, was memorialized. It was a chance for old friends and now-grown kids to come together to remember a very special person with affection and humor. On both occasions I felt as though I truly understood the phrase "the communion of saints." Those who have gone before, those who are with us now, and those who represent the future are all made one in the all-encompassing love of God. May all our hearts be filled with thankfulness and praise.

Sheila Platt for the Wardens and Vestry



The children have had a busy Spring. Barbara Holzkamp came and helped the children clean out the beds from their garden. The Co-Op was very happy when we offered them our garden, to add to theirs. The children watched butterflies turn from larva to butterflies, and sent them on their way. It is such an educational activity, and a favorite in our curriculum. There is a second group that should be ready for a graduation sendoff.

We had a Mother's Day tea, and the children prepared the snacks. Cream cheese and cucumber sandwiches and skewers with fresh fruits were accompanied by a Mother's Day song they performed. It was a lovely afternoon.

June will bring our prom. The children dress in their favorite dress clothes. We have music and snacks, and loads of photo ops. They also have a visit from the ice-cream man planned, as well as one day of water play.

I am sad to say that this will be the Childcare Center's last installment in Trinity Bells. We will be closing on Friday, June 16th, 2023. Our Pre-K will have their graduation at 4:00 pm on that day. All are welcome to join us. It will be held under the tent, beside the playground.

I want to say that it has been an honor to be the consultant for the Childcare, for the past 4+ years. I have really enjoyed it.

Happy Summer to all.

Leslie Weible



A REFLECTION ON HELEN OEHRLEIN

†1952-2023†

Late in 1981, on one enchanted evening, I saw a stranger across a crowded room chatting with one of my friends. I was in a kitchen on Eaton's Neck. It was after a Jean Ritchie concert given by the Folk Music Society of Huntington, and I was at their post-concert members' party. I made my way over to the stranger, and I was introduced to Helen. Later, Helen told me that she had spotted me about the same time and was rather pleased to meet me a few minutes later.

A little over a year later, we began dating regularly and so began a love and a friendship that lasted forty years. Observing Helen throughout that time was, well, rather amazing. She was always reading, always learning, always cheerful, always loving. Why was she that way? Probably for many reasons including at least two great inspirations.

One was the writings of Pierre Teilhard de Chardin – a Jesuit priest and paleontologist who embraced the scientific understanding of evolution and sought to discern the role of love in its continuance. It seems that Helen decided to play her part in this cosmic process.

I first saw this in how she managed Munro Music with friendship and love - befriending students who would hang out with her, leading them in creating the store's window displays, staying in touch with certain students and customers even after she left Munro Music. She left Munro Music because her compulsion to learn had led her to earn an MBA at Adelphi University which, in turn, led to a job at The Dime Savings Bank. Soon, she was working in information technology supporting the databases used for customer analysis. After a while, she was, once again, a "manager", this time leading an incredibly diverse but very cohesive team. At night, she taught statistics as an adjunct in the MBA program at Adelphi University, and she took math courses at Nassau Community College.

Now, this interest in math was inspired when a young Helen read the story of Nathaniel Bowditch, an American astronomer and mathematician whose work in the early 1800s on the technical underpinnings of navigation led him to find and correct many errors in standard navigation tables and to produce his book, *American Practical Navigator*, which became standard equipment aboard ships in the United States Navy. Math could be practical, useful, intriguing. It was this fascination with math that led to the next chapter of Helen's life.

Though working for banks was lucrative, eventually, the merger and acquisition activity in the banking sector and the lack of ethics in their consumer lending practices led Helen to question her place in banking. Noticing that schools had no M&A activity, she returned to her original idea of teaching mathematics. Thanks to her math courses at Nassau Community, she was able to get certified as a high school math teacher with just a year of course work and student teaching at Queens College. With that certification, she landed a job at Portledge School. It was great. Its small class sizes provided Helen an unusual opportunity to know and support students as they learned, played and matured into adults. It wasn't always easy, and many long hours went into her teaching. Still, she thoroughly enjoyed it. It was a fusion of math and love.

Helen decided that her retirement would be about connections with people. Her connections certainly changed and grew, but, really, her whole life had also been about connections, and they brought her great joy. When Helen died, I was particularly saddened that such a happy life had ended. However, since then, I have often heard of how the connections that she made throughout her life continue to influence so many people. That is good to know and remember.

Ken Bongort

EASTER AT TRINITY

Bob and Lisa DeBruin organized an Easter egg hunt on the lawn, and we had several participants. April 9 was also birthday Sunday, so we celebrated both Ann Mingorance's and Dawn Weill's birthdays on Easter morning.



STEAMBOAT LEXINGTON LECTURE



On April 16 many people turned out for an interesting lecture and presentation by historian, author and former Newsday reporter Bill Bleyer on "The Sinking of the Steamboat Lexington on Long Island Sound", sponsored by the Roslyn Landmark Society. Hope to have more such talks and presentations in the future! Keep posted.

ART EXHIBIT

Our very own Aleta Crawford has paintings in two shows at The Art Guild of Port Washington, 200 Port Washington Blvd, Manhasset (call 516-304-5797 for hours of opening) during May and in June. The photo below of "Moment of Reckoning" will be in the show during June. This painting has a second title: "Her Father's Shoes". Can you see what is happening?



RHODES ACADEMY

Here are some of my beautiful artists from Rhodes Academy in Hempstead, a public elementary school. They are happily using colored pencils and markers donated by Trinity members. All 750ish kids have been using and enjoying all the materials generously donated this year! Thank you!

Suzan Carola

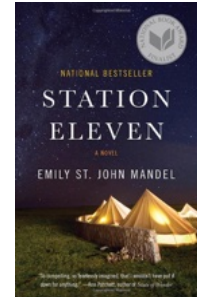
(Please continue to help Suzan and her students by bringing to church various items such as paper towel tubes, egg cartons, newspapers, magazines, yogurt tubs, yarn, wire, pipe cleaners, little wood scraps, markers, crayons, etc.)



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BURNING BOOKS



The last Burning Books selection before our summer break is *Station Eleven* by Emily St. John Mandel, a National Book Award Finalist and best seller, which was translated into an HBO Max series. Amazon called it, "An audacious, darkly glittering novel set in the eerie days of civilization's collapse - the spellbinding story of a Hollywood star, his would-be savior, and a nomadic group of actors roaming the scattered outposts of the Great Lakes region, risking everything for art and humanity." Some felt it was particularly resonant after the Covid pandemic. Our meeting will take place on Tuesday, **June 20** at 7:30 on Zoom. If there is a groundswell to make it hybrid, there will be a notice forwarded via johnplatt@optonline.net.

For summer reading, we have Matt Haig's blockbuster novel, *The Midnight Library*, which caused The Washington Post to rave, "A feel-good book guaranteed to lift your spirits."

John Platt



Back in February, Sheila and John Platt paid a visit to Sarane Ross in Palm Beach, which just happened to be her birthday! She was her usual hospitable self, serving them lunch in her cabana by the pool and encouraging all to come visit her in her new home!

**CELEBRATION OF LIFE-
LISA BLATZ**

As mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter, there was a Celebration of Life service for Lisa Blatz, daughter of the Rev Nils & Leslie Blatz, on May 20 at Trinity. The church was packed with family and friends, Trinity parishioners, and many others who knew and loved Lisa.



Leslie & Nils Blatz



Amy (Blatz) Warden, daughter
Audrey & niece, Painter



Paula Johnson & daughter
Kristin Kutscher



John Ernst, daughters Jen, Trish & wife Joan,
Sheila Platt & Nils Blatz



Tracy (Holzkamp) DiStefano, Trish (Ernst) Grinnell, Kristin Kutscher, Martha Regelmann, Kristen (Holzkamp) Schartner, Eric Mingorance, Amy (Blatz) Warden & Jennifer (Ernst) Michnowicz (all from former Handbell Choir)



Dan Blatz (center) & friends



John Platt, Peter Fick & Bill Holzkamp



Jean Henning, Martha Regelmann & Joan Ernst

NOTICES IN CHURCH NEWSLETTERS

Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

Next Thursday there will be try-outs for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the Congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.

Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 PM. Please use the back door.

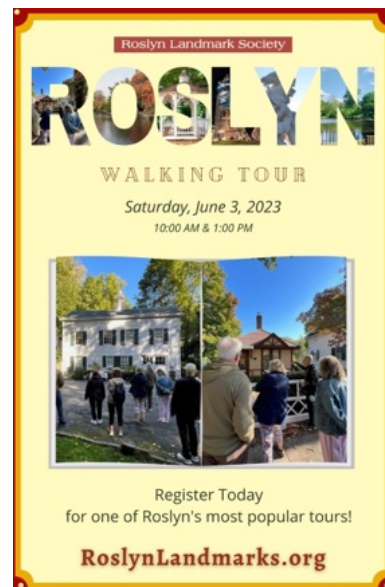
Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.

The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new campaign slogan last Sunday: 'I Upped My Pledge - Up Yours.'

There will be a meeting of "The Little Mother's Group" this Saturday. All those wishing to become "Little Mothers" – see the reverend in his office.

Sent in by Marylou Minard

ROSLYN WALKING TOUR- JUNE 3



Trinity Church is going to be part of the tour, with Mike Callahan as tour guide. Please try to make it!

Register at RoslynLandmarks.org. Tickets are free for current 2023 Roslyn Landmark Society members and a suggested \$25 for non-members (which will include a 2023 membership.)

**RURAL & MIGRANT MINISTRY
FARMWORKER CELEBRATION AND
CULTIVATING JUSTICE FUNDRAISING LUNCH**

First of all, I would like to thank everyone who has supported my work with Rural & Migrant Ministry in the past. Whether you have donated or attended the in person or online Cultivating Justice events, donated a gift basket for the silent auction, school supplies or toys, so many of you have opened your hearts and minds to learn more about the mission of RMM. As with any non-profit, the fundraising cycle is never over. This year we are planning one cohesive statewide fundraising event that will merge our Justice Walk (which many of you donated to last summer!) and the Cultivating Justice Dinner into one event taking place concurrently across the state in all of our centers. I hope that some of you will join me on **Sunday, September 24th at the campus of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Brentwood**. If you've never been to the campus it is worth the trip. We will have a lovely lunch where we will hold up our Long Island farmworkers and then we will go on a walk throughout the campus and enjoy the grounds where the Sisters are involved in land management and sustainability. There will be an opportunity to purchase produce, flowers and plants from the Long Island Flower Cooperative.

RMM has done some amazing things in the past year: <https://www.ruralmigrantministry.org/>

Over two hundred youth leaders from our Youth Empowerment Groups across the state came together to network with one another as they face efforts to keep them from reading banned books, deny their citizenship and squash their voices.

In December during the Rural Women's Assembly close to two hundred rural women and children came together for a weekend retreat to network, attend workshops and learn how to use their voices to be leaders in their communities.

All of this wouldn't be possible without the generous support of so many people, individual donors, sponsors, volunteers, as well as support from labor organizations and faith communities.

One important update regarding the Long Island Worker Center, Amandla Center, in Riverhead. Several years ago, Bishop Provenzano and the Diocese of Long Island generously provided Rural & Migrant Ministry with the use of the former sanctuary of Grace Episcopal, along with a parish house on the grounds that has been used as offices for our Long Island staff. Recently the Diocesan Buildings & Grounds team visited the sanctuary for an inspection and made the decision to condemn the building immediately. Our staff have had to pivot quickly and reach out to the Riverhead community in search of a place to hold workshops, ESL classes, youth groups and flower cooperative meetings. They are navigating through this new reality for the time being until a short-term solution is identified and then a long-term solution which will involve the Diocesan Real Estate office, Mary Beth Welsh from Episcopal Ministries and a committee of RMM staff and board members.

If any of you have any ideas, connections etc. that you think might help with this current situation, we would all be happy to hear from you.

I will also provide updates on the September 24th event and when you are able to register, sponsorship information is on the next page. I hope you will prayerfully consider making a donation or sponsoring any of our other programs throughout the year. If you are interested in finding out more about our programs and how you can be involved, please let me know!

With gratitude,

Kathy Mendall



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