



## ***TRINITY BELLS***

### ***DECEMBER 2021***

Dear Trinitarians,

As I meditate upon the window depicting the birth of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, I find it so pleasant to enter this rather idyllic and static scene. It is so tempting to not go deeper to the actuality of the Christ event. I am reminded of a story shared by a seminarian decades ago. She spoke of how after she and her husband arrived home from the hospital with their new born and items of a well-supplied starter bag gifted by the hospital of all those basic necessities (pampers, formula, baby lotion, etc.), they settled the baby in the crib, promptly sat down on the edge of their bed and just cried. They hadn't a clue what to do or any family for support. Perhaps some of you can identify with that feeling of joy, awe and terror. I think of Mary and Joseph experienced something similar to theirs and perhaps your experience, and not this pretty window which is long on imagination but short on reality. The entire process from conception through delivery was messy, uncertain, maybe even chaotic and challenging. Questions arise: What happens next? What do we do now? The takeaway theological insight of the Incarnation: To walk by faith and not by sight is to recognize God is in the middle of the mess with us. To live into this we need to be open, ready and responsive to God's leading.



The last few months have been supercharged and packed with questions, challenges and gleaming hopes for the future. Since the October conversation with your wardens, I have observed an increase of Sunday attendance. It is a good restart in the right direction under the chances and changes of the continuing context driven by the impact of the pandemic. In the next 5 years it is predicted that 20-40% of churches will need to close their doors. For Trinity not to be a causality of an ambiguous and uncertain future, it is so essential to lean into the lesson of the Incarnation with hope that God is in the middle of the mess with you. God is not going to extricate Trinity or any of us from the mess. If you stay alive to your present and be led by the Holy Spirit, the story you live out will be worth the adventure, and the telling of it will be so much richer.

Blessings,

Mother Joanne+



### ***SAVE THE DATES:***

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| SUN, DEC 5   | LAST DAY TO ACCEPT <b>TOYS</b> FOR RURAL MIGRANT MINISTRY (RMM)<br>(new & unwrapped items, age newborn to 18))          |
| MON, DEC 6   | BURNING BOOKS MEETS AT 7:30 PM to discuss <i>Klara and the Sun</i><br>(contact John Platt at 516-676-0936 for location) |
| SAT, DEC 11  | CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE- 9-2   |
| SUN, DEC 12  | CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE- 12-3  |
| WED, DEC 15  | CONVERSATIONS WITH SCRIPTURES- THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES- 7:30 PM<br>(Vimeo available in advance on website)             |
| FRI, DEC 17  | DEADLINE FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIAL DONATIONS<br>(Send request & donation with names of loved ones to be remembered) |
| SAT, DEC 18  | HOMELESS OUTREACH (pack up Blessing Bags at Church at 11:00 &<br>proceed to Hempstead Train Station to distribute)      |
| SUN, DEC 19  | “SHARING OUR STORIES” COFFEE HOUR<br><b>FESTIVAL OF ADVENT LESSONS &amp; CAROLS- 2:00 PM</b>                            |
| FRI, DEC 24  | <b>CHRISTMAS EVE- 8 PM (choir begins at 7:45)</b><br>CHORAL EUCHARIST OF THE INCARNATION OF OUR LORD                    |
| SUN, DEC 26  | FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS - 10:00 SERVICE (NO CHOIR)   |
| THURS, JAN 6 | EPIPHANY SERVICE, 7 PM  |

## WARDENS LETTER



It's Advent—the season of hope, anticipation, surprise, promises made, promises kept. On October 3, the people of Trinity met to face our problems with as much honesty and clarity as possible. The Vestry asked all those who love Trinity to make two commitments: the first was service, the second was presence on Sunday mornings. Thirty-five people responded with their commitments and their suggestions of activities and areas of service. Now comes the hard work—putting the promises into action. We're off to an exciting start with the Advent programs you can read about elsewhere in Trinity Bells, and we are looking towards 2022 with enthusiasm and hope for the future. In the meantime, we have been busy! Here are some highlights from the past 3 months:

- **Sarane's Garden:** In September the final plantings were completed for Sarane's Garden. Contributions were given to this project in honor of our beloved Sarane Ross, who has moved to Florida. She helped select the plantings, which are all native to Long Island. Thanks to Jean Henning, Mike Callahan, Jim Crawford, and so many others who assisted with this project.
- **Electronic upgrades:** The installation of 3 new cameras and an upgraded sound system in the sanctuary was completed in time for the Parish Meeting on October 3. In addition, internet access was considerably improved in the office and the Child Care Center.

- **New sign:** Many thanks to the Fick family for our new sign and to Bill and Erik Holzkamp for building the new frame and supports for it. When the former sign was damaged in a storm and fell down, people going by on Northern Blvd wondered if the church had closed. It has not!!!
- **Stewardship** – The 2022 Stewardship Campaign is ongoing with the goal of establishing a strong enough financial base to be able to afford a full-time rector.
- **Invite/Welcome/Connect:** Thanks to Kathy Mendall for guiding us through the Invite/Welcome/Connect program as we seek ways to make Trinity a place of welcome to newcomers as well as old friends.
- **Benefit Concert:** The concert on November 21 (see pictures elsewhere in T-Bells) showcased the talents of Ariann Miller, Larry Arnold and Ken Bongort while collecting coats for the homeless as the price for admission. The coats were given out at the regular monthly Blessing Bags distribution at the Hempstead Transit Station. It's hard to know who felt more blessed—the people receiving the coats or those who gave them out!



In this season of hope, anticipation, surprise, promises made and promises kept, may we all experience anew the Love that came down at Christmas. See you in church!

Sheila Platt for the Wardens and Vestry





The children have been busy, as usual, learning new things and making new friends. We have welcomed new children to all of our classrooms. In September we had Special Person Day, where the children could invite a special person to join them in our outdoor classroom. They made a project to give them, made a snack together and everyone joined in singing with Miss Ari. The children really enjoyed having their special guest at Child Care with them. Our outdoor classroom has really worked out very well for all events and for some learning time.

The children learn a new letter each week. We try to tie in cooking activities to go along with the letter. The alphabet is taught by the letters that appear the most frequently when they begin to read. The beginning letters in the alphabet are not the letters that they are going to see most frequently when they are looking at words. This will explain why the children made tacos (soft) for the letter T so early in the school year. The room is rich with sight words and some of the children will already point out the letters in the words. They are very proud of this accomplishment, as are their teachers.

We have so many new toys and activities to add on to our STEAMS curriculum. We have a science table with magnets, magnifying glasses, 2 different scales, and 2 microscopes. We would love if the children would bring in some of their finds outside that we can examine with our microscopes or magnifying glasses. Barbara Holzkamp, showed such generosity donating to the Child Care so that we could buy items to expand our STEAMS program. We also used the money to buy comfy furniture for our reading area, and the infant room has soft climbing equipment.

We had a Fall festival in the middle of October and invited families to join us. They picked pumpkins, and decorated them, went on hayrides, played games, and of course had apple cider and snacks. It was dark by the time the last family left.

Every Tuesday we have a soccer coach come in. The children learn teamwork, perseverance, decision making, and how to work with peers. On Thursdays we have yoga, which they look so forward to. Yoga is so good for the mind and body. Fridays are Music Days with Miss Ari. We bought several musical instruments for the children (also with Barbara's donation). They play along with with Miss Ari's ukulele and have solos. It would be a nice idea to have a Concert in the Spring in the outdoor classroom, so the

children can perform for the Parishioners, as well as their families.

This week was preparation for our Thanksgiving Feast. Patti Pre K came and taught the children about Native Americans and how resourceful they are. Our chefs were very busy making cranberry sauce, applesauce, butter and biscuits. They brought some of the food home to share with their family. The food company delivered the turkey, potatoes and vegetables to round out the feast. They all had very full plates and ate so well.

We also had the Roslyn Fire Dept come with their truck for Fire Safety Week; Patti Pre K came and did a puppet show about fire safety including stop drop and roll.

If anyone is handy at cleaning up a garden, now that the season is over, we would love any help. The children did all of the preparing and planting, but it is quite a task to have those little hands do the cleanup. The teachers are so busy in the classrooms, it is hard for them to find time to go out. If anyone has a little time to give, it would be wonderful & much appreciated!



If you like us on Facebook, you can see many more pics (Trinity Episcopal Church Roslyn Childcare Center).

Merry Christmas & a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Leslie Weible, Consultant  
Joanna Sapienza, Center Director

## **ALETA CRAWFORD'S ART ON EXHIBIT**

Aleta Crawford has a painting, "Autumn Pond" (24" x 30") in the Huntington Arts Council show called "A Time For Reflection" on view in their gallery (213 Main Street, Huntington, NY) until Dec 21st. Gallery hours vary because of volunteer staffing. Contact Huntington Arts Council for open hours. Visit [huntingtonarts.org](http://huntingtonarts.org) online or call 631-271-8423.



"Autumn Pond"

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## **CONGRATS TO KEITH REGELMANN**



Martha Regelman writes: For those who remember Keith: He's engaged to the lovely Amy Brener (NYC sculptor and professor at Hamilton College), and they are making this Mom SO very happy!!!"

## **REMEMBRANCES OF 2 TRINITY FRIENDS**

### **Joan Blackmore 1924-2016**

When we arrived at Trinity in 1967 Joan Blackmore and her husband, Bill and four kids were there. Over the years Joan became a mentor and an example of what a good Christian does. She and Binky Hebron (Leslie Weible's mom) were always organizers of Trinity's potluck dinners. Joan was one of the organizers of Burning Books, and was always available to help at our annual fair and biannual rummage sales, along with the counting in the office. She had wonderful, practical ideas for parenting a boy.

Joan and Bill moved to PA to be near their family, but after Bill died and Joan became ill, son, Mark moved her to Sun Harbor Nursing Home in Roslyn where she was for several years. Trinity friends visited her there. She was generally unresponsive, but I'd talk with her about Trinity happenings, hold her hand, and as I kissed her goodbye she'd sometimes open her eyes and respond to my "I love you" by whispering "Love you" to me. I'd e-mail about my visit to people far and near and we would hold her in our prayers.

### **Virginia Marshall 1941-2021**

For many years Virginia sang soprano in Trinity's choir. She also enjoyed classical music, attending many NYC and Tilles Center concerts. She was very generous in donating the Trinity Christmas tree, and the Pascal candle, and was a contributor to all Outreach efforts. The Christmas Boutique received many donations of unneeded gifts that she got as an elementary children's librarian at Berry Hill School in Syosset for 37 years. She continued to give me things for the Christmas boutique long after leaving Trinity and starting to attend the Congregational Church.

Virginia never married, had no children of her own, was an only child, and when she died had no living relatives. She became like a treasured member of our family delighting in our gatherings and celebrations.

Thank God for the influence Joan and Virginia had on my life.

Barbara Holzkamp

## GO FUND ME CAMPAIGN FOR JOHNMARK BABURKA

As many of you know, my fiancé JohnMark Baburka has multiple sclerosis and requires assistance from personal care assistants. Despite the physical limitations, Mark still goes to the gym in our building and has figured out modifications for exercises for his arms and legs in order to keep his muscles as strong as possible. We recently found out about an apparatus that could help him in our apartment with safely allowing him to stand for periods of time which will help with building muscle tone, red blood cell development as well as allowing for better breathing and blood flow throughout his body, extremities and his organs. This apparatus is called an Easy Stand <https://easystand.com/> and he has discussed this with the physical therapist at his MS clinic, the International MS Center, located in Manhattan. The physical therapist arranged for a technician from the company to show Mark this apparatus and have him try it. The Easy Stand will allow me and his female PCA to safely get Mark into a standing position from his wheelchair so Mark would be able to stand up every day. We have created a GoFundMe page to help raise funds to pay for this apparatus which costs \$6,500. We appreciate all of your support and any amount you feel moved to donate will help us meet our goal and have Mark closer to improving his overall health.

<https://gofund.me/77b12753>

In gratitude,  
Kathy & Mark



Coffee Hour outside on a beautiful Fall day (9/26)

## BURNING BOOKS



Our next Burning Books selection is *Klara and the Sun* by Kazuo Ishiguro (the author of *Remains of the Day*). "In this beautiful novel," Amazon writes, "Ishiguro presents an 'Artificial Friend,' a robot girl with artificial intelligence designed as a playmate for real children."

A New York Times bestseller (clocking in at 320 pages), it was praised by critics, including Maureen Corrigan of NPR: "One of the most affecting and profound novels Ishiguro has written....I'll go for broke and call *Klara and the Sun* a masterpiece that will make you think about life, mortality, the saving grace of love: in short, the all of it."

We'll meet on Monday, Dec. 6 at 7:30, once again on a hybrid basis, either on Zoom or at the home of Brigitte McConnell (28 Orchard St. in Glen Head). Our January selection will be *The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett (date and host TBD), a New York Times #1 Bestseller and one of Barack Obama's favorite books of the year. The Times wrote, "Bennett's gorgeously written second novel, an ambitious meditation on race and identity, considers the divergent fates of twin sisters, born in the Jim Crow South, after one decides to pass for white. Bennett balances the literary demands of dynamic characterization with the historical and social realities of her subject matter."

John Platt



**TRINITY TRANSITIONS**

*Rest Eternal Grant Unto Them...*

**VIRGINIA MARSHALL  
EDITH RELI**



## **RURAL & MIGRANT MINISTRY (RMM)**

As some of you know I am a board member of Rural and Migrant Ministry, a statewide not for profit organization founded in 1981 which stands proudly with rural and migrant communities in NY.

Recently some of you have wanted to know more about RMM and what our mission is. We act to overcome the prejudices and poverty that degrade and debilitate people within rural New York by building communities that celebrate diversity, achieve true mutuality and fight for dignity and opportunity for all.

We work with rural leaders, both young and older who are committed to equality and cooperative opportunity, especially within agricultural systems. We also support people in faith, labor and university communities who seek to stand with rural leaders as allies.

Mission Statement: Rural & Migrant Ministry works for the creation of a just, rural New York State through:

- Nurturing leadership
- Standing with the disenfranchised, especially farmworkers and rural workers
- Changing unjust systems and structures

We accomplish this through our program areas:

### **Accompaniment:**

RMM accompanies rural workers – especially farmworkers who seek to improve working and living conditions. For over twenty years RMM has coordinated the statewide Justice for Farmworkers Legislative Campaign seeking to ensure the voice of workers is heard at the policy making tables that impact their lives.

### **Popular Education:**

Experiential and Popular education are key components of RMM's efforts to strengthen rural leaders. RMM hosts the Liturgia Rural Worker Education Center in Wayne County, Spark Center in Sullivan County, and the Amandla Rural Worker Education Center in Riverhead. Examples are the Rural Women's Assembly and ESL classes for workers and their families.

### **Youth Empowerment:**

Since the 1980's we have been firmly committed to empowering rural children to create opportunities for themselves while at the same time learning how to change their world. Our programs offer a variety of experiences that nurture awareness, creativity, problem-solving and leadership development. Our youth travel many miles to lead and develop their own out of school programs. They participate in overnight camp during the summer, each

region has their own mission for their group, upstate Youth Art Group (YAG), Youth Economic Group (YEG) and the new Long Island Youth Group Voices of Long Island Youth (VOLI).

Recent accomplishments are in 2019 Governor Cuomo signed the Farm Laborer Fair Labor Practices Act, removing the exclusion of farmworkers from New York State Labor Laws.

As a result of in October the first statewide recognized farmworker union has been organized at Pindar Vineyard in Long Island. We encourage all of you to purchase Pindar wines to support the farmworkers and demonstrate that this is a step forward for improving the lives of over 1700 farmworkers in Long Island and thousands of other farmworkers in upstate NY.

We just celebrated our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in October at the new headquarters in Cornwall on Hudson and Presiding Bishop Michael Curry was the keynote at our Gala Dinner.

Migrant and rural farmworkers are the backbone of our agricultural system in New York and it is time for them to be afforded the same opportunities and quality of life that we all want.

Thank you for all of your support for RMM. I am happy to speak to any who would like to learn how you can make a difference. Also checkout: [www.ruralmigrantministry.org](http://www.ruralmigrantministry.org)

"The arc of the moral universe is long but it bends towards justice". (Martin Luther King Jr.)

Check out our Facebook page also!!

Kathy Mendall



RMM 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at the Cornwall Grail

## BENEFIT CONCERT FOR HOMELESS

On Sunday, November 21 a free benefit concert and coat drive for the homeless was held at Trinity Church, sponsored by Trinity Church and Salem AME Church in Roslyn. Our very own Ariann Miller performed American standards while accompanying herself on the piano as well as the ukulele. Next, Larry Arnold, Trinity's Interim Organist, played several moving organ pieces. Finally, fellow parishioner Ken Bongort sang folk tunes with Diane Menzel and Helen Kotzky (formerly the Sunshine Music Duo), accompanied by guitar, flute and concertina. There were approximately 60-70 people in attendance, and approximately the same number of coats was donated for the homeless. All in all, a great success! Thanks to all who performed, set up or otherwise helped to organize this great event, and to Mother Joanne who had the original vision for this Concert. Finally, a special shout out to John Platt, who expertly emceed.



Ariann Miller



Larry Arnold



Ken Bongort, Diane Menzel & Helen Kotzky



Some of the coats donated

Here's the link for the video of the 11/21 concert:

<https://vimeo.com/648574632>



New lawn sign installed by Bill Holzkamp & son Erik



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Larry Arnold, Organist  
Ariann Forella, Minister of Music  
Michael Callahan, Sexton  
Ronit Meyers, Office Mgr.

### **Office Hours:**

**Sun (9-1pm); M-F (8:00- 10:00am); Wed (6-9pm)**

### **Vestry**

**Wardens:** Alexis Alexander & Sheila Platt

Thomas Cammisa	Ruth Fick
Andrew Cordero	Ann Mingorance
Aleta Crawford	Helen Oehrlein

### ***Trinity Episcopal Church Roslyn Childcare Center***

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Outreach- Alexis Alexander (516-742-3215)

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***Wishing all a very Merry Christmas & a Happy, Healthy New Year!***