



TRINITY BELLS

MARCH 2022

Happy Spring,

Learn from the past, live in the present, plan for the future. As I gaze around this venerable old building, I see the past come alive. Our rich history is written on the walls. Ms. Mackay's bold move to build our church back in 1907 is the starting point of Trinity, but it is not the beginning. Many years of developing Episcopal identity in Roslyn and planning for the future went into the hopes and dreams of those loyal servants of Christ so many years ago. These pathways were formed, and the foundations laid for a future they would not see; their paths, however, live on with us into today and tomorrow.

Paths are an interesting thing. Back when I was in high school, a wise old Master exhorted us to always remain on the path, never cut across the yard." You see, he said, upon these paths trod great people of history, and in following precisely in their footsteps perhaps your light will shine alongside theirs." The lights of those who came before us continue to shine in the windows and structures of Trinity, and it is up to us to build upon this past and bring Trinity to a future of which our forebears would be proud.

By living into the present, we begin to mold the future that God has for this community. God is not magic, and there is no magic formula for growth. It is incumbent upon each of us to grow the church by moving our mindset from scarcity to abundance. I believe we currently live in a false sense of scarcity. It happens. We live in a time of great stress from the world. The kingdom of the world continuously harangues us with cries of fear, Covid, jobs, money, the economy, who's in and who's out, poverty, hunger, and injustice. If you look at the world only through these brown-colored lenses, then scarcity is all you will see. However, if we choose to see the Kingdom of heaven in our daily lives, the scarcity of the world fades, and the abundance of God prevails. The scarcity of the world did not diminish; rather, our focus shifted away from the scarcity of the world and onto the abundance of God.

The lesson we learn from those that came before us is that the abundance of Christ outweighs any scarcity the world tries to burden us with, whether it be the trials of old; WWI, Spanish flu, the Great Depression, WWII, or any other myriad troubles we have faced and triumphed over in the past. We have present concerns and are assured our future might hold for another day, but with the faith in Christ's abundance, we, like those that walked these paths before us, will triumph and continue to bring the Kingdom of God to this troubled world. This is our mission; this is our quest.

Peace and All Good,

Fr. George

WARDENS LETTER

March 2022

Father George Sherrill held his first service as Trinity's full-time Priest-in-Charge on January 2, 2022. The Covid-19 restrictions in place due to the surge of the Omicron variant kept us from welcoming Father George with a celebration that showed off the expertise of our Trinity cooks and bakers, but we worshiped together with music and prayer and much thanksgiving and look forward to the day when the lifting of restrictions will let us celebrate in style.

The first Vestry meeting with Father George was held on January 20 (Vestry meetings have been held via Zoom since the beginning of the pandemic in March 2020). There was a lot to do to prepare for Trinity's Annual Meeting, which was held on February 13. At that meeting the Vestry thanked Aleta Crawford and Tom Cammisa for their service and welcomed Mary LaSala and Jim Crawford as new Vestry members. Sheila Platt was also elected to serve another two-year term as Warden. The current elected Wardens and Vestry of Trinity Church are as follows:

Wardens: Alexis Alexander and Sheila Platt

Vestry: Ruth Fick, Ann Mingorance, Andrew Cordero, Helen Oehrlein, James Crawford and Mary LaSala.

The Trinity Childcare Center is a mission of the Vestry, and there is always much to do in the day-to-day business of the center and working to realize our many goals for the children. Due to the fluctuations of the pandemic, finding and keeping both teachers and children has been a constant challenge. We are grateful to the directors, teachers and volunteers who have put in so much time and effort to make the TCC a success.



As of this writing, the Covid-19 infection rate on Long Island has plummeted, hospitalizations and deaths have reached all-time lows, and the rate of vaccination has reached over 70%. We are filled with hope that the long, dark pandemic is lifting, but there is no guarantee that will happen. Nevertheless, as Christians we live in the sure promise of Easter and Resurrection and new life.

See you in church!

Sheila Platt for the Wardens and Vestry

UPDATE:

As you all probably know by now, Bishop Provenzano has lifted the mask mandate for all LI churches!!! We can also resume Coffee Hour on Sunday, March 6. Thanks be to God!



The first thing we want to send out is a Big Thank You to the secret Garden Elf who cleaned out our Children's Garden for the winter. The children had so much fun planting, but per usual, no one was very interested in the cleanup. It was a wonderful surprise. Thank you, thank you.

It has been a really busy Winter. The children all received their mid-point progress reports, and we were all very pleased with how much they have learned.

We try to do a cooking activity every week. There is so much to learn from cooking. They also really enjoy their own cooking and barely leave a crumb. For Lunar New Year they made dumplings; for Miss Alexis' birthday they made a homemade birthday cake; and they made breakfast for lunch (pancakes and strawberries)! In honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday they made Green Eggs and Ham. February is Healthy Heart Month on our calendar so we made several healthy snacks. We loved the smoothies and the Parfaits.

Along with Healthy Heart Month we learned about fitness. Physical Fitness helps keep our hearts healthy, so aside from weekly yoga and soccer we made our own Winter Olympics. We have a real stethoscope in our classroom and got to listen to our hearts and our friends' and teachers' hearts. We also compared the difference between how our heart sounds when we stand still and after exercising.

We celebrated Ground Hog Day by learning about shadows. We learned where they come from, read a story about them and played with our shadows outside. Miss Ari brought a special light in and the children had so much fun making shadow puppets.

A local Dentist came in for Dental health week and talked to the children about taking care of their teeth. They all got to bring home a new toothbrush and toothpaste.

We had an indoor picnic even though the day we picked was an unseasonably warm day. We thought about moving it outside but the ground was too wet.

Our enrollment is really picking up. We now have a waiting list in our infant room and only 2 spots left in our 3 year old room. This also means we can use more staff. A FT floater and a PT closer would be perfect for us.

Enjoy the rest of the Winter, and remember to Like us on Facebook.

Sincerely,
Leslie Weible, Consultant
Joanna Sapienza, Director



PARISH HAPPENINGS

Our last in-person service with Mother Joanne was on Christmas Eve 2021. It was bittersweet and emotional. We thanked her for all she did for Trinity, not the least of which was getting us through covid with all the new, maddening, complicated technology! A basket of gifts from the church was presented to her as we bid her adieu and wished her well in her continuing journey. We hope she will keep in touch!



Ruth & Peter Fick visiting former parishioners Janet & Rich Galante in Ocean Breeze (Jensen Beach), FL



Julia Carvalho (right), granddaughter of Paula Johnson, daughter of Kristin Kutscher (left), has been accepted to both Worcester Polytechnic and Rensselaer Polytechnic. In addition, she is awaiting acceptance from 8 other colleges she applied to. Julia will be studying computer science.

WHILE IN FLORIDA...



Ruth Fick & former parishioner Priscilla Aitken at the Norton Museum of Art in W. Palm Beach

LENT & HOLY WEEK SERVICES:



LENTEN STUDY SERIES

Wednesdays via zoom 7:30pm – 8:30pm

March 9, 16, 23, 30, April 6

(see details elsewhere in this newsletter)

APRIL 10- PALM SUNDAY - 10:00 AM

**APRIL 14- MAUNDY THURSDAY –
Potluck Soup Supper at 6:30 pm
followed by Holy Eucharist at 7:00 pm**

APRIL 15- GOOD FRIDAY- 12:00 PM

APRIL 16- THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER- 7:00 pm

APRIL 17- EASTER SUNDAY - 10:00 AM

FLOWERS:

*Please send in your donation or call the church office by **APRIL 7**
if you would like to donate Easter lilies or Spring flowers
in memory of a loved one*

BURNING BOOKS



Our next selection will be *The Weight of Ink*, a USA Today bestseller by Rachel Kadish. Amazon writes, "Set in London of the 1660s and of the early twenty-first century, *The Weight of Ink* is the interwoven tale of two women of remarkable intellect: Ester Velasquez, an emigrant from Amsterdam who is permitted to scribe for a blind rabbi, just before the plague hits the city; and Helen Watt, an ailing historian with a love of Jewish history." Although it's well over 500 pages long, it's an engrossing read!

The meeting is set for Monday, March 14 at 7:30 pm in hybrid fashion. If some of you are feeling more comfortable, you're welcome to join us chez Platt, 20 Salem Way in Glen Head. Otherwise, we'll have a Zoom link.

After that, we'll turn to our non-fiction selection: *The Swerve: How the World Became Modern*, by Stephen Greenblatt on a date TBD.

John Platt

ART GUILD SHOW

April 10 - April 30



There will be an exhibit at the Art Guild, 200 Port Washington Blvd, Manhasset entitled, "Escape: Landscape, Seascape, Cityscape" that will run from April 10- April 30, with a reception on Sunday, April 10 from 3-5 pm. Trinity parishioner Aleta Crawford will submit the above painting for the show (it may or may not get in).

ON GOLDEN POND

Sheila Sheffield (Platt) will be playing the role of Ethel Thayer in a production of *On Golden Pond* at Studio Theatre in Lindenhurst, NY beginning March 11. Although most people associate this play with the award-winning 1981 movie starring Katharine Hepburn and Henry Fonda, the play, originally written in 1978, is a more intimate look at these characters as they spend their 48th summer together on Golden Pond.

Fridays, March 11, 18 and 25 at 8:00 pm
Saturdays, March 12, 19 and 26 at 8:00 pm
Sundays, March 13, 20 and 27 at 2:30 pm
Thursday, March 17 at 8:00

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LENTEN STUDY SERIES

Wednesdays via zoom 7:30pm – 8:30pm
March 9, 16, 23, 30, April 6

Join us for a 5 week program where we will dive deeper into the aspects of **Invite Welcome Connect**, the newcomer ministry endorsed by Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and also by Bishop Provenzano and the Diocese of Long Island as a way to transform our congregations into welcoming and thriving communities.

Learn how we can implement this at Trinity to support our mission of growing our congregation, overcome our anxieties of inviting people to church, share our stories and learn to listen deeply to the stories of newcomers. Over the 5 weeks we will review the different aspects of Invite Welcome Connect and have a chance to brainstorm creative ways we can implement this ministry as we identify which team (Invite / Welcome / Connect) we feel called to join.

All are encouraged to participate. The book can be purchased on Amazon:

Invite Welcome Connect: Stories and Tools to Transform Your Church

For more information contact Kathy Mendall @ kat1228@verizon.net

OUTREACH

Christmas Boutique

Our Christmas Boutique was held on Dec 11 and 12, and we had a great turnout. Between Boutique sales and raffle tickets, \$1,600 was raised, all for the benefit of Camp DeWolfe scholarships. Many thanks to all, especially chairperson Alexis Alexander!



Alexis Alexander & Liz Kaye



Leslie Weible, Lynn Grimaldi & Helen Oehrlein

Ruth Fick

Rural and Migrant Ministry (RMM)

Rural and Migrant Ministries hosted their annual Christmas party on December 19, 2021. Our congregation donated many gifts for toddlers to teens. Outreach thanks you for your continued generosity in supporting the children and families of the Riverhead community.



Mary LaSala

Blessing Bags for the Homeless



Liz Kaye, Ken Bongort & Kathy Mendall
preparing "Blessing Bags" for distribution



Trinity parishioners continue to buy and pack up food & other needed items for the "hidden homeless" and distribute them monthly in Hempstead*. The above photos are from the February 26, 2022 distribution.

Helen Oehrlein

** By the end of 2021 we had given out over one thousand bags as well as hats, gloves, socks and hoodies.*

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To learn and practice Jesus' teachings and to answer the call of those in need.

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