



## **TRINITY BELLS- DECEMBER 2020**



Our Heavenly Father – God Creator wills life. Jesus, the light of the abundant life to which we are called, shines. Spirit is unseen yet mysteriously hovers over the formless and soupy undifferentiated void at the start of creation and breathes life, order, meaning and purpose into the entire cosmos from the smallest particle of all sentient and non-sentient forms of existence. Let there be...

The longing deep within humans for a life of peaceful harmony and tranquility within our spirit, families, communities and world is nothing less than God's longing. I have heard the spirit and longing in many of you over the past year to find a way to be of assistance to others during this terrible period in world history. If Covid has anything to teach us, it teaches that if we do not listen for the voice of the Spirit that calls us out of the building and into the wider community, we are ill prepared for the deeper life God wants for us and for which we long.

Perhaps some are rethinking what it means to be church. Some may even be saying church is not what I thought it to be and some saying I don't like what church has become. No matter where you are on the continuum, I celebrate the fact that you are on the continuum asking and engaging the question of the purpose of the church. It is a fearful question and not made any easier by the chances and changes of life.

The secret of a vital (*missional – joining Jesus in the wider community and do as we see him and the Father at work in the world*), and viable (*beyond surviving but Thriving*) faith community consists in a community's groundedness in 4 things: prayer, Eucharist, loving community and attentiveness to the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. As Lesslie Newbigin, a missionary and theologian noted, Jesus did not leave a body of writing; he left a community.

Last advent as a way of getting to know you, be a teacher as well as pastor among you, I offered a series about Annunciations, Dreams and discerning the activity of the Holy Spirit in the lives of the people around Jesus, in our own lives and corporate life of Trinity. Through this and weekly bible study, preaching on Sunday and anti-racism discussion group despite the limitations of Covid, we continue to get to know one another and listen and look for the call and leading of the Holy Spirit to infuse and animate Trinity for mission in the community. This advent I have invited The Very Rev. Denis Brunelle, The Rev. Christina van Liew and The Rt. Rev. Lawrence Provenzano to focus on the Incarnation of Jesus and the activity of the Holy Spirit. I hope everyone will take part in these presentations and allow the Spirit to soak in and inspire. It is my prayer that this series will prepare this congregation and its leadership for the work of discernment ahead in the next months.

Mtr. Joanne+



**SAVE THE DATES:**

**BURNING BOOKS DEC 1 VIA ZOOM @ 7:30PM - *ON THE ROAD* BY JACK KEUROAK**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88287558995?pwd=OTZXUVJWMzF6WE9xOVN5Qk9jaUJYdz09>

**DEC 2, 9, 16 ADVENT SERIES ON THE INCARNATION 7-8PM:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87537526174?pwd=VzdwV3VkTEVCMHJYR3poQVpjTkN4UT09>

Topics and guest presenters:

- **Dec 2** The Very Rev. Denis Brunelle, The Trinity and the Incarnation
- **Dec 9** The Rev. Christina van Liew, The Incarnation and the Holy Spirit: Annunciation
- **Dec 16** The Rt. Rev. Lawrence Provenzano – The Incarnation and the Mission of the Church

All Sunday Services are found at the following Zoom link. See weekly emails for phone details

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83735224124?pwd=SWFoTW1va2pGVWZXUIBst1lZSnNRUT09>

- First and Fourth Sundays in Advent Nov 29 and Dec 20 Zoom worship only
- Dec 13 and 20 In person and Zoom worship

**DECEMBER 18 DEADLINE FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIAL DONATIONS\***

**DEC 22 VIRTUAL ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85878387819?pwd=OWsyMktmQTcxMnpuVFYxUXFWaVAvdz09>

**DEC 20 BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE 4PM**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81804651601?pwd=LzVOUXNiUEEx2WEQwZmNadHkvR1dqQT09>

**DEC 24 CHRISTMAS EVE – ONE SERVICE ONLY AT 4PM IN PERSON AND VIA ZOOM**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83931983382?pwd=R3pHVnJPT29DcDh0WlVLVDRSbVExdz09>

**DEC 27 FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS ZOOM WORSHIP ONLY**

**DEC 31 VIRTUAL VIGIL FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE 6PM**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83696630154?pwd=UkN0c2xpcVhyQmZ6MkVQTmJvaXRXQT09>

**JANUARY 6<sup>TH</sup> EPIPHANY @ 7PM, IN PERSON AND VIA ZOOM**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85467282723?pwd=aSt2Sk9odUVVOW5ycUdybERZbytyZz09>

*\* If you would like to donate Christmas flowers in memory of loved ones, please send your request and donation to the church office no later than December 18*

## Warden's Letter – December 2020

As of this writing, COVID-19 is spiking all over the country, and everyone is preparing for a Thanksgiving considerably different from previous years. The circumstances are different, but the giving thanks remains the same. I am always thankful for our Trinity family. Meanwhile, the work of the church goes on:

- The first in-person service since March was held on September 13. Following all the Diocesan requirements for safe worship, those who attended wore masks, kept social distance, hand sanitized, and left immediately after the 30-minute service, but it was good to be back home in our beautiful sanctuary again. We are grateful to Mike for all his work to sanitize the church for our safety. In-person services have been held about every other week, but Zoom services are always available each Sunday. All in-person services will be subject to cancellation if the rate of infection in our area reaches an unsafe level.
- The Child Care Center reopened in September in complete compliance with all the State and Diocesan requirements. We operated at about 50% capacity to start with, but more students have gradually been added as time went on.
- Roslyn Trinity Day School also reopened in September to about 50% capacity. We have granted them a rent reduction until they can bring their enrollment back up.
- The church has long needed an upgrade in its technical capacity so that concerts and other events can be held with maximum

visual and aural effects. Plus, with so many services held via Zoom, we needed to improve the quality of the broadcasts. The estimate for doing the necessary upgrades was \$13,000. In October we received a \$5,000 grant from the Diocese towards the project, and generous parishioners donated the remaining \$8,000, so we will at last be able to accomplish this important work. Once all the equipment is purchased and installed, in addition to more efficient Zoom services, we will be able to schedule the first in what we plan will be a regular lecture series.

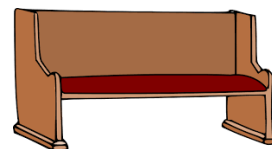
- Work has been completed on the retaining wall directly behind the church, which had been in disrepair for quite some time.
- The sale of the rectory closed on October 20. The proceeds will be held in trust by the Diocese for whenever the time comes for Trinity to acquire a new rectory.

And now we look forward to Advent, the season of anticipation, the season of hope. At this dark time, may we let the Love that came down at Christmas fill our hearts once again.

Sheila Platt, Warden

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### TRINITY HISTORIC PEW AVAILABLE



Bill Holzkamp purchased a pew from Don Krug's estate sale. He can modify it to your home's needs. Give him a call at 497-1008 or 671-6827 if you are interested.





We have had such a busy Fall. We were lucky enough to be able to build an outdoor classroom. This is a help during COVID, since staying outside as much as we can is determined to be best for children. They are able to do the same activities outside as they do inside. We remind parents to dress the children for the weather as we go out every day.

We have an outdoor garden. The children prepared the soil, planted mums and a butterfly bush as well as painting rocks for decoration. We will really concentrate on this more in the late winter, early spring.

We celebrated Harvest Day. Unfortunately, it rained so we brought it inside. We had pumpkin picking, hay rides, apple painting, special snacks the children made etc.

Picture Day is the 4th of Dec. The photos will be ready before the holidays.

We have so much planned for the coming weeks. Keep up with our Facebook page for photos of all the fun. Trinity Episcopal Church Roslyn Childcare Center.

Leslie Weible, Director



## OUTREACH



**TOY DRIVE:** To benefit Rural Migrant Ministries We will be collecting unwrapped toys for ages infant through teens. If it is easier for you to use Amazon Smile (which also benefits Trinity) to purchase toys, please put my address as the shipping address for delivery. My address is 342 Marcellus Road Mineola NY 11501. If you are going to shop, we can arrange where to drop off the toys on an individual basis. Due to Covid, the deadline is November 28th.

**ADOPT A FAMILY:** St Johns Episcopal Hospital We have a small family of two. Due to the generosity of my co workers I have enough to be able to purchase the special wishes of the family. My co workers knew I would not accept anything from them while I was out of work, but they do know how important Adopt A Family is to me. So they sent me a donation to purchase the gifts.

**GIFT CARDS:** Someone in need

We would like to collect gift cards for someone in need. CVS, Stop and Shop, Target etc.

If you have any questions, please call or text me at 516 567-9531 or email me- [alexis@robaudio.com](mailto:alexis@robaudio.com). Thank you for all of your Outreach support,

Alexis and the Outreach committee

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- If you are still receiving your Trinity Bells via snail mail & would like to change to email delivery (in full color!)
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- If you would like to be removed from all Trinity correspondence lists

Ruth Fick - [ruthafick@hotmail.com](mailto:ruthafick@hotmail.com) or 516-816-8988

## BURNING BOOKS



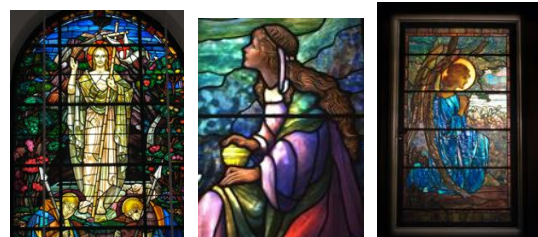
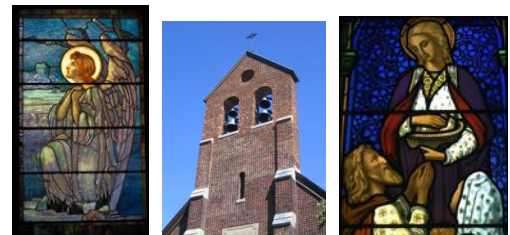
The next Burning Books selection is *On the Road*, Jack Kerouac's classic picaresque novel, based on his adventures across the country with Neal Cassady (a.k.a. Dean Moriarty) and other friends. We'll meet via Zoom on Tuesday, December 1, at 7:30 p.m.

We'll kick off 2021 with a couple of #1 New York Times bestsellers: *Being Mortal* by Atul Gawande and *When Breath Becomes Air* by Paul Kalanithi, both written by surgeons. Gawande addresses the inescapable realities of aging and death through research and gripping stories. In Kalanithi's case, the story is his own, as he faces stage IV lung cancer and asks, "What makes life worth living in the face of death?"

Gawande himself commented, "Rattling, heartbreaking, and ultimately beautiful, the too-young Dr. Kalanithi's memoir is proof that the dying are the ones who have the most to teach us about life." Although we feared that this "mortal combo" might be hugely depressing as the world copes with COVID-19, we concluded that the books' humanity would ultimately be life-affirming. We don't have a date yet for the next meeting (probably mid to late January), but will very soon. If you'd like to participate, please email John Platt ([johnplatt@optonline.net](mailto:johnplatt@optonline.net)).

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## TRINITY PHOTO NOTECARDS



These beautiful images were taken from our very own stained glass windows and a few are still available for purchase! Great for Christmas cards. Contact Ruth Fick ([ruthafick@hotmail.com](mailto:ruthafick@hotmail.com)) or 516-816-8988.



## 25 RANDOM ACTS OF CHRISTMAS KINDNESS

- 1) Tape change to a vending machine for a stranger to find
- 2) Hand out a compliment card
- 3) Donate food to your local food pantry
- 4) Make a thank you card for your mail carrier
- 5) Candy cane bomb a parking lot
- 6) Take supplies to an animal shelter
- 7) Put a donation in the Salvation Army bucket
- 8) Pick up litter
- 9) Donate toys to charity
- 10) Pay for a stranger's coffee
- 11) Make a gift for your teacher/mentor
- 12) Do yard work for a neighbor
- 13) Let someone go ahead of you in line
- 14) Make a sweet treat for your mailman
- 15) Do a chore for someone
- 16) Smile at everyone you see
- 17) Pass out stickers to kids waiting in line
- 18) Make a card for a neighbor
- 19) Thank your sanitation worker with a yard sign
- 20) Leave kindness stones in the park
- 21) Sing Christmas carols for your neighbors
- 22) Pick up groceries for a neighbor
- 23) Feed the birds
- 24) Write a Smile it Forward note for a friend or family member
- 25) Tell someone you love them!

## FREE CHRISTMAS CONCERTS ONLINE



**Friday 11 December, 20:00 GMT (3:00 pm EST):** The Oxford Bach Soloists perform from Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, with duets from baritones Roderick Williams OBE and Christopher Purves. Also singing, will be Classic FM presenter Alexander Armstrong, who joins Joanna Lumley, Stephen Fry and Jeremy Irons to deliver seasonal readings and poetry. The concert will be available to view until 31 December and is free, but viewers are invited to donate to Macmillan Cancer Support. Artistic director, Tom Hammond-Davies, says: "A global pandemic doesn't mean you need to miss out on Christmas Carol concerts this year. Instead, 2020 is the year you might be able to get front row seats at events you only dreamed of. Watch the Gondwana choirs in Australia or visit Carnegie Hall in New York, all from the comfort of your own home." Visit: [macmillan.org.uk/followthestars](https://macmillan.org.uk/followthestars)

**Sunday 13 December, 15:00 GMT (10:00 am EST):** [London Symphony Orchestra](#) presents a festive choral concert and carol singalong for you to join in from home. 'A singalong Christmas' gives us a chance to join in and celebrate the season great orchestra without leaving the sofa! Broadcast 'as live' on the [LSO YouTube channel](#) and on demand for 90 days, for free. Visit: [lso.co.uk](https://lso.co.uk)

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