



TRINITY BELLS
SEPTEMBER 2023

Recently I had the honor of presiding over a burial at Roslyn cemetery. I observed Catholics, Orthodox, Episcopalians, Jews, Muslims and Humanists buried there. What I found remarkable and heartwarming was that the graves were not parsed out into separate areas; rather, all were buried intermingled with one another. I saw the grave of a Jewish person within a short distance from a Muslim. Next to them a Shia Muslim and a Sunni Muslim were buried, and adjacent to them was a Humanist.


I wondered why, in this place, we could all lay shoulder to shoulder for eternity but in our short time on earth we isolated ourselves from one another and fought and died only to wind up here in Roslyn Cemetery together? What primal tribalism drives the human race to such insanity? The things that keep us from living in God's economy are human things not divine things. We kill and maim our children in wars that purport to have God on our side but, in reality, God is on neither side. God is on the edges weeping in sobs too great to fathom. God is in the midst of the turmoil comforting those afflicted, even those that feel God has forsaken them. God is always there with love.

What then do we do? Love your neighbor as yourself. That person on the other side of the fence or wall is not our enemy; they are our neighbor, and they are not separated by God's construct but ours. I believe the solution is found in our baptismal covenant: "Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?" and "Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?" The answer to both is a resounding I WILL WITH GOD'S HELP, AMEN.



May the peace which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, and blessings to you all.

George+


TRINITY TRANSITIONS
Grant Eternal Rest Unto Them. . .
ALICIA FREESE

WARDEN'S LETTER – September 2023

- Our summer began with an ending: the Child Care Center officially closed its doors on June 16 after the pre-K graduation ceremony. The furniture and supplies are being sold, and the search for a new tenant for the space is ongoing. It is a big change for Trinity, and it will be a big challenge to discern what new purpose awaits us.
- On July 22, the Vestry held a retreat at the Mercer School under the able leadership of Bob DeBruin. We discussed strengths, weaknesses, goals, a wish list—and we even tried to answer the question: What is God? From all of this we are crafting a new mission statement for Trinity and also have specific goals which, with your help, we aim to achieve.
- The next day, July 23, there was a picnic on the front lawn, with Top Chef Mike Callahan flipping the burgers and dogs and all the fine cooks from Trinity bringing their tastiest dishes. It didn't rain, the temperature wasn't too hot, and a fun time was had by all.
- One of the most important tasks of recent months was to finalize a new lease for the Day School (formerly known as the Co-op). I am pleased to say that a 4-year lease with optional renewal terms has been signed with the Roslyn Trinity Day School. Part of the arrangement is that the Day School has taken over the space that was the church office, and the church office has moved upstairs to what used to be the Rector's Study, which has been vacant for many years.
- Our Summer Sunday services in the cozy, air-conditioned Fireplace Room are a tradition I think we all enjoy. Many thanks to Mike for always having the room ready for worship, to Ken Bongort, Jim Crawford and Kathy Mendall for providing music so that Larry and Ariann could have a well-deserved vacation, and to Father George for making everyone feel welcome and at home on Sunday morning. We return to our sanctuary for Sunday morning worship on September 10.

No matter how old I get, when September rolls around, I feel I should be sharpening some pencils or buying a new notebook and heading off to school. With that same sense of anticipation, I look forward to the coming year at Trinity to see what God has planned for us. There is work to be done, songs to be sung, prayers to be prayed, loved ones to care for, friends to laugh with and cry with. Sharpen your pencils and come home to Trinity—the family is waiting to welcome you!

Sheila Platt for the Wardens and Vestry



John Platt, Dawn Weill, Sheila Platt & Lex Weill
at the Lex Weill Gallery, Southampton

OUTREACH

Blessing Bags for the Homeless



Fr. George, Rob Alexander, Barbara Holzkamp, Alexis Alexander, Sheila & John Platt, JoAnne Gentile & Mary LaSala on June 24

Trinity Church continues its mission of delivering bags of food and other items to the less fortunate at a train station in Hempstead. We welcome all interested volunteers to help, either with packing up the bags or delivering the bags (or both) on the fourth Saturday of each month. For more info, email office@trinityroslyn.org or you can call the church office at 516-621-7925.

Rhodes Academy (art supplies)

Parishioner Suzan Carola is an art teacher at Rhodes Academy in the Hempstead School District and says they are in great need of art supplies for their students.

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. Suzan says they can make art out of anything!

Faith Mission

Trinity has been having an ongoing food drive for Mineola-based Faith Mission. Last year Trinity also participated in their back-to-school drive. Here is their link for more info:

<https://www.faithmissioninc.org/>

Rural and Migrant Ministry

JUSTICE WALK & FARMWORKER CELEBRATION

As summer is drawing to a close we are one month away from the September 24th Rural & Migrant Ministry Justice Walk & Farmworker Celebration!

Thank you to all who have already donated, I hope there are others who will feel called to support this wonderful ministry. Our youth members just finished their Overnight Camp where they have opportunities to come together and develop leadership skills, learn about social justice, youth empowerment and just having fun and making new friends! These opportunities are so important for the children of farmworkers, to build resilience and discover their voices and how to advocate for their parents and others.

We also have an opportunity to take out an ad of support in the event journal; the deadline for the ads is next week, Friday, September 1st. Perhaps the Vestry will consider taking out an ad. Or we might consider sponsoring youth or farmworkers to attend the celebration.

I would also love to see Trinity representation at the event on Sunday, September 24th!!

Below is the link where you can donate and find out more about why I am a part of this amazing group of people:

<https://ruralmigrantministry.memberhub.gives/2023/m/190861>

Here are two inspiring videos that will demonstrate the impact and importance of our work and also a link to the RMM website:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jqf9sPJdk_Q

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fPyA1I-eT9I>

<https://www.ruralmigrantministry.org/>

With gratitude,

Kathy Mendall

PARISH HAPPENINGS

A LIFETIME OF SWIMMING & SERVICE As seen in the LI Herald, Glen Head



When Barbara Holzkamp took a lifeguarding course in 1960, she had no idea that that it would result in a six-decade-long adventure in teaching others to swim.

Now at 81, the Glen Head resident has taught three generations of Sea Cliff, Glen Head and Glen Cove children and adults the skills of swimming, making her perhaps the most prolific swimming instructor in the history of the North Shore.

See full article here:

<https://www.liherald.com/glenhead/stories/barbara-holzkamp-of-glen-head-has-taught-swimming-on-the-north-shore-for-60-years,184009>



Peter Fick recently celebrated his 75th birthday with family and friends at the Milleridge Inn



Martha Regelmann with grandson Louis celebrating his 1st birthday in Victoria BC (note the matching shirts!)

TRINITY ANNUAL BBQ

On July 23, Trinity held its annual BBQ with many in attendance. The weather was fine, and Mike Callahan was chief grill master. Many thanks to all who donated main entrees, salads or desserts.



ART OF THE BLOOM

Aleta Crawford has a painting in The Art Guild's gallery show called "Art of the Bloom" at Elderfields Preserve (200 Port Washington Blvd, Manhasset, NY 11030). Exhibition is visible Sept 10 - 30, and on-line. Open House Reception is Sunday, Sept 10th 3-5PM. Call (516) 304-5797 for more information or visit their website at www.theArtGuild.org.



The next Burning Books meeting will take place on Monday, Sept. 11 at 7:30 via Zoom. Our selection is *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig, a New York Times best-seller. The Washington Post called it, "A feel-good book guaranteed to lift your spirits."

Amazon gives this description: "Somewhere out beyond the edge of the universe there is a library that contains an infinite number of books, each one the story of another reality. One tells the story of your life as it is, along with another book for the other life you could have lived if you had made a different choice at any point in your life."

At that meeting we'll decide on our choices for the next year. If you have suggestions, email Jean Henning (jdshenning@gmail.com) or John Platt (johnplatt@optonline.net) or contact him at 516-676-0936.



Sarah Platt-Finger, yoga teacher and author, shared insights on the classical teachings of yoga based on her newly-released book, *Living in the Light* at Trinity Church on Thursday, August 10. Sarah Platt-Finger is the Director of Chopra Yoga at iIN, and the co-founder of ISHTA Yoga. Deepak Chopra has called Sarah "an extraordinary teacher of yoga who has contributed enormously to my well-being."

In this illuminating session, Sarah explored the codes of social and emotional intelligences (the yamas and niyamas). She discussed the intersection between these codes and the 10 Commandments from the Old Testament of the Bible. Understanding these codes gives us a map of how to navigate through the world with peace and integrity.

According to Sarah Platt-Finger, "When we understand the nature of our existence, we realize what it means to live in the light, which is to live in harmony with ourselves and each other." The light has been a metaphor for religious, philosophical, and mystical practices all over the world for millennia.

The evening included some gentle chair yoga and breathing exercises for centering and was followed by a book signing, with lots of books purchased and signed!

Sarah's talk was inspiring, joyful and deep with meaning. That she is a great speaker, teacher and true spirit shouldn't have been surprising since after all, she is Sheila and John's daughter, sentiments shared by Betty Cammisa and the other attendees.

ALICIA FREESE



Longtime Trinity parishioner, Alicia Freese, died recently in Florida. The following is her obituary provided by the family:

Alicia Verona Freese, 91, of Fort Lauderdale, passed away July 13th, 2023 at home with her family. She was born in Blue Fields, Nicaragua in 1932. She married the late Frederick Freese in 1955 in NY, NY. They lived together in Roslyn and Roslyn Harbor for forty years before relocating to Smithville, NJ, Haiku, Maui and Fort Lauderdale, FL.

Alicia is survived by her three children: Mark Freese, Frederick Freese II and Alicia Moskow. She is also survived by her three grandchildren Samantha Noble, Alexandra Moskow and Isabella Moskow as well as her great granddaughter Sasha Noble. She is also survived by her Sister-in-law Marianna Croy of Rhode Island and her nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews. Alicia was predeceased by her loving husband Frederick in February of 2023.

Alicia was a faithful and active member of Trinity Church, Roslyn, NY. She had a love of music and played the piano and would play as a substitute organist for the church.

She had a passion for English history, travel, playing bridge, and collecting fine porcelain, china, dolls and miniatures. Alicia and her husband owned the Roslyn Marine Center and lived in Wenlo, which is one of the great estates on the North Shore.

Most importantly, Alicia had a grace, warmth and energy that remained with her throughout her life.

She was a faithful friend that stayed in touch throughout her life wherever she was living. She touched many lives and was loved greatly by her family.

She left these words for me to share:

“I did my utmost to give and to pass on the will to make the best of what life throws at us. Look up always. Look ahead with confidence and try to do better always. I viewed life as magical and lived my dreams. I rejoiced in your achievements and hurt if you were unhappy. Oh, how I loved you all!”

Anyone who wishes to remember Alicia and Fred Freese is encouraged by the family to make a donation in their names to Trinity Church, Roslyn, or Makawao Union Church, Maui HI.

Alicia Moskow, daughter



Sarane Ross' lily pond in MI

IT'S BACK!

**ALL SAINTS DAY BRUNCH
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5**



Please join us at the All Saints Day Brunch on Sunday, November 5 after the 10:00 service. Bring a friend! More info soon.

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