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From the Rector

A different sort of New Year's Resolutions

I'm not sure how I managed to stumble across the term Antinomianism yesterday, but I think it came as I was browsing articles on Wikipedia (on online Encyclopedia).

Antinomianism (for those who haven't had the blessing of an expensive Theological Education) is the formal heresy that since Christ died for our sins and by his death and resurrection created a new relationship between Maker and creature that now depends on Grace rather than obedience, the moral laws of the Old Testament have no more power of those who have been saved.

In other words, Christ has renewed creation. We are grafted to God by the grace of God, not by anything we have managed to accomplish. Because there is nothing that we need to do to make God love us any more than God already does – let us no longer worry about obeying rules and trying to live moral lives. Let us focus our efforts on doing the things that make us happy and bring us joy in our lives! If we err, God has already forgiven us and God's grace will cover our sin. In fact, why not intentionally sin so that there may be more grace surrounding us all in the world?

I had a professor in seminary who summarized this heretical line of thought as "Christ is risen! We are justified! Whoppee!" It is a very old error – one that St. Paul had to deal with in his letters to the Church in Corinth and in his letter to the Romans. The error in this line of reasoning is that it implies there is no continuity between God's revelation in the Old Testament and the New Testament. It also leads us down logical paths that would make it impossible to construct a community (or body) of the faithful – something that was very important to Paul and to other leaders in the early Church.

The implication of this idea today is that many of us (myself included) are very good at dismissing the ways in which we fall short of the fullness of our call to follow Jesus. It has gotten so easy to forgive ourselves that we tend to see our moral life as something useful, but no longer of critical importance. If we are already saved by faith in Christ Jesus, what do we really to worry about?

An error is called heresy not because it is obviously wrong, but because it is so nearly true. We cannot do anything to make God love us more. We cannot save ourselves by being trying to be good. But that's not the end of the story. The problem is that we forgotten about the need we have of sanctification. We are saved by Christ and grafted onto his body (the Church) by our baptism. But we are not made perfect by the simple fact that we have been baptized. We know that we frequently fall short of what God has in mind for us and what God wants us to become. Sanctification is the working of the

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The Prayer List

Here are the names of Trinity people who have health problems or personal problems and who wish to be remembered in our prayers. If you or a loved one has health problems or other problems, and if you would like the prayerful help of Trinity friends, you are invited to add your name to the list. Please contact the office, 610-867-4741.



Trinity is a praying church. We love to pray for people...and we keep on praying for them. But sometimes, people get "parked" on the parish prayer list. The policy

is to put people on the Prayers of the People list and to read their names for two weeks in a row, UNLESS you ask us to keep them on. They will also be put on the prayer list in the Bulletin. We keep them on the Bulletin list for two months, UNLESS you ask us to keep them on. We are very happy to keep people on either or both lists, but please do tell us. Call the office or give a note to one of the clergy.

KEEP ON PRAYING!

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| Dora Avila | Mary Harris | Matthew Post |
| Al Barr | Ellen Henry | Eleanor Price |
| Bud Barr | Nancy Hofmann | Jim Rider |
| Robert Bleier | Anne James | Gwendolyn-Jane Romeril |
| Jane Breininger | Dan Land | Sean Romeril |
| Edna Chase | Robert Lukens | Carolyn Snellman |
| Edna Cieply | Fr. Mac | David Talijan |
| Dorothy Comegys | Bp. Paul | Pat Talijan |
| Jo-Ellen Darling | Eileen McCaroll | Mackenzie Updyke |
| Ron Davis | Elizabeth Miller | Diane Voron |
| Carolyn Enloe | Margorie Miller Bergey | Jeffrey Waldron |
| Harold Fitch | Joe Palmeri | Edith Wilson |
| Lois Frederick | Angeline Pappas | Alma |
| Carl Gatti | Dorothy Pesaresi | Jean |
| Barry Gebhart | Claire Peters | Todd |
| Eleanor Graber | Rosemary Posavek | |



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| 3 Alex Lega | 11 Amy Mann |
| Laura Johnson | Alan Chandler |
| 4 Margaret McIntosh | Bryan Muzyka |
| Carol Propsner | 12 Pauline Beinema |
| 5 JoAnne Hornyak | 13 A. Malcolm MacMillan |
| Steven Jones, Jr. | Kevin Connors |
| Thomas Brandt | 14 Monica Lawrence |
| 6 Michael Tax, Jr. | Jessica Connors |
| Claire Smith Hornung | 18 Virginia Gress |
| 7 Al Giordano | David Myers |
| Kim Mentuck | 21 Marie Guerra |
| 8 Joan Jones | Beth Anne Arancibia |
| 9 Bernice Gardiner | John Brion |
| 10 Paul Medeiros | 23 Olivia Garcia |
| | 26 Jonathan Palmeri |
| | 27 Carol Geiser |
| | 28 Heather Myers |
| | Scott Husted |
| | 30 Joyce Meinke |



Anniversaries

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| 17 Dorothy & Elmer Drusba |
| Kay & Howard Landstrom |
| 30 Dawn & William Winterburn |

Sunday Readings During January

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Jan 1—Feast of The Holy Name

First Reading—Exodus 34:1-8
 Second Reading—Romans 1:1-7
 Gospel—Luke 2:15-21

Jan 8—First Sunday after the Epiphany The Baptism of our Lord

First Reading—Isaiah 42:1-9
 Second Reading—Acts 10:34-38
 Gospel—Mark 1:7-11

Jan 15—2nd Sun. after the Epiphany

First Reading—1 Sam.1 3:1-10(11-20)
 Second Reading—1 Cor. 6:11b-20
 Gospel—John 1:43-51

Jan 22—3rd Sun. after the Epiphany

First Reading—Jeremiah 3:21-4:2
 Second Reading—1 Cor. 7:17-23
 Gospel—Mark 1:14-20

Jan 29—4th Sun. after the Epiphany

First Reading—Deut. 18:15-20
 Second Reading—1 Cor. 8:1b-13
 Gospel—Mark 1:21-28

Celebration of Saints During January

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

- 09 Julia Chester Emery, 1922
- 10 William Laud, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1645
- 12 Aelred, Abbot of Rievaulx, 1167
- 13 Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers, 367
- 17 Antony, Abbot in Egypt, 356
- 19 Wulfstan, Bishop of Worcester, 1095
- 20 Fabian, Bishop and Martyr of Rome, 250
- 21 Agnes, Martyr at Rome, 304
- 23 Phillips Brooks, Bishop of Massachusetts, 1893
- 24 Ordination of Florence Li Tim-Oi, First woman Priest in the Anglican Communion, 1944
- 26 Timothy and Titus, Companions of St. Paul
- 27 John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople, 407
- 28 Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Friar, 1274



From Mother Laura.....

A sermon for Christmas morning:

"Our first Christmas...again"

Isaiah 52:7-10
 Hebrews 1:1-4, (5-12)
 John 1:1-14
 Psalm 98

In the name of the Father (+)
 and of the Son and of the Holy
 Spirit. Amen.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

During Advent, a number of us
 have been coming together to
 hear lectures by Fr. Claire
 McPherson from Trinity Wall
 Street about C.S. Lewis' Narnia
 Chronicles. We have been read-
 ing The Lion, the Witch and the
Wardrobe together, and dis-
 cussing it. Fr. McPherson kept
 referring to movies, stories and
 scripture passages that most
 everyone seemed to know. It
 was clear that a number of
 people had read and re-read
 the book. Whether he was
 talking about the book or the
 movie, it didn't seem to matter
 to people that they knew the
 plot—they still enjoyed it and
 got a lot out of it. We like to
 re-read favorite books and lis-
 ten over and over again to fa-

vorite pieces of music.

Now, let's have a show of
 hands. How many of you
 already know the Christmas
 story? You know it, don't
 you? You know all about
 the angel, and Mary, and
 the stable, the shepherds,
 the choir of the heavenly
 host. And you know that
 this all happened 2000
 years, twenty centuries,
 ago. Doesn't it get boring,
 hearing the same old story
 every year? Why are you
 here? Why aren't you home
 unwrapping presents? Or
 sleeping late after last
 night's midnight mass?
 You're not here because you
 want to find out what hap-
 pens in the next exciting
 installment of the story.
 Something else is going on.

How many of you can tell
 me the first verse of today's
 Gospel by heart? No fair
 looking at your bulletin. In
 the beginning... was the
 Word, and the Word was
 with God, and the Word was

God. Now, that's not a
 story, that's a theological
 statement couched in won-
 derful poetic language.
 But you know it. Why did
 you learn it? Same ques-
 tion as before...why are
 you here this morning?
 Not because you want to
 hear this preacher recite
 some new, exquisite piece
 of poetry. Everything you
 will hear and see and do
 today is the same stuff.
 Same readings, same car-
 ols, same holy food at the
 Communion table.

Maybe even though we
 know the details of the
 Christmas story, and even
 though our celebrations of
 Christmas are overlaid
 with years of memories,
 somehow Christmas is new
 every year. This year, we
 are not the same people
 we were last year. Much
 has transpired in the last
 365 days. Our country
 and our world are not the
 same as they were last
 year—both for good and
 for ill. Maybe, just for a
 day, we need to go back to
 the beginning, back to
 some simple truths. Not
 so much that we need to
 have Jesus begin life over
 as a baby, but WE need to
 begin again.

The first time we meet a
 newborn, we start from
 scratch with that little one.
 He doesn't have a history
 with us and interacts with
 us in a fresh new way—at
 that age, there is complete
 acceptance. She doesn't
 know whether the person
 looking into her eyes is
 good or bad. They just

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At the Cathedral...



Tuesday Teachings, 7:00-8:30

Cyber Safety (Sayre Hall)

Led by The Rev. Nick Knisely

--January 17 Adult concerns

--January 24 What parents need to know about keeping youth
 and children safe

January 31 – February 21

Raising Children in the Faith (Good Shepherd Chapel)

Led by Canon Anne Kitch

Jan 31 Children's Spirituality

Feb 7 Parenting in the Pew

Feb 14 Creating Meaningful Family Traditions

Feb 21 Praying with Children



FROM THE MUSIC OFFICE

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Trinity:

Merry Christmas from the music office. We've had another exciting month of music at Trinity, with two performances of "Amahl and the Night Visitors" and our Christmas Eve performance of Vivaldi's "Gloria."

Amahl and The Night Visitors

Thank you all for braving the snowstorm to come out and hear our opera this year. It was cold outside, but the rich voices of our singers and the opera's score and story warmed all of us with their beautiful Christmas message. Thank you to the Trinity choir for doing such a great job in their roles as shepherds, and to our great cast, including the wonderful Linda Laubach, with Stephanie Halinski as Amahl, Bob Killian, Kevin Vargo and Brian Zumbum as The Three Kings, and Achille Scache as the page. We are especially grateful to Dr. Patrica Huber for her generous gift of underwriting the costs for this production. Thank you!

Vivaldi "Gloria"

The adult choir presented Vivaldi's "Gloria" as a prelude to the late service on Christmas Eve, putting everyone in the Christmas spirit, and setting the tone for the entire evening. Thank you all, choir, for your hard work, and for helping make this Christmas Eve a memorable one, and to soloists Jean Hurchalla, Kip Knauer, Linda Laubach and Joyce Meinke. Everything was just right!

Coming Soon!

Gregorian Chant: its history and performance

Charles Callahan, one of the country's leading experts on the subject, will lead us in a two-day seminar on the subject, featuring the choirs of Trinity Church, St. Anne's R.C. Church, and friends. Members of the audience are invited to participate in singing, or to just sit back and immerse themselves in the sound of this ancient music of the church. Please mark your calendars now – two dates, and two locations, both co-sponsored by Trinity's "Music and the Arts at Trinity Church" and St. Anne's R. C. Church:

Wednesday, February 1, 7:30-9:00

St. Anne's R.C. Church

Washington and Easton Avenues
Bethlehem

Thursday, February 2, 7:30-9:00

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Please tell all your friends and family. You won't want to miss this exciting and unusual event!

Sincerely,
Lorenz Maycher
Organist-choirmaster



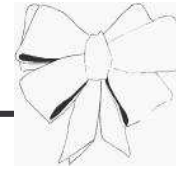
Trinity's Children's Choir

Our Children's Choir had a busy December, singing at the December 18th 10:00 a.m. service and the 5:00 p.m. family service on Christmas Eve. The choir will have a mid-winter break, returning for rehearsal on Jan.15th. They will begin rehearsing for the annual Children's Choir Festival to be held at Nativity Cathedral on Saturday, Feb.4th from 1:00 until 6:00 p.m.

Any child who is 5 years old and above, and enjoys singing is welcome to join our choir. For additional information, please contact Mary Schatkowski at 610-868-8203.



An online newsletter of the Diocese of Bethlehem, newSpin, published about six times monthly, is intended especially for leaders in our diocesan community: clergy, elected or appointed members of diocesan commissions or committees, wardens, vestry members, anyone with leadership responsibility for a specific ministry in a congregation, e.g., evangelism, communication, social advocacy and outreach, stewardship, child advocacy, children and youth, financial administration. It includes news and information and commentary related to the Diocese of Bethlehem, the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion... with some spin, of course, from the editor. The goal is for all of us to have easy access to the same information. Any interested parishioner may be added to the list at their request. To receive newSpin, send your email address to Bill Lewellis, blewelis@diobeth.org. Ask for newSpin. If you are already joined online to Bethlehem of Pa, the interactive discussion list of the Diocese of Bethlehem, you already receive newSpin in addition to many other notes.



**Thank you,
Thank you,
Thank you!**

I am more than overwhelmed at the response from Trinity toward gifts for the clients at Victory House this Christmas. Your generosity meant the best Christmas ever!

—Sally McIntosh
Trinity's Representative
at Victory House

Cruising to Equity

...make a boatload of difference for kids



Putting Our Faith into Action
To Seek Justice for Children

Port of Call #3 - "A Head Start"

January 7 - February 28, 2006

Fill Trinity's Boat with
Children's Books, tablets,
pencils, crayons, puzzles
and other stimulating toys.

(Our boat is in the back of the church)

Annual Meeting

The Parish Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 29th, following the 9:30 am service. Please note that there will be only one service that day. As is our tradition, a Parish Luncheon will follow the meeting.

Committee Chairs:

Please submit your annual reports to the church office no later than **Wednesday, January 18th**, in order for it to be included in the parish Annual Report.



THE BIRTH OF CHRIST IS ONLY THE TAG ON THE GIFT...

I finally realize why it is that for me, Christmas is not quite that joyous time that one is lead to believe it is, but one of fearful reflection of what is to come. I seem to feel a sense of penitence during the Advent weeks leading up to Christmas and have a feeling of joyful expectation during Lent which grows stronger during Holy Week. Do I have it backwards? I don't think so.

Why do we as a society refuse to look at the truth of life—that is that death WILL follow. Only through the mystery of the resurrection do we find the real life that begins after the death of our human or earthly souls as we are birthed into the new, real and greater life of Christ.

How else could God have provided for our salvation if He had not started at the beginning. Not our idea of beginning—His. He didn't begin His works in the middle or even just "plop" down the gift in our laps (although He could have). He took the gift of our salvation—His great Love for us; wrapped it in beautiful clothes—the human form of Christ; and put our name on the tag—Mary: The bearer of the Gift. Just as the name on the tag of a present signifies who gave the gift as well as who the gift is for, Mary bore our Savior, who through death and resurrection became our Salvation, so that we might have life eternally.

I can think of no other gift I'd rather have. Of course I must first look inside of myself to see where I have left a place to hold and nurture that gift in me and get rid of worthless, useless things I've been holding onto that just take up necessary space for that gift. I need to clean my "house" and make ready for the New Gift.

This does feel like the Christmas season to me. Cleaning, preparing and working hard—inwardly—so that at the day of His resurrection I can say that I am ready for His Gift. The tag has my name on it and I can't wait to open it!

—Sr. Patricia Michael

Your Envelope Counts

Offering envelopes for 2006 are available at the rear of the church. The envelopes for next year are in a slightly new format and we urge you to make good use of them. Please remember that each and every envelope is important! If it is more convenient for you to pay by check once or twice a month, please place your check in the envelope for the Sunday indicated, and on other Sundays that month consider giving a token offering when the plate is passed – it will be put to good use!

You will find the following in your box for 2006:

Initial offering: your offering of \$2.00 helps to defray the cost for this year's supply of 175+ boxes.

Easter and Christmas: envelopes for these two major feasts are included this year for the first time.

Memorial offering: two envelopes are provided in the event you may wish to make a special offering to the Parish in memory of a friend or loved one.

Your Weekly Envelope Counts: in order to maintain an even cash flow it is important that you keep as up-to-date as possible with your weekly envelope.



Trinity Begins Work with Bethlehem Interfaith Benefits Consortium

Recently, several of us have attended planning meetings of the Bethlehem Interfaith Benefits Consortium. Mo. Laura and Fr. Nick will be working with the Consortium (more later about the program itself). We have just received the following ad for the volunteer coordinator.

BenefitsCheckUp Volunteer Coordinator

Bethlehem Interfaith Benefits Consortium is seeking a part-time coordinator 20 hours per week to recruit and coordinate older adults volunteers from Bethlehem area churches to assist seniors in enrolling in benefit programs using a web based resource. Skills include working with faith communities, volunteers, older adults, and web-based programs. Bi-lingual, Spanish pref. If interested, send cover letter and resume via email to Angela Velasquez at angelav@unitedwayglv.org by 1/20/06.

Job Description

JOB TITLE:	Benefits Ambassador Coordinator
JOB CLASSIFICATION:	Part-time/hourly (20 hours per week, 50 weeks/yr)
SUPERVISOR:	Executive Director/Faith-based Organization And LVAA Project Director
JOB SUMMARY:	Works with individual communities of faith supported by a faith-based organization and the Project Director to recruit and manage multiple 3-5 member teams of volunteers for the purpose of screening and tracking benefit outcomes for older adults over a 20 month grant period.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

Administrative/Evaluative:

- Become knowledgeable in the internet-based BenefitsCheckUp technology
- Coordinate the completion and submission of monthly invoices for grant expenditures
- Ensure tracking and evaluation measures are in place and report on project benchmarks and outcomes on a monthly basis to supervisor and project director
- Coordinate and track the ongoing activities of 10-15, 3-5 member volunteer teams of Benefits Ambassadors in multiple faith communities

Benefit Ambassador (BA) Coordinator Activities with Volunteers:

- Implement effective and on-going recruitment strategies within multiple faith communities designed to recruit adults, age 40+, to become volunteer benefit ambassadors for older adults on behalf of their respective faith community
- Coordinate initial and ongoing volunteer BA's training with Project Director.
- Provide daily operational support to BA teams for problem solving purposes
- Act as a sounding board for BA volunteers with respect to cases of questionable limits/boundary issues
- Work with BA volunteers to make appropriate outside referrals for services if indicated
- Meet regularly with other BA Coordinators to share successes and barriers
- Schedule and holds monthly BA volunteer "Share and Learn" group for ongoing training needs and the sharing of successes and challenges faced by BA volunteers

Skills/Experience:

- Experience with Microsoft Office products (Word, Excel, Explorer)
- Desire to learn how to utilize web-based programs effectively and efficiently
- Good communication skills, both verbal and written, ability to communicate with professionals, peers, and consumers (mostly older adults)
- Excellent customer service orientation, ability to lead teams and achieve outcome related goals
- Excellent organizational skills, ability to attend to multiple tasks and multiple details within defined time frames,
- Ability to work independently and as a team
- Ability to problem solve with a group and individually
- Enjoy working with people from diverse faith backgrounds



Sunday School



Sunday School begins up again on the 8th of January. We'll celebrate Epiphany (the arrival of the three kings) on the 8th. Our New Year begins an exploration of the New Testament. We'll learn more about Jesus' life and the many people in his life. Come join in on the fun!

January 29th is our Annual Parish meeting. We will have Sunday School an hour earlier at 9:15 am during the service. The children will then join their families for brunch and are invited downstairs again while the Annual meeting goes on.

TRINITY GROUP

INVOLVING



FAMILIES

TGIF celebrated a wonderful Christmas gathering at the home of Trinity's own baby Jesus, Christopher Myers. Once again TGIF sponsored two families from the Salvation Army for Christmas. Thank you to all of our Trinity families for their donations.

As is our tradition, TGIF will be hosting brunch at our Annual meeting on January 29th. More news to come.

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Holy Spirit within us to transform us into the new creatures we are meant to become. It's a process that begins when we start our relationship to God and continues (the Prayer Book teaches) even after our death.

I was reminded of this process when I saw the movie version of the "The Lion, The Witch and Wardrobe" in the theater this month. In the story, the White Witch turns her opponents into stone statues by magic. Aslan, her nemesis, later restores those creatures of stone by breathing upon them. As he breathes, the stone body is slowly transformed into living flesh – like a fire slowly spreading along a branch. Lewis is talking symbolically of the work of the Holy Spirit, which is literally the breath (or wind) of God. It is the Holy Spirit that in truth transforms our stone hearts and renews the life within them.

The way this is played out in our lives is that over time, if we are open to the working of the Spirit, we become better and better people. We become more like the beings God intended us to be. And as we draw closer to what we are supposed to be, we draw closer to God – and find ourselves becoming more and more joyful and happy. (It's kind of like discovering that engines of our happiness work better when powered by fuel of correct octane.)

I say all this now because this month of January is the time when we traditionally focus on what changes we want to make in our lives for the coming year. We often focus on relatively concrete things like quitting smoking, eating better, getting more exercise, and end up ignoring the spiritual. When was the last time you heard someone talking about resolving to grow closer to God in prayer or to more fully conform their lives to the model Christ has given us? But maybe that is because we don't remember that spiritual growth comes about by allowing the Holy Spirit to transform our mundane daily actions into spiritually transforming experiences.

What if this year we were to resolve to attend church regularly, or to pray every day? How about resolving to spend at least a couple hours volunteering for others each week or month? How about resolving to set aside a small amount of money to be used to support people overseas who are striving to pull themselves out of crushing poverty and make a life for themselves?

No New Year's resolution will make God love you any more. But if you make the sort above, and manage, with the help of the Holy Spirit to keep them, you will very likely find that you love God more. And that you feel closer to God and to the spiritual life that surrounds us. And that you become happier. Maybe this is the year to try?

May God bless you in your life and in your ministry in this new year.

—Nick+



Weekly Schedule

Sundays	8:00 am	Holy Eucharist (sermon, no music) (Church) Cancelled 1/1 & 29
	9:15 am	Adult Forum (Parish Hall) Cancelled 1/1
	9:15 am	Children's Choir Rehearsal Cancelled 1/1 & 8
	10:15 am	Sunday School (Age 3-Grade 8) Cancelled 1/1
	10:30 am	Holy Eucharist (sermon, choir) (Church) at 9:30 on 1/29
	5:00 pm	Taize (Chapel) – 1 st & 3 rd Sundays only Cancelled 1/1
Mondays	9:00 am	Morning Prayer (Chapel)
	Noon-1:00 pm	Soup Kitchen
	5:30 pm	AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
Tuesdays	9:00 am	Morning Prayer (Chapel)
	10:30 am	Yoga (Chapel)
	Noon-1:00 pm	Soup Kitchen
	5:30 pm	AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
	7:00 pm	AA Meeting (Parish Hall)
Wednesdays	9:00 am	Morning Prayer (Chapel)
	9:30 am	Holy Eucharist w/Healing (Chapel)
	11:00 am	Daughters of the King (Library)
	Noon-1:00 pm	Soup Kitchen
	3:00 pm	Yoga (Chapel)
	5:30 pm	AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
Thursdays	9:00 am	Morning Prayer (Chapel)
	10:30 am	Staff Meeting (Library)
	Noon-1:00 pm	Soup Kitchen
	5:30 pm	AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
	6:00 pm	Yoga (Chapel)
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
Fridays	9:00 am	Morning Prayer (Chapel)
	Noon-1:00 pm	Soup Kitchen
	5:30 pm	AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
Saturdays	10:00 am	AA Meeting (Parish Hall)
	5:00 pm	Holy Eucharist and Sermon (Chapel) (1st Saturday - Holy Eucharist w/Healing in the Church)

January Sunday Forum Topics

JANUARY 1

NO FORUM (NEW YEAR'S DAY)

JANUARY 8

THE DAUGHTERS OF THE KING COME TO TRINITY

JANUARY 15

BENEDICTINE SPIRITUALITY

with Mother Laura

JANUARY 22

BENEDICTINE SPIRITUALITY: READING SCRIPTURE

with Mother Laura

JANUARY 29

NO FORUM (ANNUAL MEETING)

HOUSE FOR SALE

Ed and Mary Schatkowski are putting their house on the market, beginning in January. The house is on Hecktown Rd. near Easton Ave. and has three bedrooms, two baths, and many extras. The house sits on a one-half acre wooded lot and is a Cape Cod style. If anyone is interested in seeing the house and property, please call the Schatkowskis at 610-868-8203 or e-mail at schatkow@fast.net



WORSHIP SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS, February 12 – March 5, 2006

Compiled by Donna Lawrence

Date	Time	Usher	Crucifier	Torch Bearer	Reader	Intercessor	Chalice	Nursery
2/12 2006	8:00 AM	Ken Tardy	--	--	Bob Mickus	Ann Mickus	Marie Guerra Virginia McQueen	--
	10:30 AM	Tom Bradley Vince Garcia	Heather Lawrence	Luke Ferrby David Brandt	Mary Ann Swiatek, Gavin Ferrby	Marcie Lightwood	Gavin Ferrby Dixie White Michael Bryant	Sam Lawrence Heather Myers
2/19 2006	8:00 AM	Bill Harding	--	--	Bill Winterburn	Mary Cohen	Dawn Winterburn Bill Winterburn	--
	10:30 AM	Ellen Roberts Suzanne Boundy	Kennedy Krisely	Anna McIntosh Leah Ferrby	Karen Krisely Linda Henry	Andrew McIntosh	Karen Krisely Linda Henry Jody Miller	Sam Lawrence John Hornung
2/26 2006	8:00 AM	Gloria Tardy	--	--	Lindsey Brown	Jane Frey	Pat Sisson Violet McCandless	--
	10:30 AM	Lynn Norman Jack Norman	Joanna Majczan	Andrew Myers Ben Hornung	Sheri Majczan David Myers	Heather Myers	Sara Klingner Sandy Mesics David Myers	Sam Lawrence Amy Mann
3/1 2006	7:30 PM	Francis Frey Siobhan Ardizzone	Charann Filko	--	Jane Frey Francis Frey	--	Marie Guerra Virginia McQueen	--
3/5 2006	8:00 AM	Elizabeth Gee	--	--	Ann Mickus	Bob Mickus	Mary Ellen O'Connell, Gloria Tardy	--
	**10:30 AM	Bill Vitalos Michael Bryant	Danny Palmer	Caroline Vail Anne Fodor	Sunday School	Sunday School	Dee Palmer Donna Lawrence Bob Lawrence	Sam Lawrence Karen Biron

**Children's Sunday & Parish Luncheon

Please keep this monthly schedule and make it your responsibility to inform the church of any changes prior to Wednesday morning.

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are. There is great power in that utter innocence and total dependence. Power to bring down our defenses, to soften the calluses we have grown around our spirits. Maybe we need to approach the Christ-child anew every year--maybe every day--so that our hard hearts can be softened.

Once the great Rabbi, Abraham Heschell was being interviewed on television. The interviewer said, "Rabbi, you must have seen it all. It must be like what Ecclesiastes wrote: 'There is nothing new under the sun.' " Rabbi Heschell became quite agitated and said, "No. No. Ecclesiastes had it all wrong! There is nothing old under the sun. Our God is a living God. Everything is always happening for the first time."

With the exception of any babies and kids one year old in the congregation, you all have been through Christmas before. But you all are living creations of our living God. So you can all appreciate the practical application of Rabbi Heschel's suggestion: and that is to have your first Christmas over again. You can hear the beloved words of the Christmas story for the first time again. You can take down the walls that prevent the Light from shining in your darkness. You can behold the glory of the Word made flesh.

Why are we all here? I dare to say it's so we can be refreshed--if only for an hour. It's so we can stand with the shepherds and angels in awe at Emmanuel's side--God with Us in the flesh. It's so we can be made new once again.

Merry Christmas! Amen.

Daughters of the King Come to Trinity

The Forum on January 8th will address the question: "Everything you ever wanted to know about Daughters of the King and were afraid to ask". This will be an opportunity for parish members to learn more about this International Order for Women in the Episcopal Church, which focuses on prayer, evangelism and service. The order dates from the early 1800's.

In this diocese, there are many congregations that have chapters of The Daughters. Bishop Paul is very supportive of their work and is encouraging parishes to consider this ministry. Fr. Nick is excited about a chapter being formed here at Trinity, and has encouraged our women to get the word out. On January 22nd our chapter will be installed at the 10:30 service, by The Reverend Joseph De Acetis, Chaplain for Province III of the Episcopal Church. Our sister chapters will be notified of this event and will be in prayer for us, and some will come to join in our celebration. Fr. Nick is giving a reception in our honor after the service on that day. So please join us on January 8th, 2006 to learn more about who we are!

Daughters of the King, Chapter Constance and her Companions

Pat Talijan, President
Lois Howell, Vice-president and Chaplain
Suzanne Boundy, Treasurer
Mother Gwendolyn-Jane Romeril, Secretary

Introducing Charles Williams:

Descent into Hell and All Hallows Eve

On four Wednesday evenings this coming March, Trinity will be sponsoring a discussion of two novels of Charles Williams.

Charles Williams (1886-1945), though much less well known than contemporaries like T. S. Eliot, C. S. Lewis, and J. R. R. Tolkien, was a distinguished Christian writer. For much of his life he was on the London staff of the Oxford University Press. During the Second World War, when the London staff moved to Oxford, he became friends with other authors there, especially C. S. Lewis. Apart from his work with the OUP he was very active as a teacher and also as a writer. His literary production included poems (such as the "Arthurian" poems of Taliessin through Logres), criticism, plays, and seven novels, including, notably, *Descent into Hell* (published in 1937) and *"All Hallows" Eve* (1945).

His novels have quite domestic, English locales--an exurb near London (DH) or London itself (AHE). There are no Narnias or Middle-earths. The novels astonish in their depiction of states of being beyond normal experience and in the interplay between such states and the state of mortality as we generally know it. If there are no battles between great armies, there is nevertheless psychomachia, spiritual battle, as the characters move towards Salvation or Damnation.

The four sessions will be March 8, 15, 22, and 29, from 6:00 to 7:30, in the Parish Hall. A simple meal of soup and bread will be provided. The two novels are available from Mother Laura at a cost of \$23.00 for both--financial aid available for those who need it.

All are welcome! But please send Mo. Laura a note at laura@trinitybeth.org or call the church office at 610-867-4741 so there will be enough soup. Jack Vickrey will be moderator for the sessions.

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Important Dates to Remember

- January 9 7:00 pm Consecration Sunday Team and Stewardship Meeting (Klingner/Mesics home)
- January 11 7:00 pm Outreach Committee (Parish Hall)
- January 16 7:00 pm Vestry Meeting (Library)
- January 17 2:30 pm Pastoral Care Committee (Library)
- January 18 NOON Deadline for Committee Annual Reports to the office
- January 23 6:00 pm Greater Bethlehem Area Council of Churches Meeting (Parish Hall)
- January 29 8:00 am NO WORSHIP SERVICE
- January 29 9:30 am Holy Eucharist (Note time change)
- January 29 11:00 am Annual meeting and Parish Luncheon

February Newsletter Deadline

Monday, January 23, 2006