



The Trinity Church Newsletter

Trinity Episcopal Church
 44 East Market Street
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Summer Homework.....

Mother Laura's Sermon for June 15, 2008
Proper 6A

Genesis 18:1-15, (21:1-7)

Psalms 116: 1, 10-17

Romans 5:1-8

Matthew 9:35-10:8, (9-23)

Collect: Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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

Happy Father's Day to all of you who are fathers, or who have had a father. As we do on Mother's Day, today we remember with thanksgiving all those who have been like fathers to us, and not necessarily only our biological fathers.

A few months ago, I gave you the homework assignment of looking at the sign on our lawn to see how we proclaim who we are to the world around us. And I warned you there would be a pop-quiz. Did anyone do it? Do any of you remember what it says? "A community of God's people. All welcome."

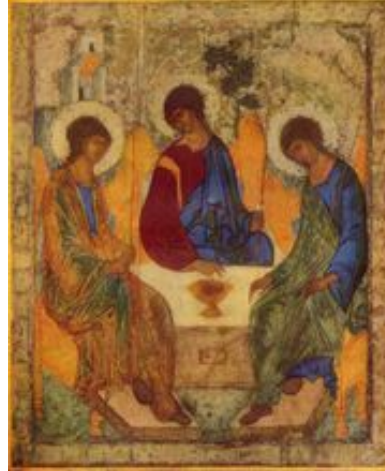
I don't know how long we have used that phrase to describe ourselves, but it was here when I came to Trinity 9 1/2 years ago. Anyone driving or walking by and curious about what sort of church this is would have the inklings of an impression. Whether you're aware of it or not, it is an important theological statement.

When Father Nick, Gaby and I were designing the initial church website, we wanted a graphic that would be recognizable for Trinity—because we're named Trinity, of course. But also a picture that said something about Trinity's understanding of itself. We chose the well-known, 15th century icon by Andrei Rublev: The Old Testament Trinity. It is an illustration for today's story from Genesis.

Three mysterious strangers appear suddenly before Abraham, as he is resting near some oak trees on a hot summer afternoon. Without wasting any time thinking about it, he jumps up and runs to greet them. In good Eastern fashions, he falls to his knees before them and bows his head to the ground to show them honor. He then invites them in to rest, eat, drink and refresh themselves. He offers lavish hospitality: rushing around to bake new bread for them from the finest flour, and killing a young tender calf for their dinners. He stands by them to serve as they eat—another sign of respect, for the host to stand, while the guests sit at leisure. The picture on the icon is of the three guests, dining.

Other than their mysterious appearance in the heat of the day, when normal people would be resting in the shade like Abraham was, the Scripture reveals another mystery, which is reflected in the original Hebrew. Verse one says, **the Lord appeared** to Abraham. Then suddenly there are three persons, and Abraham greets

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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!

For those in the Armed Services

- 1Lt. Andrew Bowling
- 2Lt. Andrew Dalton
- 2Lt. Benjamin Dalton
- SFC Mark A. Gordon
- 1Sgt. John Knight
- SSgt. Rob Norman
- 1Lt. Brian Powell
- A-1 Kenneth Roman
- 1Lt. Joseph Salgado
- Cadet Michael Tax
- 1Lt. Sara Toliver

For those in need

- Al Barr
- Bud Barr
- Libby Barr
- Marjorie Miller Bergey
- Dennis Bergey
- Beth Birli
- Carina Boehm
- Sara Bosler
- Jane Breininger
- Harlan Breininger
- Bryan Brozoski family
- Dorothy Comegys

- Nate Davies
- Ruth Fleming
- Bill Fowler
- Kay Gill
- Virginia Gress
- Sally Hampson
- Janet Holtz
- Bill Houk
- Clark Hunt
- Leona Hunt
- Cheryl Hunt
- Oscar Keller
- Eileen Kessler
- Joyce Kulzer
- Fr. Joe Leo
- Robert Lukens
- Fr. Mac
- Patricia McCooley
- Lou Maiatico
- Diana Mass
- Cassidy McCandless
- Pamela McCandless
- Patricia McCooley
- Deacon Elizabeth Miller
- Gloria Miller
- Lorraine Moyer
- Raymond Moyer
- Terry Miller
- Robert Richards
- Mo. Gwendolyn-Jane Romeril
- Paul Romeril
- Sean Romeril
- Joan Sheldrake
- Jim Siftar
- Barbara Staff
- Rick Sumner
- Edna Sweet
- Victoria Sweet
- Pat Talijan
- Teresa Talijan
- Dennis Taylor
- Peter & Lindsay Tax
- Roger Walter
- Tracey & Tiffany Weaver
- Sr. Elizabeth Mary
- Lori
- Rob
- Stephanie

Celebration of Saints During July

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.

- 11 Benedict of Nursia, Abbot of Monte Cassino, c. 540
- 17 William White, Bishop of Pennsylvania, 1836
- 19 Monica, Monastic and Teacher, 379
- 22 St. Mary Magdalene
- 24 Thomas à Kempis, Priest, 1471
- 25 St. James The Apostle
- 26 Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 29 Mary and Martha of Bethany
- 30 William Wilberforce, 1833
- 31 Ignatius of Loyola, 1556

Sunday Readings

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.

JULY



Birthdays

- 1 Sally McIntosh
- 2 Sheree Stampfel
- 3 Elizabeth Gee
- 3 John Kerr
- 3 Stacy Polenchar
- 4 Domenic Salerni
- 5 Douglas Kresge
- 5 Margy Segaline
- 11 Aniela Roman
- 12 Nancy Krauss
- 12 Andrew McIntosh
- 12 Terry Saylor
- 14 Linda Henry
- 15 Gwendolyn-Jane Romeril
- 15 S. Kenneth Tarby
- 15 Alan Gentry
- 16 Kevin Klingborg

- 16 Edna Sweet
- 16 Lucas Vitalos
- 19 Vincent Garcia
- 20 Jonah Arancibia
- 22 Dawn Winterburn
- 24 Robert Featenby
- 25 Susan Becker
- 26 Jackson Marvel
- 27 Garry Applegate
- 27 Robert Deets
- 27 Roger Walter
- 28 Loraine Johnson
- 28 Robert Mickus
- 29 Pamela Vail
- 30 Lynn Malok
- 31 Meri Dickey
- 31 Cade Frack
- 31 Sheri Majczan
- 31 Gabriele Whittier

Anniversaries

- 1 Joan & Robert Schramm
- 3 Jeanne & Robert Deets
- 11 Gloria & John Malok
- 12 Jill & Gerald Long
- 12 Ellyn Siftar & Andrew McIntosh
- 17 Carole Gorney & Michael Bryant
- 17 Sara Phillips & Nelson King
- 22 Muriel & G. Steward Parlin
- 26 Clarann & Stephen Filko
- 27 Nicole & Michael Givey
- 28 Sandra & Elmer McElroy
- 29 Janice & Nelson Squires
- 29 Ann & Joseph Szmania

July 6

(8th Sunday after Pentecost)

- Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67
- Psalms 45:10-17
- Romans 7:15-25a
- Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

July 13

(9th Sunday after Pentecost)

- Genesis 25:19-34
- Psalms 119:105-112
- Romans 8:1-11
- Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

July 20

(10th Sunday after Pentecost)

- Genesis 28:10-19a
- Psalms 139:1-12, 23-24
- Romans 8:12-25
- Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

July 27

(11th Sunday after Pentecost)

- Genesis 29:15-28
- Psalms 105:1-11, 45b or Psalm 128:1-6
- Romans 8:26-39

Transportation Ministry



Several years ago, Trinity began offering transportation to parishioners who required assistance getting to and from medical appointments. In the typical process, the individual needing transportation for a specific appointment contacts a parish coordinator, who provides the names of two or three individuals who may be able to help. The individual needing transportation contacts potential drivers directly to make arrangements. We receive few requests, so the demands are minimal.

Several members of the parish volunteered to provide transportation when this service first was offered, but the list of volunteers has not been updated since. If you would be willing to occasionally provide transportation for your fellow parishioners who need help getting to medical appointments, please call or email Mary Ann Swiatek (610-515-0652 or swiatek@rcn.com). State your name, telephone number, email address (if applicable), and driving preferences. (Note: Preferences can include days of week, times of day, locations, distances...anything that would be relevant to matching you with specific requests for assistance.) If you were one of the original volunteers and are interested in continuing, please "sign up" again at this time.

Thank you for providing this "inreach" to our own parishioners!

From the Church Mouse



If your birthday or anniversary passed without your hearing from me, I probably don't know the dates or your address. Please let Gaby at the office have that information and she will pass it on to me.

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- 1 Joseph of Arimathea
- 6 The Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ
- 7 John Mason Neale, Priest, 1866
- 8 Dominic, Priest and Friar, 1221
- 11 Clare, Abbess at Assisi, 1253
- 12 Florence Nightingale, Nurse, Social Reformer, 1910
- 13 Jeremy Taylor, Bishop of Down, Conner and Dromore, 1667
- 14 Jonathan Myrick Daniels, 1965
- 15 St. Mary the Virgin, Mother of Our Lord Jesus Christ
- 18 William Porcher DuBose, Priest, 1918
- 20 Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux, 1153
- 25 St. Bartholomew the Apostle
- 27 Thomas Gallaudet, 1902 and Henry Winter Syle, 1890
- 28 Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, 430

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August 3 (12th Sunday after Pentecost)

Genesis 32:22-31
Psalm 17:1-7, 15
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:13-21

August 10 (13th Sunday after Pentecost)

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28
Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b
Romans 10:5-15
Matthew 14:22-33

August 17 (14th Sunday after Pentecost)

Genesis 45:1-15
Psalm 133:1-3
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Matthew 15:(10-20) 21-28

August 24 (15th Sunday after Pentecost)

Exodus 1:8-2:10
Psalm 124:1-8
Romans 12:1-8
Matthew 16:13-20

August 31 (16th Sunday after Pentecost)

Exodus 3:1-15
Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c
Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16:21-28

AUGUST



Birthdays

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|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 Steve Jones | 19 William Latshaw |
| 2 Wendy Lega | Peter Lega |
| Alexander Robertson | 22 Christine Jeppsson |
| 3 Irene Harding | 23 Lillian Lewis |
| Nelson Squires, III | 24 Dorothy Drusba |
| 4 Geoffrey Baser | John Vickrey |
| 5 Miranda Bradley | 25 Michael Bryant |
| Loretta Brobst | 26 LaurieAnn Yeisley-Drogin |
| 8 Eleanor Vatouios | 27 Candy Barr Heimbach |
| 10 Evelyn Kondash | Daniel Land |
| 11 Michael Muzyka | 29 Dorothy Comegys |
| 12 Anne Fodor | Susannah Wolfe |
| 13 Tom Bradley | Francis Frey |
| Terry Miller | 30 Danyelle Dumpel |
| 14 Louis Fodor | Devyn Dumpel |
| 15 Pat Patterson | Stephanie Mickus |
| 16 Marcie Lightwood | Karen Vitalos |
| 17 Philip McIntosh | |
| 18 Doris Schofield | |
| James Dickey | |

Anniversaries

- 3 Laura & David Howell
- 5 June and Richard Ding
- 11 Kathleen Knaack & Tibar Baukal
- 12 Karen Ernst & Bruce Reiner
- 13 Pamela & Kenneth Vail
- 15 Carol & Eugene Propsner
- 20 Candy & Mark Heimbach Carol & Jack Vickrey
- 21 Elizabeth & David Golden Rheta & F. Richard Matthews
- 25 Phyllis & Dennis Douvanis
- 27 Mary & Ed Schatkowski
- 30 Doodie & Dan Genthner

SWADDLING CLOTH MINISTRY NEEDS \$

The ministry of making swaddling cloths for At Risk Babies continues, with 79 cloths made so far. It costs between \$2 and \$3 to make one cloth. We prefer to have the money, so that we can buy cotton in quantity when we find it on sale. It is then washed, pressed and hemmed. We have had some money donated that has helped further this project. We appreciate each donation no matter how small. Please help us! If you have stashes of fabric that you no longer need, and are looking to donate, we need a 45 inch length of 44 inch cloth. A king size sheet yields 4 cloths, and we give the left-over fabric to the Trinity quilters for their Baby Quilt Ministry. The material must be 100% cotton. Thanks in advance!

—Mother Gwendolyn-Jane, Pearl Dimmick and Twila Evans.

Calling all Gardeners!

How is YOUR garden growing this summer? My very informal poll indicates that plants are a little slower than last year. I don't see anything that is even beginning to look like a tomato, even on my "early" plants!

We are hopeful that the gardeners at Trinity will have produce and flowers to share with other parishioners who are not able to garden. We have already had a lovely contribution of fresh herbs from Gaby's garden, and I know there are other people with herbs to share.

As you have things to contribute, please bring them to the parish hall on Sundays. Those of us who are looking for that perfect vegetable or herb for the evening soup or the latest addition to the freezer for winter may cruise by and help themselves to the bounty.

Thanks, Everyone!

NO BREAK FROM PRAYER



THE DAUGHTERS OF THE KING (ST. CONSTANCE AND HER COMPANIONS), are taking a summer break from regular meetings, but there is never a break from their main work of prayer. The Prayer Box in back of the church is checked regularly through the week for new names, or any of the Daughters may be called. There will be a luncheon over the summer to meet our new deacon, Hillary Raining, and to promote fellowship. A banner is in the works for their fall project. (Each chapter has a banner). Some of you may like to know that at each service, there is a Daughter covering the congregation gathered in silent prayer. Daughters of The King pray for and serve their parish rector, pray for the spiritual life of the congregation, and pray for the Church and the world. Inquiries may be directed to any Daughter.

- Suzanne Styers Boundy
- Loretta Brobst
- Lois Howell
- Carol Propsner
- Violet McCandless
- Joan Jones
- Hattye MacGee
- Pat Talijan
- Mo. Gwendolyn-Jane Romeril.

FATHER DICK IN SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL

Father Dick Ditterline will be performing in this summer's production of *Cyrano de Bergerac* by the Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival, at DeSales University in Center Valley. There will be 20 performances from July 16 through August 3. Details may be found at www.pashakespeare.org or 610-282-WILL, x1.

Father Dick will play three different character roles. NO, the guy with the nose is not one of them!



Joseph Correll, a member of Trinity since the 1930's. was featured in Phoebe Ministries Annual Report. The article is reproduced here with his permission.

Experiencing the 'Benefit' of Giving

Joe Correll learned the most important lessons of his life in an unlikely place. Men in coats and ties, just off duty from their jobs as supervisors in the steel mills, came every Wednesday night to the Trinity Boys Club in Bethlehem. There they taught the boys how to manage their organization and show respect for others, and the value of showing kindness and support to those in need.



Above: Marjorie and Joseph Correll. "I feel so strongly that the gifts I make today come from both of us," says Joe. "I credit Marjorie with our success."

Joe went on to lead a life that exemplified the values he had seen played out by those early role models at the Boys Club. In short order he married, became a successful businessman and developed strong, enduring friendships. Remembering how important volunteers were to his own growth and development, he volunteered for organizations and for individuals who needed his help.

In 2001, Joe and his wife, Marjorie, who has since passed away, felt they could also begin providing significant financial support to charities. They set about identifying a handful of organizations that really mattered to them. Due to Marjorie's life-long relationship with the United Church of Christ, and to the care afforded one of her relatives, it was Phoebe's good fortune to be one

The Trinity Boys Club in 1938. Joe is seated in the front row, fourth from the left.



of those organizations. Joe and Marjorie set up the Correll Fund to meet quality of life needs of residents at Phoebe Home. "Giving away some of our money isn't going to make a difference in how I live," says Joe, "but it could make a lot of difference to someone else."

Marjorie and Joe together made their gifts out of a sense of the abundance of what they had been given. Joe wishes Marjorie were here with him now to witness the benefit that comes to others from their gifts, and to share "the benefit" he receives from giving.

"The enjoyment of knowing you helped somebody is so important. It is good to have this 'benefit' while you are here to enjoy it."

Joe visited with us recently at Phoebe Home, so he could have the opportunity to meet Heinz Inselmann. Challenged with the long-term effects of Multiple Sclerosis and already wheelchair bound, Heinz came to live at Phoebe two years ago. In May of this year, Deb Lorah, Director of Physical Therapy, tapped the Correll Fund

Heinz Inselmann (right) shows Joe Correll artwork he has created while a resident at Phoebe Home. The electric wheelchair purchased through the Correll Fund allows him to move independently throughout the building to an art studio and other activities he enjoys.



to outfit him with a new electric wheelchair.

As we arrived at Heinz's room, he had just returned from a luncheon with the Housekeeping Department. He lit up as he told us he was a special guest of one of the staff.

"I always have to look for [Heinz] around the building, because he is here, there and everywhere!" said Deb. "He came to us with a power chair that needed repair. This new chair helps his mobility and offers comfortable seating. He is able to be very independent."

Heinz chimed in. "If I didn't have a wheelchair, I might as well just sit in one place all day. It makes it possible for me to meet all the people in the building. It is the most wonderful thing!"

Joe summed up his philosophy this way: "It is my job to be of help." ■

Arthur Isaiah's Daily Office

Living at my new home has been “interesting”. Oliver and I had to learn to live together. After a couple more swats from me, he quickly learned that I am The Cat, and as such, in charge of all animals in the house. We got along OK for the first week or so. And, then...Gaby brought home another puppy! This one is named Winston. He is quite a bit smaller (for the moment) than Oliver. The first time I saw him I hissed and let it be known that this was “MY KINGDOM” (then I ran away and hid for a day...upsetting Gaby terribly because she couldn’t find me – hee, hee). Anyway, now there are two dogs that I need to deal with. Their personal hygiene leaves a lot to be desired, and Gaby spends most of her time cleaning up after them. She has asked me to help her teach them what to do, but I figure it’s her problem, not mine. Fortunately, Gaby understands that I am the one in charge (of animals, anyway), and while the dogs are caged at night and during the day when she’s not home, I have the run of the house, and am even allowed to sleep in her bed at night. At least the dogs are entertaining, and if they leave me alone, I guess I’ll put up with them.

The office routine has settled in for the summer. I am still hiding pens and pencils, and helping Gaby with all the office machinery. But now they are teaching me to walk on a leash, and someone usually takes me out for a short walk at some point during the day. I don’t mind the leash, and I do enjoy walking around the hallways when they let me, but I don’t particularly like all the noise and strange things outside. Gaby usually gives up and carries me out to our van when it is time to go home. (I ALWAYS get my own way!)

During the really HOT days (I know why they call them “Dog Days”), I stay at home in the air-conditioned house. Even though the office is Air Conditioned, the ride back and forth in the hot van can be grueling. I let Gaby know that I REALLY DON’T enjoy that, and she does not insist that I get into that hot car.

The Arthur Gallery is expanding on the hall bulletin board. I’ve also posted all entries so far on the next page. I’m having a really hard time deciding which one I like best. Please let me know what you think, by voting as follows: An envelope is under each picture on the bulletin board. Put a donation in the envelope you like best, and in September we’ll total the contributions and announce the winner. All donations will be given to the Animal Food Bank. I enjoy hearing admiring comments about my fabulous Self. This month’s offerings are by Suzanne Boundy and Oscar Keller. I think I’ll give them some souvenir red hairs in thanks next time I see them.

From Arthur’s Mailbox:

Dear Arthur,

Because of your family lineage, I know you would be interested on why the Church Mouse moved to Trinity. I am telling you this "tail of the mouse" and I will leave it to your feline discretion how much you want to share with those humans at the church.



Many, many years ago I was reading a story to my grandson (who is now 27) about a mouse that lived in a church and had many adventures. I decided I would look for one who wanted to live in an old church in a historic town named after a very important city in the Bible. It was difficult to find one and, when I did, it was even harder to take a picture of him. You know how quickly they can move !!

I decided to ask for help and I called my daughter who lives far away in a place called California. Arthur, she is such a clever artist that I knew if I described the mouse I found, that she could draw a picture of him. She did just that and sent me a special copy so that I could print it out on a postcard. I printed out several hundred and THEN, I discovered that Mr. Mouse needed help in sending them to special people at Trinity. I found a wonderful person who was very enthusiastic about handling the "Mouse Mail". The mouse liked *his/her* name, (*ed.note: name deleted*), and *he/she* took care of it for a long, long time. Since I moved to sunny Florida, where the mice lie around in lounge chairs and snow birds just drop food around for them, I have lost track of who the Mouse Mailman is now.

If you ever spot the Church Mouse, I hope you will not harm him but play gently with him. He is getting a little old now and it's important to be gentle with older folks. Remember that when older people come into your office. I know because I am very old. Maybe you can find out for me who the mailman is now. I would like to meet you sometime and I think it's really cool that you get to commute with Gaby. She loves animals so you are very lucky to have her and she is lucky to have you.

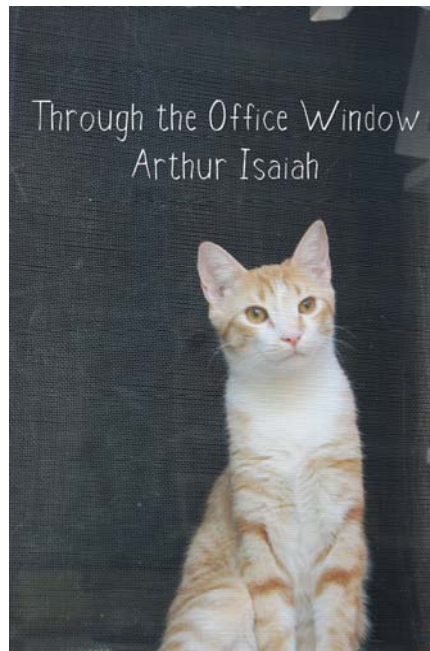
Have a purrrfect day---Joan Sheldrake

Arthur Photo Contest Entries

Submitted by Mary Ann Swiatek and Alex:



Submitted by Suzanne Boundy:



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them. But he uses the singular, “**My Lord**” in his invitation to eat, rather than My Lords. Throughout the next several verses, it is clear that there are **three** people. Then, suddenly, we have **The Lord** singular speaking again to Abraham.

The early Church interpreted this alternation between the three men and the one Lord as an example of the Trinity, three persons in one God. Rublev attempted to portray this in his icon. In the background, you see the tree, and Abraham’s home. In the foreground sit the three visitors on stools. Each figure has some kind of blue garment on, to hint that they are all divine.

There are many other symbolic elements, which I’ll be glad to talk with you about later, but a couple of things are particularly important for our purposes today. The figures on the right-hand and in the center lean toward the third figure, while the third figure leans back toward them. It’s obvious that these are not three individual strangers who happened casually upon each other as they were travelling along. It is clear that they are very closely connected. To emphasize this, as an indicator that they are one unit, the artist has given each of them the same face. They wear different clothing, and hold their staffs in different ways, but as they sit eating and drinking, we get the clear impression that they comprise a family, with a strong family resemblance—in other words a tiny household.

Take a look at the collect: “Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love.” Household seems to be an odd word to apply to Trinity. Most of us are not related. We don’t live together physically. What we share is limited. Fr. Herbert O’Driscoll suggests that we can begin to understand the impact of thinking about the church as a household, by doing the opposite: thinking about it as an organization. How is the prayer different, if we say, “Keep, O Lord, your corporation the Church...” Or “Keep, O Lord, your institution the Church...” Kind of startling, isn’t it?

What would that icon have looked like if the three people were business executives instead of part of a household? Or if there were three department managers?

It is perfectly true, that in some ways, the church is an organization: we have a structure, bylaws, finances, chains of command. But do we exist primarily to further the organizational structure? Or is there something more?

It is all too easy to lower our sights and become merely an institution, with each of us as institutional functionaries, who fulfill our small role, and then go on our way. If that happens, the church becomes irrelevant, because there are far more efficient organizations in the world. Christ intends for the church to be a living, breathing organism. If we are not, we will dry up. And the life and fire of the Spirit will depart from us.

I think that whoever first designed the phrase: “A community of God’s people,” got it exactly right. Because we are the church, we want to model ourselves after God, and after the Holy Trinity, which is in effect a community made up of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit—all three loving, interacting and creating with one another. One might even say that the Trinity is the primordial community.

What does it mean to be a community? Or as the Collect puts it, a household? To be a community, we must be concerned for each other’s well-being. As we saw in the icon, each of the figures leans towards the others, as though instinctively inquiring after each other. And that respectful and loving concern requires that we take action, not just have pleasant thoughts.

Being in a community can be costly—it’s not free. It takes time, effort and resources to maintain a community. Think of what it cost Abraham? The effort to scurry around in the hottest part of the day, to give up some of his favorite food, and to spend some of his precious resources—a calf—for the sake of these three. It cost God the Father the loss of the Son, and cost Jesus his life. The same is true of our Trinity community. It is not free: a number of people worked to create this service this morning, so we could pray together. A number of people paid their pledges so we could keep the building in good shape and have air conditioning. A number of people in the Soup Kitchen help us every day to meet the challenge to minister justice with compassion.

“All are welcome,” we say. And I hope we mean that. But that is just the beginning. We must take the welcome and some of the gifts that we have received, and pass them on to others. If this community of Trinity has helped us to grow in faith, we give back to the community by helping others grow in faith. If we have received support for our needs, then we help to maintain the strength of the community—and our place in it, by supporting others.

In the next few months, we are going to be talking about what it means to be community: here in Trinity and in the larger church. Our homework over the summer is for each one of us to ask ourselves **what this Trinity community means** to us? And **what we are called to do** to support and strengthen this community of God’s people? And, yes, there will be a pop-quiz. AMEN.

Kitchen gets a face lift!!

The Soup Kitchen will be closed for two weeks for refurbishing, from July 7th through the 20th, reopening for the Soup Kitchen on July 21st.

- The cupboards, drawers and walls will be scrubbed, repaired and painted (with three coats of epoxy paint!)
- The drawer pulls, and cupboard handles will be replaced with easy open pull bars. New hinges and drawer glides will also be installed.
- The wall between the dishwasher and back door will be covered with a Formica type material for protection and to make it easy to keep clean.



While the kitchen is closed Soup Kitchen guests may go to the Soup Kitchen at New Bethany on the South Side. Those who will not be able to go to New Bethany's soup kitchen Monday through Friday will receive a supply of canned goods to hold them over until we are back in operation. The Salvation Army and Christ UCC will remain open for their usual Saturday (UCC) and Sunday (Salvation Army) meals.

Our usual donations of baked goods, etc. will be delivered to New Bethany until we reopen.

The funding for this project will be from some monies that are left from the sale of the housing ministry apartment building.



“Welcome to Our Family” is being brought to the children of Trinity and the whole Trinity family this summer. **Welcome to our Family** is a puppet theater production by Mock Turtle Marionette Theater designed to help children identify family strengths and protective adults in their lives. The children make puppets, write a script and draw portraits of important and supportive family members and other adults in their lives. The five-week program culminates in a performance by the children for the whole congregation on July 27th. The children have been preparing on June 22nd and 29th and will continue on July 13th and 20th. Please mark your calendars for July 27th, as you may be a part of the show!

Trinity GROWS Green

The Stewardship Committee will have reusable canvas shopping bags available for purchase in early August.

The bags are made Atlanta Georgia.

Trinity Grows Green will be printed on one side of the bag.

Purchase price \$5.00



Wanted

One of our members is looking for a used small cassette player and a metronome. If you have either of these items that you would like to donate, please contact the office.

Thank you!

TRINITY WELCOMES THE REV. DEACON HILLARY RAINING, OUR NEW CURATE!

Deacon Hillary attended Trinity when she was a student at Moravian College, and we have sponsored her for ordination. She graduated from Yale Divinity School/Berkeley in May, with a Masters of Divinity. She is married to Kenneth Raining, and has a baby daughter, Delia. Deacon Hillary will be ordained priest on the Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary, August 15, at 7:00 in the Cathedral. Mother Laura will preach. We are all encouraged to attend to provide joyful and prayerful support. Deacon Dolores Evans, from North Parish, will also be ordained.

Deacon Hillary begins her assignment to Trinity on July 6. Please join her and her family at a special coffee hour following the 9:30 service..

*Good Things
are Happening
at Trinity!*

Ask the Rector...

Sometimes, several people will ask me the same questions. So I thought it might be worthwhile to answer them in a monthly column, with the assumption that people might be interested, but don't get a chance to ask. If you have questions you would like answered, please send me a note.

I will answer the question about Arthur and heaven in the next newsletter.

This month's question: You called Hillary our curate. That sounds like a doctor. What does it mean?

Curate is one of those wonderful Anglican words, like rector, narthex, undercroft. It describes a priest who assists the rector or priest-in-charge. Assistant priest is a more modern, but less descriptive, title. Curate is a title often given to a newly ordained priest, who is spending the first couple of years following ordination getting on-the-job training in how to be a really great priest. Which is exactly what Deacon Hillary expects of her time at Trinity. We will be introducing her to all the different aspects of life in a busy urban parish, from running the Soup Kitchen and other social ministries, to Stewardship, to Religious Education, to church administration. In the two or three years that she is with us, she will be working with each member of the staff, with each committee, and with many of you in the pews, harvesting the riches of the wonderful expertise available at Trinity. And, of course, she will be taking her place in the regular worship rotation, preaching and celebrating, and doing pastoral care.

I am particularly fond of the title curate, because it has a lovely spiritual meaning. In the old days, we used to talk about "the cure of souls," meaning not so much cure as in curing an illness, but cure as in care and tending of souls. The curate is an active partner in the care and tending of the parish's souls.

Deacon Hillary has chosen to use the title Curate, rather than Assistant Priest, and I, for one, am delighted!?

Next month's question (with thanks for Arthur's patience):

Will Arthur get into heaven?

(Mother Laura is not entirely sure. Arthur clawed the Bishop when he went into Gaby's office. Perhaps he thought he was protecting her from someone unfamiliar. Tsk--spending too much time with the dogs. Gaby claims that he is forgiven even for episcopal misdeeds and crimes.)



The Quiet Contemplative Life at Trinity

Mondays-Fridays 9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer, Chapel
4:30 p.m. Evening Prayer, Chapel

Mondays 6:00 p.m. Going Deeper, Chapel
(1st and 3rd Mondays)

Wednesdays 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist & Healing

Thursdays 5:30 p.m. Prayer Bead Group
(3rd Thursday,
at Gaby Whittier's)

Saturdays 10:00 a.m. Tai Chi, Chapel
5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

(Look for articles with  on them.)



Joleita Wagner Yurchak

April 26, 1940 – May 25, 2008

In Loving Memory, Honor and Glory

*I sit and dream beside your bed
A flood of yesterdays in my head
Though all that needs has since been said
A thousand tears I yet will shed*

*I hold your hand and plead your life
Though freed you are from pain and strife
Lost to us now "Gram," Mom and wife
Of bitter rage I now am rife*

*I call your name to no avail
Your final quest has now set sail
Without you here my life will pale
All far too quick we end your tale*

*I cry in pain – the hugs are gone
Without my Mom, I must go on
I sing aloud this sorrowful song
To me this end is all too wrong*

*Of memories and dreams remain your token
To never again your voice hear spoken
My grief is timeless, my heart is broken
Unto the Lord you now are woken*

*And now I lay you down to sleep
My heart and soul shall hold you deep
Of all that's lost shall I now weep
My love for you shall I e'er keep*

*Deep loss and longing are my druthers
To fill this loss there is no other
Long have I grieved for Kraig my Brother
Joined now is he by beloved Mother*

*We bid you now all peace and rest
Please know how much our lives you've blessed
"Gram," Mom and wife, you were the best
E'er mourned shall be your fallen crest*

*In peaceful slumber now you lie
And wonder I when tears will dry
E'er I search for the reason why
But all I can do is say "Good Bye"*

*All peace and happiness, Mom.
Your Loving Son,
Kirk*

A Homily for St. Benedict of Nursia Feast Day celebrated July 11

On July 11, we celebrate the feast day of St. Benedict. In some ways, it would be possible to argue that after the Apostles, Benedict has had more impact on the development of the Western Church than any other saint. It was he who drafted a Rule for monastics in the sixth century, which was wildly successful, and is still much in use today. It was the Benedictine monks and nuns who preserved learning, copied books, acted as doctors, kept alive the Christian faith, during the Dark Ages of barbarism in Europe. Benedictines were scholars, inventors, scientists, writers, artists, and, of course, saints. Many of the religious orders which we now have derive originally from the Benedictine order, including the Cistercians or Trappists--the order to which Thomas Merton belonged. And it all started with Benedict...

St. Benedict and his twin sister, St. Scholastica, were born in Nursia, Italy, somewhere around 480. Benedict was sent to Rome to be educated, but he became disgusted with the wild life there. So, he decided to do what lots of us would like to do--leave it all behind and go be a hermit in a cave. He expected to live the kind of

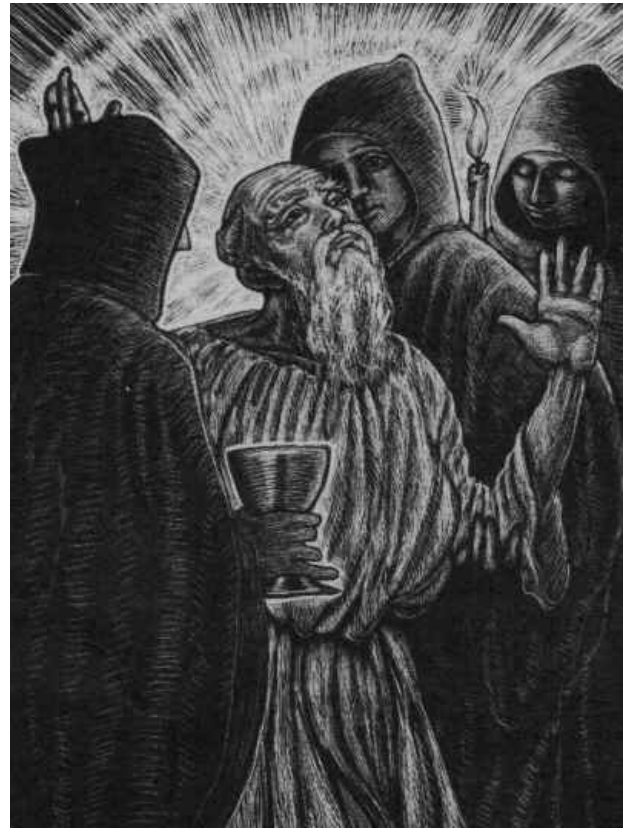
life the Desert Fathers and Mothers had lived--in solitary penitence. However, he had much the same experience the Ammas and Abbas did in that gradually, disciples were drawn to his wisdom and holiness and he was forced to give up his solitary way of life. He agreed to become the abbot of a nearby monastery.

However, the monks of that monastery didn't like the reforms Benedict made--bringing order and discipline back to the lives of the monks, so they attempted to assassinate him. There's a great story about this in the Dialogues of Gregory the Great--written about 50 years after Benedict died (this work is the source of most of what we know about Benedict). Supposedly, the wicked monks offered him a poisoned goblet of wine. Tradition holds that when St. Benedict made the Sign of the Cross over the cup prior to raising it to his lips it miraculously shattered. We don't hear about what happened to the monks. But it had the desired effect, because Benedict left to return to the solitude which he preferred anyway.

But once again, disciples followed him. So he and his followers moved south to Monte Cassino around 530, where there has been a Benedictine monastery ever since. While at Monte Cassino, Benedict wrote his Rule which thousands of Benedictines around the world still read every day. He died about 547--the same year as his twin sister Scholastica, and they were buried in the same tomb.

The Rule of St. Benedict is a very unusual book. Up until then, most monasticism had been based on penitence, severe ascetic practices and punishing discipline, designed to subdue the body. Benedict's Rule is amazingly balanced: it calls for about four hours to be spent in liturgical prayer, a little over five hours in spiritual reading and study, about six hours of work, one hour for eating, and about eight hours of sleep. No one was to be deprived of food or clothing or sleep. The idea was to provide for an integrated life and, indeed, monastics were counseled to avoid excessive penance and mortification of the flesh.

The Rule was also unique in that it valued work. Every monk or nun was required to work. One typical Benedictine mottoes is: Ora et labora. Prayer was seen as work and work was seen as prayer. In a time when



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 **July 2008**
The Quiet Contemplative Life

NOTE: This calendar does not include various occasional outside groups that use our facilities. Please check availability with the office before scheduling a meeting.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 7:30 am— A Spiritual Journey in Recovery— <i>Fellowship Hall</i>	3	4 Independence Day Office Closed	5
6	7 Soup Kitchen Closed for Renovations 6:00 pm— <i>Going Deeper: A Contemplative Community—Chapel</i>	8	9	10	11	12
13 9:30 am— Children's Program— "Welcome to Our Family"	14 Soup Kitchen Closed for Renovations	15	16 7:30 am— A Spiritual Journey in Recovery— <i>Fellowship Hall</i>	17 5:30 pm— Prayer Beaders Gathering— <i>Whittier home</i>	18	19
20 9:30 am— Children's Program—"Welcome to Our Family"	21 6:00 pm— <i>Going Deeper: A Contemplative Community—Chapel</i>	22 2:00 pm— Memorial Service (Karen Duh)/Reception— <i>Church/Parish Hall</i>	23	24	25	26
27 9:30 am— Children's Program—"Welcome to Our Family"	28	29	30	31	1	2

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3	4 6:00 pm— <i>Going Deeper: A Contemplative Community—Chapel</i>	5	6 7:30 am— A Spiritual Journey in Recovery— <i>Fellowship Hall</i>	7	8	9
10	11 7:00 pm— <i>Holy Eucharist—Chapel</i> 7:30 pm— <i>Vestry Meeting—Library</i>	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 6:00 pm— <i>Going Deeper: A Contemplative Community—Chapel</i>	19	20 7:30 am— A Spiritual Journey in Recovery— <i>Fellowship Hall</i> Noon —September Newsletter Deadline	21 5:30 pm— Prayer Beaders Gathering— <i>Whittier home</i>	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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the upper classes sought to have servants to do the work for them, the dignity and sacredness of work was a novel concept.

Benedict wanted the monasteries that he founded to be "a school for God's service, in which we hope nothing harsh or oppressive will be directed." Part of the strength of this School, is the emphasis on love. Over and over again, Benedict speaks of loving our brothers and sisters, and thus we will be able to know Christ's love. He believed that in the community of believers, we can achieve our highest development. His Rule is also very practical, and makes suggestions for what to do with troublemakers, what to do when people can't get along, what to do if someone is lazy. One of the things I notice when I read the Rule of St. Benedict is his amazing insight and grasp of human nature—long before our modern study of psychology. This is not an idealistic, pie-in-the-sky document. Benedict is realistic about the challenges of life together, and provides realistic solutions.

In addition to love, the other very important theme is hospitality. Each visitor is to be greeted as though they were Christ himself. And each visitor was entitled to at least three days' hospitality in the monastery. This is part of the reason Benedictine monasteries are famous for their guest houses. And an important gift they offer the world is to run retreat houses and retreat programs. Benedictines have also had a tradition of providing health-care, running hospices and hospitals. Particularly during the Middle Ages this was critical, because if the religious orders hadn't done this, they would not have existed.

Benedictine spirituality, which focuses especially on hearing the voice of God in the Scripture, has been central to the church—and particularly to OUR church. Many cathedrals in Britain were Benedictine monasteries in the Middle Ages, and many ecclesiastical institutions of higher education were operated and staffed by Benedictines. The importance of Holy Scripture is reflected in its central place in the daily office (Morning, Noonday, Evening Prayer, and Compline) and in the Eucharistic liturgy. Benedictine community structure expects that the voice of God will also be heard through respectful listening to our brothers and sisters, with guidance by a spiritual father or mother. That is reflected in our church's structure.

I pray that the wisdom of Benedict which has come to be an integral part of our Church will enlighten us, too: that we will remember that work and prayer are both holy; that the discipline that counts is the discipline that comes from within; and that hospitality to our brothers and sisters--whether they are familiar to us or not--is hospitality to our Lord Jesus himself.

—Mo. Laura



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Look for HealthStar at the following dates and times

Monday, June 30, 2008 11am-2pm	Monday, October 20, 2008 11am-2pm
Monday, August 25, 2008 11am-2pm	

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For more information call 610-954-2100.

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WORSHIP SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS, July 20 – September 7, 2008

Compiled by Donna Lawrence

Date	Time	Altar Guild	Usher	Crucifier	Torch Bearer	Reader	Intercessor	Chalice	Nursery	Altar Flowers
7/20 2008	8:00 AM	Nancy Muzyka	Elizabeth Gee	--	--	Jane Frey	Francis Frey	Violet McCandless Virginia McQueen	--	--
	9:30 AM	Loretta Brobst	Gene Propsner Vince Garcia	Lindsay Heffner	--	Sue Ditterline Joyce Meinke	Carol Propsner	Lisa Heffner Marie Lisby	Heather Lawrence Donna Lawrence	Margie Segaline
2008	8:00 AM	Barb Subber	Ann Szmania	--	--	Joe Fox	Bill Winterburn	Lorraine Johnson Pat Sisson	--	--
	9:30 AM	Dee Palmeri	Bill Vitalos Tom Bradley	Joanna Majczan	--	Sheri Majczan Mary Ann Swiatek	Jack Vickrey	Sheri Majczan Mary Ann Swiatek	Heather Lawrence Vanessa Segaline	Elynn Siftar
8/3 2008	8:00 AM	Elizabeth Gee	Ken Tarby	--	--	Bob Mickus	Ann Mickus	Gloria Tarby Ann Szmania	--	--
	9:30 AM	Carol Vickrey	Donna Lawrence Sue Zumars	Bobby Lawrence	--	Jeanne Deets Bob Deets	Bob Lukens	Jeanne Deets Bob Deets	Heather Lawrence Elynn Siftar	Linda Henry
8/10 2008	8:00 AM	Barb Subber	Bill Harding	--	--	Francis Frey	Jane Frey	Dawn Winterburn Bill Winterburn	--	--
	9:30 AM	Carol Vickrey	Dee Palmeri Marcie Lightwood	Danny Palmeri	--	Marcie Lightwood Michael Palmeri	Charles O'Connell	Michelle Fodor Joan Jones	Heather Lawrence Vanessa Segaline	Ann Mickus
8/17 2008	8:00 AM	Sandy Utley	Steve Filko	--	--	Clarrann Filko	Joe Fox	Elizabeth Gee Clarrann Filko	--	--
	9:30 AM	Carol Vickrey	Lynn Norman Jack Norman	Heather Lawrence	--	Tracey McArdle Barb Subber	Andrew McIntosh	Hatye Magee Bob Lawrence	Donna Lawrence Elynn Siftar	Loretta Brobst
8/24 2008	8:00 AM	Nancy Muzyka	Gloria Tarby	--	--	Ann Mickus	Bob Mickus	Marie Guerra Virginia McQueen	--	--
	9:30 AM	Carol Vickrey	Linda Henry Kathleen Knaack	Lindsay Heffner	--	Linda Henry Kathleen Knaack	Mary Ann Swiatek	Lisa Heffner Mary Ann Swiatek	Heather Lawrence Vanessa Segaline	Lois Howell
8/31 2008	8:00 AM	Elizabeth Gee	Francis Frey	--	--	Bill Winterburn	Joe Fox	Dawn Winterburn Violet McCandless	--	--
	9:30 AM	Carol Vickrey	Steve Filko Gene Propsner	Clarrann Filko	--	Jeanne Deets Bob Deets	Sue Ditterline	Jeanne Deets Bob Deets	Heather Lawrence Donna Lawrence	Ann Tracy
9/7 2008	8:00 AM	Gloria Tarby	Elizabeth Gee	--	--	Jane Frey	Francis Frey	Lorraine Johnson Pat Sisson	--	--
	10:30 AM	Doris Eshbach	Suzanne Boudry Vince Garcia	Joanna Majczan	--	Joyce Meinke Anna Siftar	Sheri Majczan	Sheri Majczan Michelle Fodor Joan Jones	Heather Lawrence Vanessa Segaline	Phyllis Douvanis

Please keep this monthly schedule and make it your responsibility to inform the church of any changes prior to Wednesday morning.
 (Contact: **Gaby @ 867-4741 or Gaby@trinitybeth.org**)

Sundays		Tuesdays	
8:00 am	Holy Eucharist	6:00 pm	Yoga (Chapel)
9:15 am	Child Care	7:00 pm	AA Meeting (Parish Hall)
9:00 am	Choir Practice		
9:30 am	Holy Eucharist	9:30 am	Holy Eucharist w/Healing
10:30 am	Coffee Hour		
Weekdays (Mon through Fri)		Fridays	
9:00 am	Morning Prayer	9:30 am	Parent-Child Playgroup (Call Elynn Siftar for current location)
Noon	Soup Kitchen		
4:30 pm	Evening Prayer		
5:30 pm	AA (Fellowship Hall)		
Mondays		Saturdays	
10:00 am	Quilters (Fellowship Hall)	10:00 am	Tai Chi (Chapel)
		10:30 am	AA (Parish Hall)
		5:00 pm	Holy Eucharist and Sermon



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You are very welcome to attend worship services, member or not. If you would like to become part of the parish, it is easy. Just give your name, address, phone number (and email address, if you have one) to a priest or usher, or leave it in the parish office. Part of being an Episcopalian is giving of your time, talent and treasure. We hope you will attend our special programs and join our other activities. There are so many opportunities to become a working member – by helping with worship services, or serving on a committee or outreach group.

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Wednesday, August 20, 2008

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