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## Easter Day

Sermon by The Rev. Laura Thomas Howell, Obl.S.B., Rector  
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**Alleluia! Christ is Risen!**  
**The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Acts 10:34-43  
 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24  
 1 Corinthians 15:1-11  
 John 20:1-18

For those of you who are not familiar with our practices during the Easter season, there is an ancient tradition that Christ's resurrection was the supreme practical joke played by God on the devil. And some of the ancient churches began their Easter sermons likewise with a joke. Who am I to spurn holy tradition?

So, kids, you have to help the adults here. At the 8:30 service they weren't quite sure what to do.

- Knock knock—who's there. Ether. Ether who? Ether Bunny.
- Knock knock.... Justin. Justin other Ether Bunny.
- Knock knock.... Beryl. Beryl of ether bunnies.
- Knock knock.... Dewey. Dewey have to listen to more ether bunny jokes?
- Knock knock.... Don. Don worry—ether bunnies will come back next year.


These jokes are dedicated to one of our kids. She is spending a lot of time in hospitals, and loves knock knock jokes and the Easter Bunny.

In the Middle Ages, there were scientists and philosophers who were in denial of the world as everyone else saw it. They were called alchemists. Scholars practicing this forerunner of chemistry believed that if they could discover the secret combination of ingredients and subject them to the right secret processes, they could achieve immortality. Another goal was to transmute ordinary matter like lead into valuable substances like gold. Some alchemists spent their lives and fortunes in its pursuit, and although there were always reports of successful alchemical operations, the true gold that was achieved was scientific knowledge, not the hard, shiny mineral.

Most of us are far too sensible to believe the claims of alchemy. How many of us, I wonder, would invest in a laboratory designed to turn dirt into silver, or lead into gold? Even if the promise was of a fortune and they had slick brochures and fancy research studies, surely, we're too savvy to be duped into putting down our hard-earned money. But here we are at Easter, being told that a dead person was resurrected. And, even more, that because of the resurrection, our very human nature has been changed? Christ rises, and we no longer die permanently? What are we to make of this? Particularly because we all know people who have died, and none of us here on earth has yet experienced our own resurrection. Where's the reason and logic in this statement?

I too am in deep and total denial today. If you say the word "economy" on Easter Day, I will look at you a little blankly and it will take me a minute to get your drift—and that's not just because I'm allergic to Easter lilies and taking antihistamines. If you say "Iraq", I'll likely shake my head and walk away. If you try to

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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

- 2LT Andrew Dalton
- LTC Gregory Doyle
- 1LT Elizabeth Johnson
- 1LT Cullen McPeak
- COL Edward P. Naesens
- 1LT Tom Ray
- The Pennsylvania National Guard Striker Force

### For those in need

- Joan Ash
- Marge Bailie
- Al Barr
- Bud Barr
- Cathy Barrett
- Lynn Barrett
- Roy Beaton
- Cassie Beck
- Cathy Beck
- Jane Breininger
- Loretta Brobst
- Bryan Brozoski family
- Jim Caskey
- Brie Chambers

- Matthew Cline
- Dorothy Comegys
- Caitlin Dickey
- June Ding
- Dana Dowling
- Timothy Duranko
- Doris Eshbach
- Claudia Evans
- Ruth Fleming
- Deborah Gillman
- Virginia Gress
- Bertha Grube
- Mark Guerra
- Sally Hampson
- Carmella Hauze
- Howard Landstrom
- Scott Latshaw
- Fr. Joe Leo
- Catherine Lukens
- Robert Lukens
- Bishop Paul Marshall
- Blaize McArdle
- Deacon Elizabeth Miller
- Marge Murano
- Chuck O'Connell
- Steward Parlin
- Efrain Pastor
- Sherri Pavlo
- William Reiss
- Joe Roche
- Liz Roche
- Audry Romeril
- Mo. Gwendolyn-Jane Romeril
- Jack Romeril
- Sean Romeril
- Azlyn Sebold
- Joan Sheldrake
- James Soltist
- Kim Stahler
- Rick Sumner
- Victoria Sweet
- Dennis Taylor
- Lindsey Tax
- Peter Tax
- Tracey & Tiffany Weaver
- Dennis Wilson
- Sue Wolfe
- Dana
- Joyce
- Mary
- Nathaniel
- Sarah

## Celebration of Saints During May

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.

- 1 Saint Philip and Saint James, Apostles
- 2 Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, 373
- 4 Monnica, Mother of Augustine of Hippo, 387
- 8 Dame Julian of Norwich, c.1417
- 9 Gregory of Nazianzus, Bishop of Constantinope, 389
- 19 Dunstan, Archbishop of Canterbury, 988
- 20 Alcuin, Deacon, and Abbot of Tours, 804
- 25 Bede, the Venerable, Priest, and Monk of Jarrow, 735
- 26 Augustine, First Archbishop of Canterbury, 605

## 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.

### May 3 (4th Sunday of Easter)

- Acts 4:5-12
- Psalms 23:1-6
- 1 John 3:16-24
- John 10:11-18

### May 10 (5th Sunday of Easter)

- Acts 8:26-40
- Psalms 22:25-31
- 1 John 4:7-21
- John 15:1-8

### May 17 (6th Sunday of Easter)

- Acts 10:44-48
- Psalms 98:1-9
- 1 John 5:1-6
- John 15:9-17

### May 24 (7th Sunday of Easter)

- Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
- Psalms 1:1-6
- 1 John 5:9-13
- John 17:6-19

### May 31 (Pentecost)

- Psalms 104:1-35
- Isaiah 11:1-9
- 1 Corinthians 2:1-13
- John 14:21-29

## MAY



### Birthdays

- 1 Averi Post
- 2 Walter Buckley
- 3 Gianna Givey
- 5 Arlene Scott
- 6 Julia Lega
- 8 Joanne Gulya
- 9 Jayden Rumelhart
- 10 Jennifer Jones
- 12 Dawn Warner
- 13 Alison O'Connell
- 15 Barbara Gerra
- Muriel Parlin

- 16 Mallory O'Connell
- 17 Mary Schatkowski
- 18 Pam Giordano
- 20 Jill Long
- 21 Barbara Subber
- Shawna Jones
- 24 Anna Baukal
- 25 Virginia McQueen
- Caitlin Fodor
- 28 Daniel Genthner
- 29 Charmaine Roman
- 31 Ronald Utley
- Bob Lawrence, Jr.
- Karen Waters

### Anniversaries

- 1 Nancy & John Hofmann
- 7 Sarah & Thomas Molinaro
- 12 Susan & Brian Post
- 24 Beth Anne & Carlos Arancibia
- Shelly & Stephen Smith
- 26 Elizabeth & Terry Miller
- 29 Karen & William Vitalos
- 30 Mary Ellen & Vincent O'Connell
- 31 Barbara & Ralph Gerra

## StarWatch

### Galileoscope: Bargain of the Century

The year 2009 marks the International Year of Astronomy in celebration of the 400th anniversary of Galileo's first telescopic observations of the heavens made during the late summer and fall of 1609. Galileo Galilei, as many people incorrectly believe, did not invent the telescope. The Dutch optician, Hans Lippershey, is generally given credit for that. While others claimed proprietary rights, Lippershey's patent application had to supply a working instrument. Galileo was also not the first person to turn a telescope towards the heavens, but he was the first to publish his results in a small book entitled *Sidereus Nuncius* (*Starry Messenger*). Here he described his observations of our cratered moon, sunspots and the rotation of the sun, the phases of Venus, and the four large moons of Jupiter. In addition, Galileo noticed an oddity associated with Saturn, which one day would be discovered to be its ring system and the proliferation of stars in the hazy ribbon of light that straddles the nighttime sky that today we call our Milky Way Galaxy. In recognition of Galileo's achievements, the International Astronomical Union, the world congress of astronomers and chief sponsor of IYA 2009, has developed a quality telescope for mass market distribution which is being made available to the public in late April. The refractor has a two-inch diameter lens. A second lens corrects for color, a problem in most inexpensive refractors, and it is designed for interchangeable, inch-and-a-quarter diameter eyepieces, a standard in the industry. The price for the 30 piece kit which takes five minutes to assemble, according to IYA officials, is \$19.20 including shipping. Trinity members who are interested in purchasing a Galileoscope can drop their checks off with Gaby made payable to the ASD Planetarium Fund. The deadline is Sunday, June 7. A bulk order will be placed the following week. We can assemble the telescopes at a group gathering sometime during the summer or early fall and arrange to use them as a group at some dark but accessible locale during the fall. More information about the Galileoscope can be garnered at <https://www.galileoscope.org/gs/>. Even with this small telescope, you'll learn to understand as I have known for years that indeed "the heavens declare the glory of God."

—Gary A. Becker, [www.astronomy.org](http://www.astronomy.org)

**Galileoscope: \$19.20 includes shipping**



*Galileoscope model; courtesy S. M. Pompea & R. T. Fienberg.*

## Animals' Corner

by Linda Henry

In this Easter season, we give thanks for the earliest Christians' ability to spread the Good News: with no internet, newspapers, cell phones or social networks, the good news of the resurrection still managed to travel fast.

Good news can travel a little faster today, and the Animal Food Bank made news through both the newspapers and the internet last month.

The Morning Call published an editorial on its editorial page on March 31, 2009, "When needy families include pets too", acknowledging the efforts of the Animal Food Bank and its home at Trinity. The editorial praised the "admirable effort of 'the Animal Food Bank of the Lehigh Valley, based at Trinity Episcopal Church in Bethlehem in helping low income families care for their animal companions.'" The Morning Call noted that, "by keeping pets and owners together when hard times arrive, the Animal Food Bank keeps families together." See the full editorial at <http://www.mcall.com/news/opinion/ourview/all-a.6837023mar31,0,2560576.story>

And the good news isn't just local. Learning over the internet of the editorial commending the Animal Food Bank's efforts, a food pantry sponsored by an Episcopal Church in Louisville, Kentucky has expanded its services to provide food for animal companions. The Church of the Advent reports that it has partnered with a local Louisville pet food supplier to distribute food for animal companions as well. Good news indeed travels fast.

Sometimes good news means growth. The vestry at Trinity and the Animal Food Bank have decided that with the ever-expanding community it serves and the services it provides, the AFB should set up its own non-profit corporate status. The Animal Food Bank's new business address is Post Box B, Hellertown, PA, 18055-B. Many of the AFB's activities will still take place right here at Trinity, guided by parishioner and President Margie Segaline.

Elsewhere in the "Wish List" section of this newsletter, the opportunities for sharing time, talent and treasure are listed. Please show your support for the Animal Food Bank's community outreach by visiting the Animal Food Bank's booth at Mayfair and the drop off booth at the June 6 Easton Pet Parade. Also, mark your calendars for the July 18<sup>th</sup>- potluck pool party.



## Consumers...or Shareholders?

"I've been thinking."

Whenever I spoke those three words to my wife, Harriet, her immediate reaction was one of alarm. "What kind of a wild idea are you off on now?" she'd respond. Well, let me tell you. But don't say you weren't warned.

I've been thinking lately about two kinds of Christian church members, those who take the role of consumers and those who assume the role of shareholders. I'm describing now not just Episcopalians but also other Christians I know, representing many different ways of being "the church".

There are those who assume the role of customers of the Christian enterprise. They attend church with the expectation that they will receive what they want and in return pay their church pledges. It seems natural to them that that is enough.

There are others who assume the role of shareholders, responsible co-owners of a corporation. Isn't it interesting that *Webster's New World Dictionary* defines "corporation" first of all by its Latin root, *corporatio*, as "assumption of a body, incarnation" before it goes on to cite its obvious business and economic implications?

That seems to me profoundly theological. For, in fact, the whole of the New Testament makes it clear that we, as Christians, are the incarnate body, the *corporatio* of Christ in the world.

I went on to imagine us also as shareholders, not in a publicly owned corporation but in a family-owned one. We are sons and daughters, sisters and brothers, who are all inheritors of a share in the eternal enterprise of the Holy One who is the founding Mother/Father of the *Corporatio*. As in some family corporations that I've known, a few family members with talents for the work are also employees and receive a salary for that special function. But every family member has an equal share in the business and just as big a stake in its long term interests. We are all expected to think and work, to worship and to give, so we can better serve a hurting world.

I've noticed that family corporations usually fail when its members want it only for what they get out of it.

How are we doing at Trinity?

—*Marius Bressoud*

**The Curate's Corner****The Great Fifty Festival**

*O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of the bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

—Collect for Wednesday in Easter Week (BCP 223)

Ever since Easter Sunday, I have heard over and over again how moved people were by the great Easter celebration here at Trinity. The great swell of music, the fragrant lilies, and the moving Eucharist all served to shake us up and help us shout out “Alleluia! Christ has Risen!” Truly, Easter Sunday was a climatic moment.

Yet, as wonderful as Easter Sunday may have been, we may now be left wondering “Now what?”. Where do we go after that? Are things just back to normal? Does the Easter Party stop here?

The good news is that the answer is: NO! The party is just beginning. Easter is not simply something that we celebrate on one Sunday of the year, but rather a fifty-day festival season whose first day is Easter Day, the Sunday of the Resurrection, and whose last day is the Day of Pentecost.

The Church has always held this season of Easter to be a very special time for Her members. Sharon Ely Pearson in *The Prayer Book Guide to Christian Education* describes this season well by writing:

As baptized Christians we take time during Easter to ponder the meaning of membership in Christ's body, the church. We look at events in the church's life, the sacraments, the accounts of resurrection and the post-resurrection appearances of Jesus to discover their meaning and what they tell us about how we as a community are to live the life of the Risen Lord. Like the two who walked the Emmaus road with Jesus, we can know Christ in the sharing of the word and in the breaking of bread at the Eucharist. The Great Fifty Days of Easter are the time when those who have reaffirmed their baptismal vows or have been baptized at the Easter Vigil reflect on the meaning of their baptism. Through the lectionary texts they explore the “mysteries” of their faith. The early church called this period of the process *mystagogia*. Today the whole church enters into this period of uncovering anew the mysteries of faith expressed in sacrament, word, and life lived for others. Each time we celebrate the Holy Eucharist using Eucharistic Prayer A, we say these words: *We proclaim the mystery of faith: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.* (BCP 363).

One of these great mysteries of faith is the understanding of the role of the Church as Christ Body.

In a sense, Christ rose again *within* the church. Through the Holy Spirit, the risen Christ is revealed in every new generation. The apostles found themselves filled with the power to continue the acts of Jesus that revealed God's presence: Peter healed the man at the Beautiful Gate (Acts 3:1-10); “Many signs and wonders were done among the people through the apostles” (Acts 5:12a); Philip unfolded the meaning of God's word to the Ethiopian eunuch on the road to Gaza (Acts 8:26-39)” (Pearson).

In other words, through the work of the resurrection and the Holy Spirit, the church is now a vehicle which shows Christ to the world. Because Jesus has given us the gift of his Body and Blood, we are able to be active members of his Body through the Eucharist. Because Jesus died and rose again from the dead we will be risen through our Baptism. And because of all of these mysteries, the Church must proclaim this good news to all. This responsibility and privilege is especially true during the festival of Easter when we hear of Jesus’ saving work with such joy. It is our duty to go out into the world and continue to proclaim the good news of Jesus. During these fifty days of Easter, I invite you to think about the ways in which you show Jesus’ resurrection to the world. Perhaps you might bring an Easter basket to someone in need several weeks after April 12<sup>th</sup> when they won’t be expecting it. Perhaps you can incorporate the Daily Office into your routine for this festival time. Or perhaps you can invite someone new to church so that they can experience the wonderful mystery that we celebrate during these fifty days: the mystery of a love that is so great, we can never hope to comprehend it.

## ABUNDANCE OF CHANGE

Always short a penny or a dime at checkout when there are piles of change on your dresser or in the bottom of your handbag or in your coat pockets?

Each of us is blessed in the abundance of God's riches and in that abundance we are called to respond to the needs of our beloved Trinity. The 2009 Budget presented at the January Annual Meeting included a shortfall in revenue of nearly \$27,000 compared to expected expenses.

At the end of March, the revenue shortfall is almost \$11,650. See the financial information for year to date on page 10. With the summer months coming, this shortfall will likely increase.

As you are planning vacations and trips during the summer months, remember to keep your pledges and contributions current. And as you are blessed by abundance, please share those blessings with Trinity.



As one of the ways to help close the gap between revenue and expenses and balance Trinity's 2009 Operating Budget, the Stewardship Committee is launching an *Abundance of Change* project.

Bring your abundance of loose change and currency – pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, and dollars – to add to *Abundance of Change* jar located in the back of the church. This is a great project for families to learn about God's blessings and sharing of those blessings with others.

All monies will be used for Trinity's operating expenses, outreach ministries, and parish life programs.

Please also continue to support the various projects and upcoming special events that are being sponsored by the Vestry and other parish groups as ways to help with the budget gap.

Your continued prayers are asked for God's wisdom and guidance.

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## Arthur Isaiah's Daily Office

### Happy Easter!

This was a very busy month at our house. Gaby spent a lot of extra time working because she said that it was the busiest time of year at the church. So, none of us went to the office with her, but held the home-front together.

Suzu and I are very slowly making progress in our efforts to befriend the canine part of the family. They have come into our area of the house several times and we have not chased them out. And, we occasionally go into the kitchen when they are there. However, they still try to eat all of our food and destroy our toys. We have found some good hiding places for the toys, and only bring them out when we want to play with them. Like Gaby, the dogs have taught us to be tidy. Anything that is left around within their reach is in danger of being lost for good. Poor Gaby can't even leave a coffee mug on the counter or in the sink! Suzu loves to tease them from the window when they are outside, which upsets Gaby terribly. Winston, especially, barks and carries on. Gaby is afraid that he will break the window trying to get to her. Oliver has calmed down a bit...finally!

Easter Day was fun. All of us furry children got presents—new toys, new collars and harnesses and a few treats. My favorite new toy is a little stuffed chicken that walks around by itself when Gaby pulls a string. I love to chase it. We really wanted to try some of the chocolate that was around, but Gaby said it was not good for us. We had to make do with some special cat and dog treats instead....and we all agreed that they were yummy. The dogs each got a big bone to chew on.

The best part of the holiday for us was Easter Monday. Gaby didn't go to work, and spent the whole day playing and cuddling with us. I don't know who enjoyed it more, Gaby or us. But we had a wonderful day together.

Now that things are going to get back to normal, I hope to come back to church during the week. (If only I didn't have to ride in that car!) I am looking forward to seeing my friends there. Please stop by and say hello. I usually welcome a pat on the head and love to have my back stroked :-)



## POETS' CORNER

### Snow Drops

(In Nisky Hill Cemetery)

Braving the cold, untended earth,  
The snow drops bend their small white heads  
And bless the solemn ground,  
Abloom among the rows of stones  
That stand in hushed procession,  
While birds invade the bare-branched trees  
And make their presence known.

What portents of new life are these,  
Small signs of God's eternal grace  
That greet all those who visit here,  
And grant them consolation?

Oh, tiny flowers, teach us how  
to bow before the sacredness  
Of earth and sky, of sun and wind;  
to hear the quiet angel song  
that drifts down through the tree tops, if  
our souls will only still themselves,  
and listen.

To root our hearts in sacred soil  
Remains the task of faith and love,  
Which blossom into goodness  
Like these small, white blooms of hope.



--Stephanie Stover

### From Mo. Gwendolyn-Jane +

I want to thank all of you who are praying for me. Don't stop! I am currently undergoing treatment to strengthen my immune system, and need prayers that my body, mind and spirit will welcome the elixir, and bring renewal, vitality, and healing. I have all your love notes in a basket and sift through them, savoring their beauty and praying back to the one who wrote. I feel very gifted and nurtured through all of this. And the Sacraments come regularly via the clergy. A blessed Eastertide to each and every one. Even the housebound can cheer for God and raise Alleluias! Rejoice! He lives! Allelulia! Allelulia! Thanks be to God.

## THANK YOU

Dear Trinity Family,

Once again I am in a position to thank you for your warm welcome home and also for your generosity to the people of Roxbury. Although, as some of you know, I am awaiting my next call, I remain involved with the Roxbury community and will dispense your kind donations as requested.

As our Lord reminded us, the poor will be with us always. I am consistently heartened by time spent back home at Trinity, where over and again I witness the parish's very practical commitment to social justice and basic fairness. This is, indeed, the work of the Church as Body of Christ.

With Peace and Gratitude,  
Mo. LaurieAnn+

## Ask the Rector...

*"Ask the Rector" is an occasional column which appears when people Ask the Rector interesting questions.*

### ***"Why has the end of the service changed?"***

Great! You noticed! People come to church for a lot of different reasons. Part of being a community is to share our space and time, and to meet each others' needs as much as we can in healthy ways.

It is wonderful to be able to greet friends and family at church. But we have also received requests for some additional time for prayer following communion—especially for people in the back who barely get back to their seats before the service is ending. And other folks want the opportunity to enjoy the gift of the marvelous music our new organist is offering. So the procession now takes place during the postlude.

### ***"What if I need to leave?"***

That has not changed. There will always be times when people need to leave throughout the service. And that is fine. But please do so quietly. We can greet each other and catch up following the postlude. Better yet, stop in the Parish Hall for coffee, tea or juice and some conversation.



## The Venerable Bede, Saint and Scholar (673-735)

—Submitted by Pam Giordano

Bede was born in Tyne, in North East England. His name probably derives from the Old English *bed* (prayer) and, if the name was given to him at birth, it probably meant that his family had planned on his entering the clergy from birth.

It was the custom of the time to have young boys sent to monasteries, so Bede was taken as a child of seven to the monastery of Wearmouth. He was one of the first members of the monastic community at Jarrow.

The canonical age for the ordination of a deacon was twenty-five. Bede's early ordination at nineteen may mean that his abilities were considered exceptional. At the age of thirty, he became a priest. Bede observed the rule of the monastery and was punctilious in his attendance in choir. After choir, he would study and teach his fellow brothers.

In about 701 Bede wrote his first work, the *De Arte Metrica* and *De Schematibus et Tropis*; both intended for use in the classroom. Bede was a teacher as well as a writer, and an accomplished singer and reciter of poetry in the vernacular. There is much about the early secular and ecclesiastical history of the British Isles we would not know if it were not for his writings.

Bede never traveled outside the area, but became one of the most learned men in Europe. He was the first to refer to Jerome, Augustine, Pope Gregory, and Ambrose as the four Latin Fathers of the Church. It was clear from Bede's comments that he felt his job was to explain to his students and readers the theology and thoughts of the Church Fathers.

His best known work is his *History of the English Church and People*, a classic which has frequently been translated. It gives the history of Britain up to 729, speaking of the Celtic people who were converted to Christianity during the first three centuries of the Christian era. The historian, Walter Goffart, says that "he holds a privileged and unrivaled place among the first historians of Christian Europe."

Bede is the earliest known writer of astronomy to state that the solar year is not exactly 365 and a quarter days long; so that the Julian calendar (one leap year every four years) requires some adjusting if the months are not to get out of step with the seasons. He also began the dating system which includes BC and AD.

In his own time, Bede was well known for his biblical commentaries and other theological works. The majority of his writings were of this type and covered the Old Testament and the New Testament. He wrote forty-five books, thirty devoted to biblical commentaries. What was unusual was the sheer breadth, depth, and quality of the works he produced. Most survived the middle ages, but a few were lost.

It was for his theological writings that Bede earned the title of Doctor Anglorum and why he was made a saint. He is the only Englishman that Dante names in the *Paradiso*.

Venerable Bede died in May, 735. A sculptured quotation from one of his prayers hangs on the wall above his tomb in Durham:

Christ is the morning star  
 Who when the night  
 Of this world is past  
 Brings to his saints  
 The promise of  
 The light of life  
 And opens everlasting day.

*Give ear, O my people to my teaching;  
 Incline your ears to the words of my mouth.*

—Psalm 78: 1

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tell me about some new political outrage, I'll make a note of it and pray for everybody. But I won't be able to really focus till tomorrow.

Today the so-called everyday realities can't capture my attention. Because I and the church and the entire universe are filled with wild jubilation. Bells are ringing, brass playing, congregations singing: "Christ is risen, he is risen. This is Easter Day." If we weren't Episcopalian and properly behaved, we might even be dancing in the aisles, playing drums and clapping our hands as they do in Africa.

On this day, Christ is risen. And in doing so, he changes the rules of the old world. Christ is risen and in rising he weakens death so much that it can only have temporary sway over us. On this day, Christ is risen and we know that the troubles that beset us will fade in the face of God's eternity. Christ is risen and our sorrows melt away in that glorious light. A window has been opened for our spirits to gaze into heaven, and knowing that will be our home, we cry out with delight, "Alleluia! Christ is Risen!" ("The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!")

Tomorrow is time enough to get back to the ordinary, but today I am overcome with joy and am clinging to my denial of the world as we used to think we knew it.

Last night at Vigil, we heard the story of Genesis. We heard how God created the universe in all its complexity: the sun, moon, stars and cosmos; the geological earth; the plants; the creatures; and finally us. And God declared that they were good, and was satisfied with the creation. But we know what happened next. We humans perverted that creation: we disobeyed the Holy One, and turned on each other, transforming the perfect harmony we had enjoyed into dissonance. We also heard about the ways in which God tried to win us back: through acts of salvation and miraculous care for the people. Until finally, God sent Christ to us as the ultimate message of love. However, we rejected the message and destroyed the messenger.

The love of God was so powerful, though, even killing Jesus could not stop it. Christ's death—horrible as it was—provided the means for the greatest victory the world had ever known—the victory of love over death. The ancient alchemists spent a lifetime trying to turn the ordinary into the extraordinary, and in three short days Christ broke into eternal life, bringing us with him. Not only did he transform us from mortal to immortal, the outpouring of his life in love created the possibility of restoring the relationship we had once enjoyed with God. The peace and harmony that existed in the Garden of Eden between all of creation and their creator is re-created on Easter morning. We long for the sense of being whole and wholly at home. It is fulfilled through Jesus' resurrection, because Heaven is once more open for us.

On that first Easter morning, Mary Magdalene and the disciples who went to the tomb didn't know that everything had changed overnight. The world seemed the same: family and friends would continue to be cut down by the powers that be, the poor would be hungry, the sick would suffer, and their own grief would be paralyzing. They thought, sensibly enough, that perhaps some of those powers had removed the body of the executed Jesus to prevent him being turned into a martyr for the cause. The Gospel says, "They did not understand that he must rise from the dead." Notice, though, that Peter and the beloved disciple raced back to the tomb. Why? Usually if you're going to a graveside, your steps drag. Was there a tiny hope in the back of their minds that Jesus would fulfill the promise he made at dinner on Thursday: that he was going away, but would return? The words of the angels and then the appearance of Jesus opened their eyes to the new universe they were now living in.

The hard things in their world did not suddenly disappear. No doubt they were ill themselves from time to time. And when the end of their lives came, they died as their mothers and fathers had before them. But enfolded with the present and eternal love of Christ, it was possible not only to get through them, but to preach the Good News of the Resurrection to others. They could all testify to the sea change they had undergone. They could say with Paul that they had been baptized into Christ's death, and therefore into his Resurrection.

And so can we. Transmuted from the lead of mere human clay into the gold of Christian souls awaiting our Resurrection.

**Alleluia! Christ is Risen!  
The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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### Update on 2009 Operating Budget as of March 31, 2009

Trinity’s 2009 Budget presented at the January Annual Meeting included a difference in expected revenue of nearly \$27,000 compared to expected expenses. The amount of expected revenue (1 in the chart) includes plate offerings, pledges, contributions, rental income, grants, soup kitchen co-payment; interest from investments and endowments, and fund raising. The additional revenue required to balance the budgeted expenses is shown as (2) in the chart.

Vestry, staff, and committee chairs are diligent in watching expenses and overall, expenses are within budget ranges. The variances as shown in the chart are usual. Property costs (utilities) are higher in the winter months and be under budget through the summer months. Salaries & benefits are under budget due to timing of payroll and benefits payments and the salary & benefit expenses will even out by the middle of the year.

As of March 31, the amount of revenue received is nearly \$11,650 below expenses. *This difference (variance) is alarming.* Without increases in revenue through additional contributions or fund raising, the potential deficit for all of 2009 could approach \$40,000.

Several fund raising events are planned – Spaghetti dinner on April 25, Chili Cook-off in July, Musikfest Parking in August. Please support these events. If you have other ideas for fund raising, please share with any member of the Vestry. Also, prayerfully consider increasing your pledge to support Trinity’s on-going operations.

<b>Summary of March 2009 Year to Date</b>				<b>Benchmark of Current Month</b>	
<b>Operating Revenues &amp; Expenses</b>				<b>to Annual Budget is 25%</b>	
	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Annual</u>	<u>Percent of</u>
<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Annual</u>
					<u>Budget</u>
(1) Plate, Pledges & Contributions, Rentals, Grants, Soup Kitchen, Interest from Investments & Endowments, FundRaising	\$91,055.05	\$95,639.50	(\$4,584.45)	382,558.00	24%
(2) Additional Revenue Required to Balance Budget	0.00	6,674.50	(6,674.50)	26,698.00	0%
<b>(3) Total Revenue</b>	<b>91,055.05</b>	<b>102,314.00</b>	<b>(11,258.95)</b>	<b>409,256.00</b>	<b>22%</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
Ministry Beyond	18,164.28	17,789.25	375.03	71,157.00	26%
Parish Life	1,825.66	2,443.75	(618.09)	9,775.00	19%
Property	13,859.66	9,625.00	4,234.66	38,500.00	36%
Operating	6,544.34	5,687.50	856.84	22,750.00	29%
Salaries & Benefits	62,302.79	66,768.50	(4,465.71)	267,074.00	23%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>102,696.73</b>	<b>102,314.00</b>	<b>382.73</b>	<b>409,256.00</b>	<b>25%</b>
<b>Excess(Deficit) of Revenue Over Expenses</b>	<b>(\$11,641.68)</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>(\$11,641.68)</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	

### Alan and Helen Tracy Bequest to Trinity

Trinity has received an unexpected bequest of \$937,443 from the Alan and Helen Tracy Trusts. The Finance Committee and Vestry have placed the Trust monies in a short-term interest-bearing account. How we use the income from the Trusts will be decided in part as we undertake the parish visioning project. The Vestry does not plan to use these monies toward the operating budget deficit. Let us give thanks for these generous benefactors who are helping to ensure Trinity's future.

## Interesting Times

Sermon by The Rev. Dr. LaurieAnn Drogin-Yeasley  
delivered at Trinity on March 29, 2009

Jeremiah 31:31-34  
Psalm 119:9-16  
Hebrews 5:5-10  
John 12:20-33

God is good. All the time. Amen.

These are interesting times, church. Times that could be overwhelming, and for many, have proven to be just that. I can't be the only one here who's taken a financial hit in the past year, or who is concerned about how Bethlehem will contend with the compound problems that accompany compulsive gambling in a bad economy, or who wracks my brain regularly for solutions to the homelessness problem and the shrinking resources in the social service sector. I *get* why "may you live in interesting times" is heard as a curse.

On the other hand, like most of us in this sanctuary, I do have a roof over my head at night. I've never gone without food when I'm really hungry. I have a pretty good command of the English language, and don't alarm people with my appearance when I walk into a room. I'm one of the lucky ones. But if these interesting times remind us of anything, it is that we are *all* vulnerable. All of us. And that's a lesson well learned, church. Because *in* that lesson lies the truth of our common condition and the will to claim our own calling in *this* and *any* hour.

Interesting times. The temptation to avoid responsibility and claim helplessness is strong. To blame the banks, the former president, the world economy – all larger forces than mere *we*. To throw up our hands and superstitiously cry out: "Father, *save* us from this hour" as if *membership* in the *church* is a protection from *immersion* in the *world*.

But interesting times, church, rather than *excuse* us, *invite* us to *be* the Body of Christ, to *live* the dream of the prophet Jeremiah in which the law is "within us, written on our hearts." Interesting times demand that we not merely know *about* God but truly *know* God. Interesting times demand that we claim our calling to follow the law of the *heart*.

Now, church, I believe that this world *needs* God. I believe that this world *needs* God as we have come to know Him in the person of Jesus *Christ*. And so, in his image, this world needs a church of *action* more than it needs a church even of *evangelistic* prattle! As an old seminary professor of mine once said, when a man is hungry, don't give him a Bible, give him a *sandwich*! Amen?

The Jesus we have come to know during this season of Lent is no shrinking violet, sitting around contemplating the great theological questions of his day. In fact, two weeks ago, we heard the Son of God go *off*, tossing tables in the Temple. Today, we get to know a Lord of *sacrifice*; but his is not a passive acceptance in sacrifice. Rather, Jesus is defiant in the face of death, recognizing purpose even in persecution. This, brothers and sisters, is the Lord whose body we, as His church, are called to be!

The law that is written upon our hearts does not ask timidly "gee, what would people *say*?" In fact, following the law written upon our hearts sometimes renders even planning impossible. For the law that is written upon our hearts, the law personified in Jesus Christ, is a law of *action* motivated by love, mercy, and sometimes, church, righteous indignation. This is the law that gives us direction from hour to hour.

And so we ask ourselves in this hour, in this most interesting time, how are we *merciful*? How are we *righteous* in our *indignation*? How do we *hear* the law written upon our *hearts*?

Last summer I had what you might call one of those days. The mother of one of our church children had been gunned down in the street. The roof of the church was falling in. Our secretary had been assaulted, and money stolen from the church office. And then there was the little matter, thanks to Boston Public Works, of no water to the church for what was at that point going on three weeks. But wait! There's more!

On the day of the young woman's funeral, I arrived to find a tow truck removing the vehicles of mourners and taking them to impound. As if the people weren't angry enough with the city for the shooting and the lack of water, this was something of a final insult. There was no point in crying "father, save me from this hour," for the hour was already in full swing.

What to do? Well, the first thing was to stop the towing. So I parked across the entrance to the street and blocked the truck. Think tossing tables in the Temple. Seriously. My animated discussion with the towing crew drew the attention of the police detail that was there to protect *me*. One issue down, no telling how many more to go.

Toward the end of my righteously-indignant table turning, one of the funeral directors came out into the street to inform me that the casket had arrived, but there was no one able-bodied enough to carry it into the church. Fortunately, school

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was in session next door, so I went in and asked for volunteer pallbearers who were happy to oblige for the opportunity to get out of class for a little while. While I was in there, I asked if we could use the school for worship on Sunday, because we would still be without water. We do not have the market cornered on handing *out* mercy. We need it, too – a great equalizer the receiving of mercy is. And sometimes mercy is *found* if only we ask.

Anyway, only about a half hour late, we were able to begin the service. With a number of gang-bangers wearing their colors, the threat of violence was ever-present, but so, too, were the feelings of love and loss that are part and parcel of all human mourning. We had more in common than we had to separate us. Another important lesson when following the law of the heart.

About halfway through the sermon, though, the roof started caving in. On my head. Okay. So I do the rest of the service from the aisle. That's probably where the pastor belonged anyway, with the *people*.

By the time we got to the cemetery, it should have come as no surprise that we couldn't get in. The family had no money, the city hadn't been paid for the plot, and so it was time, in the interest of mercy, to negotiate. Long story short, I promised that the church would cover the cost if the family couldn't. And no, I wasn't sure how that was going to play with the vestry.

A few days later, as I was describing this day to a group of colleagues during a monthly gathering, I got a call that the church plumber's son had been shot and killed. My colleagues sincerely couldn't imagine working under those conditions. Their reaction of pity for *me* is the reason I share this story today.

As much love and respect as I have for these colleagues, who have given their lives over to serve the same God we worship here today, what hit me in that moment was the real disconnect between God's *church* and God's *children*; between Christ the *Lord* and Christ the *legend*.

Considering what the church, what the name "Christian" has come to represent in our culture, like Christ's own, our souls should be very troubled, indeed. "Christian" in America has become identified with politics, purpose-driven prosperity, and in many cases even the exclusion of those who look, act, or even love differently from the majority. A kingdom just for the in-crowd, with leaders who tell us that God is on our side.

With the exception of the black church, which has by necessity always stood for social justice, and parishes such as our own here at Trinity, where, led by a seemingly fearless rector, you command the attention of powers and principalities, Christianity in this country has cried "father, deliver us from this hour," but has forgotten its right to righteous indignation, and has started to practice distance-mercy.

If the law of Christ has been written *upon* our hearts, then the kingdom for which we pray week after week is a kingdom *of* the heart. And a kingdom of the *heart* is a kingdom amongst the *people*. By failing to speak truth to power, failing to open our hearts, and by making our priorities our traditions and balance sheets, the church has chosen to be the very symbol of status quo, and in doing so has lost its heart and its credibility as an agent of real change.

I know that church income is down, and that we are concerned for a number of reasons. But in these interesting times, this is all the more reason to act *not* from a place of timidity, but from a place of strength and confidence, for we are bound by a law of the heart *alone* when it comes to God's will for his kingdom on earth. Therefore, our hearts should be *troubled* whenever any part of the church universal closes its doors to those who are different, whenever the church looks away from those who are poor, whenever the church takes on society's expectations of success and throws money *rather* than mercy at the world's problems.

When the law is written on our *hearts*, the righteous and merciful work of the kingdom is found in everyday *life*, in the stopping of a tow truck, in the hugging of the mourner, in those moments when our very presence eases the burdens of our neighbors. It is a ministry, and it is our mission as the Body of Christ for all of us to live from the *heart*, with mercy and, yes, sometimes with righteous indignation. These interesting times in which we live are a *blessing*, for they give us a much-needed reminder of our own vulnerability, and in so doing open our hearts to the already-hurting.

And so I pose the question once again, how are we *merciful*? How are we *righteous* in our *indignation*? The answer, church, is written upon our *hearts*. May we be willing to *hear*.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



**Save Our Beautiful Building Campaign**

"The Save Our Beautiful Building Campaign" is underway. Letters asking for financial support have been mailed to Trinity households and many have responded generously. As of press-time, we have received gifts and pledges of \$110,000! We need \$45,000 more to pay for the renovation project. With everyone participating, we will reach our goal. If you have not had a chance to send in your contribution, please do so. All gifts are welcome; all gifts are needed.

This money is needed to resolve the deteriorating structural condition and the continuing water problems across the front of Trinity and to create a long-desired memorial garden. Demolition and excavation began on Monday, April 13. The project is expected to last eight weeks.

If you'd like to know more and to see photos of the extensive water damage, call Siobhan Ardizzone at 610-954-8078 or see Trinity's website, [www.trinitybeth.org](http://www.trinitybeth.org).

**Construction Update**

Work began ahead of schedule on April 9<sup>th</sup> with the sealing of the front basement windows. This first step is intended to protect the basement area as the general contractor, J. A Rohrbach of Allentown, begins the demolition and excavation work necessary to expose and waterproof the basement walls. This next step began April 13<sup>th</sup> as scheduled.

Because the existing steps to the Parish Hall must be removed in order to expose the basement walls for waterproofing, access to the Parish Hall main door will be provided only on weekends. This access will be by way of the handicap ramp and a temporary "bridge" that the contractor will install on Friday and remove on Monday. Access to the Parish Hall during the week will be through the door on the east side of the Parish Hall, the Sanctuary and/or Fellowship Hall. Every effort will be made to restore more normal access to the Parish Hall at the earliest possible time.

We regret the inconvenience that this construction will create.



**Construction Photos**

- ← Day 1  
Shrubs removed
- Days 2 & 3 →  
Excavation begins and window wells scored in preparation for cutting and removal.



## **What is the Trinity Soup Kitchen like? A day in the life 4/14/09**

Many of Trinity's weekend parishioners have never been to the soup kitchen on a weekday lunch hour. Having a real job, or working out-of-town are legitimate excuses for never coming to visit. But if it is because you think you are not welcome, or that "Others need it – I don't", please, please re-think that. There is always enough. People are always glad to see you there, and someone – whether a guest or a volunteer (and the lines blur) will greet you warmly.

The soup kitchen is Trinity's second congregation. The regular worship that goes on here has much the same flavor as how we worship on Maundy Thursday. People serve one another. The service aspect is not limited to a division between those who stand behind the window and those who come to it for lunch. Our guests are a community. They look out for one another, care for and share with one another and have created a web of interconnectedness that defines relationship. Some might, without the soup kitchen, be categorized as lonely. But this place is like "Cheers" – a place where everybody knows your name. There are those who may have no other friends or relatives, but Trinity has given them a place to belong to a big, noisy family.

Yesterday a young mother came with three little girls. I invited her to sit with me and have lunch. She was uncomfortable and took just one tray for the girls to share, saying they wouldn't eat much anyway. She was concerned that others may not have enough. Before the tray left the window, a volunteer put some extra Easter Eggs on it for the children. While they intently peeled their colored eggs, Maria, a guest who had never talked with me before, noticed how little food the mother had gotten her daughters. With much fussing, this long-time soup kitchen guest got another full tray and divided up the ample meal. There was ham, green beans with almonds, buttered noodles, cake with fruit. A volunteer brought three plates of noodles, as ordered by Maria, and I offered up my dessert, along with a woman at the table, explaining she was diabetic. The children ate gratefully, despite their mother's discomfort, for she had brought them along as she came to apply as a volunteer. We all explained to her that this was a bit like the loaves and fishes – there would always be enough. It was difficult for her to understand that our guests like to exhibit generosity as much as people with more money do. Our new guest, the young mother who came to do charity, learned a lot about poverty and hospitality on her first visit, and we know we will see her again. The words "charity", "volunteer" and "guest" seem to have fickle meanings. Who is serving, and who is being served?

There are also guests who are irritable, rude and ungrateful. They bicker and argue and choose sides in others' disputes. This is a congregation like any other, although proportionately more of them suffer from mental illness, physical disabilities and poverty. Every day I listen with compassion to problems for which I can see no solution. I listen to men who can't get a roof over their heads because they have no income, but they cannot get their checks because they have no address, or they have difficulty getting a job because they have no means of getting "spiffed up" for an interview. They miss appointments and deadlines and never get phone calls. Homelessness is a difficult and all-consuming job. The systems that deal with the poor and disabled are sometimes cruel and illogical. I hear many "One step forward and two steps back" stories, but my spirits are buoyed every time, against all odds, someone has a victory – he stayed sober, she got an apartment or a job, or passed up an opportunity to further complicate an already impossible life. It happens – and it happens more because Trinity gives them a place to experience God's love and Christian hospitality.

Please come and visit us some weekday at noon. There will be enough. You will see one more dimension of Trinity's mission, "To feed all, in body, mind and spirit."

--Marcie Lightwood

# TRINITY RECTORS IN SHOCKING CONFRONTATION



On a quiet morning at Billy's Downtown Diner in Bethlehem, early-morning patrons are sleepily stirring their first cups of coffee. Waitresses are moving cheerily between tables, keeping a sharp eye out for customers' needs. Ms. Amber is especially attentive to the large round table in the corner, populated by black shirts and white collars. Soothing electronic music pipes and beeps in the background, and the tasty aromas of omelettes and buttered toast soothe hungry stomachs.

Suddenly a loud altercation bursts out! Two of the clergy have jumped to their feet and are leaning across the table at each other, waving their arms, pounding on the table top. It is the usually calm and dignified rector of TrinityBeth, shouting furiously at the enraged rector of TrinityEaston. Your reporter cautiously moves closer, trying to remain inconspicuous—if only for safety's sake. These two are clearly engaged in an argument that could spiral out of control.

The woman yells, "No, ours are far superior! Hotter! Redder!" The man counters threateningly, "Why you....you put beans in yours!" He shudders visibly. "Vegetarians," he says with a sneer. "Carnivores! Bambi eaters," comes her swift riposte.

Better known for their serious and arcane theological discussions, these two clergy are apparently arguing over.....chili?

Colleagues separate the two combatants, and calm them with offers of pepper jack cheese and salsa. But the peace doesn't last long.

The Rev. Canon Andrew Gerns says, "We are throwing down the gauntlet. We challenge you to a contest. The most superior of our gourmet chilis, against TrinityBeth's stuff. Everyone knows you don't stand a chance."

"Accepted, with glee," cries The Rev. Laura Howell, punching the air with her fist. "You have no idea what corner you've painted yourself into. This is no ordinary Foole you're dealing with. Let's up the ante. We'll do a cook-off and pit our top three winners against your top three."

"Done," said Gerns. And they shook on it. Howell narrowed her eyes. "And how will this be judged? Face it. It will be unfair from the start. Let's get an outside judge. A local chef?" "Done again," said Gerns, his face hardening with determination. "But don't say I didn't warn you." "And don't say I didn't warn YOU," laughed Howell. "Our cooks grow their own chilis, habaneros, and other kinds of peppers. You're chili-history."

## Religious Education for Children and Youth-Schedule for May

	May 3rd	May 10th	May 17th***
<b>Godly Play</b>	Good Shepherd & World Communion	Circle of Holy Eucharist	The End that is a beginning
<b>CAYA</b>	Fellowship at Billy's	Mary, Mother of God	Festival of Gifts

\*\*\* Please join us for a very special coffee hour on this day as we display some memories of your year together and present some treasures for your summer!

Dear friends,

The Season after Epiphany is also called "ordinary time" and the liturgical color for this season is green. In Godly Play we call this time "the green and growing time of the year" and we wonder about what we will do in all of these weeks where there are no high holy days, but there will surely be opportunities to wonder about the mystery of God's creation. Perhaps we will be sitting by the ocean, in a field, or in the mountains. Our work at this time of year as parents can be to remind our children that God is with us, wherever we go. Take time to mark this time of the year as sacred. Bask in the sun, soaking up the free time that comes only in childhood. Nurture the play that is natural to them. Plan for unstructured time to just be. Watch, watch carefully where they go. Remember well the stories they tell us. Have a God-filled summer!

Peace,  
Ellyn Siftar  
Director of Religious Education



### The Quiet Contemplative Life at Trinity

<b>Mondays-Fridays</b>	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer, Chapel
	4:30 p.m.	Evening Prayer, Chapel
<b>Mondays</b>	6:00 p.m.	Going Deeper, Chapel—(1st & 3rd Mondays)
<b>Wednesdays</b>	9:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist & Healing
<b>Thursdays</b>	5:30 p.m.	Crafting Your Prayers Group
		—(3rd Thursday, at Gaby Whittier's)
<b>Saturdays</b>	10:00 a.m.	Tai Chi, Chapel
	5:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
<b>Sundays</b>	5:00 p.m.	Taize Evening Prayer, Chapel—(1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sundays)

# HELP WANTED

## ...right here at Trinity

*"Can I help?" you ask. Yes! There are many ways to be a useful, connected part of the parish. Here are this month's suggestions—some ongoing, some immediate. The more immediate needs are listed first.*

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**The Altar Guild** is looking for new members to serve at either Sunday service, but in particular we are in need of one or two people for the 8 am service. We ask you to serve 5 Sundays a year (of your choosing) – personal training provided. **Contact** Barb Subber at 610-865-5644 or [bsubber@ptd.net](mailto:bsubber@ptd.net)

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**The Communication Committee** is looking for two or three people to form a team to revamp our web-site. We need someone who is experienced in web-design and writing, and someone who will work with that person, gathering and composing the information needed. **Contact** Gaby Whittier, Trinity office, 610-867-4741 or [gaby@trinitybeth.org](mailto:gaby@trinitybeth.org).

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**The Newcomer's Committee** is looking for new members. The committee provides a welcome to new people at services and, on an ongoing basis, helps them to meet others and to identify areas of interest at Trinity where they might become involved. Gaby Whittier, Trinity office, 610-867-4741 or [gaby@trinitybeth.org](mailto:gaby@trinitybeth.org).

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**Chili Cookoff!** Volunteers are needed to make sale-able and taste-able quantities of your best chili. Volunteers to set up, clean up and assist with cook-off also needed. More information to come. **Contact** Mo. Laura to get on volunteer list, [laura@trinitybeth.org](mailto:laura@trinitybeth.org) or 610-867-4741 X304.

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**Chemo Cap Knitters and Crocheters.** We prayerfully make and distribute caps for patients undergoing chemotherapy and radiation. They are wonderful, comforting and useful reminders to people going through illness that they are not alone and that people are praying for them. We are looking for people to assist in making caps as well as donations of yarn. There are very specific requirements for people's sensitive heads, so please **contact** Mother Laura for patterns and suggestions for yarn before making any caps. [laura@trinitybeth.org](mailto:laura@trinitybeth.org) or 610-867-4741 X304.

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**Prayer Beaders.** This monthly gathering makes strings of prayer beads, every third Thursday. Current needs, aside from the monthly gatherings, are people to collate, cut, and staple booklets and to package the prayer beads. We could also use donations of zip-lock sandwich bags. The beaders are always on the look-out for more beads. Please donate used beads found during your spring housecleaning efforts or at garage sales. **Contact** Gaby Whittier, 610-867-4741 or [gaby@trinitybeth.org](mailto:gaby@trinitybeth.org).

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**The Animal Food Bank** needs volunteers in the following areas: Outreach, representing the food bank at community events (orientation is provided). Education and outreach in school and organization settings. Education assistant. Packaging. AND it needs supplies: Dry and canned cat food. Dog and cat toys. Packing tape. Black and color ink for Lexmark X5470. Copy paper. Sheet protectors. **Contact:** Margie Segaline—*please note the Animal Food Bank's NEW NUMBER, 484-851-8000*, acquired to free up the heavily-used church line a bit..

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**Veronica.** Dennis Perkins, Trinity's Sexton, has rescued a number of cats from dire circumstances and his latest, now a permanent resident in the upstairs apartment, is painfully in need of expensive dental work. If you would like to help defray the cost, please do so through Mother Laura (if by check, payable to Trinity Episcopal Church).

## Thank you

*The Outreach Committee*

# May 2009

## The Quiet Contemplative Life Offerings

**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 Soup Kitchen Closed	2 1:00 pm— Daughters of the King (Parish Hall)
3 12:15 pm—Children & Youth Committee (Fellowship Hall) 5:00 pm— Taizé (Chapel)	4 6:00 pm— Going Deeper: A Contemplative Community (Chapel) 7:00 pm—Worship Committee (Library)	5 1:30 pm— Outreach Committee (Library)	6 7:30 am— A Spiritual Journey in Recovery (Fellowship Hall)	7 6:00 pm—Kerygma Bible Study (Parish Hall)	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> <span style="font-size: 2em;">←</span> Parish Retreat <span style="font-size: 2em;">→</span> </div>	
10	11 7:00 pm—Holy Eucharist (Chapel) 7:30 pm—Vestry Meeting (Library)	12	13	14	15	16
17 5:00 pm— Taizé (Chapel)	18 6:00 pm— Going Deeper: A Contemplative Community (Chapel)	19	20 7:30 am— A Spiritual Journey in Recovery (Fellowship Hall) Noon—Newsletter Deadline	21 <b>Ascension Day</b> 5:30 pm—"Crafting Your Prayers" Gathering—Whittier home 7:30 pm—Holy Eucharist (Chapel)	22	23
24	25	26 7:00 pm—Animal Food Bank of the Lehigh Valley Meeting (Library)	27	28	29	30
31 Day of Pentecost						

### Weekly Schedule

**Sundays**

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist
- 9:15 am Godly Play and Child Care
- 9:15 am Adult Forum
- 9:15 am CAYA (Youth Forum)
- 10:30 am Holy Eucharist
- 11:30 am Coffee Hour

**Weekdays (Mon through Fri)**

- 9:00 am Morning Prayer
- Noon Soup Kitchen
- 4:30 pm Evening Prayer
- 5:30 pm AA (Fellowship Hall)

**Mondays**

- 10:00 am Quilters (Fellowship Hall)

**Tuesdays**

- 6:00 pm Yoga (Chapel)
- 7:00 pm AA Meeting (Parish Hall)

**Wednesdays**

- 9:30 am Holy Eucharist w/Healing

**Thursdays**

- 9:30 am Garden Gate Playgroup
- 1:00 pm Knitting group (The Knitter's Edge)
- 7:00 pm Choir Practice

**Saturdays**

- 10:00 am Tai Chi (Chapel)
- 10:30 am AA (Parish Hall)
- 5:00 pm Holy Eucharist and Sermon

**WORSHIP SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS, May 3, 2009 – June 14, 2009**  
 Compiled by Donna Lawrence

Date	Time	Altar Guild	Usher	Crucifier	Torch Bearer	Reader	Intercessor	Chalice	Nursery	Altar Flowers
5/3 2009	8:00 AM	Sally McIntosh	Ken Tarby	--	--	Jane Frey	Dixie White	Gloria Tarby	--	--
	10:30 AM	Jean Franz	Steve Filko Tom Bradley	Claran Filko	Jenna Heffner Julia Lega	Jody Miller Tracey McArdle	Mary Ann Swiatek	Lisa Heffner Mary Ann Swiatek	Vanessa Segaline Caitlyn Vauter	Jody Miller
5/10 2009	8:00 AM	Sally McIntosh	Bill Harding	--	--	Francis Frey	Mark Freeh	Violet McCandless Marie Guerra	--	--
	10:30 AM	Jean Franz	Linda Henry Kathleen Knaack	Lindsay Heffner	Caroline Vail Anna Siftar	Linda Henry John Black	Barb Subber	Joan Jones Marie Lisby	Heather Lawrence Caitlyn Vauter	Marcie Lightwood
5/17 2009	8:00 AM	Sally McIntosh	Gloria Tarby	--	--	Bill Winterburn	Bob Mickus	Dawn Winterburn Bill Winterburn	--	--
	10:30 AM	Jean Franz	Lynn Norman Jack Norman	Danny Palmeri	Michael Palmeri Jonathan Palmeri	Jeanne Deets Bob Deets	Jack Vickrey	Sara Klingner Sandy Mesics	Heather Lawrence Vanessa Segaline	Donna Lawrence
5/24 2009	8:00 AM	Sally McIntosh	Elizabeth Gee	--	--	Dixie White	Steve Filko	Ann Szmania	--	--
	10:30 AM	Jean Franz	Dee Palmeri Marcie Lightwood	Joanna Majczan	Jenna Heffner Philip McIntosh	Sheri Majczan Anna Siftar	Bob Lukens	Sheri Majczan Lisa Heffner	Heather Lawrence Vanessa Segaline	Ann Mickus
5/31 2009	8:00 AM	Sally McIntosh	Francis Frey	--	--	Jane Frey	Francis Frey	Elizabeth Gee Marie Guerra	--	--
	10:30 AM	Jean Franz	Donna Lawrence Bob Lawrence	Heather Lawrence	Julia Lega Caroline Vail	Sue Ditterline Linda Henry	Ken Magee	Sue Ditterline Linda Henry	Eilyn Siftar Vanessa Segaline	Carol Proppner
6/7 2009	8:00 AM	--	Ken Tarby	--	--	Mark Freeh	Bill Winterburn	Dawn Winterburn Bill Winterburn	--	--
	9:30 AM	--	Gene Proppner Tom Bradley	Bobby Lawrence	Mary Ann Swiatek Carol Proppner	Mary Ann Swiatek Carol Proppner	Kathleen Knaack	Mary Ann Swiatek Kathleen Knaack	Heather Lawrence Vanessa Segaline	Siobhan Ardizzone
6/14 2009	8:00 AM	--	Ann Szmania	--	--	Bob Mickus	Dixie White	Violet McCandless Gloria Tarby	--	--
	9:30 AM	--	Steve Filko Bill Vitalos	Claran Filko	Tracey McArdle Joan Schramm	Tracey McArdle Joan Schramm	Andrew McIntosh	Joan Jones Marie Lisby	Heather Lawrence Vanessa Segaline	Jean Rich

*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)*



**Prayer to the Holy Spirit**

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in us the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and we shall be created and you shall renew the face of the earth. O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy your consolations, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Amen*

A **CELEBRATION** is coming to Market Street between New and Center!

On Saturday, September 19, 10:00-4:00, the street will be closed and a few dozen nearby churches and community groups will get out and put on a **STREET FAIR!**

Entertainment. Food. Fun for kids. The whole street-fair works.

It's a "Celebration of Gifts."

The Outreach Committee is working on it.

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Gabriele Whittier

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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, May 20, 2009**

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